
SPORT-O-SCOPE

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If present plans are culminated—and a big star has already been made—San Angelo will have another fine public golfing facility in the near future.

The San Angelo Pan American Golf Assn. has just signed a five-year lease with the city to operate the Airport Golf Course (formerly Lakeside Country Club).

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The Pan American Association, in fact, has been operating the course since last July and has made many improvements during the year. But the five-year agreement will enable the organization to make long-range plans for further improving the facility.

Plans call for a complete nine-hole course including clubhouse privileges.

The Pan American organization, with volunteer help, plans to clean up the fairways, enlarge the greens and seed them with Tiff grass and move back the tee boxes to lengthen the layout. The course will remain playable during the improvements.

There are about 65 members in the association and the group has already purchased necessary equipment for maintenance of the course.

The Pan American Association is a non-profit organization interested only in increasing interest in golf and promoting the game throughout the city and area.

LOW FEES

Open to the public, initiation fee into the Pan American Association is a mere \$1 with \$1 monthly dues. Greens fees to both members and non-members will be a reasonable \$1 per 18 holes on both weekdays and weekends.

The clubhouse will be operated in two parts, one portion consisting of the pro shop where a limited amount of merchandise will be on sale as well as refreshments. The other portion will be open to members only.

Officials of the organization plan to donate time on the course to school groups for practice sessions and play. Civic clubs wishing to hold tournaments will be welcome at regular greens fees.

The Pan American group also plans a big partnership tournament Aug. 3-4 and will welcome challenge matches with other groups including Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo Country Club and Riverside.

Sonny Perez is president of the organization with Al Villareal serving as vice president, Jerry Ramirez as secretary and Peppy Lopez as treasurer.

So the city of San Angelo is once again fortunate to have a private group willing to devote time, effort and money to a recreation facility.

Don't know what we would do without them.