

assure good diving board performance, providing the fulcrums are properly designed and covered with a heavy thickness of live, resilient rubber to absorb the shock of the board when in use. A rocker type fulcrum is preferable, however, because it is curved to follow the action of the board, thereby distributing weight and strain over a large bearing surface.

Increased safety is assured by covering a Douglas fir board with extra heavy duty cocoa matting, approved regulation covering for diving boards and springboards.

Another important accessory is the life-line with floats of Tenite plastic, a material said to be superior to wood, cork or balsa.

Ladders should be roomy and equipped with non-slip treads for added safety. Durable non-rusting ladders, made entirely of metal, are recommended. An approved type has risers spaced 12 inches apart, and with the top tread 12 inches below walk level.

Lifeguard chairs should provide unobstructed views of deep water areas. Their use minimizes patrons' conversation with the lifeguards, thereby assuring greater alertness.

Pool cleaning and sanitation problems may be satisfactorily met with a unit that includes a cleaning tool, pump and 50-foot suction hose. Larger pools should add a diving mask to the equipment list, thereby eliminating the need for draining the pool, a costly process. This permits the lifeguard or attendant to work more efficiently with the cleaning unit on the floor of the pool. Use of a diving belt assures maximum safety during the cleaning operation.

Inexpensive Playground

For about \$600 a club can purchase a high grade set of playground equipment. This investment provides an all-steel slide, with a 12-ft. stainless steel chute bedway, a primary castle walk, merry-go-round, two-board see-saw set, a three-swing set on a 10-foot high frame, and a 7-foot high swing set, with three chair-type nursery seats for very small tots.

It isn't necessary to make a big investment in gaudy but flimsy playground equipment. More important is to select sturdy and well-designed equipment. Install it correctly to promote safety and reduce maintenance expense.

Alignment of all frame members is necessary to assure the best appearance and maximum structural strength. While the concrete is still wet and the fittings loose, a level should be used to make sure that the top beams are level and straight, with

Tournament Dates

MEN'S EVENTS

February

- Jan. 31-Feb. 3 Phoenix Open, Arizona CC
- 31-Feb. 3 Puerto Rico Open, San Juan
- 7-9 Venezuela Open, Caracas
- 7-10 Tucson Open, El Rio CC
- 14-17 Texas Open, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio
- 21-24 Houston Open, Memorial Park GC
- 28-Mar. 3 Baton Rouge Open, Baton Rouge (La.) CC

March

- 7-10 Pensacola Open, Pensacola CC
- 14-17 St. Petersburg Open, Lakewood CC
- 21-24 To be announced
- 24-25 Miami Beach Open, Miami GC
- 28-31 Azalea Open, Cape Fear CC, Wilmington, N. C.

April

- 4-7 Masters, Augusta, Ga.
- 11-14 Greater Greensboro (N. C.) Open, Sedgefield CC
- 18-21 Tournament of Champions, Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas, Nev.
- 22-27 North-South Amateur, Pinehurst (N. C.) CC
- 24-28 Derby Open, Seneca GC, Louisville, Ky.
- 2-27 Seniors Grand Master, Pine Needles CC, Southern Pines, N. C.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

February

- 31-Feb. 3 Havana Open, Havana Y & CC
- 7-10 Miami Open
- 14-17 St. Petersburg Open, Sunset G & CC
- 21-24 Sarasota Open (tentative)
- 28-Mar. 3 Jacksonville Open, Hyde Park CC

March

- 13-16 Titleholders, Augusta (Ga.) CC
- 21-24 Phoenix Open, Arizona CC (tentative)
- 28-31 Tucson Open (tentative)

April

- 4-7 Amarillo Open (tentative) Club to be announced
- 11-14 Dallas Open, Glen Lakes CC
- 18-21 Babe Zaharias Open, Beaumont, Tex.
- 25-28 Western Open, Montgomery (Ala.) CC

vertical supports perpendicular to the ground.

After alignment, fittings can be pulled down tightly, and concrete allowed to harden. No apparatus should be attached to frames or any playground unit placed in use until the concrete footings have hardened for at least 48 to 72 hours.

Concrete around the base of all frame support members should be troweled smooth and shaped conically so that it is highest at the pipe members proper. It is recommended that at least four inches of turf cover all concrete footings level with the ground line.

Finally, a regular maintenance program should be carried out. Timely repairing and repainting of playground equipment will make it last longer and assure greater safety.

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