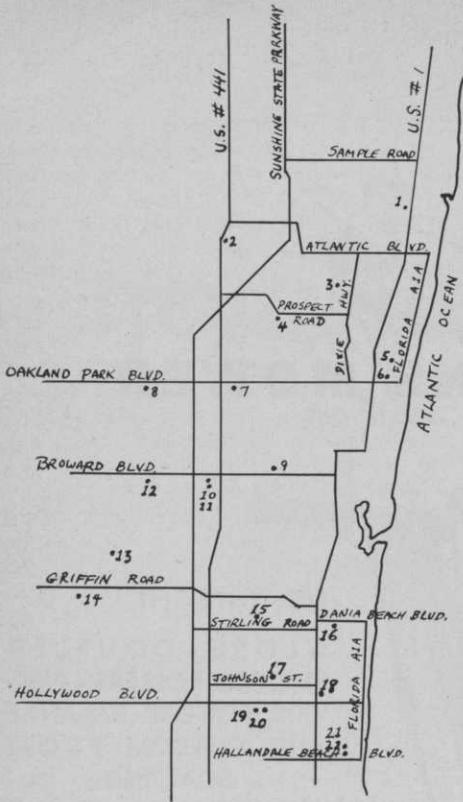


Golfingest County in the Country!

You can hop from one course in Broward County (Fla.) to any of 21 others in 40 minutes or less. . . There are so many golf layouts here you wonder where 330,000 residents can find room to live

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COURSE KEY

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| 1-Pompano Beach CC | 12-Plantation GC |
| 2-Margate GC | 13-Rolling Hills CC |
| 3-Palm Aire CC | 14-Cooper Colony CC |
| 4-Tamarac G&CC | 15-Stirling GC |
| 5-Coral Ridge CC | 16-Dania CC |
| 6-American Golfers | 17-Sunset GC |
| 7-Lauderdale Lakes CC | 18-Hollywood Beach Hotel CC |
| 8-Sunrise CC | 19-20-Orange Brook GC |
| 9-Par 3 GC | 21-22-Diplomat CC |
| 10-11-Ft. Lauderdale CC | |

BROWARD COUNTY is Florida's golf mecca!

Visitors to Florida become more and more amazed each year at the state's rapid golf growth. When they're asked to choose an area with the best facilities, the smartest surroundings and the most ideal playing locations, the vote likely as not goes to Broward County.

Ten years ago tourists found just six courses to satisfy their needs — the Stirling GC in Dania, the current Ft. Lauderdale CC South course, the first 18 holes of a present 36-hole layout at Hollywood's Orange Brook CC, Sunset GC, in Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale's Plantation GC and the Hollywood Beach Hotel's picturesque 18-hole course.

This month there will be 22 links ready for an every growing tourist population and a rapidly expanding residential figure.

There are 13 standard layouts with pars of 70, 71 or 72, five 9-hole courses and four other 18-hole locations whose pars range from 54 to 60. A total of 351 golf holes are to be found in Broward County. The population is around 330,000 and an influx of winter pleasure-seekers raises the total to well above a million persons annually.

Mushrooming from Ft. Lauderdale in the early 1950s, the construction calendar
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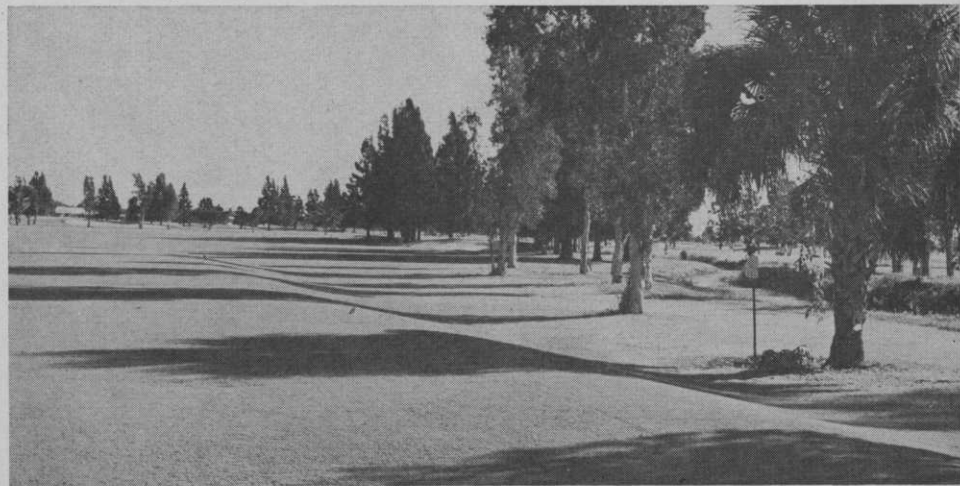


Many players say 16th hole at Coral Ridge CC in Ft. Lauderdale is one of the prettiest they've seen. But that's only after they've escaped safely across the water in front of it.



