

The Country Club [A Golf Poem]

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Take me out to the fairways--
Where there's a place for golf to play.
Long narrow lawns of grass
Lots of trees guarding - Try not to crash.

A tiny white ball that travels real far;
Match your wits for the course
And try to make proud?>
A course consists of 18 of these holes.
Flags on greens show you
Where your shots should go.

Yes all that land and distance:
Object [is to] get that tiny ball
into that tiny entrance.
Different lengths measured in yards
to finish the job.

We have Par 3, Par 4, Par 5-
Length of fairway determines par assigned;
Three types of clubs are used-
Woods, Iron, and a Spotter too.

Short yardage shouldn't take 3 shots
to get your ball into a 4 inch cup;
Par 3, try to get [the] first shot
[To] hit [that] green and stick.
The two putts should finish the trick.

If on the green in [a] 1 putt birdee,
One under par is [a] good goal really.
Over this much, but under such and such,
Usually start off with a driver-

Get spot and hit ground right toes earlier;
Then 2 putt you've wet your pants!
Sink first, putt 1 under,
Par 2 better by far!

Par 5 holes are lots of yardage!
Driver and wood get you
real close to the target,
Then on the green and 2 putts, par 5!
Lots better [to] hit [the] green in 2 yards
Swish long an eagle /3/
2 under par, wow, is that skill or luck?

All golf courses are different,
Only allowed in clubs to attach it.
You may have doglegs to the left or right,
Then try to hit a book or a slice!

Narrow fairways you may caddy in the
rough,
Even water or sand traps make course tough!
Many woods, many many irons,
And putts only allowed in your duffle.

Golfing can be a great time to socialize.
You may be part of a foursome and
fratercize
Even in semi-woods -- green grass
-- fresh air;
You may see animals and live birds anywhere,
Maybe even flies in carts
that travel the course.

Then, after all the holes are played,
Every golfer adds shots
That he made to display.
Man with [the] lowest number
Is Champion of all.
Then it's off to the 19th hole
What he may feel is the best of all!