

Walsh Shop Fits Special Conditions

At Westgate Valley CC in the south sector of the Chicago district pro-manager Tom Walsh has a condition that calls for a meeting-room as well as a pro shop and business office. Walsh, former national pres., PGA, very active in civic affairs on Chicago's far south side and widely known to golf enthusiasts, almost conducts golf fans' club meetings every day of the season.

So his shop, laid out for the gatherings of fellows talking golf, had to have more open space than most shops can get by with. Here, in a morning before the season began, Walsh is on the right and his assistant. Frank Hooper, at the left of the picture.

The putting carpet gets many work-outs. It's placed where those who are passing a little time putting will be brought close to merchandise on table display and shown in the cases. When the season opened, chairs were placed so those who were waiting for playing companions would find it convenient to take it easy in the shop and be handy to the purchase of merchandise.

In most semi-public courses golfers wait in the locker-rooms or lunch rooms until their companions arrive. Tom built his new pro-shop building so players would meet where they'd be handy to something they could buy for more enjoyment and better scoring. There's a pleasant view of Westgate Valley through the large window and from the outside a tempting view of golf merchandise that attracts customers.

The shop building has large storage facilities for the bags of players who consider this payplay course about in the same way private club players regard their clubs.

