

AUTUMN WINDS GOLF LINKS V-2

General info

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Introduction to the course

Measuring 6835 yards from the tournament tee's this par 70 links layout is set in central New York, Oneida County close to Utica and not far from Syracuse. When you play this course wind and pin positions are keys to scoring. Many of the greens have some fairly flat areas along with areas of steep undulation. I can't ever recommend play on very dry greens on any of my courses unless you like a severe to unfair challenge. This course is going to test all parts of your game. Rolling fairway's, some deep bunkers and rough, numerous blind tee shots along with a few water hazards and undulated green's. This is a modern style of links course that I think most players will enjoy, even those who don't like links course's. You may think there are more tree's than most links style course's but that really isn't the case. Only 3 or 4 hole's have any significant grouping of tree's to catch errant shots. The rest of the course is very open with only a few tree's here and there. The high majority of the tree's aren't even on the course property. The other area of notice is the tee area's. They were made more decorative to add eye appeal. I also changed the textures in this version and added different rough and a few more areas with bushes. The Large club house used to be a hotel and is used by some touring pro's by special invitation to spend their time there during tournaments. Lol and have fun.

Course guide

Hole no.1
Par 4
393 Yards

A challenging driving hole if the wind is in your face. Most times you should have no trouble clearing the sand that's straight away and slightly uphill. Beware of the deep bunker on the right to catch errant tee shot's. Your second shot is also slightly uphill but you should be hitting a short to mid iron. The green is guarded by a long deep bunker in front. Beware, if pin is in back left. There is a steep chipping area in the back left that will challenge your ability to get up and down.

Hole no.2
Par 5
Yards 545

A downhill tee shot to the right of the sand is the way to go here so long as you don't hit your drive over 290 yard's. You can try to go straight over the top of the sand and avoid the tree's but I can't recommend it. Most times you should consider a lay up for your second shot but beware of the numerous deep bunkers that line the fairway. If you land in one you may have to hit side way's or backwards to get out. The green is guarded in the rear by a standard depth bunker with two small chipping area's beside it. Their is also a bunker in the fairway about 35 yards short of the green.

Hole no.3
Par 4
Yards 412

Possibly the most difficult driving hole. A wooded area to the left, two bunkers in the fairway and one if long to the left side. The best play is to drive down the left side over the first bunker and left of the other fairway bunker. The green is open except for tree's on the left and small deep bunker short right. The green has a slight false front.

Hole no.4
Par 4
Yards 401

You may want to hit 3 wood off the tee on this dogleg left hole. If you choose driver beware of pond on the left that comes into play 260 yard's out from tournament tee's. The fairway also becomes very narrow and curves around the pond. The green is two tiered and guarded by a series of bunkers to the right and one on the left.

Hole no.5
Par 4
Yards 395

The tee shot is about 40' downhill on this sharp left dogleg hole. Don't even consider cutting the dogleg. You must choose to either go down the far left side of the fairway which is a long carry but shortens your second shot considerably. The best play is a 3 wood down the right side of the fairway. If your to long or short or left troubles await. Your second shot is blind, about 20' uphill to a large green guarded by a bunker short left and right

Hole no.6
Par 4
Yards 462

First long par 4. Hit tee shot down left side over bunker that is short left and in the fairway. If you go right and are a long hitter you may find one of two bunkers or find you have to adjust your second shot because of a tree. The green is wide and guarded in the rear by a sand trap. Also their is a small mound in front of the green that can deflect a short landing shot.

Hole no.7
Par 3
Yards 149

Your shot to the average size green is over a gorse filled valley. Don't be short. The green is very hard to one putt if ball

is more than 15' from pin.

Hole no.8
Par 4
Yards 453

Toughest hole on the front nine. Fairway slopes down severely about 225 yards from tourney tee's. If you reach the bottom of the slope with your drive this leaves a middle iron blind uphill shot. Best to shoot for middle of green. Beware of being long left or right. Some new bunkers have been added.

Hole no.9
Par 3
Yards 235

Hitting from an elevated tee your shot is about 50' downhill. you can just barely see the green from the tee but what you can't see is the small pond to the left of the green. There is also a small bunker short right.

