

NEW GOLF COURSE.

During the past month various reports have appeared in the newspapers concerning the purchase of a tract of land upon which a new golf course is to be laid out. Such a purchase has not as yet been made, but a number of prominent alumni of the University have been trying to secure the sum of money necessary for such an enterprise. Although the amount needed has not as yet been subscribed, it is hoped that sufficient interest may be taken by other friends and patrons of the game which will ensure the success of this scheme. The ground under consideration consists of some two hundred and forty acres, separated from Brokaw Field and Potter's woods by the railroad tracks and Canal street, and running from the Theological Seminary to Stony Brook with a width of the distance from Canal street to the water tower. The present golf course contains but fifty odd acres and is far less accessible to the majority of the men on the campus.

Here is the club's financial report for 1899.

Daily Princetonian, October 13, 1899

GOLF CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT.		
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Princeton Golf Club from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899.		
To balance from previous year		\$ 17 85
" receipts from dues, &c. during the year		960 10
Total		\$ 977 95
DISBURSEMENTS.		
By paid greenskeeper	\$ 420 00	
" paid professional	415 00	
" paid for extra labor, including rolling the green	50 75	
Total for labor	\$ 885 75	
By paid dues National Association	\$ 25 00	
" paid dues Metropolitan Association	5 00	
" general expenses and incidentals	84 77	
Total disbursements	\$1,000 52	
October 1, 1899, to deficit		\$ 22 57
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On October 31st the Stockton family farm was purchased by several prominent alumni with an eye to lease the land to the golf club.

Daily Princetonian, November 1st 1899

THE NEW GOLF LINKS BOUGHT YESTERDAY.

The deal which will put Princeton in possession of the proposed new golf links was consummated yesterday. The old Stockton place was bought by a number of gentlemen interested in the University, and will be leased to the Golf club at a price which will amount to little more than the taxes. The exact extent of the new grounds may be appreciated from the fact that the boundaries are Stony Brook and the Theological Seminary, and the canal and the water tower. The negotiations have been in progress for some time under the immediate care of Mr. M. Taylor Pyne and Mr. C. C. Cuyler, and besides these gentlemen, the following are among the promoters of the enterprise: John W. Aitkin '69, Cleveland H. Dodge '79, John L. Cadwalder '56, Alexander Van Renssalaer '71, D. Percy Morgan '83, Edward W. Sheldon '79, Junius D. Morgan '88, James Laughlin '88, Henry B. Thompson '77, Stephen S. Palmer, A. D. Russell, Lawrence Hutton, Prof. Marquand and Prof. Sloane.

Work upon the links will probably not begin until next year, and it may be much longer before the grounds will be in shape for use.

However, the report from the annual meeting states that negotiations are still under way.

Daily Princetonian, November 6th, 1899

GOLF NEWS.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed for the Ensuing Year.

**Chester Griswold '99,
Elected Captain.**

At a recent meeting of the University Golf team, Chester Griswold Jr. '99, was elected captain for the season 1900-1901, to succeed John Stuart '00, present captain.

A meeting of the board of governors of the Princeton Golf club was held last week at the Nassau club, for election of officers and to consider the negotiations, now pending, for the purchase of the new golf links on Springdale farm. Mr. Pyne reported on the status of the negotiations, but definite action was deferred for the present.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. M. Taylor Pyne, president; Professor Allan Marquand, vice-president; Mr. P. A. V. Van Doren, secretary, and Mr. E. C. Osborn, treasurer. For the green committee, the following gentlemen were appointed: Prof. Allan Marquand, Messrs. J. H. Dulles, J. Stuart, C. Griswold Jr. and J. Prentice Kellogg.

Messrs. Lawrence Hutton, A. D. Russell and C. C. Cuyler were elected members of the board of governors, to fill the places of Prof. F. Neher, Percy R. Pyne and Prof. H. F. Osborn.

An amendment was proposed, to be passed upon after the expiration of the customary two weeks' notice, to the effect that an additional member of the board of governors be elected each year from the student body.

