



The Golf Chronicles

Golf Stories from the Pennsylvania Heartland



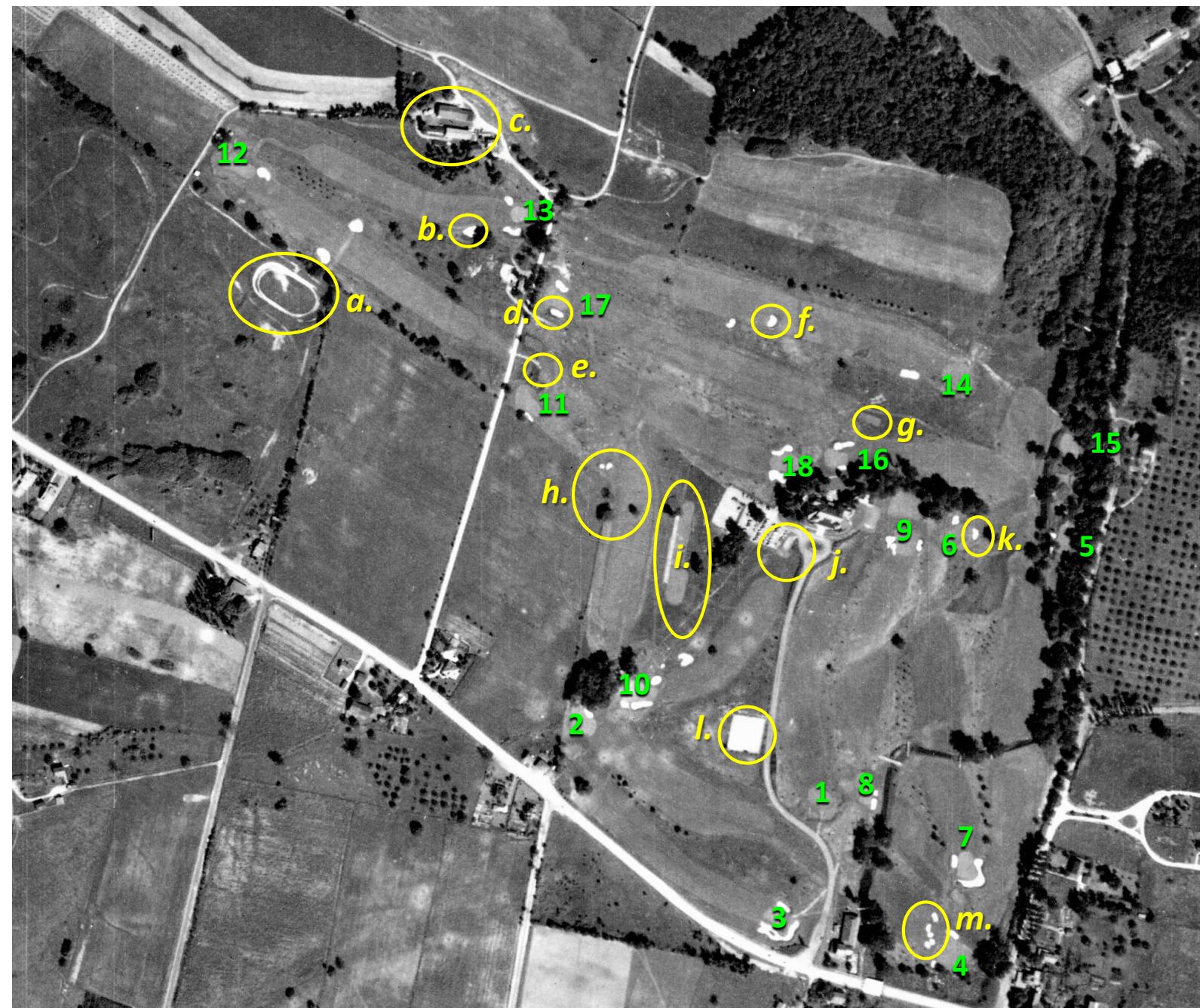
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The View from 5,000 Feet

This aerial photo of Reading Country Club was taken on September 12, 1937, early on in the **Byron Nelson** era. Although the surrounding area has changed dramatically, the golf course looks remarkably as it does today. A visitor from 1937 wouldn't find too many changes to the golf course.

Some of the differences between then and now are noted below. The golf course is tighter now, what with a large number of mature trees separating the fairways. This is especially evident on the 1st, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 17th and 18th holes.

The hole numbers are indicated in green next to the greens.



Key to noted features

- a. Horse riding ring
- b. There was a sand trap short of the 13th green
- c. The RCC stables were leased to a vendor
- d. The side trap to the left of the 17th green is now a grass bunker
- e. The original 12th tee; it's still there
- f. This 14th hole fairway trap is now a mound
- g. Original 17th tee; it was in the area of the current gold tee
- h. Traps and trees protected the 11th hole dogleg
- i. Practice range; **Byron Nelson** taught here
- j. The original 10th tee; it's still there and the fairway is now the practice range
- k. A sand trap lurked at the bottom of the hill in front of the 6th green; good luck getting up and down from that pit of misery
- l. Tennis courts
- m. Sand traps protected the approach to the 4th green