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Has No Equal in This Country Says Oswald Kirkby in "Outing"

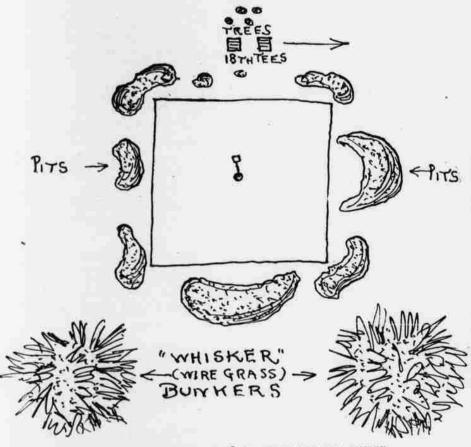


PINEHURST, I consider the most scientifically trapped course in the country, says Oswald Kirkby in March Outing. The laying out was done by Donald J. Ross, who, I believe, knows more about the

scientific trapping of a golf course than any man in America. At Pinehurst you encounter the most interesting hazards. Courses "number three" and "number two'' excel number one in this respect. You are face to face with what they call at Pinehurst "whisker bunkers." On these bunkers grow long clusters of sand problem at Pinehurst.

Unless your ball goes like a bullet from the tee you must sacrifice a stroke in order to obtain position from the carrying of the traps that cross-line the fair-way.

A person not used to the sand links is apt to run into difficulty on his first visit to Pinehurst. There is a secret of the sand putting greens that must be solved. I think Walter Travis knows it better than any man in this country. Ouimet encountered it a year ago and was disappointed over his showing. The point is that it is difficult to approach on the sand greens. I understand that Ouimet has a theory that the problem can be solved with a low running chip shot which will strike just off the green and roll dead. Others say that the running-up approach putt is the only solution to the



SEVENTEENTH HOLE—NO. 2 OR CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE

grass, out of which it is often extremely | difficult to force your ball if you are trapped.

At Pinehurst probably the seventh hole on the second course is the most difficult. of the hole is six hundred yards. The tee produces a condition which is substanshot is uphill and if the player gets a tially uniform throughout, but that at long drive it is possible to carry the Pinehurst there is a variety of resistance. traps which run horizontally across the It ranges from springy turf to harder entire hole. There are very few golfers spots, precluding the possibility of an A sliced ball from the tee takes you into the rough, and this rough is very difficult because of the sand. A pulled shot from the tee takes you into the woods, which is out of bounds. On the other hand, a topped ball from the tee takes you into a gully by which you usually lose two strokes.

The green is guarded to the left by a trap with a rough to the right and deep sand traps at the back of the green. The secret of this hole is the drive. A long has long excelled at Pinehurst because drive is essential if you hope to clear he understands the sand green as no other subsequently the waiting traps ahead. player has ever been able to understand it.

Paul Tewksbury, of the Woodland Club. visited Pinehurst with Ouimet. Tewksbury was inclined to disagree with the champion regarding his scheme for approaching the green. He declared that The par is five, bogey six, and the length on the Northern courses the fresh turf who can carry these traps on the second. accurate estimate of just what the ball will do after it strikes. You get a kick off at Pinehurst which cannot be figured on, and which many of the best golfers believe can only be overcome by the low running-up shots.

It is interesting to note that Travis and "Chick" Evans, when they visit Pinehurst, both use that course's prescribed method of approaching. Evans is supposed to be the country's leading exponent of the mashie approach, and Travis



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