By November 15th Professor Harris is engaged to create a topographic map of the property and Willie Dunn, Jr. is employed to help the greens committee lay out a new course.

Daily Princetonian, November 15th, 1899

**SURVEY OF THE GOLF LINKS.
PLANS OF THE CLUB.**

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Working by the map which Professor Harris furnished from his own survey, the greens committee, with the assistance of Willie Dunn, who is expected in Princeton this morning, will proceed, roughly, to lay out the course. It is thought that only the land south of the old Stockton house will be used for the links as this space will be sufficient for an eighteen hole course. Part of the land on the opposite side of the farm house will be taken by the Seminary, but nothing has been decided concerning the disposal of the remaining portion.

For the present, the old Stockton house will be used as a club house. This will be remodeled into a building of the colonial type, the wooden building behind the farm house, if found suitable, will be ornamented in stucco and given the appearance of stone work. It is expected that after the committee has successfully carried out present plans these old buildings will be replaced by new and more suitable ones.

SURVEY OF THE NEW GOLF COURSE.

Willie Dunn, the golf expert, arrived in Princeton yesterday morning for the purpose of assisting the greens committee to lay out the course upon the proposed new links. He made a cursory survey of the grounds yesterday afternoon and expressed himself as being very well pleased with the situation and possibilities of the land. He will spend to-day in determining the probable location of the various holes and in making a more thorough examination of the field.

The arrangements for the purchase of the grounds should be completed by the first of next month.

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On November 18th the new course had been staked out.

Daily Princetonian, November 18th, 1899.

THE NEW GOLF LINKS.

**The Course Selected by Willie Dunn.
Three and One Half Miles in Length.**

Yesterday and the day before, with the assistance of Mr. Dunn, the Greens Committee of the Golf Association made a more thorough survey of the land for the new links and designated, roughly, the probable location of each of the holes in the proposed course. Until a survey of this sort could be made it is impossible for anyone to gain an accurate idea of the extent and character of the land suitable for the course. Now, however, it may be safely said that the course will be one of the longest, and, if properly put into shape, one of the best in the country. It will be an eighteen hole course covering a distance of about six thousand yards, or over three miles and a half.

A small brook which runs from the vicinity of the Stockton house through the entire length of the farm to Stony Brook, will furnish an element of risk in playing; it must be crossed six times on the return trip. The longest hole will probably not exceed six hundred and fifty yards and the usual distance from hole to hole will be much under that. The only hole north of the Stockton house is in a corner of the property, not far distant from the Seminary grounds. This hole and the one upon the green near the club house will be the last two of the course—both in sight of the club house veranda.

In regard to the character of the land, Mr. Dunn was enthusiastic. He found it to be a sandy loam, not objectionably rocky, possessed of natural means of drainage which are in most cases adequate. A small tract was seen to be too swampy for use without improvement, but as it was not necessary for the completion of the links, it was skirted. Along the banks of the stream mentioned above, the land is thickly wooded and it may be necessary to clear some of the trees and brush away.

At present the probable location of the different holes is marked by stakes. The work of putting the links in shape will not be undertaken until negotiations for the property have been finally completed.

By November 22nd the land is being plowed, drained and graded, and some adjustments to the holes are made.

WORK ON GOLF LINKS.

The work of preparing the new golf links for use was begun yesterday. The fences are being torn down and the ground ploughed so that the land may be made ready as soon as possible for grading and drainage. A number of changes have been made in the selection of locations for the holes. The longest hole, six hundred and fifty yards long, as first laid out, has been shortened considerably and the lengths of several other holes have been increased. The total playing distance as now contemplated is about five thousand, eight hundred and thirty one yards, but it is probable that in the process of construction, this distance may be increased. While for the most part, the positions of the holes have been determined, no exact measurement of their distances apart has yet been made. Nevertheless work upon the greens will be begun as soon as practicable.

As of November 23rd negotiations to secure the property are still underway even as work on the new golf course progresses.

