

Golfers Thrill To Beauty Of New Twin Hills

City Players Are Warm
In Praise of Course
At Opening Party

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LIKE a staid citizen returning to the old swimming hole, golfers who once belted balls around the Twin Hills layout went back Sunday to see what had happened to the revamped course.

They saw plenty. In fact, like the countryside after the poetically-described snow-storm, they looked upon a world unknown. From the time visitors at the informal open house Sunday turned in at the massive portals of field stone until they sank the last putt on No. 18 the reconstructed course once owned by the Carters was a revelation.

From the ohs and ahs voiced by former members returning to old haunts and also by new visitors eager to look over the course that Perry Maxwell originally built and who supervised the present improvements, patronage should not be lacking. It will be a private course with regular club membership instead of the former fee plan.

ALTHOUGH Sunday's weather was none too warm scores of golfers took advantage of the invitation to play the course.

Johnny Madden, new pro, said none of the players reported anything approaching a subpar performance. Far now is 71, a stroke above the old figures, the No. 13 hole having been raised from a par 4 to a par 5 by setting the tee back.

Stokey Jack Hall was not at all displeased with his 79 on the first trip around. He was the first to crack 80. He explained his steady performance with the claim that merely playing Twin Hills aroused enough inspiration to cut five strokes from a man's ordinary total. He admits it did in his case.

The course will remain open from now on to those who take out memberships, the new owners announced. The new bosses are J. Steve Anderson Jr., L. H. Prichard Jr., and R. Olsen.

SUNDAY'S open house was a far cry from the little group which held the first such celebration some 15 years ago. That party included little Bobby Cruickshank, one of the nation's leading pros, who was brought to Oklahoma City to give the newly designed club a bit of oomph.

When Bobby visited the layout there were no fairways, greens or tangible evidence of a course, if one excepts the trees and chasms.

But from those rugged wilds sprang a course which in succeeding years won the approval of national golf experts, so much that both the Western Amateur and the National P. G. A. were played there.

With farflung improvements now effected there the attractive layout, demanding accuracy rather than power, once again is bidding for former popularity.

Among those who played Sunday were Joe Cannon, Howard Pate, Tom Earp, H. Stevens, Carl Edwards, Gene Edwards, Buddy Corby, Nick Williams, Marmaduke Corby, Jerome Byrd, Ed Klein, F. H. Cross, L. L. Sanders, William McLain, Lee Manion, C. C. Wright, Ernest Hansberger, Ray Maxwell and Otis Duncan.