

CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON TWIN HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

PLANS CALL FOR EXPENDITURE OF NEARLY \$130,000

Perry Maxwell Course Is Underwritten by Five City Golfers. TO BE READY IN 1925

Natural Properties of Land Tend to Make for Ideal Golf Links.

By BILLIE THOMAS

EARLY last fall Perry Maxwell, golf architect, of Ardmore, came to Oklahoma City to investigate the possibilities of building a golf course here—a course that would rival the best in the country.

After looking over various tracts of land for two or three weeks he found one that he thought very desirable.

Maxwell had visions of giving Oklahoma City golfers a dream course.

Saturday afternoon the vision became a near-reality when construction was started on the Twin Hills golf and country club links.

City Men Back Club

The course was assured when five Oklahoma City men Saturday drew up articles of incorporation, underwriting construction of Twin Hills.

And baring some such catastrophe as an earthquake, Oklahoma City golfers will have much for which to thank these five men in the years to come when section tournaments, and even possibly national events, are being staged on the links.

The five are well known in both golf and business circles of Oklahoma City: G. A. Mattson, president of Mattson Oil company, who is present holder of the city championship, A. E. Mault, president of Lakeside golf and country club, W. A. Bucholtz, New York Life Insurance company, who has served many years on the Lakeside board of directors, Leslie Norris, of Gurnum Brothers and Robert A. Conliff, present secretary of Lakeside.

Maxwell Honored.

The corporation has drawn plans that call for an expenditure of nearly \$130,000 before the course is completed. While no definite date has been set for completion it is expected that nine holes will be ready for play by June 1925 and the full eighteen a couple of months later.

The site of the course is located one-half mile east of the Grand boulevard and a mile north of Twenty-third street.

While Perry Maxwell has been well known in Oklahoma as a golf architect for the past eight or nine years, he was not known outside of the state until recently. This spring he was made a member of the greens committee of the United States Golf Association, the governing and all-powerful body of American golf, and was selected as one of five men to represent the U. S. G. A. in a tour of inspection of British courses and greens.

Maxwell has built several courses in the state. His course at Ardmore is considered one of the finest in the southwest. Maxwell has also the benefit of growing grasses under Oklahoma hot suns and hot winds, something eastern architects of greater national reputation would find an altogether different proposition from the mild sun and wind of the north and east.

Sun Great Obstacle.

While Oklahoma soil is no poorer than that where many a fine golf course has been constructed in the east, it is the burning sun and hot wind that have caused course builders the greatest trouble in Oklahoma.

Maxwell has been placed under a surety bond of \$40,000 to turn over the course completed to the Twin Hills corporation by the fall of 1925. Accordingly, there can be no delay in construction.

Every man of the five backing Maxwell has been closely connected with golf in Oklahoma City for at least five years. Each has served on a board of directors of a city golf club, and each should be qualified to carry on successfully the work of the Twin Hills club.

Membership in the new organization will be limited to 250 regular members, fifty associate members and fifty non-resident members.

The first 250 regular memberships will be sold for \$300, and the remaining 100 memberships at \$400. Associate and non-resident memberships will sell for \$50. The latter are non-transferable.

Beautiful Site.

Regular membership dues have been set at \$60 a year. No dues will be payable until after January 1, 1925.

Associate memberships are limited to feminine relatives of regular members, and non-resident memberships to golfers residing outside of Oklahoma county.

It is extremely doubtful if Maxwell could have selected a better site for the Twin Hills course. It is abundant in natural properties that go to make up a golf course.

There is not a flat or level piece of ground on the whole course. It is rolling in every direction and divided and redivided by deep ravines.

Magnificent elms and oaks add much to the attractiveness of the ground. The club house will be built on a spot which will command a view of the capitol building and even the downtown office buildings of the city.

Land Paid For.

A crystal clear creek flowing from a year-around spring threads its way through the course. It will offer a cool spot to the tired, hot golfer during the long summer months.

The ground has already been purchased and deeded to the Twin Hills Golf and Country club. Tractors are on the grounds and everything is in readiness to start the real work of clearing the brush which will be entrusted to a crew of twenty men Monday. A steel wire fence is being erected around the property.

Maxwell is at present in Ardmore adding the finishing touches to the last nine holes of his course there, making ready for the state tournaments to be played over the Ardmore links in June. He will return early in the week to take active charge of the work at Twin Hills.

Conliff Is Secretary.

The five backers, with Maxwell, are acting as a board of directors with Mault, chairman. Conliff was elected secretary-treasurer by the board.

Offices of Twin Hills have been opened at the Tradesmens National bank building.