

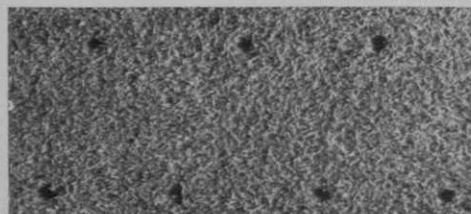
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countries and published several books of instruction and a large number of articles in golf magazines. His father, Tom Dunn, was a noted designer of courses in Europe for many years . . . Grandfather, Willie, and great uncle, Jamie, were the celebrated twins from Musselburgh, Scotland, who competed with Allan Robertson and Tom Morris in 1849, in a 20-round match . . . maternal grandfather was John Gourlay, noted maker of feather balls. Tom Dunn's brother, Willie, uncle of John Duncan Dunn, was the first open champion in the United States, in 1894.

"Perfect Golf Course" Always Will Be a Mirage

By JOHN ANDERSON

Supt., The Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

To my mind the perfect golf course has yet to be built. The perfect golf course from the architect's point of view may not be perfect for the greenkeeper, as to economy in maintenance or perfection in equipment. What both the architect and the greenkeeper might consider a perfect golf course is very likely to be criticized from the players' angle. . . . That might be the perfect golf course for the top notch player is not likely to be perfect for the average club member who kicks in a good-

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ly share of the expenses to maintain it.

I think of the perfect course with a long No. 1 hole which looks very difficult but actually is not; straight, if possible, onto a goodly sized 6,000 sq. ft. green, not too heavily trapped or bunkered but built so that the approach can be played with freedom, with open country at background for at least 100 feet. This is meant for player confidence at the start of the round. All other holes would, of course, have their special characteristics, but I think the first hole is very important.

Tees should be half the size of the green at least and if elevated, the slopes should be drawn out for tractor unit maintenance.

All fairways would be smooth so that no scalping of turf could take place with mowing machines. No drains would be noticeable, for on the perfect course the backfill would have settled before seeding or turfing.

If it was necessary, in order to obtain a special objective, to have bunkers or sand traps on any fairway they should be placed so that the high scorer would not be unduly penalized and the low scorer favored. Banks and mounds would be drawn out so that they would be mowed or fertilized and maintained exactly the same as the fairways.



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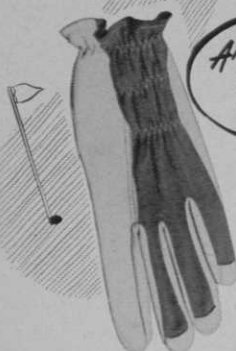
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The greens on the perfect course would range in size from 5,500 to 6,500 sq. feet according to the character of the hole. They should have sufficient run off for excess water—about 4" per 100 ft. This is important for if excess water can't move off the green rapidly, conditions are sure to occur that will spoil the perfect course. If club members and guests can stand on the first tee and look over a goodly portion of the property and it is in a picturesque setting with a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs then they, too, might think here is the perfect golf course.

Any course that could lay claim to being perfect should have adequate equipment storage facilities, a repair shop well equipped with repair machinery and tools for same, also a soil and fertilizer shed possibly combined with equipment building. This should be well constructed and weather-proofed so that fertilizer, top-dressing, etc. could be stored dry and so that men could work comfortably during inclement weather. This is important as are sanitary facilities—toilets and wash basins. There also, the superintendent should have an office where he can keep adequate records, maintenance data, etc.

If a course is to be rated as perfect it should have an adequate water system for



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greens, tees and fairways. If it is a system that calls for hose, all outlets should be under the surface in a receptacle that could hold all hose required and covered over with a cover so that equipment can be driven over it if necessary.

If we should happen to acquire all these features there will still be many grumps and kicks. The rough will be too high. Some days the greens will be too slippery or the workmen did not get out of the way in time and bothered me so I muffed a shot. The perfect course, eh? If a course could be perfect the player wouldn't have anything to kick but himself and he'd never consider that playing under perfect conditions.

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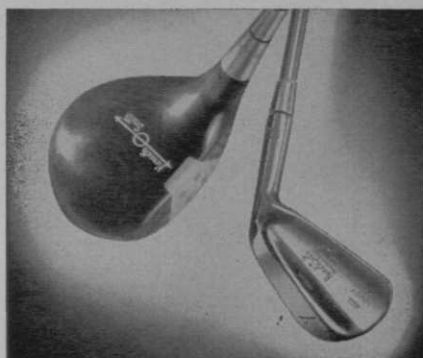
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