

# Golf Alterations Due at Maidstone

Brady Succeeds Rice  
As Pro While Course  
Changes Are Planned

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Mike Brady, that baldish veteran professional who was twice runner-up for the National Open Gold championship, is the new Maidstone professional. He's succeeding Jack Rice.

Mike was at Shawnee last year after having been more than a dozen years at Winged Foot. He'll be at Maidstone when the season opens in the Spring.

The change in professionals will not be the only alteration at Maidstone. There'll be plenty of change in the course—most of it tending toward putting a little more kick in golf shots by making the shot to be played more obvious—and therefore that much more satisfactory when the shot is properly executed.

On the first hole, for example, the way to the green has always been in from the right. But as the terrain sloped, there was no evident indication, and, naturally, always some doubt after the ball was hit as to the position in which it would finish.

## DUNE NOW ON SCENE

When the boys tackle Maidstone next season they'll find a veritable dune standing up boldly a bit to the right of the straight line to the green. It will stand there shouting, "Pop one over my head." And when the player socks one right over that dune he'll know the shot was right where it should have been.

On the second hole, the long one stretching out parallel with the road, the tee shot has been tough, and the second, over the shortish seagrass, no clutch, either. But when a fellow blazed out one of his best drives or hit a really screaming brassie the absence of any particular carries kept the perfection of the shot from being obvious until the player walked up and got a look at the ball and its position with regard to a third shot into the green. Bunkering up the fairway, white-faced bunker, will help the player know exactly what he must carry—and whether he does carry it.

Of course, any miles will be just that much more evident than before.

Chances are that out around those magnificent dunes that parallel the ocean there'll be new holes created to replace those damaged in part by the 1938 hurricane.

## NEW EIGHTH IN OFFING

Though not an accomplished fact yet, there'll probably be a new eighth all along the water. And a gradual slope cut into the ninth where today no drive brings a real thrill because it is so seldom that a fellow can see the ball land. And then, too, in the case of a mis-hit, the blind shot makes it possible for the ball to get thoroughly lost in the shifting sands.

Maidstone hasn't determined just how far it will go with the alterations planned last year by Perry Maxwell. His ideas called for a brand new ninth green off in the hollow to the right of the present green, a new line of play for the tenth, a new 14th paralleling the water and a shortened 15th to make a more evident shot. The change on the 15th will cut the course par a stroke—down to the usual par 72.

Don Parson, well-known Pinehurst figure, has joined an Ambulance Corps for service in France. Fumi Kenoye, more formally known as Prince Fumitaka Kenoye when at Princeton, is reported serving as a private in the Japanese army. Any talk of changing the dates of the Long Island Open from July to May to open the field to contestants in the Goodall round-robin at Fresh Meadow isn't to find favor either with Long Island pros or Inwood, where the event is scheduled to be played. The I. I. C. A. will probably stick to its July date.