



BAKER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE



The 18-hole, par 72/74 Championship Course was designed by **Dr. Michael Hurdzan** to provide a quality golf experience in a natural environment. Originally a pair of old farmsteads and now a park reserve, Baker National will never have houses built along the course.

The red barn that serves as a backdrop to the first hole used to be a period edifice, but it was falling down and had to be rebuilt a few years back. In 1995 Baker National became the first public course in Minnesota to be certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for its efforts at wildlife management and conservation.

The front nine offers a more open landscape with several views of Lake Spurzem. The back nine is more wooded and includes wetlands among its physical features. Both nines are challenged by natural elevation changes, grass and sand bunkers, and two-tiered greens. With distances ranging from forward tees at 5,345, to back tees at 6,762, Baker National offers a challenge to all golfers.



Voted "Best Golf Course" - *City Pages*
 "Best of the Twin Cities 2000 and 2003!"
 "*****" *Golf Digest*





THE 86TH PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 9-15, 2004 - Whistling Straits
Kohler, Wisconsin USA

If the PGA of America had any reservations about staging a major golf championship at Whistling Straits, they disappeared during a record-setting week in August.

Impressed by statewide support and a financial windfall from the 86th PGA Championship, the organization moved quickly to ensure that it could present future tournaments at the site.

So the PGA of America and the Kohler Co. later announced an agreement that will bring three major golf events to Whistling Straits over the next 15 years: the PGA Championship in 2010 and 2015 and the Ryder Cup Matches in 2020.

Designed by **Pete Dye**, Whistling Straits emulates the great old seaside links courses of the British Isles, invoking an image of the game founded more than 400 years ago. The Straits Course is open with rugged and windswept terrain. A more mature course than one would expect, golfers encounter huge sandy areas, deep pot bunkers, grass-topped dunes, big and undulating greens and majestic views of Lake Michigan from each of its 18 holes. No. 17, the course's unofficial signature hole, features a green precariously perched over water and sand. Whistling Straits also features:

- Two miles of uninterrupted shoreline on Lake Michigan eight holes hugging the Lake Michigan shoreline
- Bluffs and massive sand dune areas
- Natural fescue fairways
- A flock of Scottish Blackface sheep call the course home
- Elevation change on the course (hole 15) is approximately 80 feet
- The Straits Course is a walking course; walking distance for 18 holes is approximately five miles



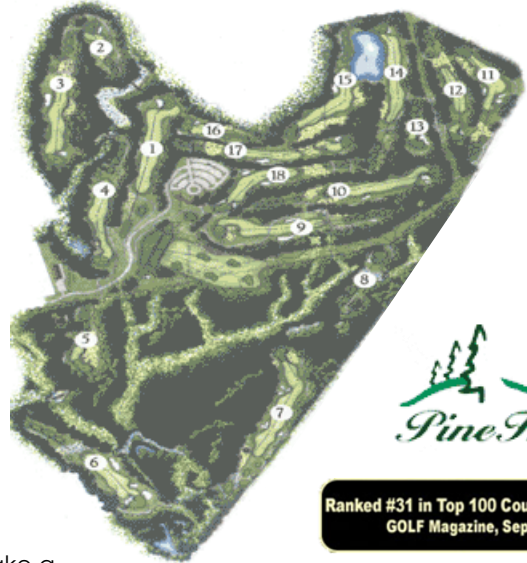


Pine Hill Golf Club



The main reason Pine Hill is for all intents and purposes the new number one public course in New Jersey is because of the two men responsible for the course -- Tom Fazio and Eric Bergstol. As Pine Hill's architect, Tom Fazio (who grew up here in NJ,

close to Pine Hill as a matter of fact) brings a reputation for course design that is second to none. His awards and honors are numerous and need not be mentioned here. Suffice it to say that when **Golf Digest** looked at its 18 year **history** of its Best New Courses, they found that Tom Fazio has dominated the yearly listings "in nearly every way."



Ranked #31 in Top 100 Courses You Can Play,
GOLF Magazine, September 2004

But people alone, even the gifted and powerful, can't make a golf course the best in the state without a great piece of land on which to fashion their dreams. From all accounts, the 360 acres of Pine Hill is a gift from the golf gods. (Or more prosaically, from an amusement industry gone bust, as the acreage previously hosted south Jersey's only ski "resort" in 1960's, and a water park in the 1980's, before falling into bankruptcy in the late '80's.) The course includes the highest elevation in southern NJ, which allows not only for elevation changes throughout the layout but also provides some wonderful views of the Philadelphia skyline from several tees.





