

*27th Annual Competition
Alister MacKenzie Society 2026
"Ray Haddock" Lido Prize*

The Conditions of the Competition
(Adapted from the 1914 *Country Life* contest)

Special Note: All entries for 2026 must be a par 4 design.

1. The judges awards shall be final and subject to no appeal. Three-time winners are restricted from entering.
2. The definition of a *two-shot* hole for the purposes of the competition shall be a hole that is not less than 360 yards nor more than 460 yards in length, as measured from the back of the teeing ground to the center of the green.
3. No competitor may submit more than one drawing. The drawing **MUST** be accompanied by an entry form as supplied by the competition committee. The envelope containing the entry must be clearly marked on the outside with "MacKenzie Golf Architecture Drawing" and addressed to Mr. Gene Zanardi, Chair, Alister MacKenzie Lido Prize Committee, Green Hills C.C., 500 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030.
4. The entry may be drawn by hand, including any that may be computer assisted. They may be in black and white or in color. They must show the putting green, teeing ground, fairway, rough, bunkers, hazards, sand hills, mounds, water, roads, and any other features. These should be designated by symbols similar to those in the "Lido" drawing shown separately. The side view of ground elevations (fairway/green) should be similar to that shown in the "Lido" sample drawing.
5. It is recommended, though not required, that a memorandum setting out the merits of the design be included as a separate document. Such memorandum cannot exceed one side of an 8 1/2 " by 11" sheet of paper.
6. The drawing must bear no logo nor the competitor's name and address.
7. All drawings must be submitted by **May 1, 2026** The winner will be announced by **May 15, 2026**.
8. The Alister MacKenzie Society reserves the right to publish any entry in any form and in any publications it deems appropriate.
9. All possible care will be taken of the drawing and memoranda, but the Lido Contest Committee accepts no responsibility for their loss or damage.

NOTE: Submitted drawings will NOT be returned unless a self-addressed envelope bearing sufficient stamps is enclosed along with the entry.

Announcing the 2026 Alister MacKenzie

**"Lido" Prize in Golf Architecture
\$3,000.00 Cash Prize for the Winner and
\$2,000.00 additional awarded for attending the
Society Gathering at Crystal Downs, Michigan.**

What is The Lido Prize? It is awarded annually by members of the Alister MacKenzie Society to honor the memory of Dr. Alister MacKenzie and recognize the design potential of an up and coming architect. **The winner will be invited to attend and participate in the annual Society gathering to be held at Crystal Downs Golf Club, Frankfort, Michigan, September 13-17, 2026.**

****In the event Covid-19 or CDC restrictions prevent the gathering at Crystal Downs, the winner will receive only the \$3,000.00 prize. There will not be an additional \$2,000.00 awarded.****

What does the name Lido come from? In 1914, Dr. MacKenzie's drawing of a "two-shot hole" for the Lido Golf Course (on Long Island, no longer in existence) won first place in a competition in *Country Life Magazine*. The sketch, shown separately, proved to be an important step in developing his reputation. His books "Golf Architecture" and "Spirit of St. Andrews" expressed his design philosophy.

Who was Dr. MacKenzie? He was a multi-talented man who served as a surgeon in the Boer War and as a camouflage expert in World War I, and eventually became recognized as one of the greatest golf architects of all time. The legacy of his design talents can be found in great golf courses in the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Argentina.

What distinguished Dr. MacKenzie as a golf architect? MacKenzie designed courses can often be recognized by distinguishing features. Some of these are:

- *There should be variety in the design of holes and they should be fun to play.*
- *Holes should be fair and challenging for golfers of all skill levels.*
- *Holes should make use of the natural features of the land.*
- *Bunkering should guide the player's strategy for playing the course and should "frame" shots to any greens that are "blind."*
- *Contours and/or multiple tiers add interest to greens. The green should provide an access route for weaker players and present a challenge for more skilled players.*

What kind of design should be submitted? The competition will be restricted to the design of a proposed (not existing) **"Two shot," par-four hole**. The design should be in the form of an elaborated sketch giving the viewer a clear idea of how the hole would be constructed and played. It should show yardages, tee locations, alternative playing routes, hazards, bunkers, green location and contours with alternative pin placements, and side elevation of the terrain.

Drawings may NOT be larger than 11"X17."

