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NEW CLASSIC SHORT COURSE FOR CHICAGO AREA GOLFERS

CHICAGO — Old Edgewater Golf Club, golfing home of the late and revered Chick Evans, succumbed to financial stress and disbanded in 1965. But today a new short golf course has been shaped into a portion of the same property to restore the game to this hallowed ground.

The Robert A. Black Golf Course, named for a late engineer who worked for the Chicago Park District for 51 years, was opened formally April 14. It is the focal point of Laurence C. Warren Park in Northwest Chicago, a 94-acre area which came into city possession through a combination of real estate zoning problems, bribery scandals, citizen protest and finally state and park district purchases.

Created by the firm of **Killian and Nugent**, golf course architects from suburban Long Grove, the course is a classic executive-length at 2,600 yards, par-33, covering 59 acres with its nine holes. Otherwise, it is simply a classic golf course.

The architects blended a combination of genius, imagination and sand — heavy on the sand — to provide Chicago public golfers with an exceptional challenge and experience. Among the features:

* A 100-yard-long first tee for a wide assortment of tee placements on a maximum 500-yard hole.

* A "dry lake", bordered by railroad tie bulkheads and filled with attractive red pebbles, running the entire length of the 168-yard second hole. Danger to children in the neighborhood precluded the use of water.

* An immense sand trap on the 192-yard fourth hole divided by a railroad tie "fence" of staggered heights running across the middle.

* A triple-tiered, 8,200-square foot eighth green to add character to a 138-yard hole.

Virtually all the contouring on the course was manmade, but the designers solved the challenge of flat ground surrounded by dense residential development with every weapon in the architectural arsenal. They fit their course neatly inside a park which also includes two sets of tennis courts, two athletic fields, a sled hill, play area and senior citizen recreational area, along with perimeter paths for jogging, bicycling and cross-country skiing.

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