



LOOKS LIKE master golf course designer Robert Trent Jones has earned the so-called last laugh...

Jones and Dick Wilson, who conceived Deepdale and Meadow Brook, are the two outstanding course builders of the world... Wil-



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son, known for his penchant of incorporating dog-leg holes into his masterpieces, built Deepdale a few years ago... When North Hills made the all-important decision to relocate in the Shelter Rock section of Manhasset, adjoining new Deepdale, Jones was summoned to blueprint the course... That's what Robert Trent wanted, for he conceived, in his mind, a great course — one that would make Deepdale a second-rater... And he has done just that... We had the privilege of touring new North Hills, which will be opened after Labor Day, with Alexander M. Radko, Eastern director of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association along with some of the top brass of North Hills last weekend... And the disclosure was breath-taking...

Jones had carved out one of his masterpieces — a course that will make North Hills a standout in the world... The new course is akin to a \$28,000 Continental compared to a model T Ford, representing the old Douglaston layout... Radko was amazed at the condition of the new course, with its Seaside bent greens with root systems of seven inches and tees of a mixture of Astoria and Seaside bents... The tees are just about the longest we have ever seen—longer than those at Saucon Valley in Pennsylvania, where the late Eugene Grace launched a program of abnormally long tees... The fairways are ready for play, but these will be nurtured for another two months, until they are ready for the heavy fall activity.

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IT WAS A RARE treat to observe the satisfied expressions on the faces of fellows like Ed St. John, the former North Hills prexy whose administration launched the new program; his successor, Russ Treiber; big Ed Milau, the Great Neck builder-architect; Frank Buckley, one of the top engineers of the world; Ronnie Fay, paint manufacturer who is green committee chairman; Larry King, who is one of the top 10 greenskeepers of the country and others... Yes, North Hills has a miracle on its hands.

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