Obtain entry blanks from **almaclido@gmail.com** and submit entries to :

Gene Zanardi
Chair, Alister MacKenzie Lido Competition in Golf
Architecture
Green Hills Country Club
500 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030

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*Important: This competition is limited to individuals who are **NOT** the architect of record on any existing course or course under construction as of the entry date.*

(PRINT) COMPETITOR NAME

First name _____ Last name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ e-mail _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

If student: Status (year)/ Department _____

Institution/City/State/Zip _____

If employed: Present position _____

Name of Company _____

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It is recommended, though not required, that a memorandum setting out the merits of the design be included as a separate document. Such memorandum must be separate from the drawing (but in the same envelope) and limited to one side of an 8 1/2 "X by 11" sheet.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned is the sole designer of the sketch submitted to this competition and is not the architect of record on an existing or in-progress golf course.

Signed _____ Date _____

*Permission to reproduce/publish the entry **MUST** accompany each entry.*

**If my sketch is selected for the Lido Prize, permission is granted
the Alister MacKenzie Society to publish the sketch without charge.**

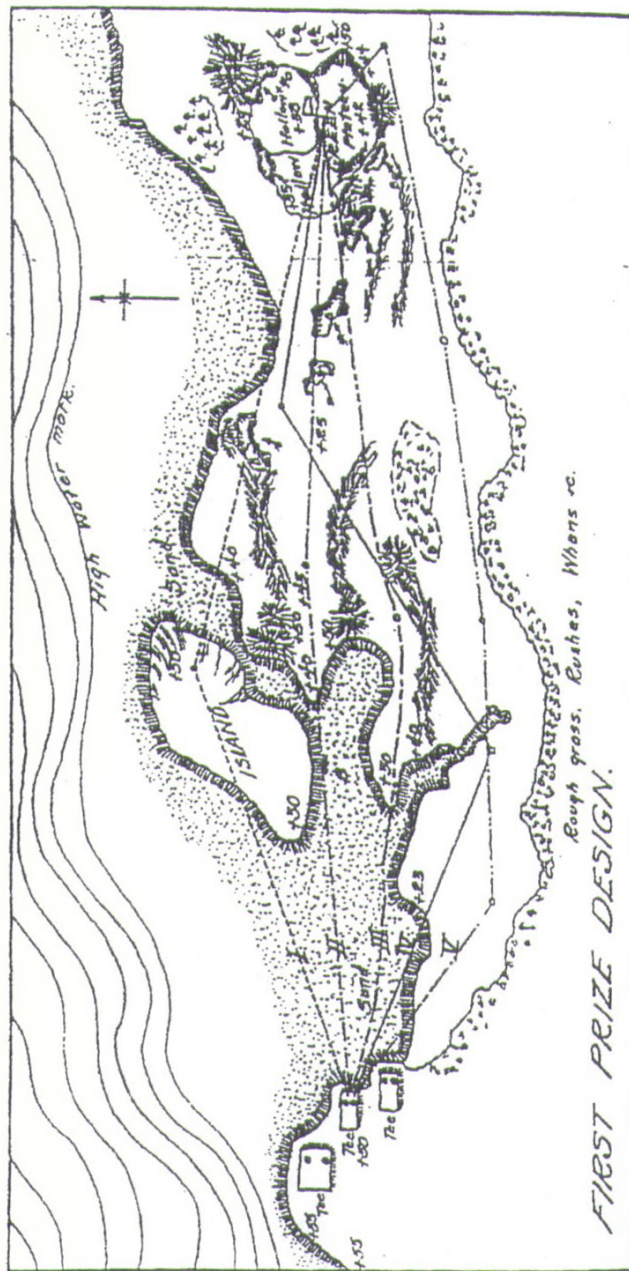
Signed_____

Entry must be received by **May 1, 2026**. Send entry to:
Gene Zanardi, Chair, Alister MacKenzie Lido Competition in Golf Course Architecture,
Green Hills Country Club, 500 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA 94030

Lido Contest Sample Design

The drawing shown below is the winning design submitted by Dr. Mackenzie in the 1914 Country Life contest. Contestants are NOT to replicate this design, but instead submit an ORIGINAL design. However, contestants ARE to use similar symbols and style in their sketches.

Symbols



FIRST PRIZE DESIGN.

