

LAND OFFERED FOR CITY GOLF LINKS

Taxes and Clearing Only Return Asked for Use of 150 Acres by Ladd Estate.

PLOT NEAR REED COLLEGE

Enthusiasts Think Location Admirable and Say 18-Hole Course Could Be Laid Out Without Excessive Expenditure.

Portland will have an up-to-date 18-hole municipal golf links if the City Council accepts a proposal made by the Ladd Estate Company for the use by the city for 15 years of about 150 acres of land in the southeastern part of the city.

The land offered by the company is bounded on the west by the East Side line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, on the north by the north line of the Alfred Llewellyn donation land claim, on the east by the west boundary of the Reed College lands and the west boundary line of East Twenty-eighth street and the southerly boundary of Crystal Springs boulevard and on the south by the south line of Ladd tract or Crystal Springs Farm.

Taxes \$2000 Yearly. The plan is to have the city remove the underbrush from the land and fit it up for golf playing. The company is willing to give the city full right to use the land within 15 years by means of a board of arbitrators or otherwise if the city wishes.

While plans have not been worked out definitely it has been determined that the links would not require a great outlay of money.

Every city on the Pacific Coast has a municipal links except Portland, and nearly every large city in the United States has one or two 18-hole courses.

Project Long Contemplated. Golf enthusiasts here have been endeavoring to launch a municipal links for some years.

An excellent scheme, said Victor A. Johnson, president of the Waverley Country Club, yesterday. "We have dozens of municipal tennis courts and ball diamonds, but no golf links yet. A municipal links would enable thousands to play golf who cannot afford the more expensive clubs."

Natural Advantages Praised. "The property suggested will make an ideal course, for the natural hazards abound throughout. The distance from the heart of the city is not more than 25 or 27 minutes' streetcar ride, and it is so located that it will be in the reach of everyone."

It will cost in the neighborhood of \$6000 for the initial expense of equipping a nine-hole course on the proposed tract for the Portland municipal links. Mr. Watson said, after having gone over the situation yesterday afternoon, with Commissioner Baker. "There are a great many things to be done, but from what I have seen no great difficulty should be experienced in constructing a fine nine-hole links."

It is probable that a committee of prominent golfers will be present to



GUARDIANS OF THE LAW IN PORTLAND WHO ARE CHASING THE PUCK AT THE PORTLAND ICE HIPPODROME DURING LEISURE MOMENTS.

The Big Man in the Picture is Traffic Officer M. D. Wells, Who is Managing the Portland Police Department Hockey Team, and Across His Chest, Reading From Left to Right, Are: Tom Rylett, G. L. Littenberg, W. H. Mann, Captain W. H. Royle, Larry Evans, H. L. Nutzer and Ace Clements. T. H. Russell is the Absent Member of the Squad.

Midwinter Golf Notes

JEROME TRAVERS, open champion, figures that it costs the average golfer about \$185 a year, as follows: Initiation fee, \$50; annual dues, \$50; balls, \$20; clubs, \$17.50; cartage, \$20; caddy pay, \$25; total, \$182.50. This does not include money for lessons; golf tees, without which no man can aspire to greater golfing heights, and it does not include any of the incidentals around the 19th hole.

There are about 1500 listed golf clubs in the United States and these have an active playing list of about 250,000 golfers. Probably another 200,000 dabble at the game occasionally. Figured on the basis of \$150 a year for each player, the total amount spent on golf by the 450,000 active players runs around \$67,500,000.

A great part of this money goes into the links and the clubhouses. An expert mathematician recently estimated that golfing real estate in this country has a valuation of around \$70,000,000, with another \$20,000,000 tied up in clubhouses. Caddy fees alone amount to about \$3,000,000 every year.

From the Portland viewpoint Travers estimates an initial expense is a trifle below the average. The initiation at the Waverley Country Club is \$100 and the monthly dues \$5. The new Portland Golf Club as yet has not the same advantage to offer the golfer as the older Waverley Club and its initiation is only \$40 and its monthly dues \$2.

There seems to be considerable apprehension among Northwestern amateur golf championships scheduled for Del Monte, Cal. July 17-22. Del Monte offered the Middle Western golfers a special train as an inducement and they voted to accept this free transportation. There seems to be some sentiment now, however, for a revocation of this acceptance, and this may have a great deal to do with the success of the tournament.

