

## Combine Two Courses for National Amateur

Two existing golf courses have been combined on paper to create a new tournament playing area within the confines of The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., especially for the USGA's National Amateur championship, Sept. 9-14.

Design of the new course is aimed at providing an adequate test for the nation's top golfers by boosting par to 72 and adding 300 yards. Additional parking space and a practice area near the clubhouse also are being created.

This year the club observes its 75th anniversary.

The new course combines the best features of both the club's time-tried championship course and the nine-hole Primrose course. It will have a total yardage of close to 6700; about 3100 yards out for 35 strokes, and about 3600 in for 37.

All measurements are approximate pending official inspection by the USGA.

New tees have been added and holes have been stretched for a total of 300 yards. New traps are at a minimum. A completely new hole will be the tournament's 11th. It will combine the Primrose No. 1 tee and fairway and Primrose No. 2 green.

Shortest hole will be the par 3 ninth, now the 12th. Longest hole will still be the 14th. It will be lengthened 10 yards to about 520 for a par 5. Ten yards will be added to the 16th for a par 3, 180 yards. The eighth, now played as the seventh, will have a new trap.

Plans for the new layout were worked out by Charles L. Peirson, vice-chmn. and head of the golf committee along with Charles Devens, tournament general chmn.

## KC's Swope Park Marks 50th Anniversary

A gala open house and amateur tourney will highlight festivities at Kansas City's Swope Park May 12 as the 36-hole Muncy course celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Ed Brugger, manager for the past 22 years, announced that over 400 special invitations had been extended to former supts. and pros who first took up their golfing cudgels at Swope.

A pro-am will wind up the ceremony on May 13. Al Norton, the host pro, is drawing appreciative comment for helping initiate a junior program that will bring golf into KC High Schools.

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