Build Club to Fit Market

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city of Council Bluffs, Ia., has one municipally owned 18-hole course, Dodge Park, which is easily the best of the local

municipal layouts.

Also in Omaha we have four country clubs. Three of them are comparable and for a city such as Omaha, are of a type to be admired and emulated. They include the Highland CC, which is an excellent predominantly Jewish club, Happy Hollow Club and the Omaha CC. The fourth club is the Omaha Field Club which years ago was one of the great country clubs. But it is located well within the city in an old residential neighborhood and is not the glorious spot it used to be. In addition, it has lost some of its land to various civic projects, including a veterans hospital. The course now is only 5,427 yds. and is a par 67.

I had a large chart made to use at our initial press conference for announcing our fees. It also was used when we filled speaking engagements with various civic groups and luncheon clubs. It showed the 1960 dues for the four private clubs and the current initiation fees. It also included

the cost of playing at Dodge Park. As I have mentioned, Dodge Park is the superior public course. The proposed cost of playing at Miracle Hills also was shown.

The chart demonstrated the dilemma that confronted the Omaha golfer at the time we began planning Miracle Hill.

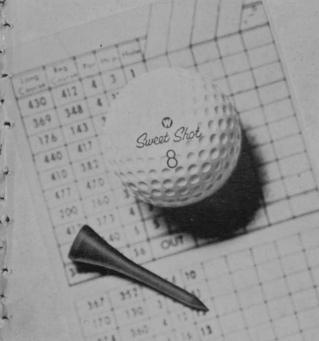
The most anyone could pay in one year to play on the public courses was \$75, or the cost of a season ticket at Dodge Park. Since Dodge Park and the four Omaha courses are not unusually good municipal facilities, many golfers were completely dissatisfied with them. In Omaha the next best step would be to join the Field Club which costs \$350 initially plus \$325 per year and provides only a 5,400 yd, par 67 course.

Therefore, if a golfer wanted to play on a standard 6,000 yard plus course he really was confronted with the prospect of paying an initiation fee of from \$900 to \$1,500 and dues in the neighborhood

of \$450 per year.

You can see from this that golf in Omaha was designed for the "prince or the pauper." The great mass of reasonably successful people, particularly young married couples with growing families, was completely forgotten.

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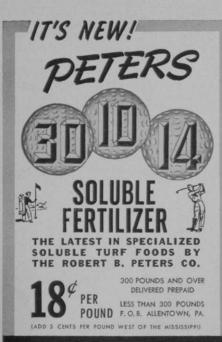
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We proceeded to analyze the annual reports of the Omaha clubs and the audit reports of as many other comparable courses as we could get our hands on. The results of our analysis were very startling to me as I had always heard the non-golfers at the Omaha CC, where I belong, complaining because they were paying dues to support a golf course they did not use.

Completely contrary to this viewpoint, our analysis indicated that of the total dues that were paid by members belonging to these and other clubs only about one-third went into the golf course and related activities while the balance was spent on purely social activities that are part of country club life.

Looked to Profitable Operation

Pursuing this lead further and after analyzing costs, etc., it became apparent to us that we could actually build the finest golf course in this area, and with proper management, make a profit so long as we held our clubhouse facilities to a minimum. This is exactly what we have endeavored to do.

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We will staff the course only with people who are congenial so our customers fully enjoy Miracle Hill. With two surgeons in the family, and on the board, we are going to be highly fussy about the appearance of the clubhouse and

grounds.

We do not feel that we are compelled to provide the public with a course that everyone can afford. This being America, having money should still have its reward. So we are catering only to those people who can afford to play on this type of a course and who want the sort of accommodations that they will find at Miracle Hill.

Includes Majority of Players

We feel that this includes the great majority of the golfers in the Omaha area. It includes that large group of pseudotransient citizens who, working for large national corporations, are subject to transfer and don't care to pay the large initiation fees of the country clubs when they are faced with the possibility of being transferred at any time. As soon as our fairways are in shape we will have electric cars for rent.

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PGA Searches for Survivors of Deceased Committeemen

Some time ago the PGA made up attractive plaques for persons who had served in the past on the organization's executive committees. The men listed below are deceased and survivors, to whom the plaques could be delivered, cannot be located. If you can provide the PGA at Main & Broadway, Dunedin, Fla., with the names and addresses of any survivors of these former officials, an attempt will be made to deliver the plaques to them.

Here is the list of the deceased officials and their sections: Robert Barnett, Mid Atlantic; William C. Byrne, Philadelphia; Charles Clark, Northern Ohio; Stewart Gardner, Illinois; W. V. Hoare, Illinois & Florida; Robert Johnstone, Pacific Northwest; Joseph Mitchell, Northern Ohio; and George Turnbull, Pacific

Northwest.

