

good turf the year around.

The clubhouse is in the process of being built. There will be dual cottages for 50 guests as a starter and more when demand warrants. Each one has living quarters, bedrooms with bath and an enclosed screen porch. Guests can take a sun bath in privacy. The clubhouse and cottages will be magnificent in every respect. They will be ready for occupancy at the time of the formal opening in early spring. Soto Grande is sure to be selected as the site for some of the International matches.

Jose Banos Masden has started to build another golf course at Maibella in connection with a home real estate development. He engaged Robert Trent Jones to design and build the course. Another fine one is in prospect on an attractive site near Madrid, located beside a large body of water formed in conjunction with a dam for electric power generation.

Madrid Has Two Courses

One of the two existing courses in Madrid, Puerta de Hierro (Iron Gate), is said to have been built during the reign of one of the last kings. Henry Cotton is in the process of rebuilding and enlarging the course to 27 or 36 holes. This club

also has a polo field. The other Madrid club is Compes de Campo, which is 18 holes.

The grass on both courses is bent and there is some fescue. This is true of tees, fairways, and greens. There is a little Bermuda in the fairways, but it is not becoming the dominant grass. The probable explanation is the fact that turf receives very little fertilizer and water.

Weeds are prevalent which is to be expected with low fertility levels. Both kinds of crabgrass, knotweed and the broad leaf weeds exist in the fairways and lawns. Evidently greens have been hand weeded. The labor force includes women as well as men.

No Tired Blood Here

Jack Patroni, Apawamis (Rye, N.Y.) CC pro, who won the recent Metropolitan Open, is 57-years old. He shot an even par 284 over the Briar Hill CC course in Briar Manor, N.Y. Runnersup were Wes Ellis and Al Feminelli with 286s. Patroni, who wears a white shirt and tie while playing, birdied the 70th and 71st holes to pull away.