

# Big Greens, Deep Traps Await State Amateur Linksmen

With the opening of the thirty-eighth annual Oklahoma amateur championship golf tournament due Sunday on the Oakwood Golf and Country club course at Enid, state linksmen are beginning to take stock of their putting and blasting technique.

The course has the largest greens in the state and the traps are such mammoth stretches of sand that some of the entrants are having nightmares even before the pro-amateur event takes place Sunday.

There are less than a dozen traps on the course, but each of them has been placed by the careful hand of Perry Maxwell, who designed the course, to play havoc with misplaced shots.

The bunkers are almost as large as the huge greens in many

instances and several of them are eight or 10 feet deep. Sides next to the green are steep and only a well-played explosion shot is of any use if the ball happens to dig into the sand.

The two most notorious traps are the big ones at No. 2 and No. 10.

At two the sand stretches out in front and to the right of the green a distance of 58 feet. It is 28 feet wide and some 10 feet deep. The trap at No. 10 is not quite so large but its location to the right of the green and its sheer side and depth make it one of the toughest hazards to be found on any course.

## Greens Are Tricky

Eleven of the 18 greens on the course have two levels. The downhill and uphill combinations for putts that can come up in play may have many of the players talking to themselves.

There is not a level green on the course. It is not uncommon to have a four-foot break in a 20-foot putt. Add the extra peril of putting from the upper level on the back side of the green to a cup down on the lower front level and an idea of what the

players will be up against is readily apparent. up to 150 or 160 feet are possibilities on several of the huge carpets.

No. 5, for instance, measures almost 200 feet long and almost 100 feet wide.

## Pitch Shots Stick

The greens are in faultless condition. The bent grass is healthy and lush with no grain or dollar patch. The cushion is soft and pitch shots hold well. Putts and chip shots run well on the greens and hold to the line.

The remainder of the course is not in as excellent condition. The tees have come along rapidly in the past two weeks but still lack grass in spots.

The fairways pose the biggest problem. The club disked, seeded and sprigged all fairways this spring and scattered several hundred tons of fertilizer. But there was no rain for several weeks and most of the seed, sprigs and fertilizer was lost.

For the past three weeks frenzied efforts have been under way to bring the fairways up to condition, but there will be many bare spots when qualifying play opens Monday.