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Why is it so?

Thankfully no two Golf Courses are alike. Each course has its own characteristics and so it is with Village Links. But in building the course, features seen at other places were inspirational in it's design. If you like we cheated a bit. That's what happens when you can't afford Greg Norman. In no way is it claimed the following features look or play anything like the originals but it may be an explanation as to why our course is not a pushover.

The third green at Royal Melbourne West Course short par 4 slopes sharply from front to back. A forty foot putt on the glassy greens is just a tap. Our first green was a copy until six years ago when the back of the green was raised more than a metre.

The small but tricky spine on our second green is the equivalent of a much larger spine seen running down the 11th at Royal Canberra.

If you think our third green is a long skinny affair the one at Cape Schank is at least twice as long. True it is not near OOB or a water hazard but how far can you putt a putter.

Our fourth green resembles one at Mohamadena (Morocco) upon which four Frenchmen engaged in an all out punchup. Not sure what the fight was about but the pleasant shape of the green remained in mind.

You don't have to be too smart to know of St Andrews road hole (17th) and why the path at the rear of our 5th is an integral part of the course. You may have noticed no bunker faces the house – no broken windows yet although we have lost five on the south side from the first tee.

A short 6th hole (190m) would not have been too bad but it presented problems with a par 4 7th which is drivable from the top of the 6th hill. At the bottom of the hill was a low flood prone area but this was built up about 2m using soil from newly built dams. So the sixth became a long par four.

There are no bunkers on the 7th because of drainage problems. The mounds are a friendly imitation of Barwon Heads par 3 Thirteenth.

If you recall seeing the Presidents Cup held at Royal Melbourne you must remember the cross bunkering of the east course par 5 seventeenth. Our eighth just happens to have the same sort of fairway hazards. Our green is more tightly bunkered to the left.

Incidentally the 8th nearly became a long par 4 with a green located near the creek. The 8th green was initially designed as the second hole hence it's back left bunker. Both ideas were scraped mainly because playing from the second tee to the 8th green was just a bit hard for your average player. See we were really quite considerate.

The 9th green had to be near the clubhouse so it was mainly a matter of going with the flow. If such a slope on a green was okay at Windaroo (17th) then it was okay for Village Links too.

So there you are! The real secrets of golf architecture.

Blue Poles

Not too much artistry about about our light blue bollards which will replace our dwarf conifers to indicate 150m to the centre of greens. Orange bollards on the par 5's will indicate 200m to go.

Leave of Absence

A number of our regular players are disappearing to far away places!! The UK, Europe, New Zealand, USA and Thailand seem a long way from Logan Village. Have a good time fellas.

Good Luck Bad Luck

Daniel Kozak holed in one on the 18th during a fun mid week round. There were a couple of very impressed spectators but no change to the honour board. Daniel will try to repeat it in Saturday's comp.