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Golf in its Most Economical Form

Think sand-green golf is simply pasture golf? While occasionally true, sand-green courses - just like courses with grass greens - vary.

Once widespread in the early 1900s, sand-green courses still are fairly unheard of them. In fact, many notable golf facilities in the U.S. began with sand greens only to later convert to grass greens. In a way, playing sand greens offers a look back to the origins of golf in the U.S. and other parts of the world.

trees. For example, at the nine-hole, sand-green Glasco Country Club in rural Kansas, there are a variety of par 3s, 4s and 5s, a tree-lined creek that comes into play on eight of the nine holes, and two dogleg par 4s (one left and one right). Some sand greens are flat, but some have a little slope so players must still read the green and play some break.

Another aspect of sand greens is that they don’t need to be irrigated. Chase also notes that sand greens are great for golf facilities that need to meet playability targets.

Although bermudagrass is a tough customer during the summer, Chase says that $5 green fees to play all day. Fast pace of play. No irrigation.

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