

## **HOLE NO. 2**

**14TH AT TROON NORTH GOLF CLUB, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

**TOM WEISKOPF AND JAY MORRISH, DESIGNERS.**

**604 / 565 / 545 / 454 YARDS, PAR 5.**

Now that we're limbered up, it's time to haul out the lumber. They call this par-5 "Cross Country," and once on the elevated tee, it's easy to tell why. The hole seems to roll out and over the horizon.

Your drive must carry over a dry desert wash (which shouldn't cause any concern) and a stretch of desert (which could cause concern if you snap hook your driver when reaching for extra distance.) Just keep it in the fairway, somewhere adjacent to the fairway bunker on the right. The second shot is especially tricky since the long, slender green is set at a diagonal. The ideal angle of approach is from the right side of the fairway, so you can pitch into the full length of the green. Designers Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish even telegraphed that to us, by placing a target bunker short of the green on the left side of the fairway. They're telling us to play to the right side. The second shot calls for a fade. Just aim at that bunker and let it rip. It's uphill, so even if you hit it straight, you're not likely to find the bunker.

If you're successful, then you can play either a high wedge or a low pitch and run into the flag. Go left on the second, and you'll have to stop your third quickly to avoid running through the green and into the bunker.

It's an extra long hole, even in this dry Arizona air, but length is not essential on this hole. Accuracy is. Just keep it on the short grass, and avoid the boulders left and right.