

## THE GOLF COURSE

OF

# The Shawnee Country Club

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Under whose supervision the Course  
was planned and developed



**T**HE SHAWNEE COUNTRY CLUB is three and a half miles from the Delaware Water Gap Station where automobiles meet all trains from New York via the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R.; and those from the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania R. R.

A portion of Buckwood Inn, which is close by the course, is at present leased as Club and Locker Rooms.



**L**ATE in the fall of 1909 when for the first time I carefully inspected the land where since has been developed the links of THE SHAWNEE COUNTRY CLUB, I immediately saw that the conditions were most unusual. It seemed as though Nature had ordained that this particular section of the beautiful Delaware Valley should be prepared for the royal and ancient game of golf.

The course was planned to meet championship requirements, and by this I mean that the expert is forced to display rare judgment and skill in playing par golf; but at the same time the less proficient player is enabled to make his round, with a higher card, it is true, but without unnecessary discouragement. The Fairways and Greens have been developed under the personal supervision of Mr. J. Franklin Meehan, a recognized authority on turf, and the development has been surprisingly rapid. Lines of underground water pipes have been run to the greens which will insure their future excellence. The greens and teeing grounds are very large and several novel features have been introduced in their construction. Bob Hobens has been engaged as professional and club maker. Quoting from *The American Golfer* (the magazine edited by Mr. Walter J. Travis):

"It is quite safe to predict that when the course at Shawnee-on-Delaware is opened next May it will find favor in the eyes of real golfers, and when it has matured it will rank with the notable courses of America."

The First hole calls only for a good drive and a mashie to the green just over the winding creek.

After crossing the Binniekill foot-bridge the player tees off at No. 2, and here the drive must be well placed to open up the second — an iron to the green, which is protected in front by a diagonal line of mounds and on the sides by pits.

The Third is a long one, demanding two long balls and a running approach to the green which slopes away to guarding pits.

The drive at No. 4 must be placed to permit the second to avoid the ridge which closes off the green on the left. It is an elbow problem.

The short Fifth is in my opinion a very fine hole indeed. The tee "fans" for a hundred feet; from every part of it the player is 102 yards from the hole, which is placed upon the ridge. The pitch must be most accurate to escape the guarding pits. The peculiar construction of the tee permits an entire change of the character of the hole by moving the teeing ground in various winds.

No. 6 is a long one, with the green well guarded, and the next is another treat for the long player. Here the green contains about a half acre and has considerable throw from the right. The banks of the Delaware skirt the hole on the left.

A double dip in the Fairway, approaching the Eighth green, renders the hole unique, and Nature has made the work of the golf architect quite easy.

The Ninth or Punch Bowl green was most carefully constructed. Tons of earth were taken out from the top of the ridge and pipes placed underground for drainage. A long, accurate iron will find the "Bowl" under normal conditions, but if the ball

from the tee be off-line, it must surely find the side pits. Here we finish the Out-journey, and the player who has broken forty has made very few mistakes.

Starting Home we drive off from the ridge, and the second should hold the green.

The Eleventh demands all that the long player has in the "wood." The double line of irregular mounds here are perhaps the most interesting of any yet placed on the course.

No. 12 places greatest premium on the mashie to the green after the drive. The guarding pit is placed close-up.

Thirteen is all carry across the Binniekill.

At No. 14 we take to the tee in the woods, and the rather open way to the green invites the "slogger" to open up his shoulders.