Daily Princetonian, November 23rd, 1899

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**ALTERATIONS IN THE NEW GOLF
COURSE. PROGRESS OF
THE WORK.**

The work of putting the new golf links into shape is now under way. It was discovered that a part of the land previously fixed upon for the course became swampy in wet weather, and to meet the difficulty the location of the fourth, fifth sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth holes has been changed. The proposed 650-yard hole has been changed, and replaced by a hole at the shorter distance of 566 yards. The total playing length will be 5,900 yards, and, with the tees set back for special tournaments, the course can be extended over 6,000 yards. The house which is located upon the grounds will be fitted out with lockers and will undergo other minor alterations, to render it serviceable for a club house.

Six teams and about twenty men are engaged at present in plowing, draining and grading the land. The ground will be seeded early in the spring, and the course will be ready for use in September.

On December 5th 1899 the deeds are signed by M. Taylor Pyne, C. C. Cuyler and Stephen S. Palmer. James Swann the Golf Professional is visiting other clubs such as the Nassau Club and Garden City to obtain ideas on bunkering, care of greens, etc.

Daily Princetonian, December 6th, 1899

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The first hole is 310 yards; second, 354; third, 233; fourth, 566; fifth, 280; sixth, 300; seventh, 295; eighth, 210; ninth, 340; tenth, 489; eleventh, 367; twelfth, 150; thirteenth, 391; fourteenth, 400; fifteenth, 274; sixteenth, 308; seventeenth, 290; eighteenth, 214. This will make, in all, a total of 5771 yards playing distance.

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Upon Purchase the property was placed into a Trust with the intention of leasing back to the golf club.

GOLF.

Distances of the Links to be Laid Out at Princeton.



PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.--[Special.]

—The signing of the deeds for the new golf links took place Tuesday, and Messrs. M. Taylor Pyne, '77; C. C. Cuyler, '79, and Stephen S. Palmer are now in possession of the land, which they hold in trust for the Golf Club. Over \$1000 have been already expended in laying out the course, and the committee estimates that \$2000 more will be spent during the winter. If the weather permits a great deal will be done toward the completion of the links during the present year. James B. Swan, the professional in charge of the laying out of the links, has made some changes in the rough table of distances made out by Willie Dunn, and the following is the corrected list:

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1900

On January 15th 1900 the board of governors met and a ways and means committee was established to raise funds by subscription so as to fund continued work on the golf course.

Daily Princetonian, January 16th, 1900

GOLF.

**Board of Governors Meet and Discuss
Means of Raising Funds. Ways
and Means Committee Ap-
pointed.**

The Board of Governors of the Princeton Golf Club met last night for the purpose of considering possible means of raising funds for continuing the work on the new links. A Ways and Means Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. M. Taylor Pyne and Professors Morgan and Thompson, to consider the advisability of keeping the old golf links for another year, beginning the first of April, with option of remaining lessee for two additional years.

The fact was brought out that there was now on hand practically no money for work upon the new links, and the Ways and Means Committee was requested to endeavor to raise as much as possible by subscription.

P. A. V. Van Doren '79, and Chester Griswold '99, were appointed delegates to the meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association, which will convene at the Metropolitan club, New York City, on February 1.

Work on the new links is at a standstill, owing both to the lack of funds and the frosty condition of the ground, but it is hoped that operations may be resumed on or before April, which has yet to be done, including the grading of the greens, the laying out of hazards, the improvements planned for the club house, if indeed, a new one is not to be built, and the removal of obstructions from the course. With prompt receipt of funds it is still hoped that the links will be in condition for playing by next fall.

