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Oakland Hills never without challenge

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The 14th hole has always presented problems to competitors in major tournaments. Again, the hole is a long (448 yards) par four.

The fairway bends slightly right from the tee area. There are no bunkers with which to be concerned from the tee, but plenty of trees line both sides of the fairway.

"The green is bunkered in front, and if you are short of the green in two blows you face a very difficult pitch or chip shot to a green that slopes from front to back," Mengert said.

The eighth hole, 420 yards par four, presented the most trouble on the front nine during the '79 PGA.

Although a new tee area has cut 20 yards off the distance, the eighth plays uphill into the prevailing westerly winds.

Like most other holes on the course, trees and bunkers around the green call for a deft touch during the second shot.

DEPENDING ON PIN placement, a downhill putt could present big trouble.

"Any player scoring four fours here will have picked up strokes on the field," Mengert said.

There are many other interesting holes from a spectator's standpoint.

One of the most famous holes in the world — the 16th — always draws crowds. The 400-yard par four requires a decision on placement of the drive in relation to the

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—Al Mengert
Oakland Hills pro

pond and then an accurate second shot over the water and onto the green.

The 13th hole — 173 yards par three — mandates a steady swing. The green is entirely surrounded by seven traps.

Another par three, the 180-yard third hole, is also well trapped and could play differently each day depending on wind direction and velocity.

The 15th hole, 388 yards par four, requires finesse rather than brute strength.

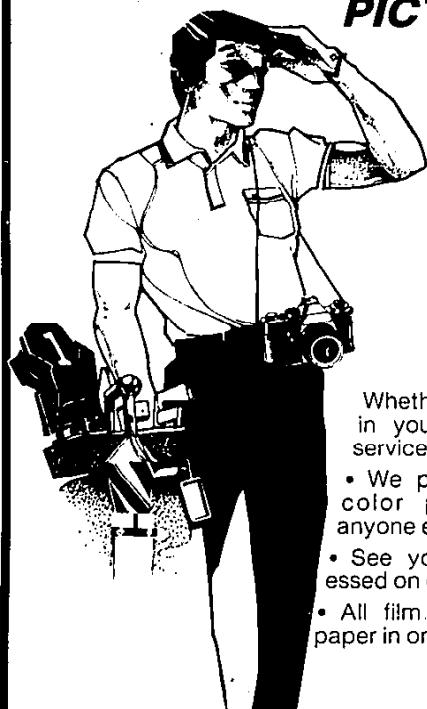
The fairway doglegs severely to the left from the tee. A bunker rests in the middle of the fairway at the bend approximately 240 yards out.

Club selection on the second shot will hinge on how the golfer chooses to deal with the bunker.

The green is elevated and heavily bunkered.

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