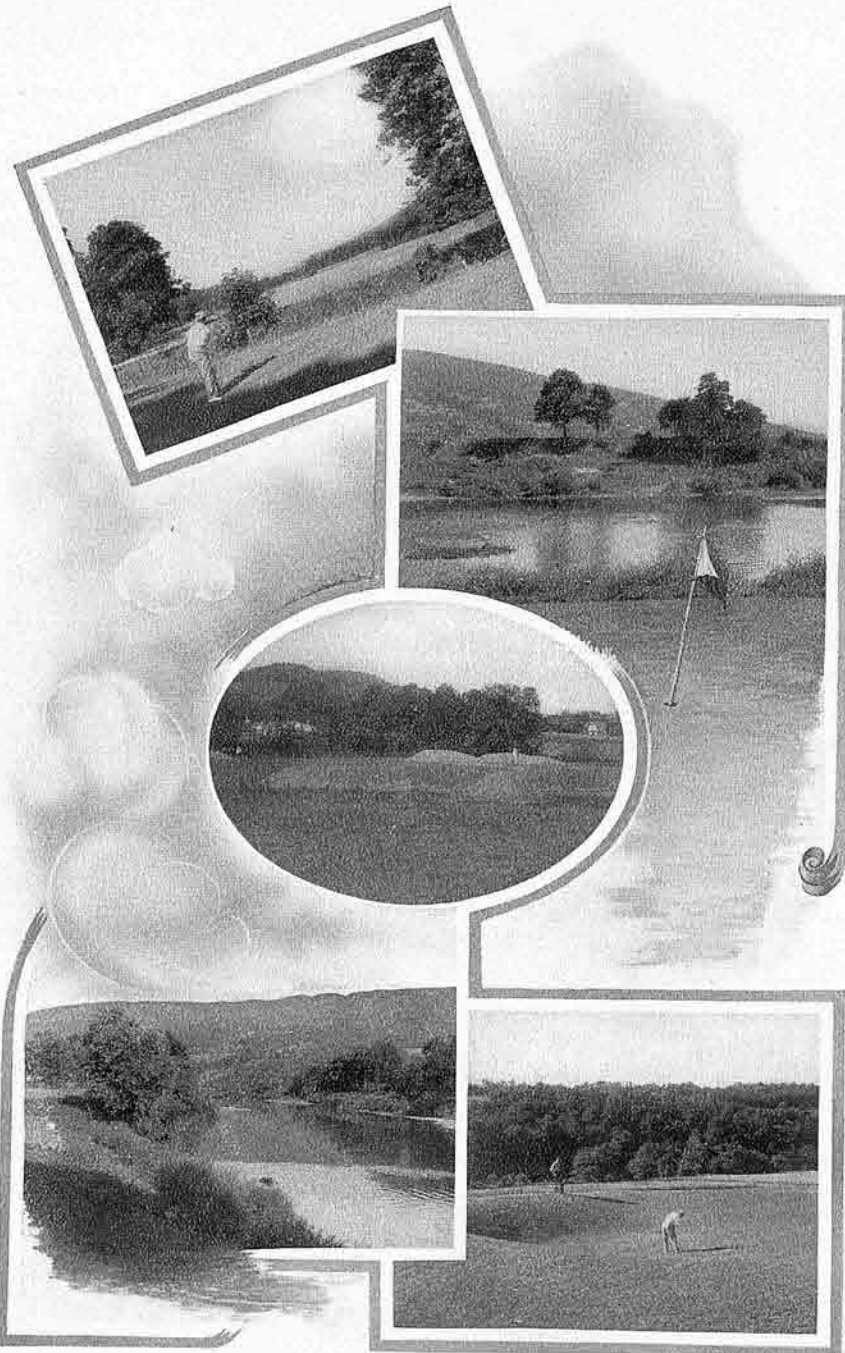
The Fifteenth green nestles away in pits which will trap the nearly-good tee shot of the expert, trying for his three. There is a safe path for a careful four.

No. 16 is an elbow for the careful player, but nearing the end of the round the player who elects the long carry of the creek, straight for the green, is amply rewarded. The green is well guarded.

