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Gives Cost Estimate on Southern Fee Plant

By E. S. DRAPER

N connection with golf work in the South, we have at times been requested to give an estimate of capital investment, operating expense, and net profits in the operation of a country club for public use with a so-called "fee" golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool, and other features. As Mr. Paddock brought out in his article on "Construction" in July GOLFDOM, there are constants and variables in construction costs. This applies as well to land costs and operating expenses. However, the ratio of profit to investment should remain approximately the same; higher land costs would probably be reflected in greater attendance and use; larger expenses for pool and minor club features would be reflected in greater use. The set-up herewith would probably apply fairly well as regards capital investment and operating expense in any southern city of from 75,000 to 150,000 population. Construction costs, particularly at this time, are much lower in the south.

South's Public Golf Future

There is a real opportunity in the development of public golf courses in the southeast at the present time. Many will be built in the near future. Possibly we may see a company operating a chain of courses. The factors which are favorable for investment of this sort in the south at the present time may be listed as follows:

1. An increasing army of golfers, particularly those who are playing the miniature courses and wish to graduate from a putter to a full bag of clubs, and who are not in position to pay the initiation fee which the average private club requires.

2. Municipal courses, while being developed, will never approach the demand, and are usually crowded to the point where play is difficult just as soon as they are ready for play.

3. From ten to twelve months in playing season from Virginia to Florida and Texas, together with a greater number

of open, sunny days, give a larger percentage of available playing hours than in other sections of the East and Middle West.

4. The tourist demand, supplementing at different seasons of the year the local demand, which through the middle south finds difficulty in securing play en route.

5. Both construction and maintenance costs are favorable, particularly where Bermuda is the basic turf, as this can be maintained at a very reasonable expense.

Gives Club "Set-Up"

Herewith is an approximate estimate of revenue and expense in connection with construction and operation of a typical country club, with 18-hole golf course, miniature course, swimming pool and tennis courts for public use in the south:

A—Capital Expense—18-h o l e Fee Golf Course — City of 75,000 to 150,000 People—

- 1. Cost of land—150 acres at \$100\$ 15,000.00
- 2. Cost of 18-hole course (average cost in south). Undulating grass greens, traps built into greens, grass tees, modern construction.

3. Cost of clubhouse, with locker room and showers, golf shop, etc., with entrance road

4. Cost of two tennis courts and swimming pool 100 ft. sq. 15,000.00

\$ 80,000.00

45,000.00

5,000.00

- 5. Real estate commissions, landscape, engineering and architectural commissions, etc—10%
- 6. Reserve for interest, taxes and maintenance during first year before operating revenue can be secured....

12,000.00

8,000.00

\$100,000.00

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| B—Annual Operating Expense— 18-hole Fee Golf Course— | |
| 1. Interest on investment 6% + taxes 1% on \$100,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| 2. Annual upkeep of golf course, tennis courts and grounds. | 10,000.00 |
| 3. Annual upkeep of swimming pool | 5,000.00 |
| | \$ 22,000.00 |
| C—Revenue from Operation— 1. Golf Course (basis 35 weeks' season) 100 players week day average × 5, 500 250 players Sat., Sunday and holidays, × 2, 500—1,000 a week 35 weeks = 35,000 players. Rate per player average \$1.00 × 35,000 players 2. Swimming pool (basis 20-week season) 400 swimmers—week-day average × 5 = 2,000 750 swimmers Sat., Sun. and holidays × 2 = 1,500. Per week 3,500 3,500 a week, 20 weeks=70,000 swimmers | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Rate per swimmer average .35 × 70,000 | 24,500.00 |
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RECAPITULATION

C. Gross annual revenue.....\$ 62,000.00 B. Annual operating expense... 22,000.00

Net return on \$100,000.00 investment\$ 40,000.00

Over a period of years well situated land would probably enhance considerably in value so that eventually land enhancement would justify selling the property redeveloping on lower-priced acreage.