Festivities Mark Opening of Warren's New Pampa CC Shop

When Hart Warren officially opened his new pro shop at Pampa (Tex.) CC early in March he did it with a flourish. An official "open house" was held at which door prizes were given. More than 100 persons attended. Four neighboring pros also dropped in to help with the inauguration

festivities.

Warren's new shop contains 2,400 sq. ft. and is of colorful brick exterior construction. A patio, sundeck and floor length windows add to the shop's comfortable look. About one-fourth of the shop is taken over by storage area and the rest contains the display room and Warren's office. The Pampa pro and club officials made a quite extensive survey of other shops in the area before deciding on a final design. Extensive remodelling of the clubhouse is planned to start soon. Pampa CC has more than 400 members.

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Swinging Around Golf

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Wm. R. King to Avon Oaks CC, Cleveland, O., as pro . . . Carl J. Rasnic named pro at Ft. Meade (Md.) GC . . . Rasnic succeeds Steve Tobash, now pro at Chartwell G&CC, Severna Park, Md. . . . Greenwood (S.C.) CC adding second 9. . . . Expect to have second 9 of Springfield G&CC, West Springfield, Va., open in July . . . Bobby Bowers is pro . . . Orangeburg (S.C.) CC expects to move to its new 18 in August.

Ed McDermott now mgr., Hopewell (N.J.) Valley CC . . . River Bend G&CC, Shelbyville, Tenn., building 9 to plans of George Cobb . . . Surrounded by residential sites . . . J. D. Ward is River Bend mgr. . . . George Volosion building 9 for Green Hills CC, Fairmont, W. Va. . . Volosion will stay on as pro-supt.

Charley Bassler resigns as pro at Turf Valley CC (Baltimore dist.) . . . Disagreement over shop and golf car concessions . . . Einar Andersen, pro at Kearsage Valley CC, Sutton, N.H., will be a director and pro at Saddle Hill CC, Hopkinton, Mass., when it opens in spring, 1962 . . . Bill Mitchell is Saddle Hill architect . . . Tri-City CC, Kennewick, Wash., building second 9 . . . Forrey Bishop, supt., and Bill Welch, pro at Tri-City . . . Chattanooga (Tenn.) G&CC to modernize its 18 to plans of Geoffrey Cornish . . . Old Greenwich, Conn., considering sites for municipal course. J. Leslie Roberts, 47, for past five years,

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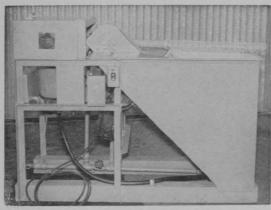


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Building second 9 inside San Joaquin County fairgrounds at Stockton, Calif. . . . Jim Faultus is pro . . . He was at Casa Del Mar CC, Dyer, Ind. (later named Longwood CC) before moving to California . . . Ray Jamieson, moves from job as asst. to Tom Hawthorn, pro, Hackensack (N.J.) CC, to post at Rockland CC, Sparkill, N.Y., succeeding John Spencer who retired because of illness.

Laurence S. Rockefeller, who built the Dorado resort hotel and course in Puerto Rico, to build 100-room hotel and 18 hole course at Kaunaoa Beach on the island of Hawaii, about 200 miles southeast of Honolulu.

Dan Peacock of Orinda, Calif., and Y. C. (Chet) Soda of Oakland to build and operate 9 hole Par-3 course at Buchanan airport, Martinez, Calif. . . Orange, Calif., committee headed by Councilmen Max Reynolds and Otis Stewart, studying feasibility of municipal course . . Western City magazine, Feb. issue, carried article on 24 California cities under 100,000 population having one or more courses.

Pratt, Kan., Jaycees, headed by Bill Ackley, building 9-hole sand green course to plan of R. C. Barnes, Salina (Kan.) CC pro . . . James C. Plyler heads group planning country club at Monroe, N.C. . . . Jack MacDowall,



Officers of the PGA Seniors ladies auxiliary are (I to r): Mrs. William Graham, corresponding sec.; Mrs. Hugh Bancroft, 2nd vp; Mrs. Carmen Bill, treas.; and Mrs. Carroll MacMaster, pres. Other officers, not shown, are Mrs. David Elphick, 1st vp; Mrs. Fred Moore, recording sec.; Mrs. Bob Williams, honorary pres.; Mrs. Otto Hardt, chmn., advisory committee; and Mrs. !rvin Schloss, publicity chmn.

pro at Cherokee Town & CC, Atlanta, Ga., hires Vonnie Colby of Ladies PGA travelers, as an asst. . . . Roy Faber now pro at Scotch Plains (N.J.) CC.

Plan Roman Catholic cometery on 100 acres near Los Altos, Calif., with 150 acres adjoining the proposed cemetery to be used for golf course . . . Dixie Contractor, business journal