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EXISTING ROUTING - HOLE N°1



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Scale 1:1000

— Existing fairway edge

PROPOSED ROUTING - HOLE N°1



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EXISTING VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA TOWARDS THE GREEN - HOLE N°1



At present the left green bunker is barely visible and the lip is difficult to maintain. The 1st green bunker on the right is hardly visible and the lip is difficult to maintain. The 2nd green bunker on the right is completely blind.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA TOWARDS THE GREEN - HOLE N° 1



We propose with the left green bunker to raise the sand line at the back right and to soften the slope of the existing wall by filling within the bunker. We also propose with the 1st green bunker on the right to soften the existing wall into the bunker, to raise the sand line and remove the lip in front. The 2nd green bunker on the right needs a lot of earth to become visible. Several options are possible. Leave it as is. Convert the bunker into a grass bunker or make the necessary earth movements to make the bunker visible.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE BACK TEE - HOLE N°2



At present the fairway bunkers on the left side of the fairway are barely visible. Some players are slicing the ball over the corner of the dog-leg to get extra length.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE BACK TEE - HOLE N°2



We propose to elevate the mounding behind the fairway bunkers that will make the lip and the bunkers themselves more visible. As some players are slicing the ball over the corner of the dog-leg to get extra length, we looked at placing a bunker on the right in the semi-rough after the dog leg point. We concluded that this would be counter productive as the bunker itself wouldn't be visible from the tee, and that in due course the newly planted trees will grow to a sufficient size to be hazardous for the players.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°2



At present from the landing area the back green bunker is barely visible and the lip appears as a horizontal flat line. The front wall of the green bunker on the left side needs to be softened to facilitate maintenance and to create a better visual appearance. The view of the right green bunker from the landing area is partially blocked by the planted vegetation at the base of the tree. (Yellowish bush). The right side green bunker also needs to be made more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°2



We propose behind the back green bunker to create a mound between the existing mounds. This will allow us to create some ears, to make the bunker more visible and for the lip of the bunker to no longer appear as a straight horizontal line. We also propose the softening of the lip of the left side green bunker by a partial filling inside the bunker. This shall improve the visual appearance of the hole and facilitate the maintenance of the lip of the bunker. The vegetation at the base of the tree on the right side near the green could be removed with great care, so as to make the right green bunker more visible. Removal has to be executed with great care, as this vegetation is also presently screening the path to the tee n°3, a feature that we need to maintain. The back edge of the right green bunker could be modified, so that it is going up the face of the mound.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°3



At present from the tee one can see the car traffic at the round about. The bunker edge of the left green bunker needs to be softened for visual and maintenance purposes.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°3



This is one of the signature holes on this course. We propose to improve its visual appearance, by planting some ivy or evergreens next to the fence or on the fence (2.8 m height minimum) to hide the traffic from the tee. We also propose to soften the edge of the left green bunker and to place a mound at the back edge of the bunker towards the tee, so as to make the bunker more visually appealing.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°4



At present the two fairway bunkers are not penal enough and therefore lose in their strategic value. The vegetation needs to be reinforced along the road at the second landing area to improve safety. We should also look at the possibility of making the green bunker of the right more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°4



We propose to have more of a lip on the two fairway bunkers, so that they are more visible and more penal, the object being that a player in the bunker loses so to speak half a stroke. We would reduce the size of the 1st fairway bunker and create the slope for the lip within. We propose to reinforce the vegetation with more planting along the road at the second landing area to improve safety. We think that seeing ways of making the green bunker on the right more visible should be considered, also to improve safety.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°5



At present the fairway bunkers are not visible even though they are in play for the vast majority of players.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°5



We propose to make the existing fairway bunkers more visible by placing some mounding behind the bunkers that will then allow us to raise the lip and sand line. They are in play for the majority of players so they should be clearly visible to have strategic value.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°5



At present the left green bunker and the right green bunker need to be made more visible. The back green bunker lacks definition.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°5



We propose to make the right green bunker and left green bunker more visible by lowering the front lip and raising the sand line. We also propose to prune the bottom branches of the trees before the green on the right so as to make the right green bunker more visible from the 1st landing area. We also propose to raise the sand line in the middle of the back green bunker to improve its visibility and to create a better visual composition of the green.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°6



At present the tree branches on the right side just after the lake are partially blocking the view of the two right side bunkers. The back green bunker is barely visible. The lip of the left green bunker needs to be softened for a better visual appearance and to facilitate maintenance.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°6