In the layout of 18-holes on 150 acres, odd corners of property might be available for lot sites. Acquisition of acreage in excess of golf requirements, if purchased at a low cost, would probably mean enhancement in land value for future lot sales. However, this should be subsidiary to the golf course activity, which would be a revenue producing proposition, whereas excess land would be entirely dependent on speculative enhancement to cover carrying charges.

Following are some statistics on play on southern public 18-hole courses, in cities of 75,000-150,000, taken from 1930 pamphlet on Municipal Golf Courses by U. S. G. A., which justify an estimate of 35,000 rounds:

Chattanooga, Tenn. — 29,839 rounds, 1929, Brainerd Municipal Course.

Knoxville, Tenn—25,000 rounds, 1929, Whittle Springs Municipal Course.

Nashville, Tenn—40,000 rounds, 1929, Shelby Park Course.

Dallas, Texas—50,616 rounds, 1929, Stevens Park Course.

Dallas, Texas—70,288 rounds, 1929, Oak Grove Park.

Dallas, Texas—85,344 rounds, 1929, Tenison Park Golf Course.

El Paso, Texas—55,000 rounds, 1929, Municipal Course.

Fort Worth, Texas—68,820 rounds, 1929, Worth Hills Golf Course.

Atlanta, Ga.—35,203 rounds, 1929, average number of rounds at three 9-hole Municipal Courses.

Savannah, Ga.—25,000 rounds, 1929, average number of rounds at two 18-hole Municipal Courses.

Birmingham, Ala.—59,310 rounds, 1929, Highland Park Golf Course.

Average attendance, 49,493.

The above schedule was prepared at the request of a client contemplating development of a public country club in the Piedmont section of North Carolina. The costs, therefore, are particularly applicable to that section. The variable items of cost would include the upkeep of the pool, which would vary considerably according to the cost of the water. The lower south would provide a longer season both for golf and swimming pool, resulting in increased returns; under some conditions the net return from concessions might be greater.

It is not unreasonable to expect, however, a net return of 40% on the original investment, and under some conditions fee courses have given a much greater percentage of return.

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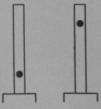
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Launch Model Pro Shop Consulting Service

OR the past two years the Spalding organization has been making a close study of display methods in its retail stores with a view to determining what stock arrangement would be most effective for pro shop use. A number of types of fixtures and displays have been given a practical laboratory test of actual retailing practice and out of this experience there has come a suggestion for a model golf shop. The model shop has been laid out in Spalding's wholesale golf department in New York. On completion it was given the close inspection and appraisal of leading pro merchandisers in the New York metropolitan district and favored with such enthusiastic reception that the first of a series of bulletins on pro-shop selling was issued on the fixtures of this model shop. Other bulletins on pro merchandising will be issued by Spaldings as the basic material is suggested and approved by tests under close observation in the

Spalding retail outlets.

The initial bulletin gives details of a standard golf club fixture which can be made in a 6, 8, 10, or 12-ft. unit. The wooden clubs are placed in the top part of the fixture, and the irons in the bottom. Capacity is 50 to 60 woods and about 125 irons. Details of a golf bag rack and a standard sundries case also are given in the bulletin. The big rack carries bags with stays on the bottom and stayless bags are hung from the top part of the fixture. The capacity of the rack shown in detailed plan is 45 to 50 bags, although the capacity may be altered easily in construction to fit stated shop conditions.

This new service also provides a special layout service for supplying pros with sketches of shop arrangement and equipment to suit each particular case. Although this service was announced only recently a number of pros have taken advantage of its helpfulness.

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Handling Men on the Golf Course

By MARTIN GREENE

I THINK the individual greenkeeper should handle his men the way he thinks best. One reason for this is that there are very few golf courses that carry the same number of men, therefore there can be no fixed rule.

I have twelve men this season. Six men cut the greens in the forenoon. The course is split into two nines, a large putting green going with what we call the smaller nine. Three men and two mowers take each side, greens are swept before they are cut. The tractor takes a man, and when he is not cutting grass, there is some other job waiting for him. We have a horse and triplex mower that are used where tractor cannot reach. The horse is also used for hauling sand to traps, topdressing for greens, and some rough cutting. It takes a man on our traps most of the time; they need fixing often as we have a lot of play.

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