

New Links of Melrose Club Loom As "Wonder Course" of District

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THOSE who saw the property of the Melrose Country Club last year before construction work began on the eighteen-hole golf course will feel a bit dazed if they take the trouble to run out and see what has been accomplished in less than a year.

Located across the road from the Ashbourne Country Club, this newest of Philadelphia links is less than 30 minutes' run from City Hall over splendid roads. The summery weather of Saturday, Sunday and Monday brought the grass out on the fairways and greens in remarkable fashion and, save for the lack of sand in the traps, the layout looks like what it is, a real golf course.

It was designed by Dr. Robert MacKenzie, a noted English golf architect, in conjunction with R. C. Maxwell, his American associate, and under the personal direction of Mr. Maxwell, who is well known in the West, but has never had chance to show what he could do in the East before. Dr. MacKenzie made three trips to this country from England to inspect the progress of the work.

The Tacony Creek runs through the property as well as several other little streams and clever use has been made of them. There are also a number of springs scattered through the course which provide fine drinking water.

Stream Supplies Pool

A dam has been built and enough water corralled from the Tacony system to feed the system installed for sprinkling the greens and filling the swimming pool, which is the largest owned by any private club in the district. There are also tennis courts and a place sufficiently removed from the golf links where trap shooting will be enjoyed. The clubhouse, formerly used by the Curtis Country Club, will provide ample accommodations for the Melrose members.

Par Card and Yardage Of New Melrose Links

H.	Yds.	Par	H.	Yds.	Par
1	390	4	10	365	4
2	350	4	11	170	3
3	340	4	12	300	4
4	295	4	13	430	4
5	190	3	14	730	4
6	500	5	15	370	4
7	440	3	16	180	3
8	300	4	17	470	4
9	410	4	18	340	3
	3100	33	In	3135	38
			Out	3100	38
			Tie	6240	70

a slim lane between heavy timber out into an open stretch of fairway. Then the second shot must find a green sunk deep back in the woods with water to cross. A sporty hole, if ever there was one. The thirteenth is another dog's leg that must be played as such. No way of avoiding the issue. Water is a hazard at this hole, also.

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The fourteenth has a slight dog's-leg angle for the iron shot, as has also the fifteenth. The sixteenth is a corking one-shotter right through the woods. The seventeenth brings the Tacony Creek back into the game, while the eighteenth, a very hard three-shotter, forces the carrying of the creek twice en route from tee to green.

The par is 35-35—70 and the yardage is 6240, but any lad who breaks theoretical perfection will have to have the aid of all the luck in the world. Even to equal par is going to be quite a feat.

The eleventh hole comes back to the mind as one of the best one-shotters in these parts. There are thick woods to the right and a sloping hill to the left, with a creek that winds across the fairway. It's a case of all carry or you lose the hole for a slice or a hook will mean a virtually unplayable lie. Yet it only measures 170 yards.