

THE FOUNDATION

Lochland offers an extraordinary golf experience for families through golf course renovations that will meet standards fulfilling the following FOCUS AREAS:

Use club resources in a fiscally responsible manner by staying within the budgetary guidelines as established by the Lochland Board of Directors.

Stay within the framework of the 2002 golf course architectural plan originally produced by Grant Wencel, Inc., maintaining flexibility for changes in future playability.

Make the golf course more playable for women, seniors and golfers with mid to high-range handicap abilities.







Bring back the original difficulty intended for highly-skilled golfers that has been lost through unforeseen technological advancements in modern golf equipment after 2002.

Ensure that our golf course maintains premier conditions by always looking to improve playability for members.



The following pages map the PROJECT EMERALD updates for holes 14 through 17.

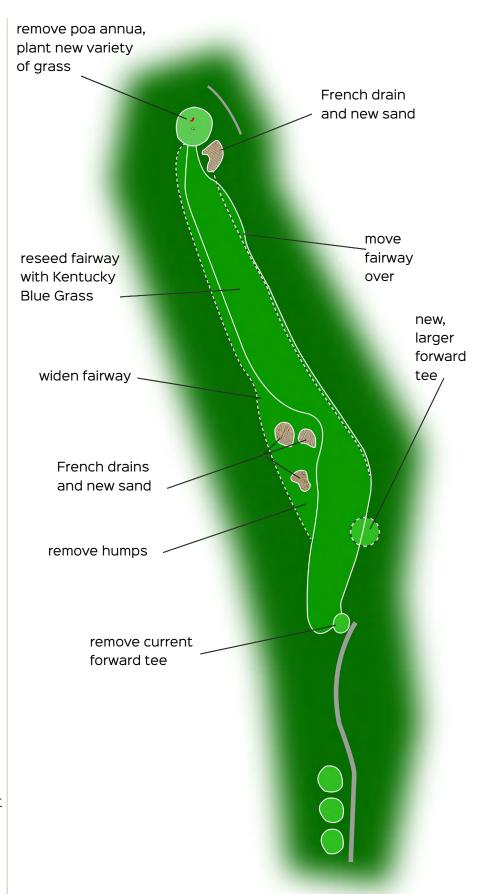
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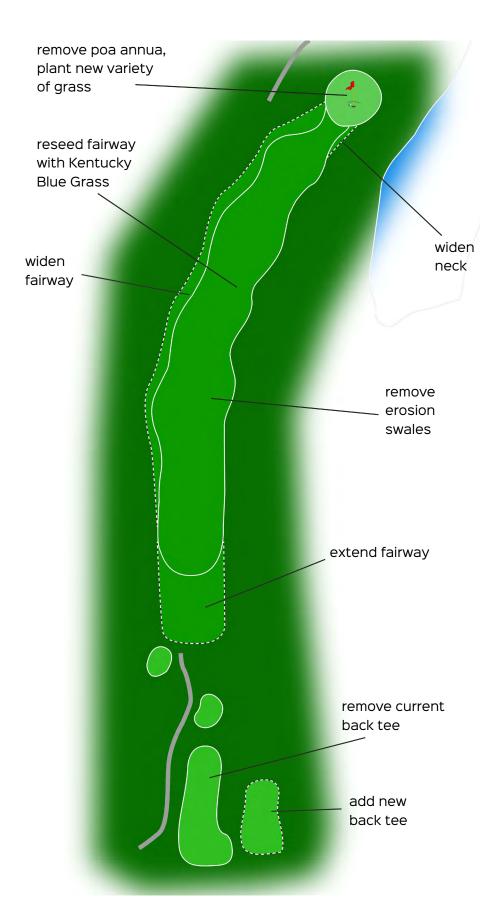
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Due to the large drainage ditch on Hole #1, we are unable to have an acceptable women's and Super Seniors' yardage as a Par 5, and the current tee box sets Yellow Tee players up for either a drive OVER intimidating bunkers or a bail-out to a tiny sliver of fairway. In addition, that same combination of fairway bunkers, mounds with heavy rough and small fairway make second shots for our Seniors and mid-range handicap golfers incredibly difficult.

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Areas #2, #3 and #5 from our Project Emerald Mission Statement. By making the Yellow Tee Box larger and moving it forward and to the west, we will improve the landing area for drives and make the Par 4 more reachable in regulation for a larger percentage of Yellow Tee golfers. Extending the fairway slightly left of the fairway bunkers and removing the unnecessary mounding will improve playability for our mid-higher handicap golfers while not affecting the difficulty of the hole for our scratch/competitive golfers. Play will speed up as a result of members not having to look for golf balls in difficult, thick rough short of the existing bunkers, and the mounds that were not in the original plans for Hole #1 will no longer interfere with a wellstruck tee shot.





PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

The tee box on hole #2 was originally designed to extend farther to the south, giving the hole more of a "kidney bean" shape. The current position of the tee box makes it easier for big hitters to bomb it over the corner, making the hole play shorter than it was designed. In addition, the current tee box angle actually "shrinks" the playable portion of the fairway for the mid-higher handicap golfer. In addition to the shape of the hole, the length of the hole for our Yellow Tee golfers is too long for a Par 4.

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Areas #2, #3, #4 and #5. By moving the tee box to the south, we will be restoring the originally intended shape of the hole. This will force the highly-skilled players to shape their tee shots for a more accurate drive. The changed tee box angle will provide the shorter hitting, mid-higher handicap golfer with a larger landing area. Since most of our mid-higher handicap players are hitting fairway woods for their second shots, the wider neck close to the green will allow these players better access to the pin. Moving the Yellow Tees back to the original tee box will allow Yellow Tee players to reach the green in regulation more easily. Even though Par will increase by one, it will be easier for golfers to reach a short Par 5 in regulation versus a long Par 4. In addition, this will raise our par to a more respectable 36 for the front 9.

The main problem with Hole #3 is the position of the Yellow Tees. The green can barely be seen from the tee box, plus the green is not receptive to a tee shot at this angle.

