Denver Air Will Aid Open Golfers

By JOHN DIETRICH

This year's national open golf championship, at the Cherry Hills Club of Denver, June 16-18, may be unique in one respect. It's a course that lengthens the shots of all entries.

As most everyone knows, a golf ball travels farther at high altitudes and in a rarefied atmosphere. This could be important in the scoring at Cherry Hills, for Denver is 5,280 feet above sea level and has a low summer time humidity.

Three of Denver's leading professionals, Rip Arnold, Gene Root, and Noble Chalfant, figure that a 200-yard drive at sea level would measure around 215 yards in the Rocky mountain region. That is probably a conservative estimate.

This may not seem like much, but the national open entries are not 200-yard hitters. They go considerably above that, and for these experts the added distance would be increased.

Ralph Guldahl, who won the 1938 national open at Cherry Hills, recalled recently that Denver's high, light air was very evident that season. The following week, the touring pros played at St. Louis, in Mississippi river humidity, and "couldn't hit the ball anywhere."

Yardage Is 7,004

Cherry Hills will have an official yardage of 7,004 for the championship, par 35-36—71, the fifth longest in the history of the tournament, and only an inconsequential 33 yards shorter than the biggest layout ever used, Oakland Hills at Birmingham, Mich., in 1937, which was 7,037.

Presumably the big distances will not be the problem at Cherry Hills. Rather, the puzzle for the pros will be adjusting their shots to the greens. Where a six-iron may look the perfect estimate, they may be overplaying and forced to switch to a No. 7 or No. 8 iron.

Guldahl, now 48 and retired from the tournament whirl, won the open two years running on long golf courses, Oakland Hills and Cherry Hills, in '37 and '38. He is on a golf manufacturer's advisory staff, but is occupied mainly with estate and business planning for an insurance company. Guldahl lives at Sherman Oaks, Cal., and has a son who is a professional, Ralph Jr., 25, who will try to qualify for Cherry Hills.

Guldahl set a national open record of 281 in 1937 at Detroit, which stood until Ben Hogan eclipsed it with 276 at Los Angeles in 1948.

At Cherry Hills the next season, Guldahl trailed in every round until the finish. At 54 holes, he was four shots behind, but then won by six strokes. His final round was 34-35—69, for a 284 total.

Guldahl believed that sacrificing distance for accuracy produced this great finish. Only twice did he use a driver, but played his tee shots with brassie, spoon, and two-irons.

Trees Have Grown

In yardage, Cherry Hills is little changed since that prewar championship, but it is very different in some respects. Trees that were small on the fairly new course in 1938 are now full sized, the grass is heavier, and Guldahl's strategy might not work this time. Shots once played over the trees now must be steered around them.

The sixteenth hole is much the same as ever, with a brook in front of the green. It was here in 1938 that one of the entries, Ray Ainsley, made history by taking 19 shots to recover from the water and finish the hole—but he made it.

The first phase of the open championship is on tomorrow and Tuesday—the 56 "local" qualifiers held throughout the nation. There are three of them in Ohio, at Canton Brookside, Columbus, and Cincinnati.

At Canton, a field of 81 northern Ohio entries compete for 14 places, with the winners to go into sectional qualifiers on Monday and Tuesday, June 6-7. There are only two exemptions from the eliminations at Brookside, but they must enter the sectional rounds—Henry Picard of Canterbury and Denny Shute of Akron Portage, as former national P. G. A. champions.

Few low scores are expected at Brookside, for the Canton course is a strong test. Many former open qualifiers are in the field, which includes 52 pros and 29 amateurs. The first 18 of the 36 holes starts at 8 a.m.

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Club Golf Results

MAYFIELD

MEDAL HANDICAP, teams of two (eliminate two worst holes)—C. S. Arms, 83-14—69-12—57, and R. S. Carey, 77-11—66-10—56, total 113; G. R. Herzog, 93-16—77-22—55, and M. W. Ulrich, 88-12—76-13—63, total 118; L. T. Strimple, 95-14—81-25—56, and Logan Monroe, 101-17—84-20—64, total 120; J. W. Cullen, 80-12—68-7—61, and J. R. Blakesles Jr., 85-14—71-11—60, total 121. SCORES—George Enos, 78.