BLACKWOLF RUN

The River Course at Blackwolf Run - which hosted the 1998 U.S. Women's Open - has consistently earned a five-star rating from *Golf Digest*, and in 2002 was ranked by *Golf Magazine* as number 11 on the "Top 100 You Can Play" list. And despite the fact that it looks so much more familiar to Americans than the wild linksland courses, for the average golfer The River Course might just be the toughest of the four Dye masterpieces at The American Club.

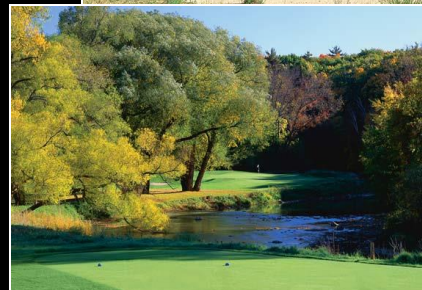
To play golf at The American Club's Blackwolf Run is to enjoy golf of the highest order, resort or otherwise. A player may walk and carry his bag; there are NO houses or condominiums; the courses are kept in immaculate condition; there are no indifferent holes as the best land was used for the courses; there are four sets of tees, ensuring that everyone can play the course at an accommodating length; and the courses are thoroughly challenging (to say the least!).

The River course features a characteristic from the Golden Years of course design: the holes becoming progressively more difficult as the player gets closer to the hole. The player has plenty of room off the tee; he should bring his 'big' game to Blackwolf Run, as the driver is a fundamental club. Playing courses that don't keep the driver out of the player's hands is always very refreshing.

Apart from the clubhouse (with its superb restaurant and bar, complete pro shop, and banquet facilities) and the impeccable service one expects from a *Golf Magazine* Gold Medal resort, Blackwolf Run, along with Whistling Straits, offer something no other single golf resort can: Four of the top 100 public courses in the nation, all by one remarkably adaptable architect, **Pete Dye**.

General Manager and Director of Golf Steve Friedlander, cannot think of a comparable collection of courses anywhere. "Jack Nicklaus has several [layouts] at Desert Mountain," Friedlander says, "but those five courses are private, and all more or less desert layouts."

At Kohler and nearby Haven, Wisconsin, Pete Dye has turned two completely distinct landscapes into two world-class links layouts and two world-class American parkland layouts. Any one could serve alone as the centerpiece of a respectable golf resort. The four together, however, are what makes The American Club at Kohler one of the top ten golf destinations in the entire world.



Raven's Claw Golf Club



Raven's Claw Golf Club, designed by **Ed Shearon**, is set on an "absolutely incredible natural site that has everything" for a golf course — significant elevation changes, creeks, marshes, ravines, boulders, rolling fields and mature trees.

It's being hailed as Montgomery County's BEST Public course. Once you see the course and the price, you'll know why. "The golf course fits into the existing terrain," says Shearon. "All we did was massage it. When you're finished with a golf course, you want it to look like you hadn't been there."

The total property covers 550 acres with 185 acres devoted to the golf course. While homes are under construction on the edges of the course, they do not intrude on the play or the atmosphere and in fact are not visible from many of the holes.

Shearon earlier designed RiverWinds and Vineyard Golf at Renault in New Jersey, and he has worked on many renovation projects at courses such as Whitemarsh Valley and Rolling Green.

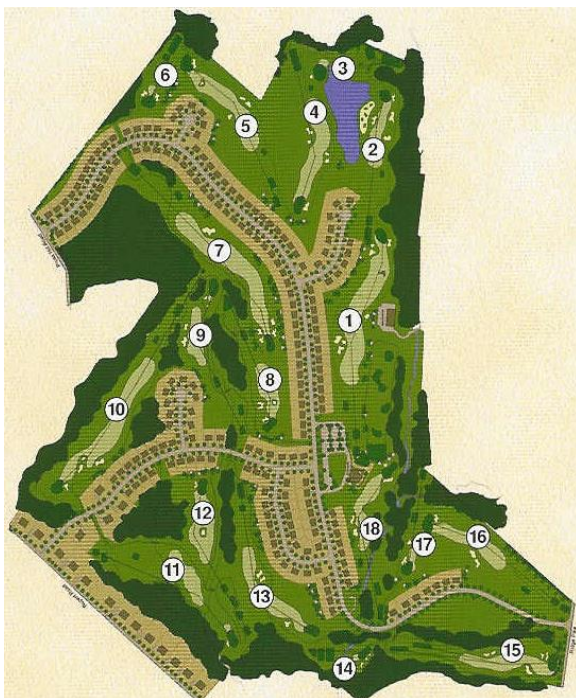
Raven's Claw features a wide range of lengths in the par 3s, par 4s and par 5s. The stunning 14th is only 137 yards from the tips, while the demanding par-3 17th takes a 242-yard poke. The 10th, appropriately named "Long," consumes 634 yards from the rear tee box, while the opening hole is a fairly friendly par 5 of 526 yards.