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Areas #3 and #5. The Yellow Tee has always been at a poor angle, and now the green will be more visible and more receptive to shots. In addition, Yellow Tee players will have a shorter carry over the lake.

FULL DETAILS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A complete booklet with all PROJECT EMERALD details and plans will be available for pick up by the end of February. You may pick up your copy of PROJECT EMERALD in the main office, call 402-462-4151 to request a mailed copy, or visit the PROJECT EMERALD page of Lochland website at www. lochlandcc.com. The new PROJECT EMERALD page will be available for viewing by March 1st. You will need to log in to the member portion of the site to view the page.

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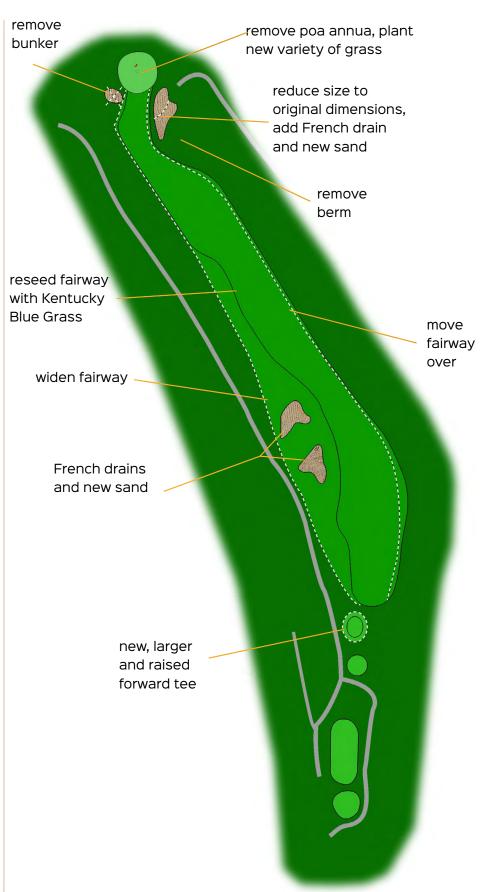


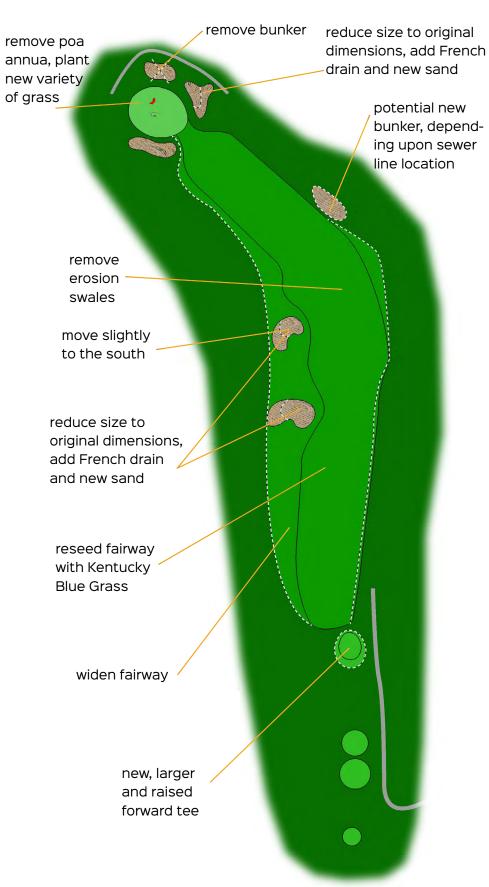
Similar to Hole #1, many of our golfers hit good drives that end up in the deep rough short of the fairway bunkers. This creates a "double hazard" where the mid-high handicapper now has to hit a difficult shot over a bunker from a horrible lie. From the fairway, the right greenside bunker is not visible and is therefore a "blind hazard". Over the years, the bunker has become too large due to erosion. The bunker on the left side of the green is visible, however, it rarely comes into play. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Areas #1, #2, #3, and #5. By extending the fairway to the left of the fairway bunkers, we will stay consistent with what we did on hole #1, and our mid-high handicappers will now be able to play their 2nd shots from a better lie. Scratch golfers normally play away from the fairway bunkers, so mowing the fairway up to the front of the bunkers will not affect competitive play. The re-positioning of the right greenside bunker will enable all golfers to see the hazard from the fairway. Hazards that are not visible from normal play areas are considered unfair. The left greenside bunker is not in play often due to its location. Bunkers are VERY expensive to construct and maintain (unless cost is no object), and bunkers that are rarely in play should be eliminated. Removing unnecessary bunkers will also help to speed up play for the midhigh handicap golfer.

10LE #4





PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

The Forward Tee on hole #5 is currently too small. The fairway bunkers on the left side of the hole have become blown out over the years, and the second fairway bunker is not visible from the tee. With changes in club/ ball technology, hole #5 has become too easy for competitive golfers. Many scratch players are hitting their drives over these fairway bunkers, leaving the player with a short wedge to the green. In the fairway, years of erosion have created significant "ripples" that need to be smoothed out. Similar to the fairway bunkers, the greenside bunkers have also become blown out over the years and need to be reshaped. The back right bunker rarely comes into play for most of our golfers. About the only time someone hits into this bunker is when a golfer skulls a chip across the green. (see picture for changes)