COUNTRY CLUB

BLIND BOGEY—D. K. Chase, N. J. Carothers, C. A. Thompson, C. S. Carr, L. J. Armstrong, E. R. Rose Jr., tied, 81; W. E. Lassiter, T. G. Sheriffs, H. L. Slaughter, H. G. Kraus, C. Ganzel, 78.

AURORA

SCORES—Allen Truce, 38-37—75; John R. Skinner, 41-37—78; Bill Carlson, 39-39—78; Jack Colebrook, 39-40—79; Roger Rand, 40-39—79; Bob Wentz, 40-39—79; Hal Schiele, 40-40—80; DuMond, 41-40—81; Roy Flinta, 42-39—81; Dick DiCorpo, 40-41—81; Leo Crandall, 41-41—82; Howard Hites, 41-41—82.

ACACIA

NINE SELECTED HOLES — Class AA: A. H. Schweitzer, 34; Wally Stahl, 34½; George Heman, 37; Class A: E. B. Winning, 35; H. Y. Evar, 36; A. A. Bonnema, 36½; Class B: L. N. Lukelow, 37½; W. M. Remy, 38; E. R. Pfahl, 28½; Class C: F. H. Wood, 38; W. F. Creson, 41; R. J. Schultz, 43.

ELYRIA

BLIND PAR (77)—A. G. Heinrichs, 77; Chuck Schmitt, 75; Dr. J. S. Hawthorne, 75; Ike Trubey, Dr. N. E. Basinger, Paul Minnich, 78. SCORES—Ford Cowell, 76; Paul Minnich, 78; Bob Johnson, 78; Chuck Schmitt, 81; D. B. Beath, 81; John Whitaker, 82; Tom Carey, 83; Mike Barth, 84; Walter Locke, 84; Dr. J. S. Hawthorne, 85.

SHAKER HEIGHTS

MEDAL HANDICAP—J. B. Wade, 81-11—70; E. L. Weibrecat, 85-13—72; P. D. Astry, 90-18—72; J. J. Heinen, 78-6—72. JUNE FLIGHT, qualifiers—J. B. Wade, net 70; Tom Schassberger, James Alcorn, F. T. Sweet, P. D. Astry, Howard Vanden Eynden, A. N. Corlett, Dr. T. E. Netherton, E. L. Weibrecht, R. K. Weinfurtner, J. A. Penote, R. K. Healey, J. J. Heinen, B. W. Newell Jr., Dr. W. E. Forsythe, Ned Perme.

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Miss Romack 1st Entry in Youngstown

Barbara Romack last night became the first entrant announced for the $16,000 Youngstown Kitchens Invitational Golf tournament July 6 through July 10 at Trumbull Country Club in Warren, O.

BARBARA ROMACK

According to Ken Jones, tournament chairman, the long hitting Miss Romack will compete against a field of 30 professional golfers and an equal number of amateurs.

This first major event to be held at the Trumbull course is being co-sponsored by the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

The 28-year-old Barbara compiled a brilliant record as amateur. She won the 1954 women's amateur, the North-South title in 1952, the Canadian amateur title in 1953 and the Florida and California state crowns in 1958.

Nicklaus Is Defeated as Purdue Wins

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Spearheaded by John Konsek's dramatic come-from-behind triumph over national amateur champion Jack Nicklaus, the Purdue Boilermakers yesterday won their third straight Big Ten golf title.

Konsek blazed through the soggy, windswept Forest Akers course for a final round 69, streaking past the burly Ohio State star for a two-stroke victory.

His 69, following par-equaling 71 in the morning, gave Konsek an unprecedented third straight Western Conference championship.

