

## GARDEN CITY'S NEW HAZARDS

By THE EDITOR

With the additional bunkers now under way Garden City will have one hundred and fifty-one hazards—not counting the large number of sand patches on the sides. And with the addition of several new tees—on the 9th, 11th, 15th and 17th, holes, the total playing distance will be 6558 yards, as follows:—

Out:  
283 135 350 500 304 470 550 375 320—3287  
In:  
353 420 186 513 339 421 415 464 160—3271  
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Total yards—6558

These measurements are from the middle of the medal tees to the middle of the greens, in an air line. On several of the holes, there are two or more tees, to suit ordinary, every-day play, and wind conditions.

A number of the regular tees are so deep, running from ten to fifty yards, that opportunity is given for the use of two sets of tee-plates. For the most part, however, the back tees are usually played, altho' the Notice reads:

"The green sand-boxes indicate the regular course; the white ones are placed merely for the convenience of such players as may wish to use them." The white boxes are in most cases, from twenty to fifty yards back of the green ones. In competitions the course is usually at full stretch.

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A brief description of the changes already made, and to be made very shortly, may be interesting. It may be remarked, *en passant*, that with one or two exceptions, these changes are aimed at the *good players*. The new hazards are designed to catch

good shots at the hands of good players . . . *good shots which are not quite good enough*. The exceptions are in the interests of the average player, but not at the sacrifice of good golf.

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On the third hole (350 yards.) the middle of the cross bunker near the green has been removed, giving opportunity for a low second shot against the wind. A new pot bunker will be put in on the left, on line with the present one to the right but more toward the centre, and another in the right-hand corner, right on the green. The object of these pots is to feature the tee shot, with a view of making the second shot easier if the first is properly placed—to the right.

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On the fourth hole (500 yards) a series of mounds extending from 170 to 200 yards from the tee, infringing on the fairway, will greet a long slice.

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The fifth hole (304 yards) with the addition of a pot bunker on the green, to the right, will make it a remarkably fine hole . . . one of the best of its length anywhere, other difficulties considered.

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Just across the roadway on the sixth, (470 yards) short of the "graves" a series of mounds will catch not only an indifferent second . . . that is, an indifferently good one, but also a very long sliced tee-shot going to the seventh, while to the left similar trouble awaits a pull. It may be added that on this hole there are no less than seventeen hazards.

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On the seventh, (550 yards) apart from the mounds already mentioned, a series of similar hazards lie to the right, some sixty yards from the green, the idea being to give the player who has taken the easier carry across the road to the right on his second, something to do on his third shot, leaving a practically clear passage to the man who has gone straight and a perfectly open third for he who has brought off the more hazardous and longer second shot, to the left.

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At the eighth (375 yards) a long slice will find a resting place among some mounds, on the edge of the "pretty."

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A new tee is provided at the ninth (320 yards) which will increase the length of the hole 25 yards.

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On the tenth (353 yards) some more mounds have been put in just to the right of the green, making the second shot now a very delicate one indeed.

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At the eleventh (420 yards) a supplementary tee will be built, just back of the tenth green, making the distance 30 yards further, while a series of undulations some forty yards short of the green and extending almost to the direct line to the hole will make the second shot easier for the player who elects to make a risky tee shot to the right, just nipping past, or over, a pot bunker 210 yards away.

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The fair green going to the thirteenth (513 yards) will be extended quite materially in the corner of the left, right up to the road, making it possible for two very fine shots to get

home. Other new features provided are mounds to catch a sliced tee-shot and also a series of similar hazards across the road to serve the double purpose of entrapping sliced seconds against the wind and also those which "funk" the longer carry on a direct line and are played to the right for safety. Mark the strategical position of these. If the shot could safely have carried the road in a direct line to the hole but is played to the right it will almost assuredly find a resting-place among the mounds; at the same time the shorter player is given an opportunity to take the easier carry to the right. *his* good shot, being short of the mounds but so far from the hole as to make it impossible, unless by an extraordinarily good shot, to get home in three.

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The fourteenth (399 yards) will have a pot bunker right on the left-hand side of the green, close to the near edge. Incidentally this will catch many a long, but wild tee shot going to the sixth hole.

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The fifteenth (421 yards) will have a new tee (making three) almost immediately back of the longer of the two existing ones, some 20 yards behind.

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The sixteenth (415 yards) has a new creation in some formidable mounds to the left of the fairway, 200 to 225 yards from the tee, just short of the road, emphasizing the desirability of straight play, or, under favorable wind conditions, the placing of the tee short well to the right, which means the carrying of a pot bunker 178 yards. To the right the fair green has been extended, making it practically impossible to reach the road

which diagonally crosses the course. To the right it is 275 yards to the road, in a direct line 253 yards and to the extreme left 235 yards.