Hole no.10
Par 4
Yards 448

Straight away uphill tough driving hole. Fairway has two bunkers in it that you can't see from the tee. One about 230 yards out on the left and one about 290 on the right which is only reachable by the long hitter. Drive down the right side unless you feel brave. If you do end up in the first bunker your chances of getting on in 2 are slim. There are also some rocks in the rough if you push your drive right. The green is very large. Guarded by a sand trap that stretches from front left to rear right. Don't be short left due to a tiny ravine.

Hole no.11
Par 4
Yards 415

Welcome to the Snake. I named this dogleg right hole that because from above this hole looks just like a snake. Once again you have a blind uphill drive to a landing area that has been widened. The fairway narrows significantly and slopes down about 275 yards from tournament tee's. The best drive is a high fade about 270 yards landing between the three bunkers guarding the landing area. This will leave you a mid iron downhill shot to a snake head shaped green which is two tiered. The green is surrounded by four small round bunkers.

Hole no.12
Par 4
Yards 442

This is the cross over hole. A double dogleg left hole that can cause some real head aches. Another somewhat blind tee shot awaits you on this hole which demands some length but more accuracy off the tee. Your tee shot goes over the 10th hole ravine area between the tee's and fairway and must clear a creek you can't see some 190 yards out. If you hit your drive too far you will either be in the main bunker or have a tree in your way. If you try to cut the corner to make the hole shorter you have a small sand trap, two trees and the creek to think about. The green is wide but narrow. Guarded short left by sand and to the right is a drop off chipping area just short of the trees. The wooded area is very close to the green so don't be long..

Hole no.13
Par 4
Yards 329

A short risk reward par 4. A creek splits your fairway in two. If you have the wind at your back its a fairly easy decision to go for the left side fairway hitting over the creek and then sand about 240 yards out. The real long hitter may reach the green on their drive. If the winds in your face this hole is a bear. The right side landing area is narrow and much to short to hit driver or 3 wood, guarded by a trap I have visited many times. If in the trap or rough on the right side of the creek this leaves a difficult second shot over the creek to the green which sits beside the creek and is surrounded by deep rough. Lots of birdies but more bogey's then you would think.

Hole no.14
Par 3
Yards 191

You can only see the flagstick from the tee. The best shot is a draw if you fill comfortable but you can hit any shape shot here if you want. The green is very large but has a very large and steep false front. Beware going long right due to the creek and short left will leave you a difficult up and down. Aim at the tree for center of green.

Hole no.15
Par 5
Yards 512

Finely! Another par 5. One you should birdie so long as you keep it in the short grass. Uphill all the way. Beware the bunker 250 yards out on the right. You go in it you may not get par. Also the bunker short left of the green is deep. The green is not as undulated as before.

Hole no.16
Par 3
Yards 144

This hole play's even shorter then the 144 to the middle it say's because it is severely downhill almost 100'. It is a blind shot but a very fun hole to play. If you hit towards the two tree's straight in front of you , you will be near the middle of this triple tiered green. Land on the proper tier and you have a good chance of a birdie.

Hole no.17
Par 4
Yards 464

I believe this is the most difficult hole on the course. The tee shot is uphill and you can only see a small part of the fairway. The fairway is only about 120 yards long with a narrow neck and guarded by two bunkers. If you don't land in the fairway there is almost no chance of getting on in two. If your tee shot is a little shorter then you had hoped you will have to decide rather to go for the green which is surrounded by deep rough and a deep bunker in front or lay up down the fairway which will still leave you a mid iron to the green. Most of the time people will go for it thinking that the worst that can happen is a typical up and down for par. Unfortunately many times your in for a bogey or worst if your in the deep rough.

Hole no.18
Par 4

Yards 445

Definite swing hole. Plenty of birdie's and bogey's to go around. This dogleg left hole can leave a golfer with anywhere from

A 7 iron to a wooded club second shot over the creek to a two tiered wide but narrow green. Higher tier is on the right side. Being in the fairway is a must if you want to get on in two.

Last thoughts on the course

This Course is fair but can be surprisingly difficult which requires good skill's at different kinds of shots. You can go low with some good shot making, smart decision making and a little luck.

Future projects

Second versions of my other early courses should be released soon.

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