

Meet Decides State Entry for National; Replaces Invitation Affair; Amateur Go On as Scheduled.

Oklahoma professional golfers will tour the new Nichols Hills layout here Saturday and Sunday in quest of the state "pro" championship and the right to represent Oklahoma in the national P. G. A. tournament.

Award of the P. G. A. event to the arduous new course in Dr. G. A. Nichols's suburban addition was announced Saturday by Robert A. Conliff sr., president of the Oklahoma City Golf association.



Nichols.

The official champion of the state association will supplant the "course-warming" invitation professional tournament planned by officials of the club, giving Nichols Hills a christening few clubs are fortunate enough to obtain, but the amateur open will be held over the same links at the same time as scheduled, Conliff said.

Purse of \$500 Up

Virtually every professional in the state is expected to shoot at the increased stake of \$500 hung up by Nichols and the crown now adorning the brow of Jimmy Gullane, fighting Bartlesville "pro." Gullane won the honors last year by noosing out Dick Grout of Okmulgee over the Indian Hills course at Tulsa. A purse of \$250

had originally been offered for the "pros'" share in the course-warming party.

Over 72 holes of virgin golfing territory will the professionals wage their medal play war of drivers, niblicks and putters. Thirty-six holes will be played each day.

Amateur Play Starts Friday

Assignment of the professional tournament gives Nichols Hills an important amateur-pro program of statewide interest in the first week of its existence. More than 200 of the best amateurs in the state are expected to tee off in the 18-hole qualifying round of the amateur invitation tournament Friday.

They will be grouped in 16's for 18-hole match play rounds Saturday and Sunday.

No fee will be charged for entry in the amateur tournament. Simon-purcs wishing to enter should leave their entries with the professionals of their respective clubs, Conliff said.

State Champion Coming

Walter Critchlow of Ardmore, 1929 state champion, is among the outstanding amateurs expected to compete for a share of the most handsome trophies ever offered in an Oklahoma golf tournament. Other eminent entrants are expected to include Keefe Carter and Bob Conliff Jr. of Oklahoma City and Jim Kennedy of Tulsa, although the latter has not expressed himself definitely.

The course will be thrown open for practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be closed Thursday for a final manicuring of its greens, so that it will be in the best of condition for the tee-off Friday.

Women's Tourney Planned

It had been planned to hold a state invitation tournament for lady golfers simultaneously over the Nichols Hills nine-hole course, but because construction of the smaller layout has not been completed the women will have their chance over the 18-hole course two weeks later. As in the other two meets, the richest prizes ever offered in Oklahoma will be put up.

Par for the difficult new links is 70, but the golfer who negotiates the 6,270 yards in regulation figures will know he has been some place.

Traps, water and dry hazards threaten the golfer who goes astray, but there is much less danger for the player who tackles the many dog-legs, elbow and crescent holes with safe and orthodox golf. For a variety of links topography and obstacles the Nichols course is unparalleled in Oklahoma and its maker, Perry Maxwell, says that only two layouts, Twin Hills of Oklahoma City and Dornick Hills of Ardmore, are as tough.

Following is par.

No.	In Yards	Par No.	Out Yards	Par
10	435	4 1	395	4
11	405	4 2	380	4
12	540	5 3	450	5
13	210	3 4	305	4
14	210	4 5	350	4
15	135	3 6	175	4
16	415	4 7	305	4
17	360	4 8	270	4
18	400	4 9	420	4
In	3,225	35	Out 2,145	35
Total yardage, 6,270.				Par 70.