We propose to remove the branches on the right side just after the lake to have a better view of the two right side bunkers. We also propose to make the back right bunker more visible by making a small mound behind the existing bunker, and having the sand line go up the mound. We also propose to soften the lip of the bunker by filling partially inside the bunker, so as to improve the visual appearance and to facilitate maintenance.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°7



At present the bank of the front green bunker needs to be softened. The right side of the green is totally open.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°7



We propose to soften the bank of the left front green bunker by filling within the bunker and also raising the sand line. This will improve its visual appearance and facilitate maintenance. We also propose to place a bunker on the right at the front of the green and to also create more strategic variety and create a more difficult pin area at the front of the green.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°8



At present the back green bunker is not very visible and as such loses its strategic value. The right green bunker needs to be made much more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N° 8



We propose on the back green bunker to keep the same height of the lip on the right side, but to make the left side higher. This would be done by inserting a mound into the bunker between the existing mounds. We also propose to make the right green bunker more visible by raising its lip and sand line. We also looked at the dog-leg area of the hole. We looked at inserting a bunker on the right side of the fairway but it would look artificial. Probably as the trees grow, cutting the dog-leg will become riskier.

EXISTING VIEW FROM BEHIND THE BACK TEE - HOLE N°9



At present from the back tee, some players are cutting the dog-leg, especially during the Copa de Andes tournament.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM BEHIND THE BACK TEE - HOLE N°9



We propose to extend the back of the tee box 8 metres with the back slope ending at the control box. We also propose to remove some of the branches of the linden tree to do these works.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE SECOND LANDING AREA - HOLE N°9



At present the left green bunker is lateral to the green and as such doesn't allow for a more difficult pin position. All the existing green and fairway bunkers need remodelling. The second green bunker on the right needs to be more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE SECOND LANDING AREA - HOLE N°9



We propose to extend the left green bunker so that it is more frontal and closes off partially the front of the green. This will also allow for some more difficult pin positions. We also propose to bring the sand line back up the slope of the bunker to make it more visible and visually appealing. We also propose to reduce the size of the first fairway bunker and to raise the lip, but in such a way that the other bunkers behind remain visible. We also propose to raise the sand line in the next fairway bunker, as well as on the first green bunker on the right. We also propose to make some mounding behind the second green bunker on the right, so that the sand line can be raised and the bunker becomes more visible.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°10



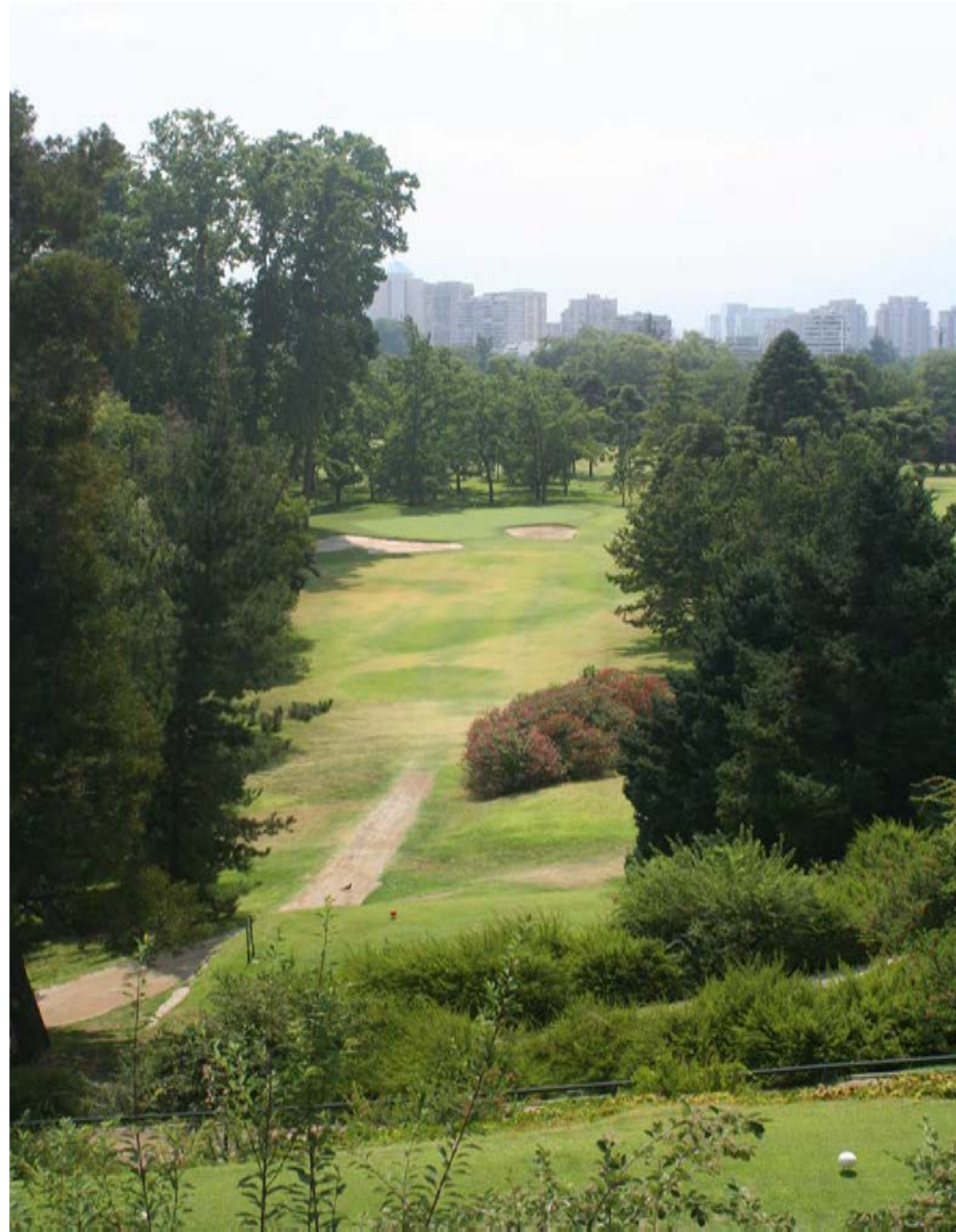
At present this short par 4, poses no challenges and choices off the tee. The bunkers on the right could be made more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N° 10



