

Par-3 Course Has Lighting for Night Play

BERT MONTRESSOR and Dare Davis have opened their night-lighted Par-3 9-hole course in Sarasota, Fla., not far away from the site where John Hamilton Gillespie from Dumfrieshire, Scotland, in 1866 built what's believed to be the first practice golf course in the U. S.

Gillespie became Sarasota's first mayor in 1902. He died in 1923 after seeing property value fluctuations in Sarasota that made and lost fortunes. The canny Scot never scored financially with his native pastime anyway near the extent to which Montressor has on Florida's west coast. Bert ran a small investment in a golf range that he operated in Sarasota during the winter away from his northern pro job into property holdings in the city reputed to be worth in excess of \$350,000.

This Par-3 course owned and designed by Montressor and Dare was formally opened Feb. 7 with an exhibition match between Babe Zaharias and Betty Dodd and the Bauer sisters, Marlene and Alice Hegge. The girls played 9 holes in the afternoon and repeated under the lights, beginning at 8:30. The opening was covered by Fox Movietone News.

Fairways are Ormond Bermuda and the greens are Everglades No. 1 Bermuda.

Gallery completely surrounds fairway and green of first hole during exhibition matches played during grand opening of the Par-3 course. Tee line of adjoining driving range can be seen at left of club house. Range was closed during opening day ceremonies and used for parking area.

An 8 in. well on the property supplies water for the tees, fairways and greens of the course and the driving range adjacent. The range has 18 grass and 18 rubber mat tees.

Course Is 865 Yards

Hole length and green areas:

1. 70 yds.	1,710 sq. ft.
2. 130 yds.	1,989 sq. ft.
3. 115 yds.	2,142 sq. ft.
4. 110 yds.	1,800 sq. ft.
5. 90 yds.	2,268 sq. ft.
6. 85 yds.	2,160 sq. ft.
7. 80 yds.	2,394 sq. ft.
8. 110 yds.	2,430 sq. ft.
9. 75 yds.	2,340 sq. ft.

865 yds. 19,233 sq. ft.

The entire Par-3 course can be watered at one time. Aluminum portable pipe is used for range watering.

Lighting Is Model Job

Illumination is believed to be the most advanced job done on a course of par 3 holes. Wiring of the course and of the range is underground. Lighting units are placed on the palm trees.

Considerable experimenting and studying was done before locating the units for





Unusual feature of the Montessor-Davis Par-3 layout is the absence of light poles and wires. All wires have been laid underground and lights have been mounted on palm trees as shown on two above.

vertical and horizontal beam lighting. There is no spotlighting of greens. Light is diffused so shadows are minimized. Light meter recording shows between 15 and 25 candlepower at green surface.

General Electric, Graybar, Westinghouse and Benjamin Electric engineers were consulted before determining the lighting installation. The lighting is proving satisfactorily economical in operation.

An interesting point about the lighting

is that Tim F. Fenton, supt. of the layout says that heat from the lights prevents turf trouble that could be expected from considerable play on turf drenched by heavy evening dew.

The entire establishment, short course, range, clubhouse and pro shop, with lighting, cost approximately \$60,000. Plans are to expand the Par-3 course to 18 holes. Now the Montessor-Davis enterprise is virtually a small country club in a city. Its pro staff of Montessor, E. W. (Pop) Harbert and Ronny Graham is kept busy at the lesson tees.



PLAYS THE BALL

Biggest charity ball on Florida's Gulf Coast since the boom days was affair for Runyon Cancer Fund at Boca Raton Club. More than 1000 attended. Among those present was Tommy Armour, here dancing with the beautiful Mrs. Leon Karosen, and mitting orchestra leader Tony Cabot. Tony's also quite a golfer. He's shaking left-handed as he had a lesson from Armour that morning and got weary "whacking the hell out of it with the right hand."

"Secret" of Swing in Left Shoulder, Says Doctor

THE GOLF SECRET. By H. A. Murray, M.D., Published by Emerson Books, Inc., 251 W. 19th st., New York 11. Price \$2.50. Murray, a British doctor and golf student says in his interesting 142 page book there are three factors in the golf "secret": First; having the upper part of the spine horizontal or nearly so, thus permitting a practically perpendicular revolving of the shoulders around it. Second; the left shoulder is the point of concentration in revolving the shoulders around the horizontal upper part of the spine, and all movement below the chest is secondary to this, and automatic. Third; one must have the sensation of swinging directly upwards, both on the backswing and forward swing.

Simple diagrams illustrate his points.

The book has the decided merit of clearly explaining a number of points that often confuse pros' pupils and does the job without going into tedious and confusing detail.