His winning total for the 72-hole tournament was 282, 2 under par. Nicklaus, who led by four strokes after 36 holes, slipped to a pair of 73s after blistering the hilly layout with back-to-back 69s on opening day. He finished with 284.

The team scores:
Purdue 1,520; Michigan State 1,531; Ohio State 1,546; Minnesota 1,549; Indiana 1,552; Wisconsin 1,570; Iowa 1,573; Michigan 1,596; Northwestern 1,609; Illinois 1,632.

LOW INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

John Konsek, Purdue 68-74-71-69—282.
Jack Nicklaus, Ohio State, 69-69-73-73—284.
C. A. Smith, Michigan State, 76-69-75-76—296.
Mike Podolski, Ohio State 75-74-75-73—297.
Joe Brisson, Michigan, 71-73-76-78—298.
Ron Royer, Indiana 75-75-69-80—299.

Kuznik Gets Trenham as Aurora Aide

The Cleveland district added to its golf professional circles yesterday when Pete Trenham of Florida became an assistant to Stan Kuznik at Aurora Country Club.

Trenham, 23, created a sensation here in 1957 when he won the championship of the Cleveland District Golf Association, defeating Ed Preisler of Beechmont in the final at Canterbury. He entered from the Aurora Club, being a guest of Kuznik for that summer.

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One of the balls banned by the United States Golf Association for use in National Open qualifiers tomorrow has been reinstated.

The ball is the Wilson Staff, one of four the U.S.G.A. had announced had not measured up to specifications in feight and size.

Ted Deal, local manager for the Wilson Sporting Goods Co., announced yesterday that the Staff ball had been reconsidered, apparently re-tested, and had been accepted. Entries in the 56 qualifiers over the nation may use it tomorrow and Tuesday.

Hot Springs Open

Lionel Hebert	69-69—138
Bill Collins	68-70—138
Dick Knight	70-69—139
Tommy Jacobs	72-67—139
Don January	68-71—139
Doug Ford	70-69—139
Jim Ferree	72-68—140
Art Wall Jr.	72-68—140
Al Balding	70-70—140
Dave Hill	70-70—140
Al Geiberger	67-73—140
Jack Fleck	69-71—140
Buster Cupit	69-72—141
Jerry Pittman	71-70—141
Tommy Bolt	69-72—141
Bob Nichols	67-75—142
Paul Harney	71-71—142
Gene Littler	67-75—142
Pete Cooper	72-70—142
Fred Haas	71-71—142
Stan Leonard	68-74—142
Billy Maxwell	71-72—143
Fred Hawkins	70-73—143
Bert Weaver	72-71—143
Cary Middlecoff	71-72—143
Don Bisplinghoff	69-74—143
George Baver	79-74—143

Club Golf Results

MANAKIKI

TO MAN LOW NET, medal handicap—Dr. William Lausche—Charles Lausche, 146 net; Jim Macholl—Bob Macholl, 146 net; L. J. Cazalet—A. F. Nolan, 147 net. MIXED SCOTCH FOURSOMES (9 holes)—gross: Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Black, 40; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Toth, 41; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Borchard, 43; net: George Arend—Mrs. A. W. Burton, 45-15—30; Dr. Sam Vinci—Mrs. Robert Holtz, 44-10—34; Dr. Austin Phillips—Mrs. Robert Hawkins, 47-12—35.

OAKWOOD

BEST POKER HANDS (last five holes)—Class A: Jeff Walliger, four fours, three high; Class B: B. C. Krohngold, four fives, three high; Class C: Jerry Frankel, three eights, two sixes.