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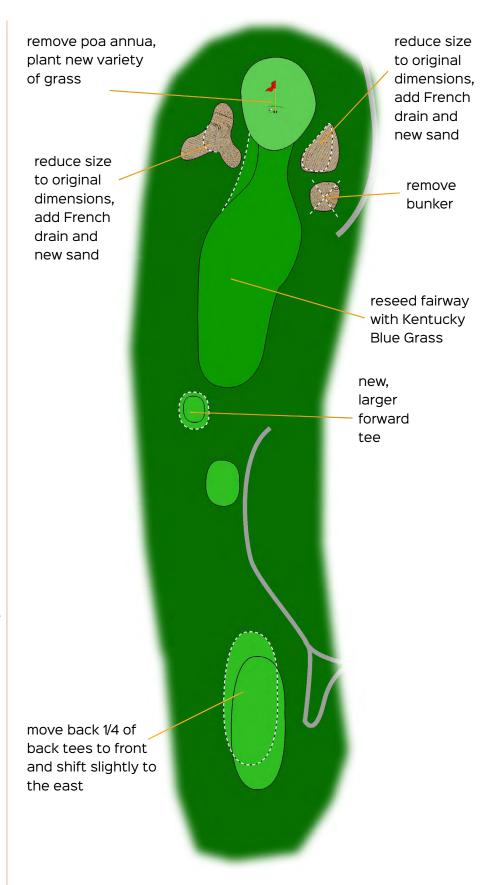
These changes will satisfy Focus Areas #2, #3, #4 and #5. Hole #5 will remain the same playability for our mid-high handicappers, but will become more difficult for our scratch and competitive players. With fairway bunkers now visible from the tee, the tee shot will now be more fair. By cleaning up the fairway erosion, good drives will no longer be penalized with a poor stance or lie. Adding the fairway bunker on the right will bring back challenge to the hole that has been lost due to changes in golf club/ ball technology. Removing the back right bunker will not affect competitive play, but will help speed up play for our mid-higher handicap golfers.

The largest problem with Hole #6 is the lack of distance options from the tee. It faces into a predominate south wind, so the current tee box has vast amounts of wasted area past 215 yards; however, there are very few tee options for the Blue Tee golfer. Tees are almost always at 200 yards directly into that south wind. There are also limited options for the Senior/ Forward Tee golfers. In addition to the tee distance problem, there are large mounds of dirt that do not belong on the hole and make the hole less aesthetic. The first greenside bunker on the right is a "double hazard". A poorly hit shot from this bunker almost always lands in the next bunker. The first bunker is only visited by our mid-high handicap golfers. In addition to this redundancy, all of the bunkers have eroded and become blown out.

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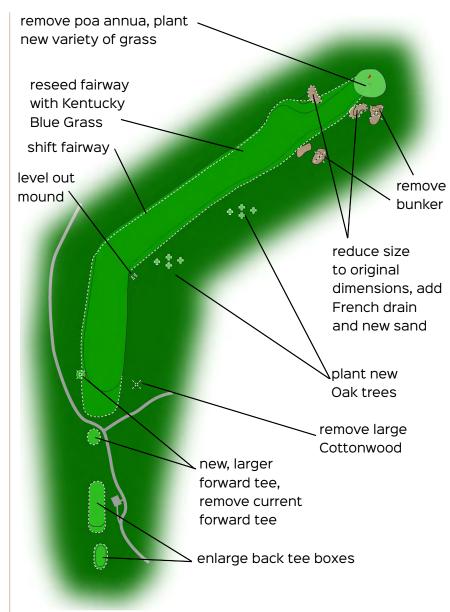
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These changes will satisfy Focus Areas #1, #3, and #5. By using the superfluous dirt in the rough, we will be saving money. By re-arranging teeing areas, we will be making the hole more playable from different yardages. Black Tees are never placed farther back than 215 yards from the center of the green, so using this dirt to add onto the Blue Tees will enable our Blue/White Tee players more options. Because the hole faces into the south wind, widening the neck leading to the green will help our mid-high handicap golfers who are hitting drivers and fairway woods for their tee shots. Removing the front right bunker saves money and makes the course more playable for our mid-high handicap golfers without affecting play for our scratch players.



Hole #7 is a perfect example of how golf club/ball technology can change the playability of a hole. With advances in the distance the ball travels, scratch and competitive golfers no longer treat the hole as a true dogleg. From the Blue and Black Tees, players are aiming at #8 tee box and simply hitting the ball as far as they can. If they do not hit a tree, they have a wedge into the green. If they do hit a tree or get caught up in rough, they may simply pitch out sideways and still have a short iron into the green. This was NOT how the hole was originally designed to play. For Forward Tee players, the problem is slightly different. The current location of the Forward Tee is at an awkward angle. Even though the hole is a Par 5, many Forward Tee golfers cannot hit driver. Hitting a driver puts the golfer in danger of hitting the ball through the fairway and into the trees on the left. Due to the trees on the right, choosing the correct club to tee off with is difficult at best. From the Black/Blue tees, there is not much of a penalty for hitting the ball directly at the corner of the fairway. There used to be bunkers and more trees here, but many of the trees have died and the bunkers have been removed. As we progress farther down the fairway, the hole has several fairway bunkers. There are two on the right side of the fairway, and only one of these gets significant use. The fairway bunker on the left side of the hole has blown out and become much larger than its original size.

H O L E # 7



side of the hole have grown, the left portion of the left fairway bunker has become a "double hazard". There is one very good bunker on the right front portion of the green; however, the second bunker on the right does not see many shots. (see picture for changes)

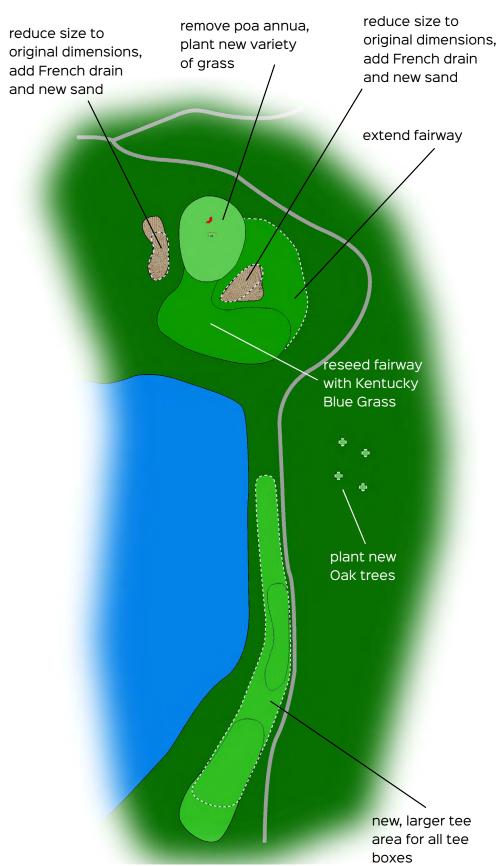
FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

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These changes will satisfy all 5 Focus Areas of the Mission Statement. By adding new tee box areas on the hole, we are making it more difficult for the scratch player, but we are also giving the Yellow and White Tee player more options at better angles. By changing the fairway contouring and adding trees, we are limiting opportunities for the scratch player to simply hit the ball as far as they can without risk. By eliminating two of the bunkers that are not used often, we are both saving money and making the course more playable for our mid-high handicap player while not making the hole easier for the scratch player.

