



Hamilton Golf and Country Club

"H.S. Colt's legacy"
1894

CARD OF THE COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1.	404	4
2.	431	4
3.	408	4
4.	532	5
5.	318	4
6.	224	3
7.	411	4
8.	210	3
9.	458	4
OUT	3,576	35

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
10.	412	4
11.	481	4
12.	383	4
13.	234	3
14.	443	4
15.	415	4
16.	185	3
17.	548	5
18.	442	4
IN	3,543	35
TOTAL	6,919	70



The 3rd playing from peak to peak through one valley illustrates the broad canvas provided to Harry Colt for his design



After a strong set of opening holes, Colt's prowess with par threes is amply displayed at the 6th and the 8th. The 6th plays to a brutish 224 yards and although only slightly uphill the hole manages to seem longer. Colt cleverly placed two bunkers into the hillside short of the green which created the illusion that they were flush against the green front. This was simply an optical trick, because the bunkers are well short. Colt further used some of the most dramatic terrain for the 8th, on which the player is faced with a do-or-die par three measuring 210 yards. Through the turn, Colt created a superb three-hole loop to begin the back nine, with each of the trio holes crossing the stream and playing within the broader loop of the front 9, before 12 turns east and begins to open up the rest of the back nine. Hamilton features a strong ending with the 540 yard 17th followed by the 442 yard 18th one of the best closing holes in Canada, where the meandering stream's central role at Ancaster reaches its peak, where it snakes across the fairway at the 300 yard mark allowing only the longest hitters to reach it from the tee. However, its presence causes many golfers to ease off the drive which leads more often than not to a hit that fails to funnel to the ideal spot and forces a long and difficult 2nd shot uphill. High drama at the last has cemented Ancaster's role in golf history, but it was Harry Colt's brilliant routing over the wonderful terrain that made the course worthy of study to this day