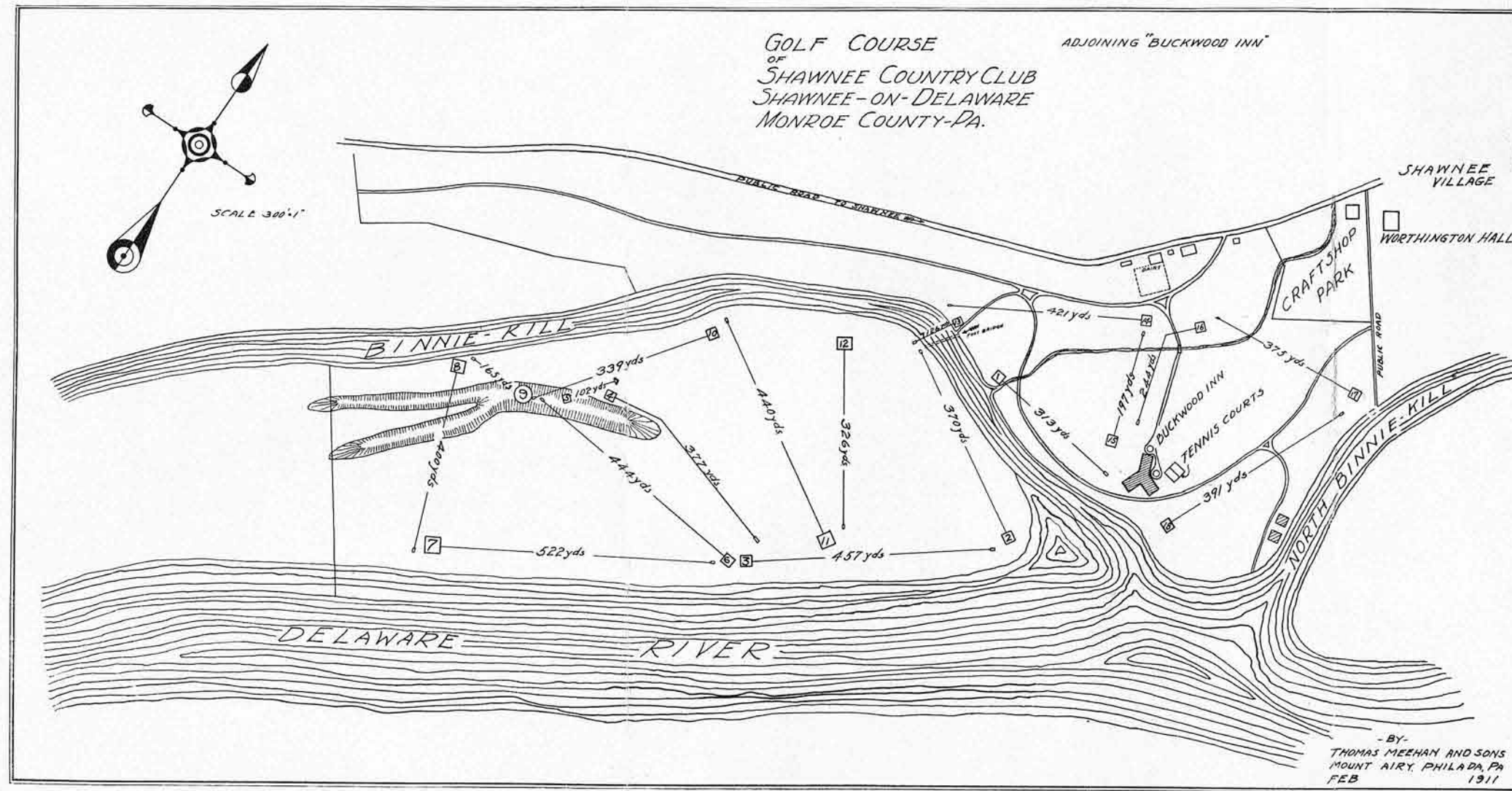
The Seventeenth tee is on a slight elevation, and there is the creek to be carried as well as the break beyond. The green is open only in front.

The Home hole calls for two long balls to the large and undulating green.

During the past fifteen years I have played over many courses, both in this country and abroad, and I know of none which offers more variety than the course at Shawnee.



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NOTE — In the above map no effort has been made to represent undulations or the throws of the ground, other than the long ridge on which are located the Fifth and Ninth greens and the Sixth and Tenth tees. Neither are the artificial hazards and rough indicated.

## DISTANCES

OUT	IN
No. 1—313 yards	No. 10—339 yards
No. 2—370 yards	No. 11—440 yards
No. 3—457 yards	No. 12—326 yards
No. 4—377 yards	No. 13—126 yards
No. 5—102 yards	No. 14—421 yards
No. 6—444 yards	No. 15—197 yards
No. 7—522 yards	No. 16—246 yards
No. 8—400 yards	No. 17—375 yards
No. 9—165 yards	No. 18—391 yards
Totals 3,150 yards	2,861 yards

TOTAL 6011 YARDS