Rub of the Green

The world's 10 most dangerous golf courses

Need a little more challenge in your golf course management — either as a superintendent or a player? Well, here's a list of the 10 most dangerous courses around the world, courtesy of Men's Health magazine:

- Lost City GC, Sun City, South Africa. The 13th green is fronted by a stone pit filled with crocodiles.
- Elephant Hills CC, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The fairways often are pockmarked by craters caused from mortar shells fired across the Zambezi River.
- Compton Par-3 Course, Compton, Calif. Home to two infamous high-caliber gangs — Crips and Bloods.
- Machrie Hotel GC, Islay, Scotland. Virtually every drive and approach on this old-style links layout is blind, played over huge sand dunes.
- Scholl Canyon GC, Glendale, Calif. Built on a landfill, golfers have snagged golf clubs on old buried tires, and divots have unleashed methane gas. The latter is now pumped to a local power company.
- Pelham Bay GC and Split Rock GC, Bronx, N.Y. Thirteen bodies have been found at these remotely located layouts in the last 10 years.
- Singapore Island CC, Singapore. A golf pro, Jim Stewart, once killed a 10-foot cobra in the midst of his round. To his horror, another snake emerged from the mouth of the dead one.
- Beachwood GC, Natal, South Africa. A woman was attacked by an ape as she was hitting out of a bunker.
- Plantation G&CC, Gretna, La. With 18 holes crammed into 61 acres, players often huddle against protective fencing awaiting their turn to hit.
- Lundin Links, Fife, Scotland. This seemingly safe, serene course near St. Andrews had one of its patrons hit by a train while he crossed the tracks beyond the fifth green.

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