If the budget permits, we plan on moving the bathrooms on hole #7 to an area that is accessible from #3, #7, #8 and #17. By doing this, we can reposition the Black Tee and make the hole much more difficult for the scratch player.

H O L E # 8



PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

Hole #8 is a challenging par 3 that is one of the toughest holes in relation to par. At 187 yards from the Blue Tees, the hole is long and the green is protected by 2 bunkers. Most players bail out to the right on the hole away from the right trap, which has become too large through erosion and the face has become too steep. Shots drifting to the right are then caught in difficult rough, leaving an incredibly difficult pitch over an incredibly difficult bunker. To deal with the slope of this bunker, many golfers putt out of the bunker instead of playing the standard bunker splash shot. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These plans satisfy Focus Areas #2, #3, and #5. By having more options in teeing area, the hole will become more playable for our ladies and our senior golfers. A longer tee box will also help bring variability to golfers of all abilities. By lengthening the fairway on the right past the bunkers, we are at least giving our higher handicappers a chance at a good pitch shot (which will still be difficult due to the slope of the hole). Our competitive golfers tend to miss to the left, so the hole will not be made any easier for them. Finally, the bunkers will become much more playable with reduced flashings. Golfers will no longer be able to escape by putting out of the bunkers; however, golfers will not be subjected to an unfair stance on a long, uphill bunker shot.

The only issue with Hole #9 is that our ladies, senior golfers and higher handicappers often hit their 2nd shots to the left that finds gnarly rough, making their 3rd shots to the Par 4 green very difficult. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These plans satisfy Focus Areas #2, #3 and #5. The hole will remain basically unchanged with the exception of widening the fairway where higher handicap players hit their 2nd and 3rd shots. Hole #9 is a very difficult par 4 as it stands, and further changes were not necessary. There were discussions about adding greenside bunkers, however the Committee felt that it would make the

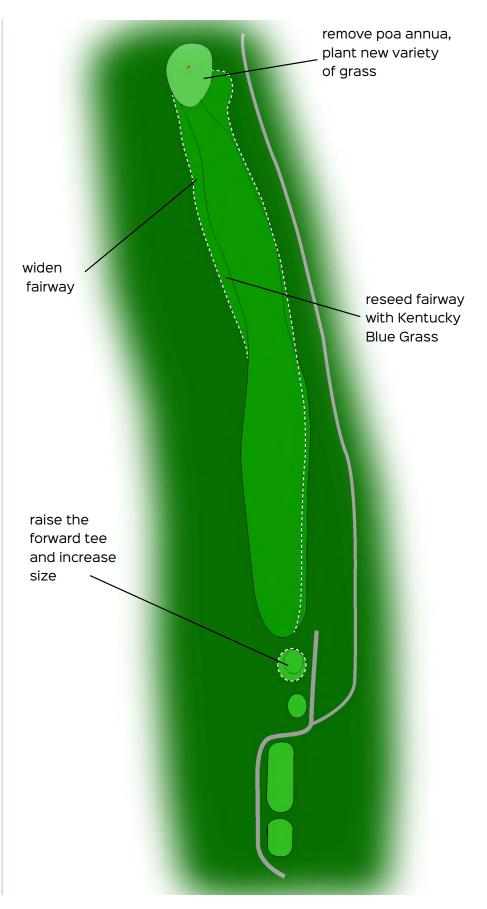
hole easier for our scratch players and much more difficult for our mid-high handicappers.

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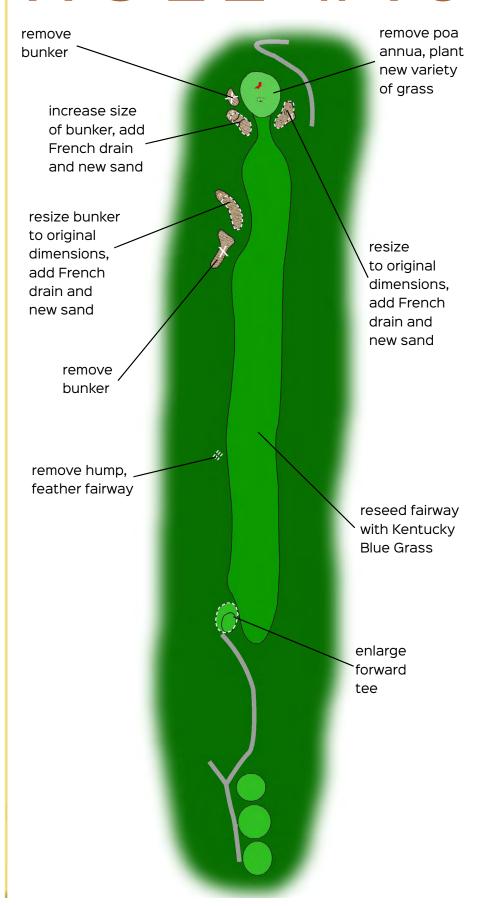
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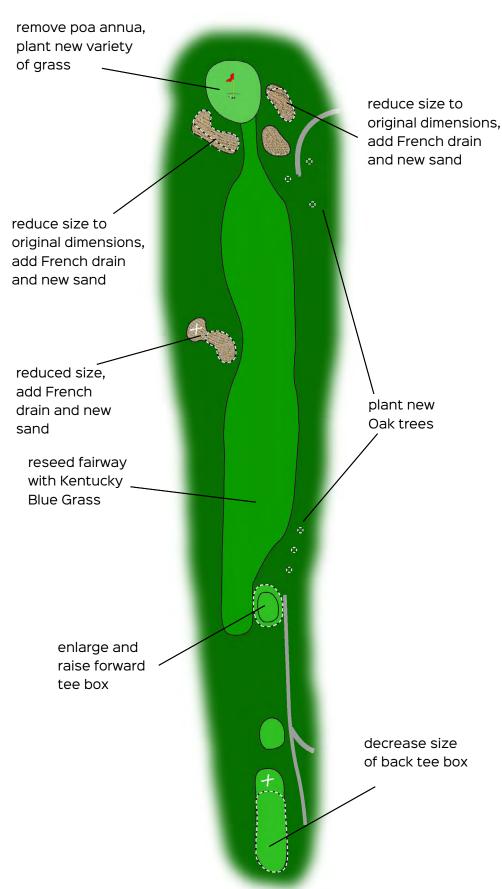


