

MELROSE TO HOLD OPENING APRIL 6

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Dinner-Dance to Follow Inspection
of Newly Decorated and
Furnished Clubhouse

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COURSE IN FINE CONDITION

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MELROSE COUNTRY CLUB, whose golf course has already earned a reputation for excellence, will formally open its clubhouse Saturday of next week, a move that is being awaited impatiently by the growing membership.

This country club was organized about two seasons ago and immediately set to work upon a course near Lawndale. The plan was drawn by Dr. Allister Mackenzie, a Scotch architect, and the construction was completed in an unusually brief period.

Play was first permitted on the course late last summer. Golfers of the district, both amateur and professionals, were quick to appreciate its quality and most of the district's leading players had a round at Melrose at the first opportunity.

The clubhouse was ready for the club. It had been constructed originally for club purposes, was substantially built and attractive in appearance. It was so well suited to its intended use, in fact, that it served for more than six months without change.

Permanent use, however, dictated certain alterations before it could be enjoyed to the fullest. These were undertaken a few weeks ago and are now rapidly nearing completion.

From the entrance drive circle, the clubhouse appears as a pale green stucco structure rising above a long, wide porch. The summer background of deep green foliage must be extremely pleasing.

The porch, as entrance is made, is open to the left and enclosed to the right. The clubhouse proper may be entered either directly to the spacious ballroom with its immense fireplace and orchestra dais or through a small reception hall.

The enclosed portion of the porch, which is quite large and light, will be used for dining purposes. Behind this in the main section of the building is the large room that will become the main club room. A women's lounge adjoins the ballroom.

Above stairs are the tile-floored decks above the two sections of porch where one, in summer, may gain seclusion, air and a fine view of the course. On the second floor, too, is a card room for men, the steward's apartment and the women's lockers. This latter room is one of the largest and most comfortable rooms devoted to women's locker purposes in the district.

The basement, which is above ground at the rear, is given over to a large and modernly equipped kitchen, the men's lockers and showers, and Bill Neilan's professional shop. A part of the locker room will be used for a grille for men.

The whole interior has been repainted and refinished. New floors of either hard wood or colorful embossed linoleums have everywhere been provided. New furnishings are arriving daily.

Opening ceremonies in the proper sense will be lacking on April 6. It is proposed to hold open house for inspection in the afternoon, to be followed by dinner and dancing in the evening.

The course is well advanced toward early summer form. The greens, which have been cut already, might be played now with entire satisfaction and without fear of damaging them. Fairways are in condition remarkable for a course so young.

Bill Neilan, the club professional, is already on the job making extensive preparations for a busy season.