



A golf architect can give a practical and pleasing solution to the problem of handling heavy demand for public course facilities. Floyd Farley, in designing the LaFortune Park municipal course, Tulsa, Okla., placed two practice putting greens and many yards of range tees in front of the beautiful clubhouse. These areas provide practice time for many who are awaiting their turn on the first tee. In this way the capacity of a public course is increased and the ability of the players developed. LaFortune Park pro, Charley Weisner, claims to

have the highest type of public course and the best men and women golfers in the country. Weisner declares that the class of play at LaFortune permits testing bunker designs that are architecturally superior to many on first class private courses. at LaFortune, Weisner says, is as fast as that at the Notwithstanding the character of architecture, play typical private club. The land, course, clubhouse and pool were given to the city by Joe LaFortune, capitalist who has been a pretty fair golfer himself.

Reservoir, Pumps Reduce Water Bill at Bob O'Link

Until about two years ago, Bob O'Link GC in Highland Park, Ill., depended on the local water system to supply its irrigation needs. Often, during hot weather, the course was shut off completely or was forced to use a minimum quantity of water for irrigation purposes. There was a large annual loss of fairway turf.

In the fall of 1960, Bob O'Link's maintenance staff, under the supervision of Bob Williams, supt., constructed a lake reservoir and increased the course's pumping facilities. Water thus became available whenever it was needed.

Increased Consumption

Since the lake was constructed, Bob O'Link has increased its overall water consumption by from 50 to 75 per cent per year. City water still is used as an auxiliary supply, but only about one-sixth as much has been consumed in 1962 as in 1959.

Williams recently added up the city water bills for the last four years and found that they totalled the following amounts: 1959—\$4,462; 1960—\$4,263; 1961—\$1,908; 1962—\$762 (through August).

Williams estimates that if all the water now used on the course came from the city supply, the annual cost would run to around \$6,000. Thus, it is apparent that Bob O'Link has reduced its water bill by about \$5,000 a year since the reservoir and additional pumps were put in.

First Houston Women's Tourney

Houston's first Ladies PGA tournament, known as La Femme Golf Classic, will be played at Westwood CC, Oct. 25-28. Prize money of \$10,000 is being offered.

The 32nd Dixie Golf Championship (72-hole medal) will again be played at Palmetto CC in Miami, Fla. Feb. 5-8, 1963. Paul Des Jardins is defending champion.