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**Historic clubhouse:** The original Oakland Hills clubhouse had accommodations for 48 overnight guests. The historic clubhouse was renovated in 1968 adding more space for the club's growing membership.

## South Course sports historic roots

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Oakland Hills Country Club's South Course and the United States Open Championship both share a high degree of prestige. And later this month the two will unite for a sixth time when the 96th U.S. Open comes to the famed site designed by legendary golf architect Donald Ross and appropriately dubbed a "Monster" by Ben Hogan during the 1951 tourney.

Oakland Hills' South Course has been the setting for a long list of major tournaments, highlighted by the 1924, '37, '51, '61 and '85 U.S. Opens. The 96th Open tees off Thursday, June 13,

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