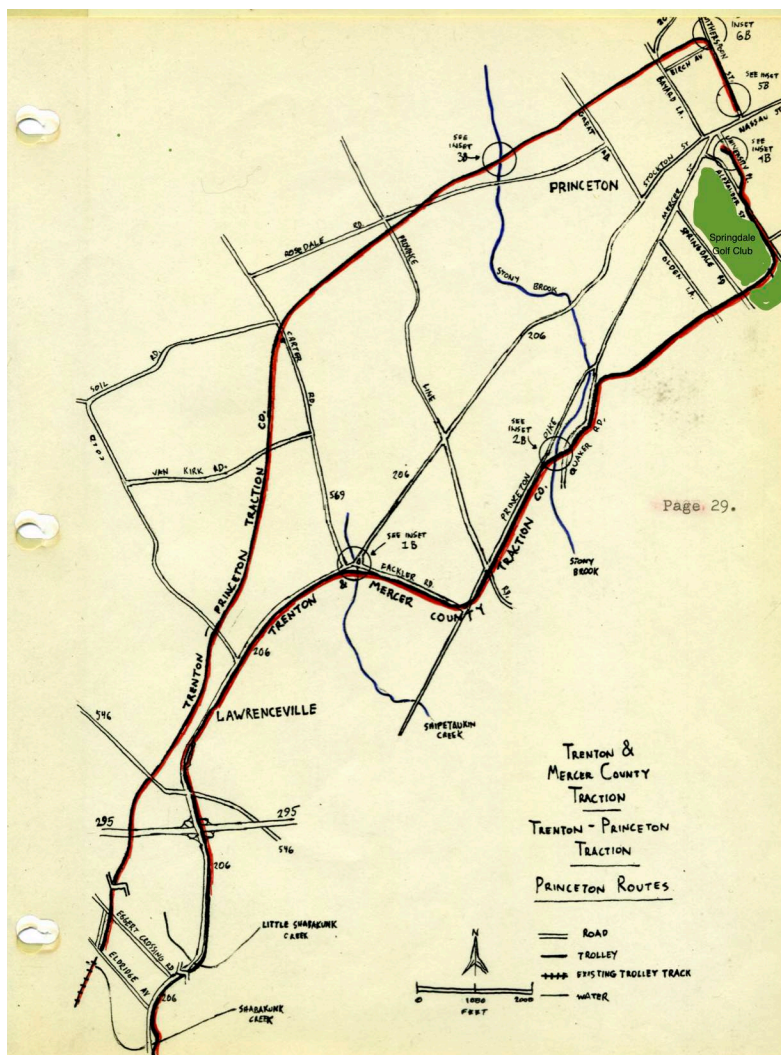
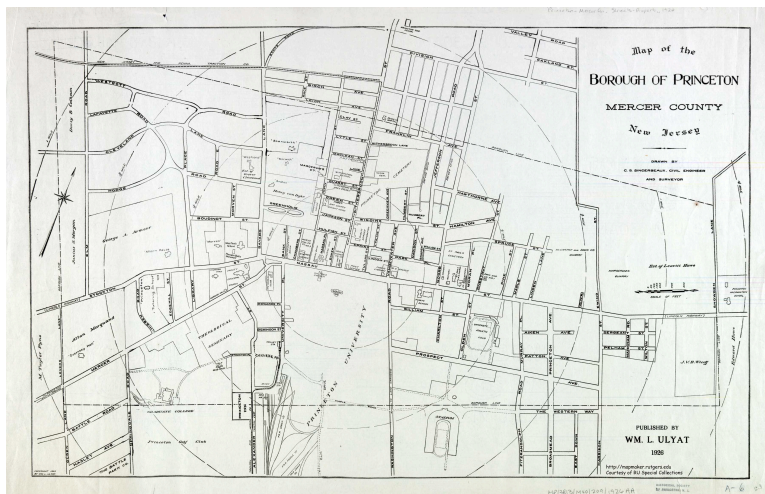
By March work is recommencing on the golf course. Negotiations are underway with the Trolley Company to reroute their proposed line into Princeton.

Daily Princetonian, March 23rd 1900

WORK ON THE GOLF COURSE.

The Green's Committee of the Princeton Golf Club held an important meeting at the residence of Professor Allan Marquand yesterday. It was decided to commence work upon the new golf links on Monday. The plan of the immediate work was laid out and it was proposed that the ground be harrowed and seeded down at once. The nine holes of the course which lie nearest the club house will be finished at as early a date as possible, and the remainder of the course as soon afterward as practicable. Owing to the fact that the proposed line of the trolley company will cross the course as now staked out, the committee decided to endeavor to persuade the company to change its proposed line so as not to interfere with the play. Professor Marquand, J. P. Kellogg '00, J. Stuart '00, and Chester Griswold '99, were present at the meeting.

