

Canadian News

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MORE than a score of greenkeepers and course superintendents with membership in the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association attended the association's June meeting which was held on the course of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Toronto.

Bert Hawkins, secretary of the association, is the club's course superintendent. Hawkin's course is decidedly short when compared with the courses built within

recent years; it is decidedly flat and was decidedly uninteresting until recent years, but it possesses the unique distinction of being the only course in eastern Canada with unbroken par of 70, although all important championships of Canada and Ontario have been held on it.

While the course was laid out by Herbert Strong, Mr. Hawkins is entitled to a share of the credit of producing a test which has continually baffled the outstanding golfers of the continent.

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President Sansom reported that he had visited Mr. Harold Lloyd, former superintendent at the Rosedale Golf club. Suffering ill health, Mr. Lloyd was given a year's leave of absence by his club and retired to a stock farm which he owns near Beamsville. Mr. Lloyd's health has improved considerably. A pioneer in the work of organizing the greenkeeper, Mr. Lloyd sent a friendly message to the association, stating he missed the monthly meetings and frequent conferences.

He also requested that those friends of his in the United States whom he met during the annual gatherings of the National Greenkeepers' Association and antagonized in a good-natured fashion through his advocacy of things Canadian should address him to his farm at Beamsville, Ont., and provide him with as much news as possible.

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One new member was secured for the National Greenkeepers' Association through the June meeting. The new member is John Mitchell, of the Beaverton Golf club. Beaverton is a resort patronized by a number of substantial citizens of Toronto. Mitchell has had charge of the course for a number of years and told President

Sansom and others that he was sure he could derive considerable benefit from attendance at monthly meetings.

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Secretary Hawkins reported that the association had received an invitation to attend the course built near Guelph, Ont., for the people of Guelph by Arthur Cutten, Chicago multi-millionaire, who is a Canadian by birth. The course was built three years ago and is naturally in excellent condition this season. Its course superintendent can rely at all times on advice from the Ontario Agricultural College which is located within a short distance.

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LAKEVIEW COURSE IN FINE SHAPE

There was little for greenkeepers and course superintendents to commend or to criticize about the course of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club. Like all courses of the Province it is in excellent condition; in fact without a blemish. The only criticism from the point of view of the discriminating golfer has been that it was flat and uninteresting.

Steps were taken by Mr. Hawkins to overcome this by the planting of trees during the last four years. Gradually he has been able to present the attractive features of the course. The members of the association who had not visited the course since 1930 understood more fully what might be done by the planting of trees and other landscape work.

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Reports presented to the meeting by the visiting greenkeepers who also spoke for absentees in their respective localities were excellent. They stated that play at their clubs was exceptionally heavy.

Golf News

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Six Lakes Golf and Country Club has been granted a charter by Secretary of State to own and operate a golf, athletic and outdoor club near Britton. Directors include Harry Goodman, A. B. Lollar and J. J. Vivian, all of Oklahoma City.

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Williston, N. Dak.

Directors of the Williston Country Club at their annual meeting just held decided to complete an 18-hole course during the coming summer. Fairways are to be sowed and other improvements made. J. J. Murphy was re-elected as president of the Club.

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New Orleans, La.

The Westside Country Club, Mr. Geo. A. Hero, Jr., President, have let various contracts for improvements, etc., including colonial club house below Algiers.

What's Doing in Golf Circles

Trinidad, Colo.

Plans for building additional nine holes, to make an 18-hole course, has been given a majority vote, and work will start shortly. Mr. Sam Farber was elected Chairman.

Fort Madison, Iowa

R. C. Gallant, of Sioux City, Iowa, is promoting the installation of public golf course, provided suitable land can be secured. He expects no difficulty and plans to have course in operation during current season.

Sugarcreek, Ohio

The Sugarcreek Golf Club opened May 1 under the able handling of F. W. Weaver and M. G. Maurer. Extensive improvements have been made on the course this year, including new greens, etc.

Farmington, Mo.

John Ball, of Flat River, who has purchased eighty acres between Flat River and Farmer, is building a golf course, which is scheduled to open this month. This new project has been named the Oak Hills Golf Club.

Trinidad, Colo.

The Pineview Club, of this city, will build an 18-hole golf course within the next few weeks; this will be an addition of nine-holes to the present course, which suffered considerably from overcrowding.

Princeton, Ills.

It is reasonably sure that Princeton will have a Municipal golf course. Organization of membership is well under way; plans and preliminary work having already started, to be located on the Knox Farm.

Perham, Minn.

Local golfers have formed an organization known as the Lakeside Golf Club, having elected A. G. Schwarzrock as President, Vince Drahnmann as Vice President and Walter Doll as Secretary, as well as other officials.

Halstead, Kans.

The Golf Club here has laid out a course for construction of 9-hole links. About forty members have so far been secured and it is expected a satisfactory number will be secured at an early date.

Little Rock, Ark.

The new Golf Links here, in Riverside Park, are progressing very rapidly so that it is assured the course will be ready for play the first of July—being an 18-hole course.

Sanford, N. C.

It is confidently anticipated that in the near future a new golf course will be constructed near Sanford. Plans for actual work on the course are already in the course of making.

Tama, Iowa.

Karl Kraft, of Tama, has been elected President of the Tama-Toledo Golf club; together with election of full quota of other officers and committee heads. Considerable improvements are planned.

Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis will have another 9-hole golf course within next six weeks, W. L. Terry, Attorney and land owner announced few days ago; the new course to be in the exclusive north of Jackson subdivision.

Alton, Iowa

The annual meeting of the Sioux Golf Club was held few days ago, at which time plans were made for enlarging the course considerably; Mr. S. G. Hoxmeier was re-elected President.

Swea City, Iowa

The North Kossuth Golf Club course is now being enlarged, several additional acres having been purchased; which with a reduction in membership fees, it is expected will effect a big season here.

Minneapolis, Kans.

Mr. L. L. Stull, of this city, has been engaged to lay out and build the new golf course (8-hole) at McPherson, Kans. The course has not yet been named nor the organization completed.

Bowman, N. Dak.

The Bowman Golf Club, at a meeting held few days ago, re-organized, at which time plans were made for new location for their links; Leo. Bartelme was elected President.

Rockville, Conn.

The former Gogswell Farm, at Ellington, is being laid out as a golf course, to be known as the Gogswell Brook Golf Course; it will have nine holes, and when completed will be operated by Louis Pearl of Ellington and Sam Kostolefsky, of Rockville.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Southwest Park Golf Course, represented by Mr. J. R. Rowlett, announced contract has been let for construction and operation of a nine-hole golf course at the old city airport. After full reimbursement the course will pass under the operation of the city.

Buxton, N. D.

The Buxton Golf Club has started operation on the work of improvement to make it better than ever; extensive work being done on all greens to make them larger. The course was laid out last year and is now being remodeled.

Detroit, Mich.

With groups of former Thorncliffe and Redford members, forming a nucleus, a new club known as the Hawthorians, is being organized at the Hawthorne Valley Club. The club will use both the old Warren Avenue courses. Mr. R. H. Montgomery is manager.

Little Rock, Ark.

Construction of a new 18-hole golf course, for public use, was started in Little Rock last week; to be located on W. D. Cammack property on Cantrell Road—to be called Riverside Golf Course. Work will proceed directly under instructions of Mr. Cammack.

Park Ridge, Ill.

Mr. Claud S. Gordon, 600 S. Chester St., Park Ridge, has just been elected President of the new Northbrook Golf Club, which has taken over the property of the University Golf Club, of Chicago. This course, which has heretofore been a private course, will be thrown open to the public.

Logan, Utah

Efforts of the Logan Golf and Country club members this year will be concentrated on finishing up three holes of the course, thus providing the first actual possibilities to play golf ever presented in Logan, according to announcement of President H. J. Hatch.

Virginia, Minn.

Organization of a new golf club to further interest in the sport, promote golf etiquette, encourage improvement of courses and sponsor tournaments, took place here at a meeting of enthusiasts last Wednesday. Mr. Walter Martin being elected temporary chairman.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Tommy Armour, star golfer of the Detroit District, is reported to have become owner of a golf course, as petition has been granted by the court for sale of real estate for that purpose, of the Lake Shore Country Club, a lease and contract having been granted to Armour and Henry H. Roberts.

Little Rock, Ark.

Much progress is reported on the construction of new links at the Riverside Golf Course, three miles northwest of Little Rock, on the River Road, the clearing work having been completed and work on the green well advanced; plans for temporary club house have been completed; and it is expected it will be ready for play before the end of May.

Hillsdale, Iowa.

Work has just been started on the Hillsdale Golf Course, which is located on the F. M. Whiteside farm west of Hillsdale. Only a three-hole course will be constructed at this time, but increased when sufficient acreage, under consideration is secured. This latter may not be completed before 1932. Club with 30 members has already been formed.

Ashley, N. D.

Golf fans of Ashley and neighboring towns can now point with pleasure to the progress in securing a golf course. It has been definitely decided to go ahead with the work and a drive will be made for additional members. Mr. Paul Wishek was elected President.

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The City Council Committee and Park Commissioners after examination have reported favorably on cost of land available for addition to Franke Park for the construction of a golf course for convenience of residents of north side of town; this being addition to purchase by the Board a short time ago.

Durand, Wisc.

Work is progressing rapidly on the golf course, which is being laid out on the Hooser property, just west of the Fair Grounds. This will be a cleverly arranged and sporty course when completed, according to Mr. Jos. Brenner, who is promoting same.

Casper, Wyo.

Improvements being effected at the Casper Community Golf Club, are putting it on a par with any municipal links in the Rocky Mountain District.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jacob Riis Golf Course is assured, according to Commissioner Benninger; inasmuch as civic leaders have disapproved of any plan for development of the park unless provision is made for construction of a golf course.

Aneta, N. Dak.

Work has been started on Aneta's new nine-hole golf course, on the old Fair Grounds northwest of the city; two holes having been completed and rest to follow more rapidly.

Omaha, Nebr.

The new sixth green that is being built at the Field Club links will be opened for play early in the spring. Greenkeeper, Tom Donovan promises it will be one of the sportiest layouts on the course.

Toledo, Ohio

The municipal golf course at Collins Peak will be put in condition for play if public improvements committee of the City Council is backed by the City Council as a whole and gets cooperation of the country. A complete golf course has been laid out in Collins Park, utilizing poor relief work.

Elkton, Md.

Wm. N. "Bill" Beveridge, former pro at the North East River Country Club, and recently appointed pro at the Forest Greens Course, in Hartford County, has received a government appointment to complete the construction of the 9-hole golf course at the Perry Point reservation.