Hole #10 starts off with poorly aligned tee boxes that need to be re-centered with the fairway. Original construction on the hole left two large, unnecessary humps on the east side of the fairway. The fairway bunkers are placed so that lower handicap players will definitely miss the first bunker, but higher handicappers can reach both. A higher handicapper then has a double-hazard. The second fairway bunker has blown out and become too large. If a ball lands in the east half of the bunker. the shot to the green is obscured by large trees, thus making it a double-hazard as well. The right greenside bunker gets significant play, however, it has become blown out over the years. On the left side of the green, there is a myriad of three bunkers, only one of which gets significant traffic. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These plans satisfy Focus Statements #1, #2, #3, and #5. Re-aligning the tee boxes and increasing the size of the Forward Tees will help all of our higher handicappers and Forward Tee players by allowing for better alignment. Removal of the humps on the left and increasing the width of the fairway will help the higher handicappers by not requiring them to hit such a small target. Lower handicappers typically drive past this area, so they will be unaffected. Removal of the first fairway bunker will both save considerable money and prevent a double hazard for our higher handicappers without affecting the scratch player. By returning the 2nd fairway bunker back to its original size, we eliminate a double hazard without having to remove trees. The greenside bunkers have become blown out and the one on the right needs to be returned to its original size. The first bunker on the left will be a better hazard by almost doubling its size, and this increased size makes the two smaller bunkers irrelevant.





PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

With the short length of this hole, the front 30% of the tee box is never used and can be used as fill dirt for other parts of the project. The fairway bunker over the years has become blown out. Additionally, any ball in the left half of the bunker is blocked by the large evergreen trees, thus making it a double hazard. The "bail out" areas for the big-hitters are too open and do not penalize errant drives. Greenside bunkers are well placed but have become blown out and need to be returned to their original size. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These plans satisfy Focus Statements #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5. Reducing the size of the main tee complex will save on both maintenance and construction costs. Making the Forward Tee larger and raised will help our women, seniors and higher handicappers gain a little distance on the tee ball. The hole will stay at its original design, but the addition of trees will help offset the increase in driving distances. All bunkers are well placed; however, they have become too large over the years through erosion and need to be returned to their original sizes and shapes.

The Forward Tees are too small for the traffic they receive and need to be increased in size. This hole has a multitude of bunkers, many of which do not receive much traffic. Bunker maintenance is expensive, and maintaining all of the current bunkers is not a good use of funds.

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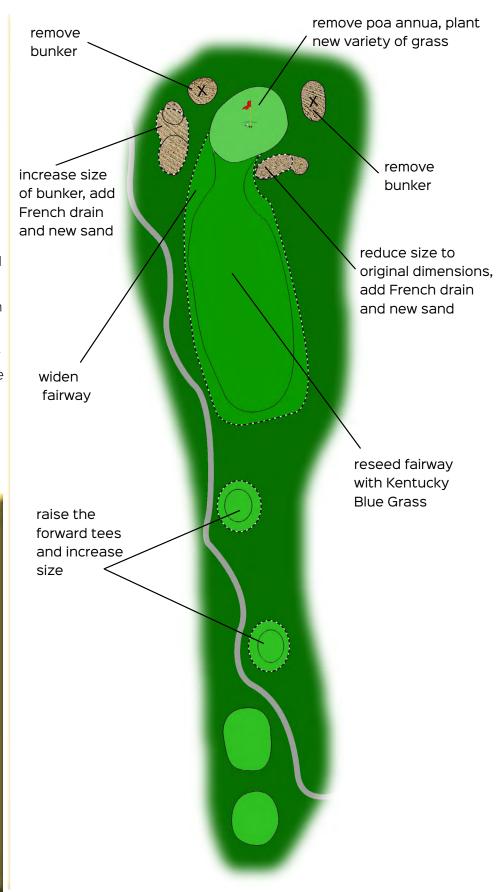
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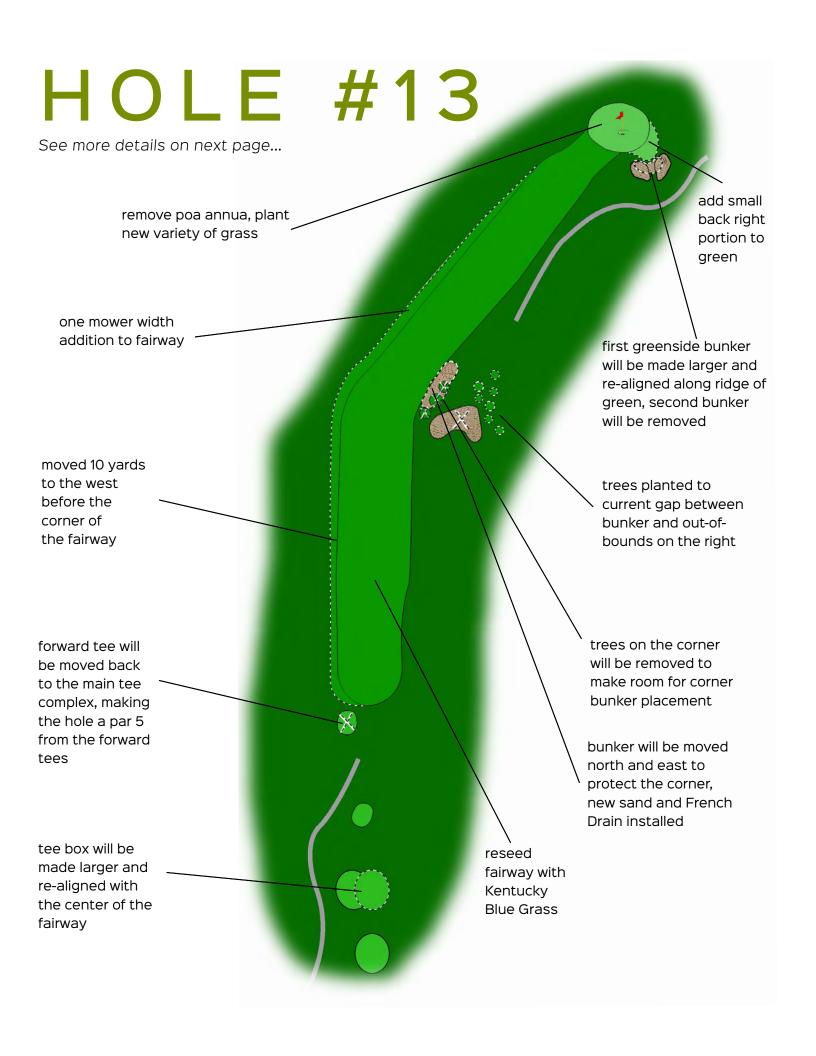
These plans satisfy Focus Statements #1, #2, #3 and #5. Removing unnecessary bunkers will save on both construction and maintenance costs. Increasing the size of the left greenside bunker will help maintain the original difficulty of the hole. By improving the two Forward Tees and increasing the size of the fairway, golfers who take two shots to get to the green will have a better chance at their 2nd shot. Excavation and drainage of the bunker complex will help return beauty to this hole.

