

# **Proposal of redesigning Kasumigaseki Country Club East Course by C.H.Alison**

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## **Kasumigaseki Country Club**

**I have examined the golf course of the above-named Club on four occasions, on three of which Mr. Shiro Akahoshi, the Architect, was in consultation with me. In conjunction, we make the following recommendations:--**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Hole**

Abandon the present back tee.

The bunker on the right for the tee-shot, at about 180 yards, should come further into the line.

A bunker on the left for the tee-shot, at about 230 yards, should be constructed.

The bunker on the left of the green should be tightened by 2 1/2 yards, and the mounds should be brought round the back of it and into the green.

The first high point should be about 4 1/2 feet, and the second 6 feet.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Hole**

Make a large bunker in the fairway, on the right, giving a carry for the tee-shot of about 190 yards.

Widen the fairway somewhat on the left.

Make two bunkers in the rough on the right at about 200 to 230 yards.

Make a new back tee about 15 yards farther back, which will bring the carry up to about 205 yards.

At the green, bring the bunker on the left 11 yards farther into the line, and push the bunker on the right out a bit. Bunker the back of the green.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Hole**

Fill in the bunkers at about 300 yards.

Make a channel 40 yards wide for the tee-shot, bunkered on each side at about 200 to 230 yards.

Bulge the green out a bit on the left, and reduce it correspondingly on the right.

Raise the back part of the green where it has sunk.

Remove the mound at the back of green, and the mounds on the right.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Fill in part of the abrupt curve in the bunker on the left.

Put a height of 3 feet behind this bunker, and slope it out into the green on a gradient of 1 in 7.

Take a few small nibbles out of the faces of the bunkers in the front of the green and on the right.

Deepen all bunkers by two feet, provided that they can be drained at that depth.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Shorten this hole to 500 yards maximum, and have other tees at 470 and 440.

Make a carry for the tee-shot at 210 yards on the direct line to the hole, with a gap on the left, 30 yards wide, for the short player.

Make a bunker on the right for the tee-shot, in the rough, at 240 yards.

Make a new green, a little farther on, so that the middle of the new green will be a little behind the back of the present one.

Make the second shot a blind one.

Fifty yards short of the middle of the green should be a bunker in the face of a hillock.

Behind the green should be another hillock, visible above the first hillock.

On the left of the green should be another hillock.

The height might be 5 ft. in front of the green, 10 ft. behind it, and 7 feet to the left of it. If funds permit, the hillocks might be made higher.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a carry on the left for the tee-shot at 200 yards, giving the short player a passage 40 yards wide on the right.

Bunker the green tightly on the right, bringing the bunker 12 yards in, diagonally down the hill.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Take off the hump on the right of the green.

Deepen the bunker on the left as much as possible.

Make an additional bunker on the right, short of the green, leaving an entrance 21 yards broad.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a bunker on the left for the tee-shot, at about 220 yards, leaving 35 yards of fairway to the right.

Fill in the bunker in the middle of the fairway.

Fill in one bunker on the left of the green, as already contemplated.

Slope off the sharp ridge in front of the old green.

Remove all trees from the fairway.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a new green, the details for which are now forwarded.

Shorten the back tee enough to make the hole 500 yards long, and make other tees at 470 and 440. Widen the fairway on the right, at about 180 to 350, by 10 yards, and narrow it correspondingly on the left.

Make the fairway 45 yards broad and bunker it on both sides at 220 to 250 yards.

On the left, clear the trees in such fashion that you get a clear view from the left edge of fairway, at 250 yards, to the middle of the present back tee of the first hole.

Clear all trees from the new part of fairway in such fashion that from the right edge of fairway at 250 yards you will see the whole of the bunker on the right of the green.

Fill in the pond on the left.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Narrow the green by 3 yards on the left.

Reduce the length of the green by 8 yards, by making a bunker in front.

Leave a path on to the green on each side of this bunker.

Remove the ridge in front of the bunker on the right, and lower the front part of the bunker so as to make the sand show.

Reduce the height of the mound at the back of the green to 2 feet, and slope it out into the green on a gradient of 1 in 6.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a carry of 210 yards on the direct line, leaving 30 yards on the left for the short player.

Make a bunker on the left at 240 yards.

Make the green 28 yards long.

Make a mound on the left of the entrance to the green, 6 feet high, sloped out into the green on a gradient of 1 in 5.

Make a bunker in the face of this mound, narrowing the entrance to 15 yards.

Fill in the existing bunkers in front of the green.

For the tee-shot, make a bunker in the rough on the right, at 235 yards.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a row of bunkers on the right, at 210 to 250 yards, coming about 10 yards into the fairway.

Narrow the entrance to the green, on the left, diagonally, to a maximum reduction of 8 yards at 14 yards back from the front of the green.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make bunkers on the edge of the rough, on the right, 210 to 250 yards.

Bring the first bunker on the left of green 6 yards.

Bring the first bunker on the green to 4 feet.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Tee well to the right, and far enough back to make the hole 580 yards long, measured direct.

Make the fairway in the shape of the letter "S", starting to the right, then swinging to the left, and then swinging well to the right.

Make a large colony of bunkers on the left, in the big bank, at about 200 to 240 yards.

Make another colony on the right, in the bank, at about 425 yards, leaving a passage, on the left, 35 yards broad, and widening the fairway by 5 yards to the left.

Make a new green, the details for which are now forwarded.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make a new back tee, about 20 yards behind the present one.

Make a huge bunker in the big bank on the left part of the fairway, giving a carry of about 205 yards.

The bunker will come about 21 yards into the fairway.

Widen the fairway on the right enough to give a passage of 40 yards for the short player.

Make a bunker in the face of the green, reducing the size of the green by about 3 yards.

Nibble about 3 yards off the green in the back left-hand corner.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Make 2 bunkers behind the green, coming right to the edge of it. Make some small nibbles in those on the right.

### **17<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Put the tee about 50 yards back, and a little to the right.

Bring the green about 50 yards forward, to the position staked.

Make a new green, the details for which are now forwarded.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Put the back tee 40 yards back.

Fill in 8 yards of bunker on the left of the green, and make the rest wriggle.

Make the slope on to the green longer and more irregular.

Do away with the sharp curves on the top.

Make a big bunker on the right, leaving an entrance 24 yards broad between bunker and bunker.

Remove the bee-hives at the back of green.

**If this work is well carried out, we are confident that the course will be quite first-class, and that it will be very pleasant and interesting for the members.**

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## **Supplementary**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Bunker both sides of the fairway at 190 to 240 yards, making the fairway about 40 yards broad.

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