

Golfers To Tee Off Saturday At New Country Club Course

Prizes Offered For Players In All Categories

Would-be par-busters will be out in force this week-end when the Lawton Golf and Country club association stages the formal opening of its new nine-hole course northwest of Cameron college Saturday afternoon.

Big Turnout Seen

Most of the 300-odd members of the newly-organized association are expected to make the first rounds this week-end or at least be on hand to see how the rest of the players fare.

The first golfer will tee off on the No. 1 tee at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the course is expected to hum with activity thereafter.

Golfers have been marking time for the past few months as construction of the new course moved along at a fairly rapid clip despite adverse weather conditions and other handicaps under which the organization functioned.

Club members and visitors who are on hand for the opening will get a first-hand view of progress being made on the new \$48,000 club house which is now under construction. The site has been leveled and forms placed for pouring foundation and concrete floor. A major portion of the initial plumbing work already has been completed, too.

The single-story building will be located at the south side of the course, just off Gore, and is perched atop a hill overlooking the links to the north.

Although the big club house, with dance floor, lounge, locker and shower accommodations and other facilities, won't be completed until October, a temporary bungalow has been erected to care for the immediate needs of the membership.

Ed Hosler, club pro, who has supervised construction of the course, is set up for business at the temporary club building and club-carriers are available for rental and all other golfing equipment can be secured at the site.

Public Invited to View Work

Although the course is open only to members of the organization, the public is invited to visit the site and see how much progress the group has made in giving this city one of the southwest's finest links.

Members of the greens committee of the association conducted a tour of the course for the press Tuesday and with pardonable pride, pointed out important things that had been achieved by the group with a lot of careful planning and hard work.

The temporary club house is the pet project of Hubert Green, chairman of the greens committee, and Warren Wolverton, Herman Hughes, and Ford Mugg, the other members, have all spent many hours at the site to closely supervise the operations and help keep things moving along as fast as possible.

Dean Phillips, chairman of the membership committee, noted that the course will be one of the best in the southwest within a few months.

Hosler was of the same opinion and asserted that the course was as good as any city in the state comparable in size to Lawton.

At present, Hosler and other club officials are busy fighting cut-worms which are gnawing away at the velvet-like greens and the pro was busy giving special attention Tuesday to No. 6 green which has been attacked by fungus. Large patches of the grass have died out on that green but Hosler said it shows signs of returning to normalcy. The greens are being given special treatment to kill out diseases and eliminate the damaging cut-worms.

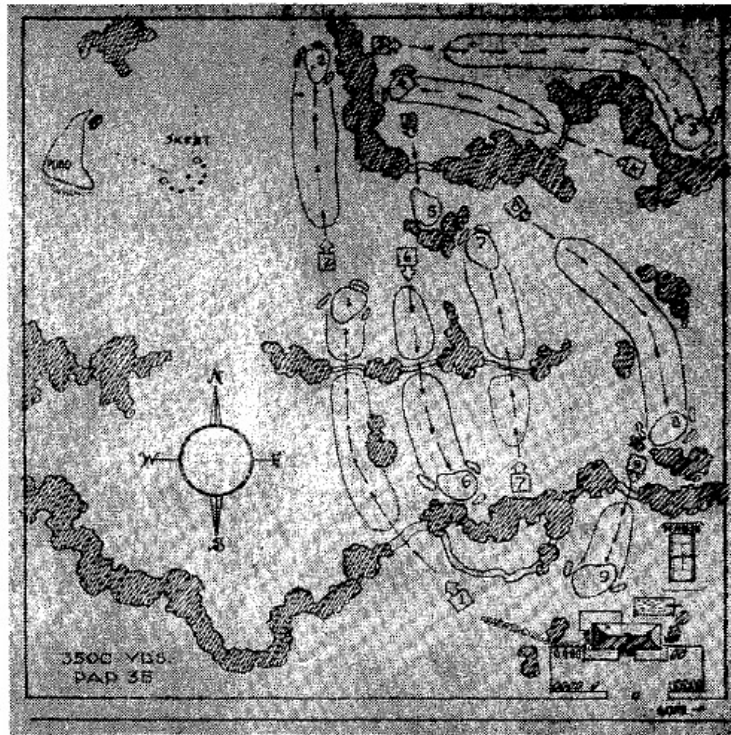
The par-36 course was laid out by Perry Maxwell, widely-known architect, who also designed Twin Hills and Oklahoma City Golf and Country club links.

Prizes Offered Golfers

For Saturday's play, surprise prizes will be offered to winners in various categories. Competitive play will be arranged at a later date—that is, when local golfers have had a chance to get back into the swing of things and offer competition to players from surrounding towns.

Directors said the deep-well water supply was holding up well and estimated that 17,000 gallons were being used each night on the course. Fairways are in excellent condition and burmuda grass is rapidly covering what was just bare ground a few weeks ago.

The course is dotted with numerous natural obstacles and foot



GOLFERS EYE OPENING. Golfers will get a chance to make their first trip around the new Lawton Golf and Country club course when the formal opening is staged Saturday afternoon. Here are the holes, distances and pars: (1.) 470 yards, par 5; (2.) 310, par 4; (3.) 535, par 5; (4.) 383, par 4; (5.) 115, par 3; (6.) 391, par 4; (7.) 415, par 4; (8.) 420, par 4; (9.) 175, par 3. Total yards is 3,214, par 36. Women's par is 41.