

such as his, but I fear that I failed to convince him that my thought had any merit.

Short had succeeded in reaching the green with his third, a long mid-iron and although Long had half-topped his drive a brassy had placed him in position to get home with his third. Naturally, Short declared that something must be wrong with that hole and I quite agreed with him, and a few days later our play of a hole of similar length on another course, vindicated my opinion.

This hole, 540 yards long, was provided with a rather small, closely guarded green, which opened up to an approach shot from the left of the fairway, but an immense area of broken ground extended across the fairway and it was fully 75 yards from the near edge, which apparently was about 325 yards from the teeing ground. Obviously, it would require a carry of about 400 yards in two shots to reach the fairway beyond. Short could not make it and was compelled to play short, taking four to reach the green, and Long had to do precisely the same thing, for after half hitting his drive he found the carry too great for him and from a point short of the hazard area he could not reach the green with his third. Fortunately, after my partner, Wild, had sliced into the rough I managed to win the hole in 5 by hitting two good ones to the fairway beyond and placing a very satisfactory jigger on the green.

Here was an instance where we were confronted by an obligatory carry for the second shots and while, generally speaking, I am of the opinion that the carry should be graded, I think that on this three-shot hole such a scheme of hazards is very effective and quite defensible.

Long argues that a three-shot hole should have a wide open green so as to permit the "slogger" to get there occasionally with two abnormally long shots. His idea provides a three-shot hole about 500 yards in length, with a large, unprotected green. To my way of thinking this is neither fish nor fowl. In my humble opinion, the character of each green is fixed by the particular type of shot which is to find the green, and although the three-shot hole is the longest of any on the course it does not follow that the green should be the largest. The real three-shotter should demand two perfect, long balls and then an approach, which must be played with accuracy. Any three-shot hole which enables a player to miss or half hit either his drive or his second and afterward gain the green with any kind of a third stroke, is open to criticism.

In my next article I will relate some of the adventures of Long, Short, Wild and myself over other courses, particularly as we play two-shot holes of varying types.

My Old Putter

Although so often blamed by me

For what was not thy due,
Old Putter, since I knew thee first,
I've always found thee true.

How often have I slighted thee

To give new clubs a try,
And when they failed me one by one
Have sadly laid them by.

And then, my old neglected friend,

I've turned to thee once more,
And confidence from thee regained,
Which friendship can restore.

New putting clubs may come and go,

Block-headed and the rest—
Old Putter of a day gone by,
Thou art to me the best.