

Completion Links Exchange Is Expected Some Time This Week

New Clubhouse May be "Home" to Members In Month; Will Assume Older Name.

WHEN one of the most novel trades of golf club property is completed some time this week, Oklahoma City Golf and Country club will have obtained possession of one of the most beautiful courses in the United States, Nichols Hills, which will become the club's property in a deal already tentatively accepted by its board of directors, possesses beauty that combines the attractiveness of a spot newly reclaimed from the wilds with the brilliant green and landscaping of Bermuda grass and shrubbery skillfully planted by human artifice.

From the first drive into a dogleg that is the embodiment of most of the trouble to be encountered on the Nichols Hills course to the final putt on an expansive, undulating green typical of its tricky putting surfaces, the golfer's stray shots run afoot of scenery so beautiful that misplaying becomes almost a pleasure.

Utmost Accuracy Required

While artificial landscaping is deftly relied upon to provide a beautiful effect at the start of the journey, it is natural topography which makes the course so exacting. Sloping fairways and natural doglegs require the utmost accuracy. Ditches and trees provide penalties for shots that fly or roll off line.

There ever is temptation to take a chance, and those who yield regret it more often than not. "L" holes seem so close as to invite a short cut over perilous canyons or trees, but to all but master shot makers the shortest way across proves the longest.

Natural properties have been artfully set off by the skilful planning and landscaping of Perry Maxwell and Pard Woods, between whom rests the credit for the masterpiece of Oklahoma's golf links.

May Be "Home" in Month

While it is expected that the beautiful 18-hole layout and its little sister of nine holes immediately adjoining it will become the property of the Country club with completion of the deal anticipated some time this week, it is doubtful if members can call the new \$250,000 clubhouse "home" within the month.

It will take at least two weeks for completion of the luxurious clubhouse and almost as long for furnishing it. G. A. Nichols, its present owner, has agreed to expend \$75,000 on its furnishings.

This done, there will be little for the Country club staff to "move in," with the exception of Johnny Madden's stock of clubs, balls and "pro" shop equipment.

To Take Name of Club

In all probability, the new course will assume the older name of the Oklahoma City Golf and Country club, although the name "Nichols Hills" has had a running start of more than eight months.

All that delays completion of the trade is the fulfilling of a few legal formalities, board members indicate. Meanwhile, the old Country club course is being kept in playing condition. Later it will be taken over by the city for park purposes.

Young Corbett is the biggest drawing card San Francisco has had since Jack Dempsey was getting started here in 1917.