Noted Golf Holes Worth Studying

Baltusrol’s Fourth (Lake Hole) on the Lower Course
Designed by A. W. Tillinghast

This outstanding water hole is beautiful in a quiet, unobtrusive way and demands a short, accurately controlled pitch, one of the truly great shots of golf. Much less skill would be required were 20 or 30 yards added to its length.

The hole is simplicity itself. A small stream has been dammed and an irregular shaped basin scooped out to give a natural looking lake. The teeing ground is large and shaped somewhat after an irregular horseshoe, thus allowing the hole to be played from three different angles, so that the character of the shot as indicated in the illustrations may be changed considerably. The longest carry is approximately 125 yards.

The photograph we show above was taken during the National Amateur, held at Baltusrol in 1928. That the contestants, the best amateur talent of the world, averaged a trifle over par when playing this hole is a silent commendation of its excellence. The water seemed to act as a formidable mental hazard, even to them, and far more 4’s and 5’s were scored than birdies.