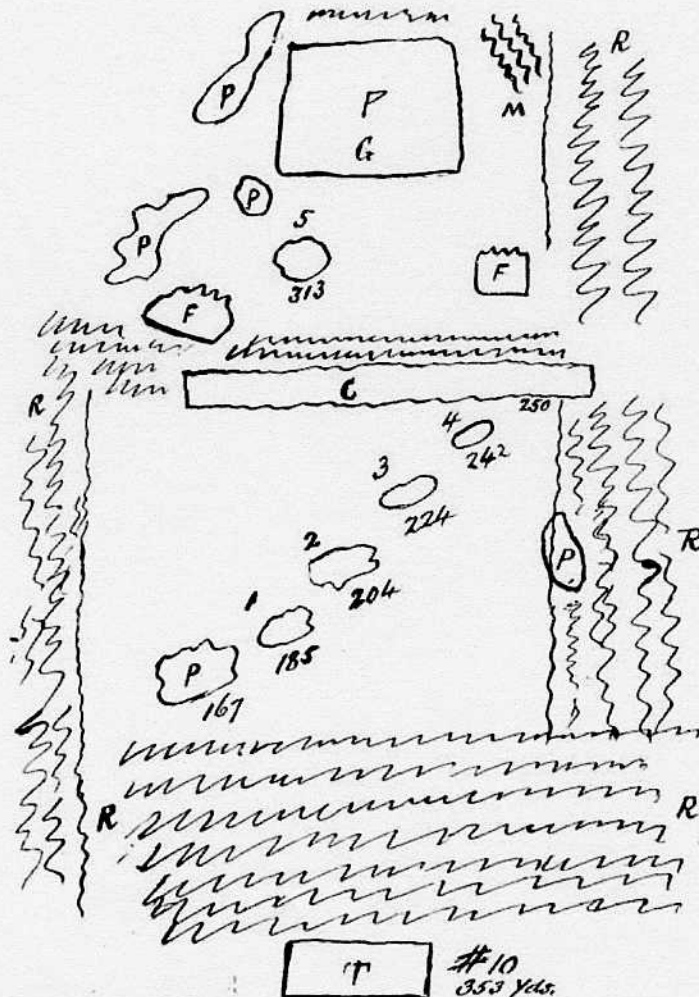
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On the seventeenth (464 yards) a new tee has been provided 34 yards back and slightly to the right of the present one.

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It may be added that the new tees on the ninth, eleventh, fifteenth and seventeenth holes will be used only

in competitions when the wind and other conditions favor an extremely long tee shot which otherwise might possibly land in trouble; although this may be said, that under the old conditions, when it might be necessary to play short—258, 270 and 281 yards were the respective distances from tees to roads on the ninth, fifteenth and seventeenth holes—the greens could easily be reached on the second shots. So that that no great injustice was done to the long hitter except to compel him to use a certain amount of judgment.



Outline of tenth hole at Garden City. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 represent pot bunkers suggested. "P" indicates present pot bunkers. "F" represents flat sand bunkers. "C" shows present cop bunker. "M" represents mounds, just put in. "R" represents grass rough

Golf, real golf, does not wholly consist of long swiping anyway. To lay out a course which would furnish sufficient diversity of play and yet allow the exceptionally long hitter freedom from trouble from the tee under exceptional conditions of hard ground and a favoring wind would readily mean, on a course such as Garden City, where the ground is firm at all times and a good deal of run to the ball results . . . it would mean a total playing length of about 6,800 yards in order to preserve the full value of each hole. But, as I have already stated, long hitting isn't everything . . . not the Alpha and Omega of golf by any means, according to my ideas. A course of 6,500 yards should certainly be long enough to satisfy the cravings of a Blackwell or Johnston . . . or even the mighty Horne, who recently made a drive of 388 yards.



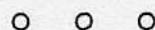
As it now stands, everything considered, Garden City easily furnishes the fairest and most supreme test of golf on this side and with the addition of a few finishing touches here and there . . . not very many . . . little refinements calling for just a few more testing shots . . . it will hold rank with the very best anywhere.



For example, I give a rough diagram of the tenth hole. By putting in pots numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the whole character of the hole would be changed. It is a good one now, but with these alterations it would stand out as being particularly good. The hole lends itself beautifully to the change suggested.

In nine cases out of ten, the wind is against the player. A very fine

tee-shot would enable the player to carry the first bunker, 167 yards, on the left, but his second would have to carry pot No. 5, whereas the player who elected to go to the right, at the imminent risk of fetching up in one of the diagonal bunkers on the one hand or the large one on the right, or the rough, would have a plain straightaway second for the green, but it would have to be played just right, as the green slopes to the left and is very effectively guarded by two bunkers close up to the green.



It may be added that the changes now being made are in response to the demands of the members themselves . . . an appreciation of those which from time to time previously had originated with the Green Committee and had been as it were forced down the half-willing throats of a great many who have since fully recognized the merits of those changes which were the subject of much criticism when first made.

So it will be, to a certain extent, with the present improvements. But, after they are digested . . . which takes time . . . history will repeat itself.



The following schedule of distances relating to some of the more important hazard, may be of interest:

		Yards.
1st hole	To central bunker . . . . .	126
" "	" guarding green . . . . .	247
3rd "	" 1st cross bunker . . . . .	121
" "	" bunker on right . . . . .	204
" "	" cross bunker . . . . .	277
4th "	" fairway . . . . .	137
" "	" mounds on right . . . . .	185
" "	" new bunker on right . . . . .	340
" "	" road . . . . .	450
5th "	" fairway . . . . .	150
" "	" bunker on right . . . . .	207