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Like Hole #7, Hole #13 has become a casualty from the unforeseen changes in golf ball and golf club technology. In addition, the length of the hole for our Forward Tee golfers is too long for a Par 4. This beautiful hole has significantly changed from how the original hole, designed by David Gill, was intended to be played. Hole #13 was originally intended to be played down the fairway with a long, downhill 2nd shot to a slightly elevated green. With the longer distances the ball is now flying, scratch golfers and big hitters are merely hitting the golf ball OVER all of the trouble, ending up with just a small flip wedge into the green. At one point in time, trees were planted on the inside right corner of the fairway, but these trees do NOT affect the big-hitters AND the trees are smack dab in the middle of the 2nd shot for ladies. seniors and our higher handicap golfers. A golfer should NEVER BE PENALIZED for hitting the ball in the DEAD CENTER of the FAIRWAY. and this is EXACTLY what happens for all of our ladies, seniors and higher-handicapped golfers. The Wencel plan from 2002 recommended planting more trees on the right side of the hole, which will be done. Upon reaching the green, we find that the first bunker has become blown out from erosion, and the second bunker rarely receives play. (see picture at left for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These plans satisfy all five Focus Statements. By removing one greenside bunker, we will be saving money on construction and maintenance costs. By repositioning the bunker on the corner, we will be staying within the framework of the original design of the hole, while removing the trees on the corner matches the plans of the 2002 Wencel design. Moving the Forward Tees back to the original tee box will allow Forward Tee players to reach the green in regulation more easily. Even though Par will increase by one, it will be easier for golfers to reach a short Par 5 in regulation versus a long Par 4. In addition, this will raise our par to a more respectable 36 for the back 9. Removing trees on the corner and adding trees to the south and east of the new bunker enable us to make the hole more playable for our ladies, seniors and higher handicap golfers while preventing the scratch golfer from hitting the ball over all of the trouble on the right. Golfers will no longer be penalized for hitting their drives down the center or right-center of the fairway, and the hole will now be played as it was originally designed. By increasing the size of the green to the south and east, we will provide a very difficult "Sunday Pin" for competitive golfers. Eliminating the second greenside bunker while making the first bunker larger along the natural ridgeline will bring more trouble to shots hit barely right of the green, without unduly penalizing the higher handicap golfer who has a tendency to miss the green farther to the right.

The Forward Tee on this hole is too small and needs elevation. Due to the increase in the size of the trees on the right side of the hole, the fairway runs too far to the south and west. This encourages well-struck drives to hit and bounce into the tree line. The original plans called for the green to extend to the north and to the east, but for some reason, the existing greens mix in this area was not utilized (see picture for changes)

