

Beautiful Shawnee

A glimpse of this testing championship course on the Delaware

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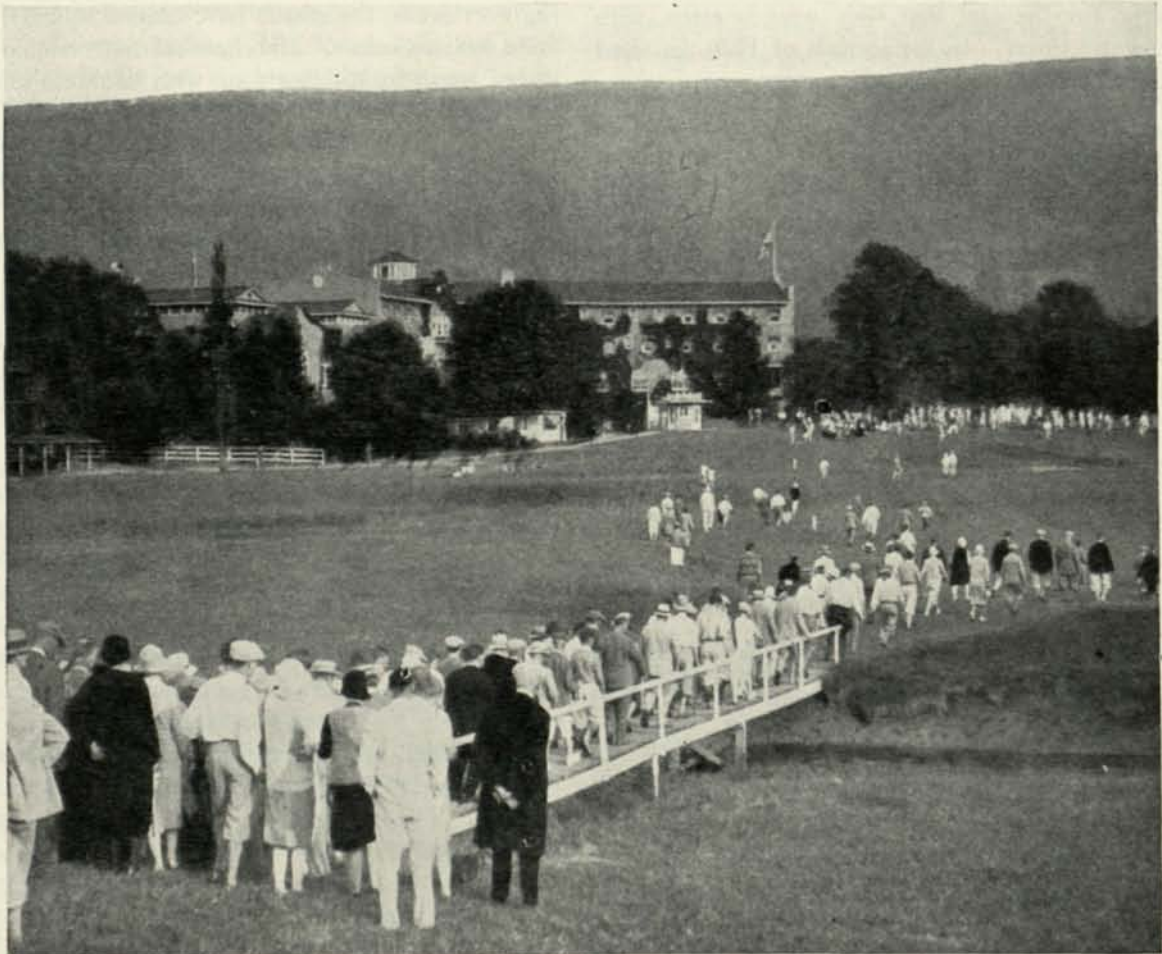
SHAWNEE is beautiful. I spent two days in this garden spot on the Delaware at the invitation of the Worthington boys who every summer stage an open golf tournament for the Shawnee Shield. As the news writers have long ago stated, Willie MacFarlane the scholarly professional from Oak Ridge won this distinguished honor.

But as usual I was more interested in the golf course than the play. Words are inadequate to describe the marvelous turf on greens and fairways. The much coveted velvet and carpet bents grow in great stretches through the green and except in top dressing and close cutting, are in very many places equal to the putting greens. I have never seen a golf course with so many fine bent grasses on the fairways. My only criticism was a considerable growth of clover in spots though the turf grasses seemed to be established in the clover places which served to keep the ball well up for hitting.

All but three holes of the present Shawnee course are on an island—an alluvial deposit of rich sandy loam. The bordering branches of the Delaware river make drainage simple so that turf conditions are ideal.

The putting greens are of seeded bent with some trace of poa annua and also an occasional showing of fine clover. They putt and hold the shots wonderfully well. I did not see a really difficult lie except once when Boomer was in a divot hole, nor a putt go astray. Which is almost one hundred percent recommendation.

Shawnee was designed and built under the personal supervision of its present owner, Mr. Charles C. Worthington. The fact that no one broke 70 in the recent open tournament speaks adequately of its championship qualities. The greens are tightly bunkered and the tee shots must be long and accurate.



Going to the 18th, Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-On-Delaware, Pa.