

'Tough But Not Treacherous,' Describes Aronimink Layout

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Aronimink CC, Newton Square, Pa., site of this year's PGA Championship (July 19-22), is not treacherous, isn't beset with cliffs and doesn't have unreadable greens, but according to those familiar with the course, it isn't a setup — even for the country's finest pros. The course extends 7,045 yards from the back tees and has a par of 70. Some changes were made in tee positions last fall, traps have been slightly revised and there, of course, will be the usual narrowing of the fairways.

General chairman of the event is Jack A. MacInnes, who is in the bleacher seat manufacturing business, and so there will be plenty of seats for the spectators. In fact, there will be 10,000 of them, located in the strategic spots, and all will be free. More than nine miles of rope and about 3,000 metal stakes will be used in cordoning off the fairways and greens.

Built in 1926

The name, Aronimink, is of Indian origin, of course, and means "by the beaver dam." There is no evidence that a tribe of the same name ever existed. The club, one of the country's oldest, is located 15 miles southwest of Philadelphia and covers about 300 acres. Residential properties and highways are rather remote and persons who play or view the course get a feeling of being in the unspoiled open spaces. The club is in its fourth location since being founded in 1895. It moved to its present site in 1926. The course was designed by Donald J. Ross.

Each of the holes bears an Indian name ranging from Apache (No. 1) to Aronimink (No. 18) and including Comanche, Sitting Bull, Cherokee and others. The No. 1 hole has a spectacular elevated tee; No. 2 is one of the tougher ones, requiring smart trap playing to match par; No. 6 and No. 7, both par 4s, can work to the disadvantage of those who overdrive; No. 8, fronted by a lake, is a scenic beauty; No. 9 extends to 610 yards; No. 10 may be the most formidable hole on the course, being a 449-yard copy that demands the



One of the contenders in the pro-am that will precede the playing of the Vermont State Open at Lake Morey CC, Fairlee, June 17-18, is 74-year old Paul Dickinson of Lisbon, N. H. Last year, with a six-stroke handicap, the venerable Paul recorded a blistering 68. Dickinson gave up golf between 1909 and 1950, plays with a brace, and is just a little perturbed when he doesn't come awfully close to shooting his age.

best possible shots for a par 4; No. 12 which crosses a gully, also is a tough par 4; No. 13 probably will turn out to be the birdie hole; No. 15 is well trapped and calls for a good degree of sharp-shooting; No. 16, also well trapped, is 541 yards long and eagles are almost impossible to make on this hole; No. 18 is something of a sleeper, presenting a long, uphill haul to the green.

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