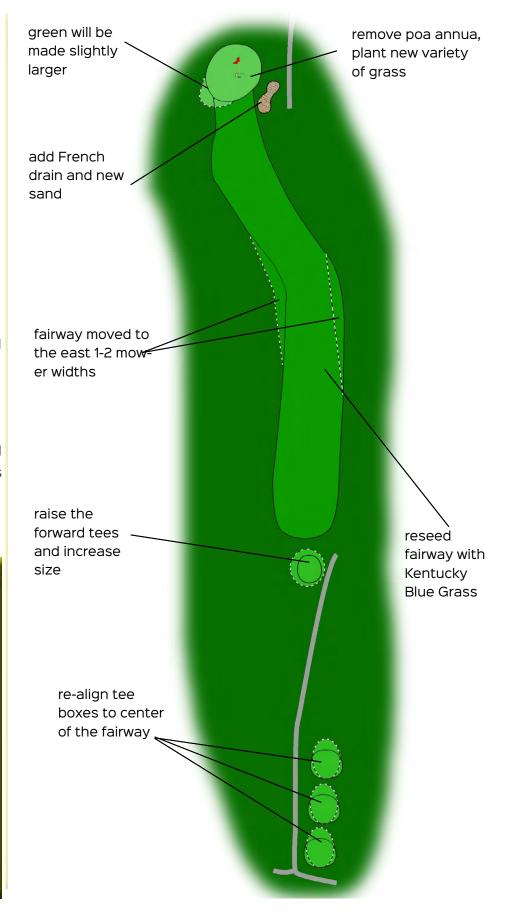
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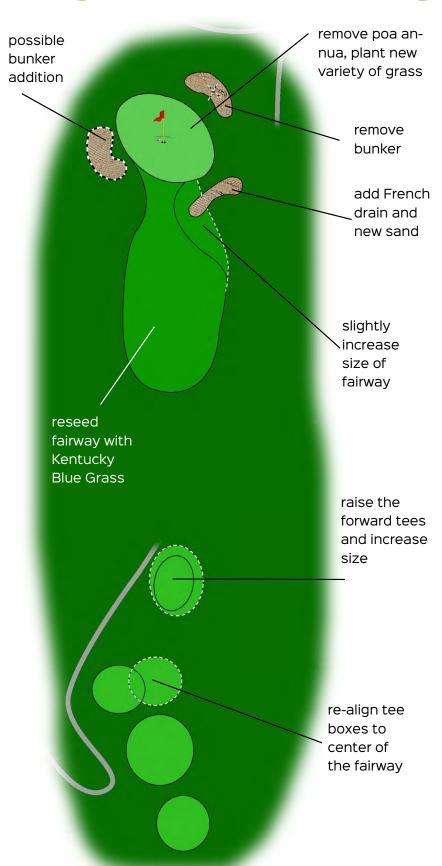
These changes satisfy Focus Statements #2, #3, and #5. By increasing the size and elevation of the Forward Tee, we will give our ladies, seniors and higher-handicapped golfers a better "look" at the start of the hole. By shifting the fairway to the east, the rough will come out a little farther on the right side of the hole. This will prevent less than perfect tee shots from running all the way into the trees. Over 90% of golfers slice the ball, so this will help our higher handicappers without affecting the playability of the hole for the better golfers.

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PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

The tee boxes on hole #15 do not line up correctly with the green. In addition, the Forward Tee is too small and needs to be elevated. The front right bunker is in a perfect position, however, the back right bunker does not receive much traffic. About the only traffic this bunker sees is when a higher handicapper skulls a pitch shot over the green. This golfer is already in trouble and does not need to be penalized more. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Statements #1, #2, #3 and #5. Better tee box alignment will help golfers of all abilities. Increasing the size of the fairway to the south will help higher handicappers by providing them a better lie for an already difficult pitch shot over a bunker. Most higher handicappers struggle pitching over a bunker, and this will give them an added psychological boost. Better players usually miss the green left, so increasing the fairway to the south will not affect the hole for the better golfer. The Wencel plans from 2002 recommended removal of the back right bunker, so we will be following that suggestion.

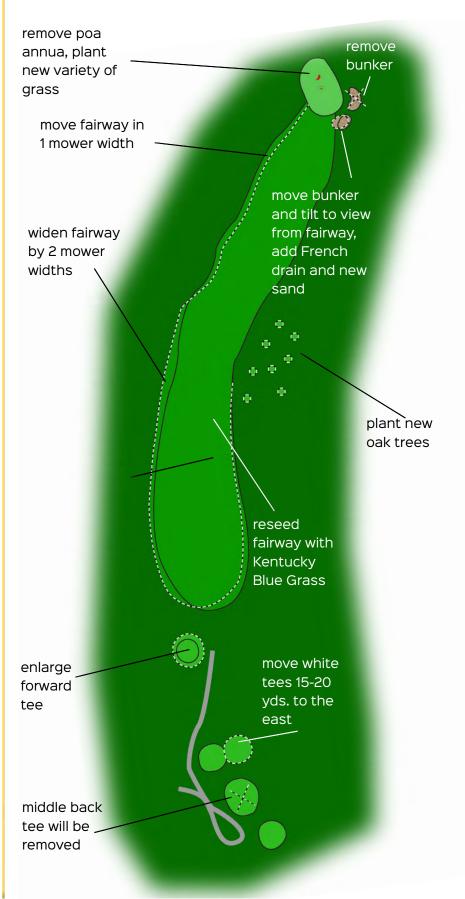
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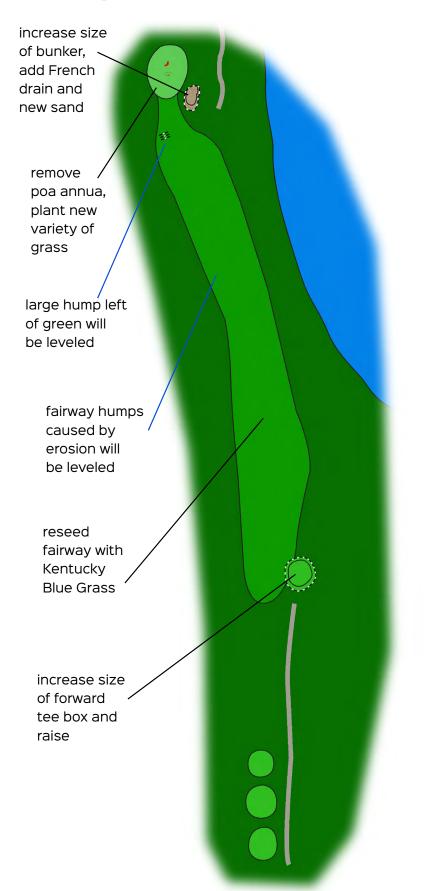
As a reminder, we had to change the Out-of-Bounds rule on hole #18 to protect the club from potential litigation. The entire hole now has out-of-bounds stakes. ANY shot hit east of the OB stakes is now considered out-of-bounds, and must be replayed under USGA Rule #27-1 with a penalty of stroke-and-distance.