We propose to place a bunker at the turn of the hole on the left hand side of the fairway. This will bring some strategic interest to the hole and make the cutting of the dog-leg much more hazardous. It will also give greater composition to the hole. We also propose to raise the left fairway bunkers to make them more visible.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N° 11



At present the cart path is spoiling this very picturesque hole. The pine tree on the left is blocking the view of the left side of the green bunkers from the tee.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N° 11



We propose to remove the cart path and have the players go round the red bush. We also propose to remove the pine tree on the left side at the level of the fairway that is obstructing the view of the green bunkers on the left side.

EXISTING CART PATH FROM HOLE N°11 TO HOLE N°12

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Scale 1:500
→ Existing route of players from green 11 to tee 12



At present the cart path that goes towards the 12th tee starts from behind the green, next to the apron of green n°13, then goes along the back of hole n°14 tee box and then onto tee n°12. We feel very strongly that this path is particularly dangerous as its start is blind from the 1st landing area on hole n°13 and that it is just to the right of the right green bunker and nearly goes in front of the green. It is a miracle that there haven't been any serious injuries to players.

PROPOSED CART PATH FROM HOLE N°11 TO HOLE N°12

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Scale 1:500
Proposed path



We propose to build a cart path that starts from the left side of the green apron and then crosses the 14th tee and then goes on to the right side of tee n°12. The back tee of hole n°14 is much higher than the ladies tee, so a path at the base of the slope wouldn't be visible from the back tee. To help players verify if players are on the tee, a bit of selective pruning could be undertaken so that players starting on the path could see if players are on the tee. We have undertaken such works on other courses with great satisfaction. Examples of such work that we have undertaken exist at San Isidro Golf Club - Buenos Aires.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N° 12



At present the path on the right side of the tee needs to be remodelled. The tree just before the green on the left side is blocking the view of the left side of the green and part of the green bunker on the left side.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°12



We propose to build a path on the right side of the tee, that is wide enough for carts and flat. We also propose to prune the tree just before the green on the left side. This will allow for a much better view of the green, especially its left side and part of the green bunker on the left side.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°13



At present the tee box is quite narrow.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°13



We propose to enlarge the tee on the left side.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N° 13



At present the bank of the left green bunker needs to be softened and the sand line raised for a better composition of the green. The right side bunker is nearly invisible. From this photo one can also appreciate the dangerousness of the existing path between the green of hole n°11 and the tee box of hole n°12. (see proposal for the new path)

