

Duties never end for Ted

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trois — the stakes, ropes and so forth," he said.

"But it (the 6,798-yard, par-70 South Course) is ready to play right now. We like to keep Oakland Hills in championship condition at all times, because we have so many tournaments here."

The United States Golf Association (USGA) has plenty to say about how Oakland Hills prepares for the Senior Open.

Two members of the USGA's Green Section visited the club recently for a day-long review of the course.

Stan Zontek, chief agronomist and director of the Green Section, and Bill Buchanan, USGA official in charge of tournament preparation, met with Woehrle and tournament chairman Bill Wood to discuss the condition of the turf, width of the fairways, height of the rough, and the speed of the greens.

AT A RECENT media day, Woehrle measured the speed of the greens as 9.4 on the stimpmeter. USGA championship standards are between nine and 10, the higher the number, the faster the green.

"We want the greens to be dry and firm," said Woehrle, a 49-year-old Troy resident. "It makes it more difficult to make your shot stop when it hits the green."

"Of course, mother nature can mess that up with a thunderstorm. That's what happened in 1979 (at the PGA Tournament played at Oakland Hills). The players were able to hit their balls right next to the

pins, and they (the balls) would stop."

Oakland Hills' rough will be at about championship standard — four inches — for the tournament.

And the USGA dictates the "severity" of the course during the tournament.

"They (USGA officials) take complete control of the tournament," Woehrle said. "If the scores were very good, they'd probably try to toughen it up with tougher pin placements the next day."

"They'd want the pins behind a sand trap or on the face on an Incline so it wouldn't be as easy as the day before."

WOEHRLE CALLED Oakland Hills "well-bunkered" with its 200 sand traps, 118 of them on the South Course.

"The average golf course has probably 40 or 50, so we're well-bunkered," he said.

"The thing the players seem to like — or maybe dislike — is the contours of the greens. The rolling terrain on the putting surface makes it a real challenge."

In a recent press release, Oakland Hills head professional Al Mengert predicted that no contestant will break 280 for the 72 holes, and that there'll be only a few rounds under par.

Woehrle, with his 25 years in the business, would agree. Oakland Hills is one tough course.

"A pro golfer seeing Oakland Hills for the first time might not think it that challenging," he said. "It might look fairly easy because it's so open."

"But when they add up their scores at the end of the day, the scores are usually higher than than they thought they'd be."




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One of the 24-member groundskeepers crew grooms the fairway along the famed 16th hole.



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