

Extension To Rossmere Golf Course Started

The dreams of a few people who eight years ago thought that the growth of East Kildonan warranted the development of a golf course in the municipality are close to realization. The Rossmere Golf Club, which has been operating a nine-hole course since its inception in 1950, has started construction on a complete 18-hole layout.

For the past month work has been underway clearing brush and scrub to make way for new fairways that will in another two years' time change an ordinary nine holes into a lush and beautiful golfer's paradise.

Nine new holes are being added and will extend almost to the CPR Line. It has been estimated that when the work is completed, the course, including the beautiful clubhouse, will be valued at close to a quarter of a million dollars.

Last summer the executive of the Rossmere Golf and Country Club engaged the services of Norman H. Woods, of Vancouver, to lay out the 18-hole course. One of the finest golf architects in Canada, Mr. Woods is completing work on Manitoba's newest course at Falcon Lake.

Last fall, members of the Rossmere executive who saw Mr. Woods' work on the Falcon Lake course, were highly impressed and decided Mr. Woods could make Rossmere one of the most beautiful and trickiest courses in Manitoba.

Work at Rossmere commenced early in February with the clearing of brush and laying out centre lines for the new fairways. Now workmen are busy plowing, discing and harrowing, in preparation for seeding in the next few weeks.

A total of 15 tons of grass seed will be used on the fairways, 800 pounds of special seed on the greens, 2,000 to 2,500 yards of sand hauled in for the bunkers, and 30 tons of fertilizer spread. The water supply will be obtained from a deep well that will probably be sunk about 350 to 400 feet.

The course layout proposed by Golf Architect Woods is an 18-hole championship calibre par 72 course of 6,685 yards which utilizes fully the rolling topography of the land and the creek which runs through it.

The full 18 holes will not be completed until some time in 1960. Next year, however, members will still have nine holes to play, some of which will be different from the ones being used this year.

A large number of members were out last week-end to officially open the 1958 season and are now looking forward to the not-too-distant future when they will be playing on one of the finest courses in Greater Winnipeg.

Keen interest is being displayed by people who have seen the work underway and the club reports brisk activity in membership applications.

Persons interested in golfing at Rossmere are invited to look over the facilities being made available and to contact the club's professional, Jerry Morrissey, a local lad who has taken over as pro this year and has already opened the pro shop in anticipation of a busy season.

Bob Stalker, the club treasurer, reports that members are rushing in membership dues now, and the social committee has lined up numerous club functions and club tournaments to ensure every member an interesting summer.