RIVERSIDE

MAY FLIGHT, Second Round—Class A: Walt Westerman defeated Fabre, 3 and 2; Nick Kleinholz defeated Ron Mencini, 1 up; George Ritchie defeated Omar Jonas, 2 and 1; Bill Maxwell defeated Ozzie Franz, 20 holes; Fred Garrison defeated Ray Geisler, 1 up; Bill Durcia defeated Lloyd Lustig, 3 and 2; Hal right defeated Dan Haller, 1 up; Rich McDonald defeated Manuel Mango, 1 up (19 holes); Class B: Al Palack defeated Nick Jannetto, 1 up; John Eagan defeated Earl Hartzel, 3 and 2; Ed Dunn defeated Fred Hague, 5 and 4; Oscar Johnson defeated Neil Wheeler, 1 up; Dr. Charles Murphy defeated Sam Engle, 1 up; John Wiitanen defeated Bill Pilot, 3 and 2.

Rockledge New Golf Layout Here

A new nine-hole golf course for the use of Cleveland district players is now in operation on Royalton Road (Route 82) at Prospect, in Strongsville.

The layout, par 33, with five par four holes and four par threes, is the Rockledge Golf Club, and is owned by Frank W. Shackleton of the public relations firm of Moore and Meldrum.

Five years ago Shackleton bought the 35-acre property and a 125-year-old farmhouse where he now resides, at 21281 Royalton Road. Doing much of the work himself, with tractors, mowers, and other equipment, he constructed the course over a period of four seasons.

Longest is 350

The longest hole is 350 yards and the shortest a tiny 85-yarder over a creek that Shackleton says isn't as easy as it sounds. Four of the holes are on flat terrain, and the other five more rolling.

Shackleton doesn't claim to be a golfer, but was associated in the promotion of the Carling Open tournaments here. He is 42, and a graduate of West High and Ohio University.

Associated with Shackleton in the construction is his brother-in-law, Norman Willbond, and his two sons, Roger and Gordon Willbond, and Ollie Scholz of North Royalton.

Shackleton has set green fees of 85 cents for nine and $1.50 for 18 on week-days, and $1 and $1.75 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Reservations for groups will be accepted.

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Frank W. Ermer, associated with the Ridgewood Country Club since its inception 36 years ago, has retired as club manager and has been succeeded by James Hoag, also a Ridgewood veteran who has been Ermer's assistant.

Ermer decided that he had been active long enough and is going to take life easy. During his career, he was one of the best known turf experts in the nation, and at one time president of the National Golf Course Superintendent's Association.

Ermer and the late G. T. (Dick) Whitmore, who died in 1958, developed Ridgewood into one of the most popular golf spots in northern Ohio. When Ridgewood was threatened with reduction to nine holes because of residential building, Whitmore and Ermer re-designed the layout to keep it at 18 holes.

Was Caddie Master

Hoag, with Ridgewood many years, started as caddie master. Ermer's son is the Ridgewood course superintendent. The course opened in 1925, and the senior Ermer helped build it.

Harry Rees, the veteran Ridgewood professional, has been with the club for three decades.

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The Cleveland District Golf Association's opening tournament, the 36-hole two-man best ball championship, is sold out and no more entries will be taken. A field of 250 will start in the first round at Beechmont, Thursday, June 2, with the second 18 at Kirtland, Thursday, June 9.

Harry Pollock, the C.D.G.A. secretary, also reports that more than 150 entries have been received for both mixed medal championship, July 7 at Country Club and Westwood, and the mixed Scotch foursomes Aug. 25 at Chagrin Valley and Sleepy Hollow.

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More than 100 members of the Sales Executive Club will tee off at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in their annual Spring tournament at Chagrin Valley. Brew Williams is chairman of the event.

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John Allen, player at Elyria, holed a six iron shot on the fly for an eagle three on the 508-yard second hole, a 508-yarder and a rugged par five.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY

BLIND BOGEY—Class AA (80): Jerry Goldberg, Morrie Goldsmith, Milton Shapero; Class A (74), Jack Wyse, Sol Bortstein, Wilbur Ballis; Class B, (78): Irv Spott, Ralph Garson, Ralph Cortell; Class C (78): Sol Stark, Leonard Davis, Joe Kreinberg; Class D: Jack Goldberg, Mike Jacobs, Lou Jacobson.

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