



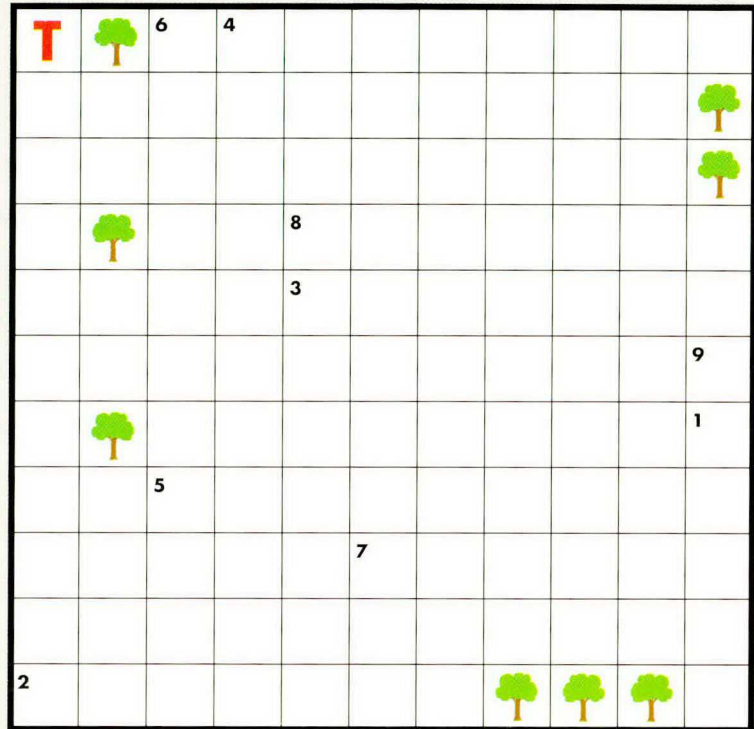
# THE PUZZLER

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## Nine-Hole Course

The diagram represents a golf course, and each clue answer represents one shot. Players begin at the tee in the upper-left corner and proceed toward the first hole (marked 1). Each shot is a straight line entered in the grid left, right, up, down, or on a diagonal, and each new shot begins in the square where the last one stopped. The hole marked 1 is thus the tee-off square for the sequence of shots approaching 2, and so on. Do not shoot *through* a numbered hole; and please avoid the trees. It may help to remember that each set of clues is numbered for the hole *toward* which it is proceeding. Answers include seven capitalized words; 3c is a bit outdated; 7a and 8a are not in everyday use.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 105.*



### Clues

- 1a.** Drive hit in confidence . . . (6)  
**1b.** . . . over most of the long grass off the fairway (7)  
**1c.** Going around tree, the shot calls for a hard hat (6)  
**1d.** Cross shooter with putter (6)  
**1e.** Feel sorry about missing the first birdie? (5)
- 2a.** Scores for everyone involved in links (7)  
**2b.** A putt's rolling around golfer's rear boot? (5,2)  
**2c.** One more LPGA lunatic's incipient remarks (11)
- 3a.** Story by one in the debut of *Tin Cup* (5)  
**3b.** Clinton, with first of clubs he left next to water (7)  
**3c.** A quartet heard previously (5)
- 3d.** In hesitation, a mistake brings about a flap? (7)  
**3e.** Tentatively explore cost with lummoX (4,3)
- 4a.** Chirac's very small toupee piece (5)  
**4b.** Signal for quiet before a mallard's first quack (4)  
**4c.** Old manor remodeled in English countryside (8)
- 5a.** People who predict improved drive-ins (8)  
**5b.** Starlets taking the odds with an experienced sailor (4)  
**5c.** Contractual arrangements for the emptied rooms (5)  
**5d.** Cattle drive (5)  
**5e.** Spool of line for an angler's redfish? (4)
- 6a.** Our lies could be worse (7)  
**6b.** Holler, making HR wave (6)
- 6c.** Runs and screams and smells like a skunk (5)  
**6d.** "Son, a thing that will make you older and wiser . . ." (5)  
**6e.** A computer's memory stuff (3)
- 7a.** One of the Furies, big-time? (7)  
**7b.** Painting of topless trollop (3)  
**7c.** More than one topic appears to someone with a lisp? (6)
- 8a.** Letter in Hebrew from previously mentioned pair of churchmen (6)  
**8b.** The lady's right address in Bonn (4)  
**8c.** Indian name rendered in Dravidian (4)
- 9a.** An outcast from Islam, he cracked up (7)  
**9b.** Dixie general in conversation with *Gone With the Wind* star (5)  
**9c.** Listen to toccata's beginning and middle (5)

**Note:** The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.