For those interested in the Trolley company here is a map from 1926 which shows the trolley line.



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Money is still tight in march. Hugh Wilson is elected as a member of the greens committee. Hope is to have the new course open by June 1st.

A meeting of the board of governors of the University Golf Association was held at The Nassau Club recently. Important among the matters considered was the subject of the general financial condition of the association. It was decided by the governors that it was necessary that all members who had not paid their annual dues of \$15 should pay the amount of their arrears to the treasurer immediately, and that hereafter members will be debarred from playing until they have paid their dues in full. In reference to this action it was decided to accept half yearly dues. Tickets for the half year will be issued in September and February and those for the whole year in September. The governors are making every effort to have the course open by June 1st. A professional has been engaged to take charge of the new course and will arrive here in a few days. The work will be pushed as rapidly as the funds will permit. H. I. Wilson, 1931, was elected a member of the greens committee. The outlook for a good team this year is very bright, as only two men, J. P. Kellogg and J. Stuart, have been lost from last year's team. The men still in college are: C. Griswold, P. R. Pyne, G. J. Cooke, W. Dahlgren and L. B. Garrettson. There are also a number of promising players in the freshman class. Negotiations have been made to have Willie Anderson here some time in May to coach the men trying for the team. Anderson has been second in two of the recent open tournaments. The candidates for the team will be called out as soon as the weather permits.

By May work continues under the supervision of the new greens keeper Alan Macpherson who was hired away from the Westchester Country Club

Daily Princetonian, May 1st 1900

NEW GOLF LINKS. CLUB NEWS.

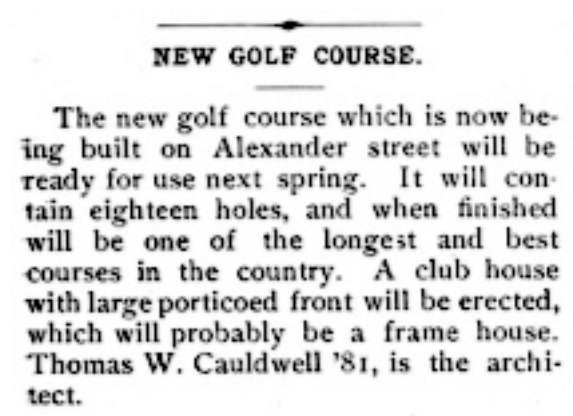
Work is progressing rapidly on the University golf course, and the links are fast getting into condition under the supervision of Alexander MacPherson, formerly greenskeeper at the Westchester County Club, who has had much experience in laying out golf links. A great part of the course is already in seed and special attention is being given to getting the bunkers and putting-greens into the best possible shape.

The golf team will play its first game of the season at Lawrence Harbor on May 12. The match will be for a cup valued at one hundred dollars, offered by the Lawrence Harbor Golf Club as a prize to be competed for by the golf teams of the various colleges. Teams have already been entered by Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania. The match will be for four men on a side, each man to play thirty-six holes of medal play. Princeton's team will probably be selected among the following men: Chester Griswold '99, John Stuart 1900, J. P. Kellogg 1900, G. J. Cooke 1901, H. T. Wilson 1902, D. E. Bonner 1902, and P. R. Pyne 1903.

1901

In January of 1901 they hope to have the golf course open that Spring. A clubhouse with a large porticed front is planned and was designed by Thomas W. Cauldwell '81.

Daily Princetonian, January 10, 1901



The January 1902 issue of Golf Magazine contained a feature article on the new Princeton Golf Club written by "The Editor". This feature article describes the new golf course at Princeton in detail. Its defenses include multiple Cop bunkers as well as swampy areas which must have played in and around our creek. The description of the nine hole course includes 6 crossings of the creek.