

Voted Best Golf Course by Oklahoma Living magazine, Sunset Hill's climate is par for the course. Open 363 days, & a jr golf national exemption site, it's always tee time. A Junior Golf competitor swings at the tee box of the 10th in hopes of winning at Sunset Hills Golf Course in Guymon during the annual Jim Hitch Memorial Golf Tournament in June. Sunset Hills is a National Exemption qualifying site for junior golf. (Photo by Joshua Gray, Courtesy JHMG)



Best Golf Course: *Sunset Hills*

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Guymon's Sunset Hills Golf Course is located in a climate that is par for the award "Best Golf Course." Golfers can enjoy the sport year-round in Guymon as the average temperature is around 70 degrees for this 18-hole course with a par of 71.

"People golf all the time," general manager Dickie Schriber said. "The only days we shut our door is Thanksgiving and Christmas Day."

The well irrigated greens feature 6,236 yards of golf from the longest tees amidst a prairie oasis of greenery, trees, ponds and a fountain. Sunset Hills is becoming known as a "National Exemption" qualifying site during the annual Jim Hitch Memorial Golf Tournament (JHMG).

"The US Open has four qualifying sites each year and the finalist from each receives an 'automatic exemption' into the US Open," Steve Braley, JHMG coordinator said. "Junior golf in the US has become so popular and competitive they are now beginning to use the same pre-qualifying format as the US Open."

Braley, who is a Guymon and OSU graduate, has spent 39 years in the pro golf industry including a career as a Sr. Executive of Jack Nicklaus Golden Bear and also with PGA of America. He said JHMG top finishers gain automatic exemption in the North American Junior Amateur, Rocky Mountain Jr. Golf Tournament of Champions, and the Oklahoma Golf Assoc. OJGT Tournament of Champions.

"Parents and their Jr. Golfers now come to Guymon throughout the year for practice rounds and practice in hopes of playing in the Jim Hitch Memorial in June and gaining an 'Automatic Exemption' to the other national and regional events associated with our tournament."

Sunset Hills Golf Course is located at 5000 Sunset Dr., adjacent to Sunset Lake in Guymon.

Additional facts for sidebars:

-The clubhouse houses a snack bar with hamburgers, hot dogs, cold beer, and retail items such as golf balls, hats, gloves, clubs and bags. P: (580) 338-7404 F: (580) 338-2221