If the golfers are forced to pay their own railroad fares it will mean that a large number of the Middle Western crack players will not make the long trip over the Rockies. Some of them will not be able to afford the big expense.

Chicago, Jan. 24, 1916. L. L. Webster, Asst. Secy. Waverley Country Club, Portland, Or. My Dear Mr. Webster: I remember with great pleasure my visit to the Waverley Country Club, and I am sure that the golfers who took part in the Western amateur championship at Del Monte would be especially delighted to receive an invitation from your club to think if you held a tournament after the championship you undoubtedly would attract a number of the players I have every confidence in the world that the Western Golf Association and the United States Golf Association will be thoroughly in accord as regards the special train. It is hard to tell just at this time,

CRUCIAL TEST FACED

Uncle Sams Have Two Hard Games in Prospect. SEATTLE HERE TUESDAY. Portland to Take on Vancouver Champions Friday and Two Victories Would Put Locals in Commanding Position.

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Don't for Golfers

Don't forget that loose impediments on the putting green can be lifted, and worn casts, snow and ice scraped aside lightly with a club.

Don't forget that a stymie is six inches, measured not from the center of the ball, but from the nearest point of the ball. Rule 11, section 1.

Don't forget that on the putting green, if a player's ball strike the flag stick after it has been removed, by himself or his partner, or either of their caddies, the penalty is loss of the hole.

Don't forget that medal play rules differ from match play rules in several particulars, the most important of which are:

On the day of competition no competitor shall play on or on to any of the putting greens, nor at any of the holes. Penalty, disqualification.

If a competitor play a stroke with a ball other than his own he shall incur no penalty, provided he then play his own ball; but if he play two consecutive strokes with a wrong ball he shall be disqualified.

A ball may be lifted from any place on the course under penalty of two strokes. The ball so lifted must be teed up. Rule 11, section 1.

A lost ball is penalized by both stroke and distance. That is, if a ball is lost, say, from the tee, the player tees up again and plays his third shot. Rule 12.

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Waverley Golf Club Adopts Innovation to Lighten Handicapper's Task.

ROOT SYSTEM TO BE USED

C. H. Davis is Chosen Captain of Club Teams for Inter-Club Tournaments—Several Big Events Now in Prospect.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. Something unique in the way of golf handicapping is to be tried by the Waverley Country Club during the 1916 season on the links.

C. H. Davis, Jr., one of the liveliest in the amateur and business hereabouts, announced yesterday that caddies would be required to report all scores manufactured by their employers.

"No scores no pay," will be the club shibboleth. Golf handicapping committees always meet with extreme difficulty trying to coax members to turn in their own scores to be used as a basis for fair handicapping.

Mr. Davis, as the new chairman of the handicapping committee, believes that shifting the responsibility over to the caddies will solve this vexatious problem and make for absolutely equitable handicapping.

The Root system will be used exclusively—another departure for the Waverley Club. Briefly, the Root system calls for a handicap that is three-quarters of the difference between the par of the course and the average score turned in by the golfer.

Waverley Club's par is 71, so the handicap for a golfer averaging 87 would be 16, three-quarters of the difference between 71 and 87.

"Of course," explained Chairman Davis yesterday, "players will be asked to turn in their own scores. If they fail to do so, however, it will be the duty of the caddies to see that the cards are deposited with the proper officials."

Under the voluntary system some players turn in their scores religiously; some turn in only the low scores; some turn in the high cards, and others turn in none at all.

"Naturally, the handicappers have to be mind readers under this system and many players become discouraged because of unfair handicaps. I believe that the obligatory system will create new enthusiasm for our monthly handicap tournaments."

Another innovation has been provided for by the Waverley Country Club directors—the naming of a captain for its teams for interclub tournaments.

Mr. Davis was named to this post of honor, and it is probable that the club by-laws will be so amended as to provide in the future for the chairman of the handicapping committee acting as field captain, ex-officio.

Interclub tournaments likely will be played this Summer by Waverley and teams from the Portland Golf Club, the Eugene Country Club, Spokane Country Club, Seattle Golf Club, the Tacoma Country Club and others.

Mr. Davis does not believe that interclub team appointments should be made by the club, but rather by the players.

"In the hard matches, of course," Waverley men have said, "the smaller clubs it is my opinion that players of the second line of defense should be given a chance to show their mettle. This will stimulate interest not only in our own club, but in our opponents' camps as well. And that, after all, is the aim and purpose of interclub play."

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