The middle tee on hole #16 is poorly placed, bringing the trees to the left into play too quickly. Since 90% of golfers slice the ball, 90% of our players hit their tee ball into the trees on the right side of the fairway. With a predominate south wind, #16 has become too short for our longer hitters. There is not enough trouble on the right side of the hole to prevent them from hitting their tee ball directly at the green. The right greenside bunker was originally designed to be further south, which would have made the bunker visible from the fairway. The original green was supposed to have extended farther to the south as well. (see picture at left for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Statements, #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5. By eliminating the Middle Back Tee box, we will be saving on both construction and maintenance costs. Moving the Middle Tee to the east will make the hole more playable for our seniors and mid-higher handicap golfers. The Forward Tee on #16 has always been an eyesore, and the new tee box will be a much better fit for the hole. Widening the fairway to the west will enable our ladies, seniors, and higher handicappers to aim farther to the left to avoid going down into the valley on the right. Increasing the number of trees in the bottom of the valley will make the bigger hitters think twice before aiming at the green from the tee. By moving the greenside bunker, it will now be visible from the fairway, making the hole not easier, but more fair. In addition, we are returning the bunker to where it was originally planned to be.





PROBLEMS & PROJECT EMERALD SOLUTIONS

The Forward Tee on hole #17 is too small and not elevated enough. The fairway has become "rippled" due to erosion. Due to its small size, the greenside bunker does not pose much of a threat. A large "hump" built into the hillside left of the green makes for awkward stances and lies on pitch shots. The elm trees to the left of the green serve no playability purpose and prevent the green from receiving much needed sunlight. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Statements #3, #4 and #5. Improving the Forward Tee and leveling the fairway (and the area left of the green) will make the hole more playable for our ladies, seniors and higher handicap golfers. Increasing the size of the greenside bunker will help protect a back right pin placement from our better players. The USGA strongly recommended that we remove the row of trees just east of the green in order to promote better turf quality for the green. The eastern part of this green struggles to stay healthy during the summer months.

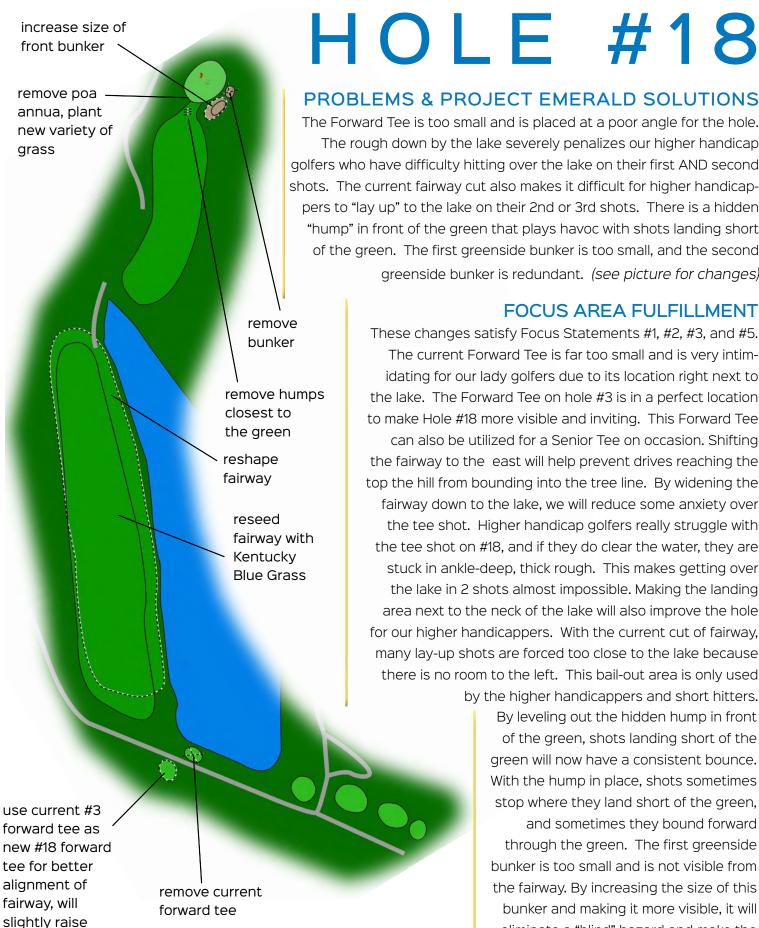
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The Forward Tee is too small and is placed at a poor angle for the hole. The rough down by the lake severely penalizes our higher handicap golfers who have difficulty hitting over the lake on their first AND second shots. The current fairway cut also makes it difficult for higher handicappers to "lay up" to the lake on their 2nd or 3rd shots. There is a hidden "hump" in front of the green that plays havoc with shots landing short of the green. The first greenside bunker is too small, and the second greenside bunker is redundant. (see picture for changes)

FOCUS AREA FULFILLMENT

These changes satisfy Focus Statements #1, #2, #3, and #5. The current Forward Tee is far too small and is very intimidating for our lady golfers due to its location right next to the lake. The Forward Tee on hole #3 is in a perfect location to make Hole #18 more visible and inviting. This Forward Tee can also be utilized for a Senior Tee on occasion. Shifting the fairway to the east will help prevent drives reaching the top the hill from bounding into the tree line. By widening the fairway down to the lake, we will reduce some anxiety over the tee shot. Higher handicap golfers really struggle with the tee shot on #18, and if they do clear the water, they are stuck in ankle-deep, thick rough. This makes getting over the lake in 2 shots almost impossible. Making the landing area next to the neck of the lake will also improve the hole for our higher handicappers. With the current cut of fairway, many lay-up shots are forced too close to the lake because there is no room to the left. This bail-out area is only used by the higher handicappers and short hitters.

> By leveling out the hidden hump in front of the green, shots landing short of the green will now have a consistent bounce. With the hump in place, shots sometimes stop where they land short of the green, and sometimes they bound forward through the green. The first greenside bunker is too small and is not visible from the fairway. By increasing the size of this bunker and making it more visible, it will eliminate a "blind" hazard and make the second bunker unnecessary.