

Like Local Links

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Oklahoma City Golf and Country club got a great big stamp of approval from officials of the United States Golf association here to inspect the host course for the 1953 National Amateur tournament.

John D. Ames, tournament committee chairman and secretary of the USGA, and Joseph C. Dey jr. executive secretary of golf's governing group, flew into Oklahoma City Tuesday from Dallas to check course improvements at the country club and assist in the formation of myriad committees necessary for conducting the huge playoff.

Ames and Dey were well pleased with the new greens that have been built for Nos. 8, 9, 14 and 15 and praised the new tees on Nos. 2, 7, 8, 9, and 18. Work is also in progress improving the tee on No. 5.

More Traps Coming

Overhauling of all traps has toughened up the course to championship proportions, and a few more traps may be added before the 1953 amateur.

The USGA officials plan to give the Country club recommendations on the addition of traps and the width of fairways within the next few days.

Fairway fertilization is scheduled to start at the country club within the next three weeks, and width of the fairways must be determined by then.

General appearance of the facilities in the clubhouse came in for plenty of praise from the visitors, who were impressed by work that has been done already in preparation for the first visit of the National Amateur to Oklahoma.

Here From Dallas

Organization of committees is a major operation that is to be com-

pleted shortly along lines recommended by Ames and Dey.

Committees are to be set in charge of grounds, clubhouse, admissions, gallery, caddies, scoring, public information, program and transportation, parking and accommodations.

Dey arrived here with a bad case of laryngitis which muted his speaking voice to a whisper but not his vast enthusiasm for golf. He plans to stay in Oklahoma City a day or two, but Ames will return to Chicago Wednesday.

Before coming to Oklahoma City the USGA officials inspected Northwood Golf club in Dallas, where the National Open tournament will be played June 12-13-14.

1952 Meet in Seattle

Ames, who is a three handicap player himself, said the Dallas course is rounding into championship proportions rapidly and that it should prove a real test.

While here the officials tried out the country club course and Ames' fine playing prompted Dey to remark: "It's getting so you've got to be a four handicap player or better to get on the executive committee."

The National Amateur will be held this year at Seattle August 17-23.