



MAR DEL PLATA GOLF CLUB

MAR DEL PLATA (7600) - ARGENTINA

SITE REPORT FOLLOWING VISIT IN OCTOBER 07

A D A M G O L F D E S I G N
ARQUITECTOS DE CANCHAS DE GOLF

HOLE N°1 - CANCHA NUEVA

EXISTING



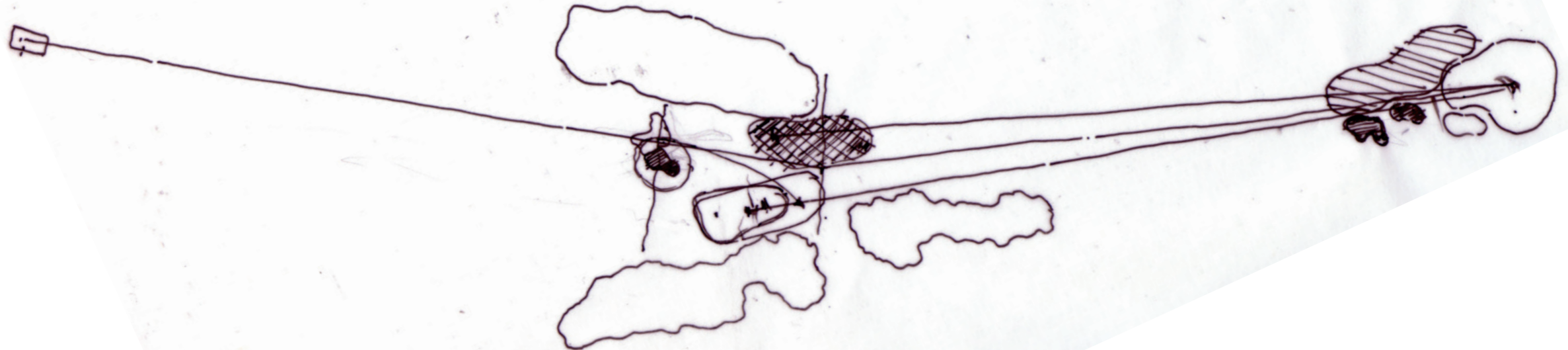
PROPOSED



Aerial photo from Google earth - Scale 1: 1500 - 1cm = 15 Metres - Turning point on the drive 240 Metres

This opening par 5 hole, playing 494 yards downhill from the back tees is now due to improvements in club and ball manufacturing playing as a par 4 for a good number of members. In the process of reviewing this hole to establish a new hole design, we have taken into account that this is an opening hole and that the landing area for the drive slopes from left to right. We therefore have opted for a design concept based on the player taking options off the tee, that privileges ball positioning with a risk/reward. We have also opted for a design that makes for a difficult par 4 but an easy opening par 5. The ideal line of play is along the left hand side, as this leaves a second shot open towards the green, even allowing a run-up shot. But this line of play is harder than one thinks as the player has to play between the edge of the trees and the fairway bunker with the landing area sloping from left to right. A player choosing an alternative route will have to flirt with the fairway bunker with his ball rolling to the right hand side of the fairway. The player will then be faced with two options, either too lay up on the left hand side or to try and play for the green by carrying the bunkers.

ON SITE SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGY HOLE N°1 - CANCHA NUEVA



EXISTING VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA HOLE N°1 - CANCHA NUEVA



PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA HOLE N°1 - CANCHA NUEVA



HOLE N°15 - CANCHA NUEVA

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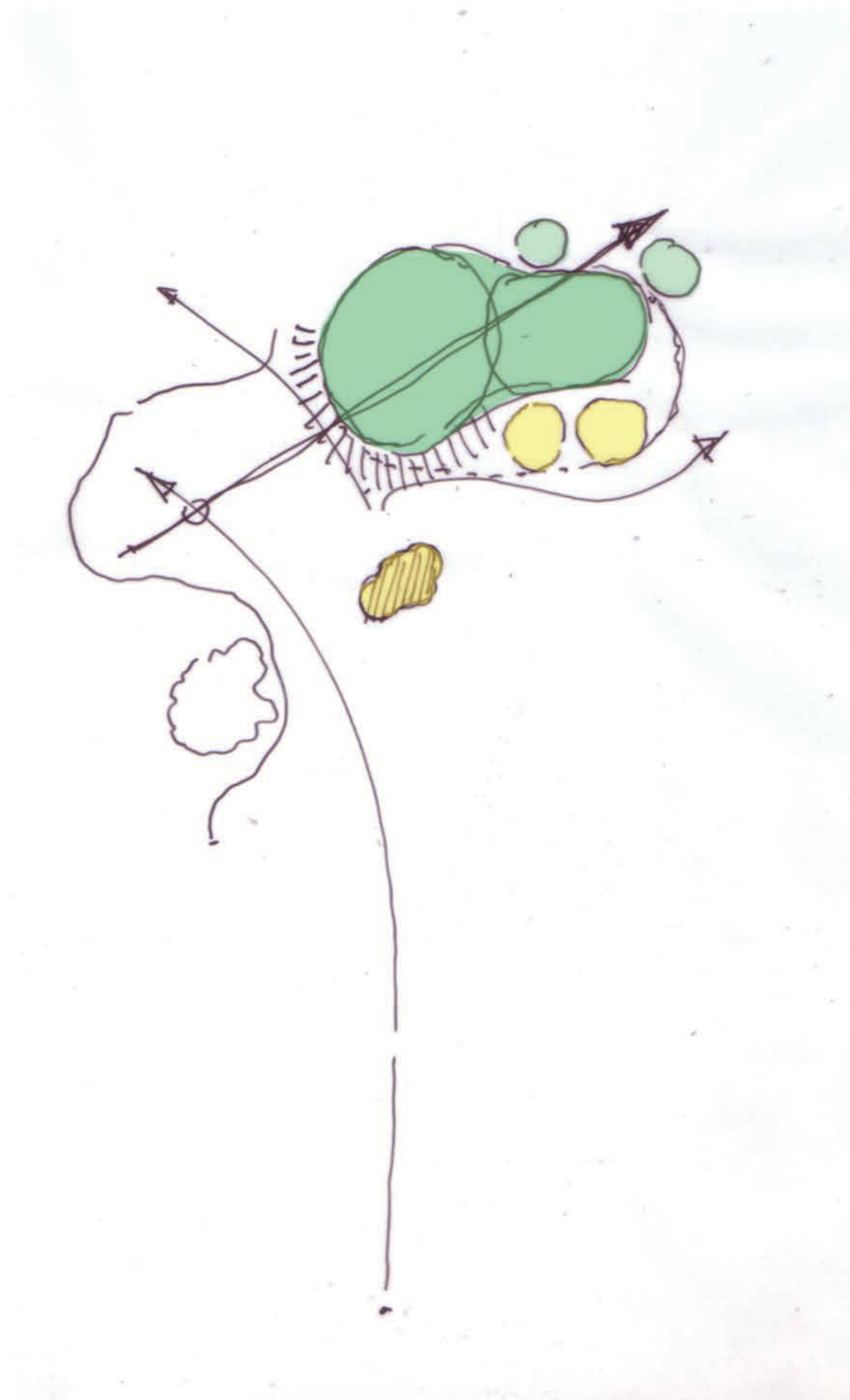
— Existing features of the course

This par 5, playing 465 yards from the back tee is now playing as a very easy par 4 for most of the members, particularly since the removal of trees that were in front of the green. Accordingly we have voluntarily approached the redesign of the hole, to make it a difficult par 4 and a relatively easy par 5. In the process of reviewing this hole to establish a new hole design we took into consideration that the landing area for the drive is blind, particularly during the drier months. The positioning of a visible fairway bunker from the tee would only punish the low handicap player, so we concentrated the redesign on the strategy and options for play on the second shot. On the second shot the player can opt to play the hole as a par 5, by playing down the left hand side of the fairway using the slope of the fairway from right to left and positioning his ball for a short approach to the open green. If the player chooses to play the hole as a par 4, the position of the pin shall be critical. If the pin is on the left hand side his approach may appear less difficult, but he will not be able to run his ball down the slope towards the green, due to the protective bunker and the sloped embankment around the front left of the green. This sloped embankment shall be quite pronounced, as the front of the green shall be cored away so as to have the water from the surface run-off draining away to the right and left. If on the other hand the pin is on the right, its approach will be particularly difficult, as the green shall be pinched between some face bunkers on the front of the green and defended by some grass bunkers on the back. An ideal pin position for club championship play.

ON SITE SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGY HOLE N°15 - CANCHA NUEVA



Example of the type of embankment on the front left of the green



EXISTING VIEW FROM THE FIRST LANDING AREA HOLE N°15 - CANCHA NUEVA



PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE FIRST LANDING AREA HOLE N°15 - CANCHA NUEVA



HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA

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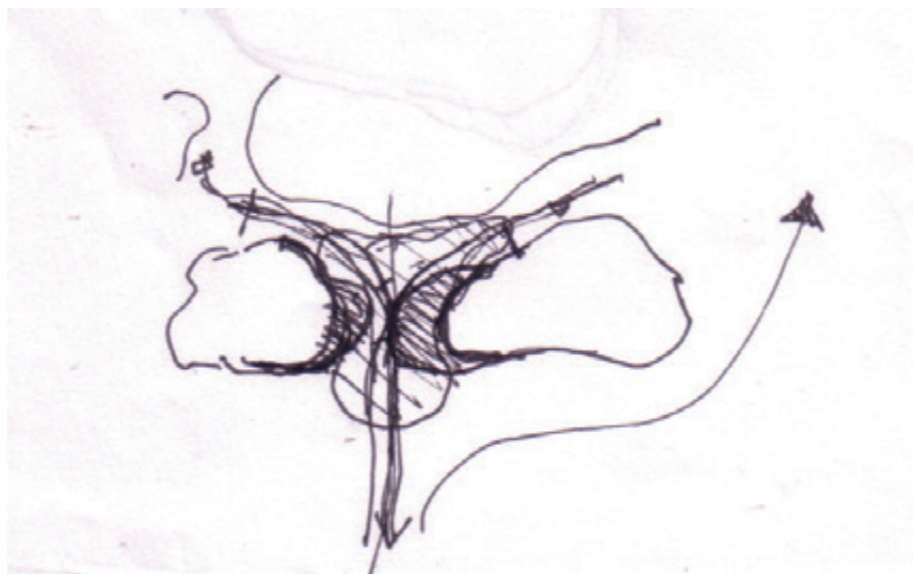


Aerial photo from Google earth - Scale 1: 1000 - 1cm = 10 Metres

— — Proposed modifications of the bunkers

Both the green and the front bunkers are not really visible from the tee on this uphill Par 3. The nose between the two front bunkers was blocking the view towards the green and pushing the water from the surface run-off into the bunkers. The lip of the right hand side front bunker was also masking the view of the green. Our proposed modifications are to remove the nose and to reduce the size of both front bunkers. This will open up the green, permitting greater visibility and create a swale between both bunkers. Between the lip of the bunkers and the green we propose to remove a little material so as to avoid the water going into the bunkers and be directed rather towards the swale. The lip of both bunkers would also be partly shaved off due to their reduction in size. Lastly we propose to bring the sand back up on the face of the bunkers so that they become much more visible. If the sand doesn't remain on the face, a sand mat could be used.

ON SITE SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGY HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA



EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA



PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA



EXISTING DETAILED VIEW FROM THE GREEN APPROACH HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA

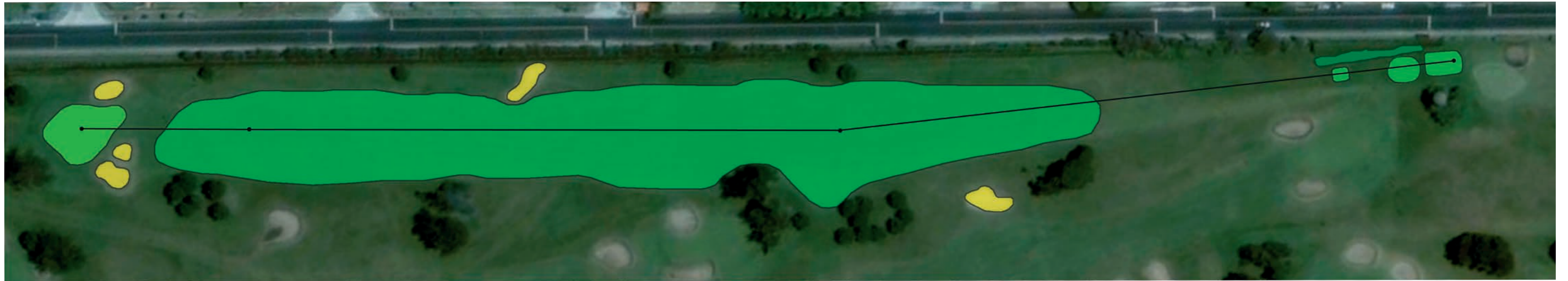


PROPOSED DETAILED VIEW FROM THE GREEN APPROACH HOLE N°16 - CANCHA NUEVA



HOLE N°3 - CANCHA VIEJA

EXISTING



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— Existing features of the course

On this hole the major concern was the number of balls going onto the road. In order to help remedy this situation, we propose to shift the centre line towards the right hand side and to enlarge the fairway on the right hand side. With regards to the existing tee box, we propose to re-align it with the proposed centre line. We also propose that some dense planting be put in place alongside both the existing men's and ladies tees. The positioning of this vegetation as the ball rises from the tee rather than at the end of its flight has been shown to be more effective both physically and psychologically.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE HOLE N°3 - CANCHA VIEJA



PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE HOLE N°3 - CANCHA VIEJA



HOLE N°4 - CANCHA VIEJA

EXISTING



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On this hole the major concern was the number of balls going on to the road. This problem is reinforced by the fact that the hole is played downhill and is a very short par 4 that can be reached with a very long drive in the summer months. We analysed this hole from many angles and looked at a multitude of options, some quite radical, but we unfortunately found no good solution. I believe that the only option lies in trying to position a new tee next to the reservoir or existing tee where the existing vegetation is. This proposal can only be thought out on site. I propose therefore that during my next visit we look into this problem in depth, particularly now that I have much more information, information that I did not have at the time of my quick visit on this hole.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE HOLE N°4 - CANCHA VIEJA

