

Club's New Course to Open Saturday

The New 18-Hole Layout Meets Requirements for All State and National Golf Tournaments

Members of the Lawrence Country club are eagerly awaiting the arrival of next Saturday—the day for the opening of the completely new 18-hole golf course which will become a reality after many years of planning and work.

The new course, designed by Riggs Miller of Kansas City, Mo., and built by Perry Maxwell of Oklahoma City, who is now building a course at Iowa State college, is the most modern constructed of any golf club in the state. The course has been built with an eye to the future. The natural contour of the ground has made possible the building of unusual holes and the 6,700 yards of tees, fairways and greens included in the 18 holes provide natural scenes of unusual beauty which have been enhanced by expert designing and workmanship.

When some clubs enlarge a 9-hole course to 18 holes the second nine are tacked on somewhere and but a few changes are made in the original course. However, at the Lawrence club the course is entirely new.

Little Hill Climbing Now

The course includes the original grounds plus 51 additional acres on the north which gives the club about 131 acres. With an eye to the older members the designers avoided the beautiful hills in design of the fairways. The watchword seemed to be that the hills are wonderful to look upon but not nice to climb up and then down and then up again. Complaints about the hill climbing requirements of the old course were not confined to the older members either because many of the younger golfers showed their displeasure on numerous occasions.

Now it is quite possible for a player to figure out a combination of 8 or 9 holes in which no hill climbing is required. If the regular 18 holes are played the golfer climbs up 365 feet and, since everything that goes up must come down, the player goes down 365 feet for a total of 730 feet. While playing 18 holes on the old course the golfer was required to go up 680 feet and down 680 feet for a total of 1,360 feet. In other words the player did almost as much hill climbing on the old nine as he will on the entire 18 holes of the new course.

In the first nine holes of the new course there is 220 feet up and down, and there is 145 feet up and down in the second nine holes.

A Championship Course
The new course has been designed to conform with the requirements for all championship events and will be ready for state and even national tournaments which may be staged here in the future.

When opened the course will be much more complete than is usual on the opening day. The plantings are practically completed and many fine specimens of trees and shrubs are thriving. The Mt. Hope nursery did the landscaping. The greens are of seaside bent, the famous grass developed in Oregon. This extremely hardy growth

is a smooth green. A good playing green is constructed so that a ball pitched to the green will hold. This requires the use of peat moss underground to give such results and about 300 bales of this moss have been used in the construction of the new greens.

The club's putting clock, which is the largest in the state of Kansas, practically covers the entire point of the hill north of the club house and includes an area of nearly 20,000 square feet. The clock will be lighted with the finest type of floodlights that are used on football fields for night lighting.

All of the tees are of blue grass and have been given considerable attention. They are large and well placed and are designed to enable a player to choose one of three different tees from which to play

each hole. Changes in yardage for the holes are made by using different tees.

Fairways Exceed Expectations
The fairways will even be better than was expected. A large portion of the new ground purchased was in virgin bluegrass which had never been plowed under. It was only necessary to mow and roll three of the fairways.

Seven traps around the greens have already been installed and will be ready for use on the opening day. All fairways will be marked showing the yardage both from the tee and from the green. The club is planning to build shelter houses and install fountains at various points on the course as rapidly as possible, and it is also planned to construct a picnic ground with an oven in the near future.

Lawrence has been somewhat backward for many years in supporting an up to date recreational center but the construction of the new course at the country club now places Lawrence in the front rank of the state. Lawrence can now boast of a better playground than any city of twice its size in this state.

The old 9-hole course had a wide reputation as a difficult course to score upon. The record is held by Waldo Crowder

who once shot a 31, six under par. Crowder's mark was several strokes better than Walter Hagen's total when he played the course several years ago. The late Chester Jones once played the course in 54 strokes. Mrs. O. S. Hill, Kansas City, Mo., holds the women's record with a 41, but Miss Ruth Hoover, professor of physical education at the University of Kansas, scored a 42 last year and her play is a continual threat to Mrs. Hill's record.

Many Made Holes in One
Some of the players scoring holes-in-one on the old course were R. M. Fitzpatrick, Carl Friend, Waldo Crowder, Dean George C. Shaad, Howard Varney, Dr. H. T. Jones, Irving Hill and Owen Carl. The club's records are not complete and it is believed that several other local players scored "aces" on the old course.

On the new layout the par will be a pair of 36's for a total of 72. The women's par will be a pair of 36's for a total of 72.

The table below shows the yardage and par scores for the various holes:

1-345 and 4	10-448 and 5
2-145 and 3	11-225 and 5
3-515 and 5	12-475 and 5
4-425 and 4	13-345 and 4
5-385 and 4	14-360 and 4
6-400 and 5	15-365 and 4
7-140 and 3	16-400 and 4
8-330 and 4	17-145 and 3
9-300 and 4	18-295 and 4

3145 36 3195 75

The professional at the club is Orville Stone, former Lawrence high school football player, and Mrs. Stone is the caterer. "Chick" Pontius, former city champion, is head greens keeper and deserves much credit for his splendid work in connection with the new course.

*Members of the club's board of directors are E. C. Lupton, president; Harry Nevin, vice-president; R. M. Fitzpatrick, treasurer; and Irving Hill, Dr. H. T. Jones, D. L. Patterson, C. C. Stewart, J. Frank Jones and Owen Carl. George Wetzell is secretary of the board.

President Makes Statement
President Lupton has made the following statement in regard to the opening:

"Having completed its fine new course the Lawrence Country Club invites the citizens of Lawrence to avail themselves of the opportunity to join the club. If those interested have not been invited to join the club they should not hesitate but should turn in their applications immediately.

The Lawrence Country club is exceptionally democratic and a fine spirit prevails. Members take it upon themselves to see that others have a good time. The splendid

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