

Silva and Gold

Cape Cod National GC in Brewster, Mass., is fresh off its first full season of play, and the course's designer, Brian Silva, is fresh off being named *Golf World* magazine's Architect of the Year.

The par-72 Cape Cod National, a private 18-hole course, opened in June 1998. Despite a steamy, dry summer, the course's first complete year was a success, says course and club manager Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS. The year was also satisfying for Silva, honored by *Golf World* in October.

The magazine said of Silva: "(He) is doing some of the most interesting work out there. Nothing outlandish or revolutionary. Just the opposite. It's retro design, very much reflecting the features and philosophies of grand, old architects whose courses Silva has re-worked over the years."

Silva designed Cape Cod with Seth Raynor's Fox Chapel GC in mind. The 1925 design features hard edges, green-side chipping areas and perpendicular bunkers.

Cadenelli says Silva was also influenced by Donald Ross and his New England-style approach to golf architecture when he designed Cape Cod National. The course's bunkers range from 4 feet to 10 feet deep and feature severe slopes – classic Ross traits, Cadenelli notes.

The course features four par 3s, all distinctively designed. For instance, the 181-yard 8th hole (pictured here) takes a slightly uphill approach, while the 230-yard 12th hole descends from the tee.

The 8th hole favors a left-to-right shot because of the Redan-style green. "You want to cut the ball and bring it in from the left, especially if the pin is anywhere from the middle of the green to the right," Cadenelli says.

Hit a ball too far right, and it may land in a huge kettle hole. Hit it short right, and your ball could end up in one of the those bottomless bunkers.



Hole 0

■ Hole No. 8, Cape Cod National Golf Club
Brewster, Mass.



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It was a busy autumn for Cadenelli, what with course repairs and improvements, including the building of a 7-million gallon pond near the 6th hole. Speaking of water, we should mention that Cape Cod National offers several glimpses of the Atlantic Ocean.

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