



Shaded areas in the above map show location of the new alternate tees and greens, and dotted lines show direction of play when these alternates are used.

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California club gains variety in play by maintaining alternate greens; members like idea

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GOLF never becomes monotonous now to us members of the Oakmont Club (Glendale, California). In days gone by we would plug around the same old course in the same old way, month after month, but now there has been a change, and how welcome a change it is, to be sure.

W. W. Crenshaw, owner of the course, was having a lot of trouble keeping the greens up to his exacting standards. Last winter was very bad—heavy rains and freezing weather caused a lot of trouble and, with nearly 400 members playing the course in all weather, you can see that something drastic had to be done about it.

Because Oakmont is a popular club and the membership large, one of the big problems was to be able to give the greens a rest, as well as the further problem of working on them without interfering with all of those members' games. The plan was simple, once it had been thought of—alternate greens, not just temporary greens where the fairway is trimmed and

a hole sunk for the cup, but real ones, permanent ones.

Naturally this involved a considerable outlay of cash and effort, but the results are proving better every day. Up to the present, with four new greens on the first nine installed, it has been discovered that the course is much more interesting to play, as it affords many changes in hazards and lengths of holes—in fact, it seems quite a different course.

By looking at the accompanying map one can plainly see in how many ways play can be changed. By playing the alternate green on No. 2 and eliminating No. 3 hole entirely, Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 become Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively. With alternate greens on new Nos. 5 and 6 and an entirely new short No. 7 (both tee and green), a very great change is effected. By the time additional alternate greens have been installed for each hole, the



This photo forms a panorama with the one on the opposite page and shows the three greens available for play at Oakmont's seventh hole. Green in foreground (without players) is the

course can be changed in an infinite number of ways.

So far, No. 1 hole is played the same—two good woods and an iron will put one on, providing one doesn't go out of bounds in the road along the left side of the fairway.

Hole Playable Three Ways

No. 2 offers a great variety—it can be played in three ways. A 367 yard dog-leg to the old green, it takes a good wood and a well placed five iron shot to do the trick. But when the alternate green is used, the picture changes; a wood and seven iron are enough, but our wide barranca must be crossed to reach it. Using this green the hole is only 325 yards long but the necessity of crossing the barranca to a small green, placed close to the barranca's edge, makes it much more sporting. The hole can also be played to the regular No. 3 green, when the No. 3 hole is eliminated. This makes it a 380 yard hole and necessitates crossing the barranca to a green well guarded by trees and traps.

The new No. 3 hole (regularly No. 4) is unchanged. This is 410 yards and a "hard" four par with a narrow fairway and a steep, high sandy bank extending

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What a bet daily fee courses in any district miss by not putting on 48-men team matches like the Meadowlark, Westlink, and Sim Park clubs run annually at Wichita, Kan. Each player kicks in 25 cents for a Dutch lunch. In the initial contest Westlink with an 85-plus average, beat out Meadowlark by a fraction of a stroke.

The preliminary popping-off of the players and the post-mortems, make the competition almost a 12-month affair. It gets great publicity from the Wichita newspapers.

along the entire left side, through to the green which is elevated and well trapped.

No. 4 (regularly No. 5) is a three par, 170-yard hole.

At No. 5 (regularly No. 6) an entirely new picture is presented. The regular hole is a straight one, 375 yards in length, and the tee shot is good anywhere on a broad fairway. Not so the new one. To make your second shot good, the tee shot should be near the right side of the fairway so that a lofted iron can be used across the barranca to the green which is so close to the edge that the shot must stick or find trouble. The hole is now 370 yards, so one can see that the tee shot has to be very good and very well placed not to require an extra blow.

The new No. 6 (regularly No. 7) is played to a small, well-trapped alternate green, guarded by a line of eucalyptus trees extending along the left side of the fairway and almost to the green. This green is just to the left of the old green.

Barranca Forces Tight Golf

When No. 3 is not eliminated and No. 7 remains No. 7, it is a honey. One then has to cross that ill conceived barranca twice. Most of the boys play the tee shot (for the original hole) well over to the left so as not to be out of bounds in the barranca, but that won't get one anywhere now as one has to be well to the right and close to the barranca if the second shot is to go home to the green, across the barranca again.

New No. 7 is a rather snappy short hole, from a slightly elevated new tee to the alternate No. 7 green across the barranca.

Nos. 8 and 9 are as yet unchanged but



old one; those left and right are the new alternate greens. An alternate tee, used for playing to the green at left, is located about where the cameraman stood to take this photo.

No. 11 green can be rested and repaired by using an alternate tee back of No. 8 tee and playing across the barranca to the old No. 7 green, which makes it a very short but very tricky shot.

It seems to us that by the time the rest of the alternate greens are in use most all of the problems of a one-course club will have been eliminated. The plaint of the golfers of monotony and their tendency to join other clubs simply to get a change in play, the care and upkeep of the course, which is of prime importance to everyone, will all have been taken care of. In fact, our claim to, "Two Golf Courses in One" is most appropriate.

Use Club Bulletin Boards to Inform Members

ARE you using your club Bulletin boards for educational, as well as announcement, purposes? Frequent changes of copy on the Bulletin boards will give members information on committee activity and do much toward solution of club problems.

Some subjects that might be covered:

The USGA recently ruled: "A boy may not engage in amateur competition who is in an occupation which would class him as a professional if he were over the age limit of exemption from that classification."

Thus, caddies, caddiemasters and assistants to professionals are not eligible for amateur competition, regardless of their ages.

If players who have been caddies or caddiemasters ceased to act as such prior to their eighteenth birthdays, or if an assistant to a professional ceased to act as such prior to his sixteenth birthday, they are automatically amateur golfers and do not need to apply for reinstatement to amateur standing.

The etiquette of golf. Many people don't know that the etiquette of the game is codified and accompanies the rules.

A note advising that the courts have ruled the player whose ball strikes anyone on the course is legally liable, unless "Fore" and other due warnings and care are employed.

A sketch showing the proper method of repairing, with a wooden tee, the depressions left in a green by pitched shots.

A note on the proper method of replacing divots, so the player can check on his caddie.

A note of caution against permitting the flagpoles or bags to mar greens.

New variations of the old, old request to smooth out footprints in sandtraps can always be used on a Bulletin board.

ONE of the liveliest of industrial golf tournaments conducted anywhere in the country held forth June 20-24 at the Whittle Springs municipal course, Knoxville, Tenn. Joe Kennedy, pro at the course and R. L. Ashe of the Standard Knitting Mills, Inc., teamed to get the competition planned and well publicized. The publicity drew entries from many of Knoxville's offices and factories. Prizes of local manufacturer were awarded winners in various flights.

Kennedy's observation has been that if the pro at a municipal course doesn't push to get a local industrial tournament or league playing at the course, one of the very best pro advertising and promotion operations is being muffed.