

Two New Courses for Chicago

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NEXT year will be another of a series of notable years for Golf. Two new championship courses will be open to play in Chicago-Land next summer—one to millionaires and the other to those of moderate means who pay as they play. These two new courses will be the new municipal links in Lincoln Park and the links of the Sportsman's Golf and Country Club.

Both of these projects are being created with one fundamental thought: to spare no expense to make them among the most attractive in the United States. Pride of achievement is behind both of them. In one case the pride is of personal ownership and in the other case it is the pride of a board of trustees representing one of the



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greatest cities in the world. A \$35,000 stalwart wire fence, artistically concealed by beautiful foliage, will guard the exclusiveness of the private course; the public course, which is bordered on one side by Lake Michigan and on the other side by a scenic motor drive, will be protected by public sentiment.

A feature of both developments is the fact that they will each have underground fairway watering systems, one of the latest advances in golf course construction. Pop-up sprinklers able to cover a diameter of 90 feet are placed at the points of 90-foot equilateral triangles, thus insuring complete coverage. Although these systems will cost about \$45,000 apiece, they are expected to prove very efficient and to be good investments.

The New Municipal Course at Lincoln Park

CIVIC pride, which is far from lacking in Chicago, is the inspiration behind the new municipal course at Lincoln Park. One of the primary objects is the creation of a course fine enough for the holding of championship contests in connection with the 1933 World's Fair.

The Board of Commissioners of Lincoln Park consists of the following citizens: Eugene R. Pike, Robert H. Morse, John R. Thompson, Jr., John F. Cuneo, Alexander Fife, John A. Torston and Albert Halperin. All of these men are prominent in the business world. They are interested in golf and are keenly anxious to make its pleasures more available to the residents of their park district. They also desire to assist in the development of golf generally. They feel that the creation of this championship course under municipal

control will not only attract many prominent golfers to the city from time to time but that it will also stimulate other municipalities to build championship courses.

As the closest course to "the Loop," the new one at the north end of Lincoln Park is easy of access by land, sea and air. The Outer-Drive, one of the city's beautiful highways, skirts the links. Automobiles and busses from the center of the city can reach the first hole in about 15 minutes. A few blocks away are several street car lines and the "L." Adjoining the course is the Belmont yacht harbor where pleasure craft from all of the Great Lakes may ride at anchor while their owners and guests enjoy themselves on shore. Of course, aquaplanes will soon be able to land on the lake and motor to shore.

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Lake Michigan this municipal course is a real engineering achievement. For the past four years the process of filling in the enlarged boundaries of the park has been in progress. During this period thousands and thousands of scows and auto-trucks have dumped huge loads of rock and dirt so that the cost is beyond measurement.

After the fill was completed, the surface was covered with a 10-inch layer of fertile black loam and the whole improvement was protected by the construction of a substantial sea-wall. This is about 3 feet thick and 18 feet high but only five feet of it extends above the mean water line. The top of this wall is slightly above the surface of the soil.

Because of its location directly on Lake Michigan, this course is the only one in the Middle West which may claim to be on the "sea shore" There is usually a pleasant breeze blowing inland from the Great Lakes which makes their shores especially attractive in warm weather. The air surrounding them naturally contains a great quantity of moisture which has its effect upon turf culture.

Much of the credit for the results achieved belongs to Henry E. Eicholz, assistant architect and superintendent of construction. He made the necessary topographical survey of the 168 acres and carried out the engineering plans which involved much detail.

Although the course will comprise 18 holes when completed, only 9 of them will be open for play the first season. These will be located closest to the lake. A water hazard will be provided by an inlet from Lake Michigan which will be artistically fringed with rocks and will terminate in a rock grotto. The yardage for the first nine holes will be 3,375 and for the second nine holes 3,355, making a total of 6,730 yards.

Adjacent to the course are several features of interest. To the south is a baseball diamond, football field and tennis courts. To the north on the extension of an artificially-created promontory to protect the yacht harbor, is a huge archery field. Along the lake is a 100-foot bridle path.

In harmony with the surrounding beauty of Lincoln Park the new course is to be attractively landscaped. Cedar, pine, spruce and other trees are being planted. It is anticipated that vegetative bent stolons will be planted on the greens and considerable bent seed sown in the fairways.

A magnificent club house for golfers and yachtsmen is to be built at the entrance to the golf course and facing Belmont Harbor. This is to be an architectural gem.

The Sportsman's Club— A Millionaire's Vision

THE Sportsman's Golf and Country Club is the result of a millionaire's vision. George L. Chamberlain of Evanston, owner of the property, is promoting the project without thought of immediate financial return and sparing no expense to make the course an artistic masterpiece.

The development includes not one golf course but three. Besides one 18-hole course, there will be a 9-hole course exclusively for women. With 27 holes the project is one of the most complete in Chicago-Land.

The total investment, including the value of