

FARLEIGH RE-FURBISHMENT PHASE 2

Holes 10 - 18 (Red Course)

Designers Comments

This loop has proved to be the most difficult of the three to re-design, I think because it is much more open than the other two and consequently offers more options.

I have continued with the same philosophy as the previous loop (Blue Course) which is to improve the bunkering and tighten the course up a little by narrowing the fairways, which in places are huge, whilst at the same time providing a greater variety of golfing hazards and shots required.

HOLE 10

I have added a brace of fairway bunkers to the right hand side mainly to define the right hand edge of the fairway and make it less rewarding to just blast away from the tee without really having to worry about where the ball lands. A new greenside bunker on the right to complement that on the left, which has been rebuilt, will make the hole more of a challenge without making it too daunting for a first hole.

HOLE 11

The previous maintenance regime had allowed this hole to be played almost straight by mowing the left hand side of the hole as fairway rather than leaving it as rough. The existing fairway bunker has been reduced in size and complimented by a second towards the ditch. This together with rough being grown up to the edge of the bunkers will re-define the hole as a dogleg and bring the hedge on the right into play for the big hitters off the tee. I have split the unsightly greenside bunker into two and added a small sand splash on the right to stop an easy "sneak in" round the side without really taking on the hole. Considerable drainage work will also take place here.

HOLE 12

A nice hole which I am leaving unchanged from the tee other than to reduce and slightly re-shape the existing fairway bunker. This is a par five easily reached in two by the big hitters. To make it need more thought than strength I have tightened the green approach with two new greenside bunkers, one each side and an additional bunker short left to narrow the entrance. The existing fairway bunker, short right will be filled in as a grass hollow. Again extensive drainage works will be carried out.

HOLE 13

This hole will see the biggest changes, and consume a large part of the budget. A pair of small lakes to the left front and side - two rather than one big one due to a large gas main running across the front of the green - and a pair of visible bunkers on the right. It is the same easy shot into the green that it always was, the mind may however play tricks!

HOLE 14

Here we have another short par five which I have left unchanged off the tee. An uphill shot into the green and into the prevailing wind makes the approach a little more difficult than hole twelve, but still very much in range for the big boys. Once again I

have tightened the approach with two greenside bunkers, leaving a narrow gap to reward only the best long shots in. The existing bunker short left will be turned into a grass hollow.

HOLE 15

This is a great driving hole with magnificent views over the Blue Course and beyond. Usually down wind, I have added a couple of cross bunkers which will be out of reach for many but will serve as a fairway definer, especially as the rough will be allowed to grow in to meet them. The green will be protected by two large sculptured bunkers, one each side, which, when added to the wood behind the green and drop offs to the back and right hand side will make this a truly awesome complex.

HOLE 16

Once again the mind will make this hole more difficult than it really is. The wide but short green largely unprotected before now loses its left hand side bunker which will become a grass hollow and in its place gains two small bunkers at the front and a sand splash at the rear. The end result giving a range of pin positions ranging from "wow" to "????"

HOLE 17

This is currently quite a bland hole which has given me more design problems than all the others put together. The drive will be over a ditch which will serve both as a golfing hazard and a drainage asset. The ditch will continue up the right hand side of the fairway defining the edge of the light rough and making those who feel that they can cut a corner by flying the mound think again. Once passed the mound the green complex opens up with three bunkers in echelon on the left as a warning to those who would just hit and hope towards the previous wide open spaces in front of the green. A smaller bunker on the right of the green serves to complete the picture. This is the third of three holes on this loop to benefit from extensive drainage works.

HOLE 18

It has been a tough but I hope exiting round so far so I have left, for the last, a bunker free drive with the prevailing wind. Stand on the tee, look down to the clubhouse and over to the City of London and open your shoulders. Don't go too far left however or you will be in long rough with a very difficult shot over a complex of three small bunkers to the left and front of the green. A fourth bunker to the right of the green provides the final hazard but leaves quite a wide entrance, after all it is the last hole.

This loop will be different each time it is played. The wind seems to be slightly different every time I walk round and always a factor to be taken seriously. It will certainly be more difficult than it was before, but I hope more beautiful and more rewarding.

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PROVISIONAL CARD
White Tees

| Hole | Yardage | Par |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 10 | 371 | 4 |
| 11 | 321 | 4 |
| 12 | 492 | 5 |
| 13 | 148 | 3 |
| 14 | 475 | 5 |
| 15 | 394 | 4 |
| 16 | 175 | 3 |
| 17 | 434 | 4 |
| 18 | 443 | 4 |
| Total | 3253 | 36 |



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