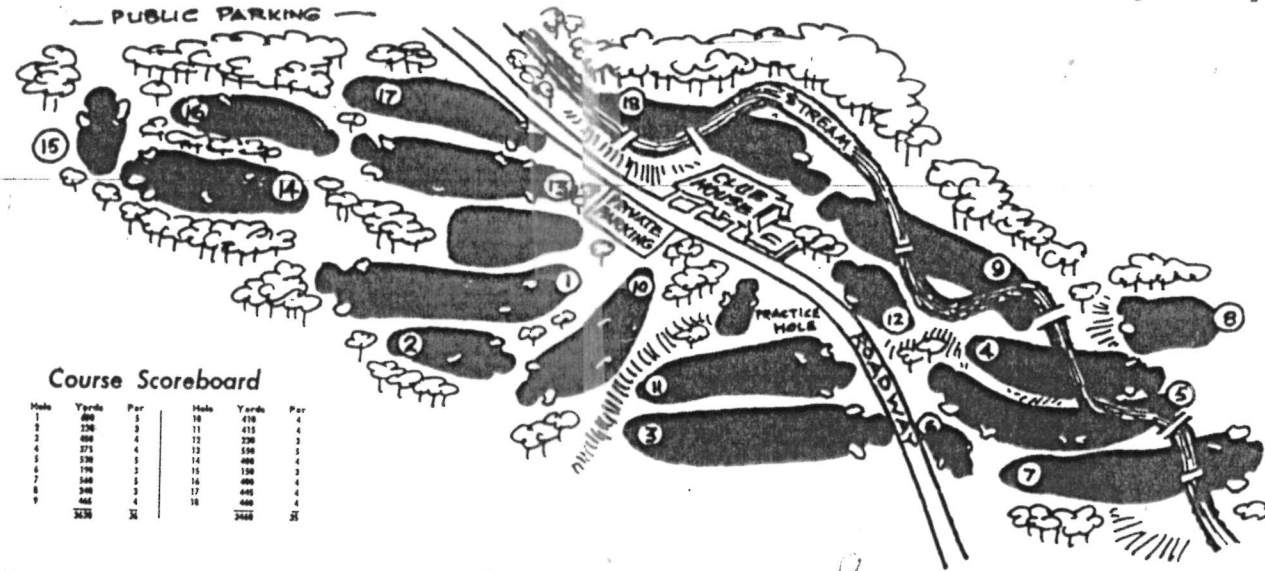


Pinegrove Country Club: Site Of 55th Canadian Open Golf Championship



Course Scoreboard

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	300	3	10	410	4
2	220	3	11	415	4
3	400	4	12	230	3
4	375	4	13	150	3
5	320	3	14	400	4
6	170	3	15	120	3
7	340	4	16	400	4
8	300	3	17	405	4
9	345	4	18	400	4
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Long Course Gives Edge To Strong, Accurate Drivers

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Wind Important Factor Says Host Pro Jack Kay

By GRAEME McMURRAY

The golfer who brings the hottest driver to the Pinegrove Country Club next week will be the one most likely to win the \$50,000 Canadian Open Golf Championship.

Pinegrove is essentially a driver's course.

"Anyone who drives well here should score well," says host professional Jack Kay.

And by driving well, Kay doesn't mean just driving for distance. Pinegrove is a long course — 7,090 yards from its championship tees — but accuracy off the tee is just as important as length.

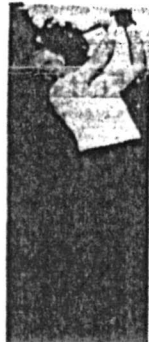
The fairways are well trapped and many of the traps are strategically placed to catch stray drives. Correct positioning off the tee is the key to success on a number of holes.

"The long hitters will have an edge but not as big a one as they normally have on 7,000-yard courses," Kay explains. "Our greens range in size from 8,000 to 11,000 square feet. Because they are so big, they provide good targets for even the shortest hitters."

Greens Are Good, Not Difficult

In addition to being large, the greens are also relatively easy to putt on. Only the eighth, ninth and 18th are difficult. All the greens are in

Field Of 156 Tees Off Thursday



A field of 156 professionals and amateurs representing many of the great names in golf will tee off next Thursday in the 55th Canadian Open Golf Championship at the Pinegrove Country Club in St. Luc, Quebec.

Doug Ford, veteran touring pro from Tuckahoe, New York, will defend the title he won last year at the Toronto Scarborough Golf Club.

The prize will be competing for \$50,000 and the Seagram Gold Cup Prize money will be distributed among the low 40 scorers and ties with the winner receiving \$9,000.

The complete field will be determined after an 18-hole qualifying round at Pinegrove Monday. Over 150 golfers will try to qualify for about 40 places in the 72-hole championship.

The number of automatic qualifiers will not be known until after the cuts in the Insurance City Open at Hartford, Connecticut this week-end.

The first of four 18-hole rounds will be cut to the low 80 and ties after Friday's second round and to the low 60 and ties after Saturday's third round. In the event of a tie after 72 holes, a sudden-death playoff will be held.

Ford will be trying for his third Canadian Open victory (he also won in 1958), a feat achieved by only three golfers in Open history. Lon Diegel won four times (1924-25, 28, 29), Sam Snead three times (1936-40) and Tommy Armour three times (1927-30-34).

The odds against Ford winning again are large. There hasn't been a repeat winner since Jim Ferrier in 1950-51.

Ford will also be facing the challenge of the best Open field in years. The so-called big three of golf — Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player — will be on hand, along with such other American stars as Billy Casper, Mike Smerlak, Dave Marr, Art Wall, Gene Littler, Tommy Jackall and Peter Dinklage.

In addition to South Africa's Player, the exceptionally strong international entry also includes Juan (Chico) Rodriguez of Puerto Rico, left-hander Bob Charles of New Zealand and Australians Bruce Crampton, Bruce Devlin and Kel Nagle.

The Canadian Open scoring record — which won't be threatened at Pinegrove — is 263 set by John Palmer of Badin, North Carolina at the Winnipeg St. Charles Golf Club in 1952.

Pinegrove is one of the newest clubs in the Montreal area and one of the best tests of golf. Designed by noted golf course architect Howard Watson, the club was incorporated in 1956. 1957 and construction was completed in the spring of 1958.

The course is located just off Route 7 in St. Luc 20 miles south of downtown Montreal.

record proportions by the time the tournament starts.

Pinegrove officials have done everything possible to accommodate the expected overflow crowds. There will be parking space for more than 8,000 cars adjacent to the course.



The Tough Ones

These are the holes on the Pinegrove golf course that will give the pros the most trouble.

No. 2 230 Yards Par 3

This is one of the most testing holes on the course with the wind blowing against the shot, as it normally does, it will be a full driver for most players. A large trap blocks the front of the green and there are twin traps on either side of the green. The tee shot must be drawn in from right to left since the green slopes down to the right. A shot faded to the right side of the green will probably wind up in the right-hand trap which can't be seen from the tee.

No. 9 445 Yards Par 4