

## **Baltusrol – Lower Course**

**ARCHITECT: A.W. Tillinghast**

**PGA 2000 version: April 2006 thru June 2006 by Dale Somerfelt**

### **SCORECARD:**

<b>Tee</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Par	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	34	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	5	36	70
Black	478	380	478	200	42	477	478	364	212	3489	454	440	218	424	430	430	230	650	554	3830	7319
Blue	466	350	449	168	374	462	448	353	205	3275	427	405	212	389	404	409	190	605	548	3589	6864
White	439	344	434	162	353	431	432	309	192	3096	418	395	160	375	376	363	177	566	508	3338	6434
Red	431	300	393	117	327	416	366	286	182	2818	386	348	148	336	358	347	116	495	458	2992	5810

### **Baltusrol - History**

Jack Nicklaus has won here twice, in 1967 and 1980 to the strains of “Jack Is Back”. Willie Anderson second of four wins came in the 1903 U.S. Open played here. In the 1993 U.S. Open, Lee Janzen claimed victory in a duel against Payne Stewart. Last year in 2005, Phil Mickelson struggled in the final round but claimed his second major in the PGA Championship. The club lies a mile from the 1780 Battle of Springfield that turned the Revolutionary War. It sits in the shadow of a mountain that was once the home of Baltus Roll, a farmer whose house was located on the site of the current clubhouse. He was murdered in 1831 during a robbery and the act became the stuff of legends.

The club was founded in 1895 by Louis Keller. The opening membership fee, ten dollars. The original nine holes were laid out by Englishman George Hunter. The additional nine holes were added in 1898 and it was over this course that the 1901 Women’s Amateur, the 1903 Open and the 1904 Amateur were played. In 1905 the original course gave way to a 6,189-yard layout, now called the Old Course. In 1917 bought additional acreage and hired A.W. Tillinghast to design two courses. The Lower course is the longer and stronger of the two. Robert Trent Jones remodeled the Lower Course for the 1954 Open, adding 500 yards and redoing much of the bunkering. His son, Trent tuned up the course for the 1993 U.S. Open.

Tillinghast’s daring touches are the back-to-back, finishing par fives. Both have determined history in the many championships held here. In 1993 John Daley became the first player ever to reach seventeen in two shots. The par-three fourth hole was the scene of one of the most remarkable episodes. When Robert Trent Jones remodeled the course in 1954, he lengthened the hole. Course officials contended that he had made the hole unfair. Playing the hole, he struck a four-iron that landed six-feet away and promptly went into the cup on the first hop. “Gentleman,” Jones announced, “I think the hole is eminently fair.”

### **Architect’s Notes**

I couldn’t believe no one stepped up to do this course, a classic. In the course of doing it I really began to appreciate what the master architect’s of the early twentieth century did. Without using some of the “tricks” of today they designed courses that really challenged the players of the day. Though it has been lengthened over the years, the Lower Course still retains much of Tillinghast’s original design.

Once again I used aerial photographs from “Goggle Earth” as my starting point and than a program called “Ghost It” to trace the hole routings into the PGA2000 architect. From there, using various other sources including web sites and the magazine “The Major Series” plus a video of last year’s PGA Championship, I was able to finish off the course. I made up a new library of trees specifically for this course.

This one went easier than my last. The architect, even with all the elevations, held it’s own and I’m very happy with the finished product. The course in real life, is one of my favorite, and has proven to be the same for me in the cyber golf world.

### **Thanks and giving credit where credit is due:**

The only people to give credit for this course is those that put together some great architect libraries to use. They made my work a whole lot easier.

Thanks to all those at the Copyright Club. They keep this orphaned program alive and make it well worthwhile to keep doing this.

If you have any biting comments or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail either me, Dale Somerfelt at [desomerfelt@earthlink.net](mailto:desomerfelt@earthlink.net).

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\*TPC at Heron Bay - \*English Turn - \*TPC at Southwind - \*Sagebrush - \*TPC at Las Colinas  
And with Lee Gordon: the \*TPC at River Highlands & \*Cathedral Rock

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