(Above) Players who stray off this fairway at Plantation GC in Ft. Lauderdale find themselves in the bullrushes. (Left) 12th green at Coral Ridge has a bi-level contour.

Pine trees guard right side of 6th fairway at Plantation GC. Healthy slice means trouble here.



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took care of Pompano Beach CC, another nine holes at Orange Brook, the Par 3 course and a second 18 at Ft. Lauderdale CC.

The last half of the decade produced the Margate GC, Coral Ridge and the American Golfers Club, Lauderdale Lakes, Sunrise and Cooper Colony CC, Dania CC and the 18-hole Diplomat Country Club in Hollywood.

The year 1960 brought 18-holes at Rolling Hills CC, Tamarac G & CC, and Palm Aire CC, the fourth nine at Orange Brook and a new Par 3 installation at the Diplomat.

More to Come?

There's no indication that 22 courses mark the end of the building line . . . not when talk continues about sites in Deerfield Beach, Margate, West Hollywood, Davie and Hollywood.

Convenience is the keynote when one discusses Broward's offerings. From Pompano Beach CC a person can drive to the southernmost club, Hollywood's Diplomat, in 40 minutes. Others are even more easily accessible — both in time and distance.

Golfers from miles around have come to Hollywood to enjoy 27 holes in past years and another nine holes should serve only to heighten the enthusiasm. Designed by Miami architect, Mark Mahannah, the addition has been incorporated perfectly into the tropical locale that characterizes Orange Brook as probably being a notch ahead of its rivals.

Wilson and Kroll Team Up

Tamarac brings together the talent of veteran architect, Dick Wilson, of Delray Beach and the professional ability of Ted Kroll, the current Florida PGA champion and the former all-time money winner on the PGA circuit. Wilson and Kroll were a "daily double" team at Sarasota three years ago when the DeSoto Lakes CC was opened. Ted has lived in Ft. Lauderdale for five years as have fellow pros Julius Boros and Lew Worsham, the wintertime director of activities at Coral Ridge.

Rolling Hills and Palm Aire are the products of Designer William F. Mitchell who recently purchased a home in Light-house Point, near Pompano Beach. In Rolling Hills, construction experts found one of the most scenic plots of ground in all Florida — studded with oaks, brimming over with water and boasting some of the hilliest terrain the state has to offer.

A onetime thoroughbred breeding farm, Rolling Hills is located in Davie, just a short drive from downtown Ft. Lauderdale and a short hop on the Sunshine State Parkway from Miami.

One of the Sportiest

Palm Aire could become the sportiest course in the county if Mitchell's preliminary work is continued. More than 500 various types of trees were moved into the course with additions anticipated throughout 1961. Waterways wind between fairways and around greens in a way that's bound to make even seasoned golfers cautious.

The Palm Aire layout is located just a tee shot away from Pompano Park, a harness race track owners hope will be rebuilt for legalized pari mutuel activity by 1963 if next year's state legislature approves current plans.

Broward County annually plays host to some of the biggest amateur tournaments in America. The Helen Lee Doherty Challenge Cup championship is contested at Coral Ridge in January while Orange Brook entertains contestants from the Women's and Men's International Four-Ball Championships each January and March, respectively. The Hollywood Beach Hotel also conducts an affair for country club champions from the northern states every winter.

There's Rivalry Here

County golf backers take particular delight in lording it over adjacent Dade County, in which Miami and Miami Beach are located. Broward's many links and overall availability, as opposed to Dade's large number of private clubs and less than half the public or resort courses Broward presents, makes an interesting conversation topic for gatherings of sportsmen.

What lies ahead in Broward County's golf plans?

A gradual slackening of construction — probably ending with nearly 30 country clubs by 1970 — is what the experts predict. This will be in line with the expected population surge to 700,000 in the next 10 years.

Southern Cal GCSA Officers

Southern Calif. GCSA has elected Zeke Avila, Hacienda CC, La Harbra, pres. for 1961. Other officers are: Harold Stelling, vp; Frederick Bove, secy.; Joe B. Williams, treas. Directors are Jack Baker, John Garcia, Jr., George Lanphear, Joe Martinez and Charles Friday.