

Trap Construction

My chief recommendation on construction of traps is that the lips be well up on the face of them so that balls can't become lodged at the base.

Now for a word about tees. Placement of markers should depend to some extent on the prevailing wind and distance of the hole. It isn't quite fair to place the markers back on a 400-yard par 4 where the player hits into the wind and move them up on a 320-yard par 4 where the wind is at his back. But I see it on every course I play. Care and foresight can largely eliminate unfair conditions such as these, although I will concede that the wind doesn't always cooperate when the supt. places the markers.

Positions of ball washers and benches, cleanliness of towels and absence of litter are things that most golfers can't help but notice by the time they've played five or six holes. If you, as a supt., give these things even a little thought and correct them if they need to be corrected, you're going to cut down on at least 50 per cent of the criticism that may be directed at you.

I feel that I've only skimmed the surface in discussing what I look for in a course. As a final remark, I'm going to remind you that imagination is often needed in determining such things as width and contour of fairways, while diligence is going to spare the golfer the pain of looking at a lot of leaking valves, bare spots, unkempt trees and similar eyesores. Imagination and diligence, by the way, are two words every supt. should keep in mind. They can carry him over many a rough spot when other measures fail.

The average golfer's dream of the perfect course probably isn't as fanciful as Callahan's, nor does he dream as intently of breaking par as that Irishman did. But when he gets out to play golf he wants to play amid pleasant surroundings over a course that shows some signs of having received a degree of loving care from the supt. and his crew.

California Seniors Group Based on Club Membership

One of the West Coast's contributions to golf that has been enjoying steady growth in the last three years is the Federated Seniors of Southern California. Organized through an alliance of the old California Seniors and Southern California Seniors groups in 1954, FSSC membership is based on club rather than individ-

Golf Day Set for June 8

More than 80,000 men and women golfers are expected to compete against the champ's, Cary Middlecoff and Kathy Cornelius, in the sixth renewal of National Golf Day which will take place on June 8. Middlecoff, 1956 Open winner, won't get a chance to match his round against male challengers until the week of June 10 when he plays the Open Inverness in Toledo. Mrs. Cornelius will post the score women golfers will shoot at when she plays in the Ladies' PGA Championship at Churchill Valley CC in Pittsburgh. Golf Day is sponsored by the PGA. In 1956, 7,184 men and 77 caddies were winners over then champion, Jack Fleck, while 3,339 women were winners over Fay Crocker, 1955 champion.

ual participation and has won increasing popularity because there is no limit as to the number of older golfers who can belong to the organization.

Howard Caya, who was instrumental in getting FSSC started and served as its pres. during its first three years, has pointed out that the organization was pretty much the outgrowth of demand by 50-year and older golfers for a Seniors organization that wouldn't have to limit membership because of lack of playing facilities.

A club that applies for membership in Federated Seniors must start an organization of Seniors within its own membership. Dues in the club Seniors is \$10 and the club, in turn, pays \$45 annual dues to the parent organization to defray its postage and printing costs and incidental expenses. One condition for a club's joining Federated Seniors is that its board of directors will permit use of club facilities for entertainment of other member clubs on a reciprocal basis.

For the last two years, each member club has been assigned to a group comprising a total of three clubs on a home and home arrangement. However, it is now the opinion of Federated Seniors officials that one group should be made up of as many as six clubs.

The climax of the FSSC program comes in November when the annual tournament, open to all individual members, is played.