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°13



We propose to soften the bank of the left green bunker by filling within it and raising the sand line. This will make the bunker much more visible and strategic. We also propose to raise the back of the right back green bunker with a mound to make it more visible. We also propose to make a swale in front of the green on the right side, to also help make the right green bunker more visible.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°15



At present from the tee one cannot see the 2nd fairway bunker on the right. The left fairway bunker is visually a straight line and not very visible. From the beginning of the fairway, no fairway bunkers are visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°15



We propose to add some mounding behind the left fairway bunker, to help raise the sand line and to help give visually a more curvilinear line on the horizon. We also propose to cut the branches that are blocking the view of the two fairway bunkers.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°15



At present the left and right green bunkers are not really visible. The banks of the bunkers also need to be softened to facilitate maintenance.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°15



We propose to soften the bank of the left and right green bunkers by filling within and to raise the sand lines to make the bunkers more visible and to make the green complex more visually appealing.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE TEE FROM GREEN N°15 - HOLE N°16



At present some players are hitting over the trees at the dog-leg. The tees themselves are disconnected making their maintenance harder.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE TEE FROM GREEN N°15 - HOLE N°16



We propose to extend the back tee back another 9 metres. We observed that from the fairway on hole n°18, and in particular from the 1st landing area, the large tree next to the existing tee was also protecting this area. We think that this addition to the tee, will considerably hinder those players hitting over the trees at the dog-leg. We also propose to reconnect the tees so that they form one platform at their existing levels.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°16



At present the cross fairway bunkers are hardly visible.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE LANDING AREA - HOLE N°16



We propose to place a new bunker left of the existing fairway bunker, to close up a little the landing area and to mark the dog-leg. We also propose to place some mounding behind the existing fairway bunkers to make them more visible and to raise the sand lines. We also propose to plant some more trees on the left side in the rough after the dog-leg at 100 yards from the centre of the green. This will also hinder players from hitting over the trees at the dog-leg from the tee.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N°16



At present the right green bunker is visually a flat line. The left green bunker is difficult to see due to the shade of the tree.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA - HOLE N° 16



We propose to place a mound between the right green bunker and the green and to bring the mound inside the bunker as the bunker is quite large. This will bring more movement to the green complex and make the bunker more interesting and visually appealing. The mound will also help to bring movement to the edge of the green as the collar is flat. We also propose that the sand be changed in this bunker to a whiter sand, to make it more visible, and to maybe soften the slope of the bunker to facilitate the maintenance and to raise the sand line.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA FROM TEE N°17 - HOLE N°16



At present someone playing off the tee on hole n°17, can easily shank the ball right, across the edge of the green n°16 and over the right green bunker. We believe this situation to be particularly dangerous, as the ball off the tee will be travelling at full velocity.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA FROM TEE N°17 - HOLE N°16



We propose that some new trees be planted as shown to help reduce the possibility of a shanked ball flying over the right across the edge of the green n°16 and over the right green bunker.

EXISTING VIEW OF THE GREEN FROM THE 2ND LANDING AREA - HOLE N° 17



At present the fairway bunker on the right side of the 2nd landing area is completely flat and invisible. As I understand it, this bunker was placed to complicate the landing area for those in the trees on the right side of the 1st landing area. It's intent is to complicate the recovery shot. The front green bunker is not very visible. The right green bunker is visible but it appears as a horizontal line on the horizon. The back green bunker could be made more visible.

PROPOSED VIEW OF THE GREEN AREA FROM THE 2ND LANDING AREA - HOLE N°17



We propose that this bunker be made much more visible by the placing of a mound behind the bunker and raising the sand line. Nevertheless I question the validity of this bunker! We also propose to raise the sand line of the front green bunker. We also propose to place a mound behind the right side of the right green bunker to help make it more visible and to give some visual movement to the bunker. We also propose to increase the height of the existing mound into the bunker to help make the bunker more visible and to also create greater movement for this bunker.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°18



At present from the tee the fairway bunkers are barely visible.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE TEE - HOLE N°18



We propose to place some mounding behind the existing fairway bunkers on the right side of the fairway, to make the bunkers more visible to help raise the sand line.

EXISTING VIEW FROM THE 1ST LANDING AREA - HOLE N°18



At present the fairway bunkers are not really visible and loose in their strategic and aesthetic value.

PROPOSED VIEW FROM THE 1ST LANDING AREA - HOLE N° 18



We propose to place some mounding behind the existing fairway bunkers to make the bunkers more visible and to help raise the sand line.