Shearon borrows concepts from American courses such as Merion and Augusta National and the great courses in Scotland but does not copy them. He seeks different approaches to the greens and different green complexes.

"Variety to me is the key to a successful golf course," he says, "variety of looks, variety of hazards, variety of challenges, yet all tied together."

Before completing a course, Shearon brings in professionals, superintendents and amateurs of all levels to offer suggestions that can be considered during construction. Walking the first nine with Shearon early this spring made it obvious that holes which may look intimidating from the tee are manageable for average players.

The name? While Shearon was walking the site before construction started, he noticed a raven land on the branch of a dead tree, providing a spectacular view into the setting sun.





Ko Olina Resort's signature 18-hole **Ted Robinson**-designed golf course is consistently recognized as one of the top resort courses in the US. The Ko Olina Golf Club is both challenging and breathtaking with views of the Pacific Ocean and Waianae mountain range.

Former host of LPGA and Champions Tour events, the course's notable features include the signature par-4, 428-yard 18th hole, guarded by seven pools on the right side of the fairway feeding into a large lake and waterfall, caging the left side of the elevated green. The three-story clubhouse offers luxury locker rooms equipped with a Jacuzzi and steam room, as well as an elaborate golf shop.

The Ko Olina Golf Club also offers guests a comprehensive golf shop, repeatedly recognized as one of the 100 Best Golf Shops by Golf Business World, as well as full-service men's and ladies' locker facilities complete with showers, Jacuzzi and steam room.



Ko Olina Resort & Marina is a 642-acre master-planned resort community on the western shore of Honolulu. In addition to the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina, Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, the 18-hole Ted Robinson-designed Ko Olina Golf Club, and the state-of-the-art, 270-slip Ko Olina Marina, the resort is home to seven pristine lagoons connected by 1.5 miles of shoreline pathways. There is also the elegant Ko Olina Wedding Chapel, and the Paradise Cove luau and cultural center.

Ko Olina is known as Honolulu's premier resort destination, combining the seclusion and prestige of a resort community with the proximity to Hawaii's business and cultural center. Ko Olina brings together the best of Hawaii's weather, ocean and outdoor activities and spirit of aloha.



Course Highlights:

- Listed in Golf Digest's "Top 75 resort courses in the US."
- Top 100 golf shops in America.
- Former host site for Senior PGA and LPGA Hawaiian Ladies Open.
- Adjacent to the Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa and on the grounds of Ko Olina resort & marina.



Click hole number to view description and pro tips.





Jericho National Golf Club

Jericho National Golf Club, which opened just four years ago, is quickly becoming a classic. It is getting praise by the pound, and it is even getting mentioned in the same breath as some American classics.

Jericho National is a private golf only facility located in beautiful Bucks County, halfway between New Hope and Washington Crossing. The team of **Dr. Michael Hurdzan** and **Dana Fry** designed the course. Their philosophy is to design golf courses that stir the spirit, exceed expectation and defy understanding. In doing that, golf becomes a complex puzzle requiring strength, skill and strategy -- set in an environment of unquestioning beauty, yet subject to the irrepressible forces of nature. Jericho embodies all of that.

The course is situated in a rolling valley and offers open terrain and scenic views of nearby Jericho Mountain. The fairways feature generous landing areas, however, shot-placement is essential due to heavy mounding and a proliferation of sand bunkers. At first glance, the open fairways can be deceiving. Jericho is far from an easy stroll. With deep bunkers, slopes, valleys, doglegs and a 7,127-yard layout, it presents an extremely difficult test for a duffer and a very good challenge for a low handicapper.

"What happens on open sites, you'll notice it a lot on the great old golf courses throughout the world over in Scotland and Ireland, is that open links sites lend themselves to lots of bunkers to help frame the golf hole and help turn the golf hole," Fry says. "That's the same thing we did here at Jericho National. You'll notice the holes that are in the trees have far less bunkers than the ones out in the open, and that's the reason." Once you get onto the course, you'll find history galore.

Jericho Mountain, which sits near the Delaware River in Bucks County, is near the site where General George Washington and his troops crossed into New Jersey. From the tee box at No. 6, off in the distance up on the far left hilltop, you can see Bowman's Tower, an area used by Washington and his lookouts to keep track of British troops.



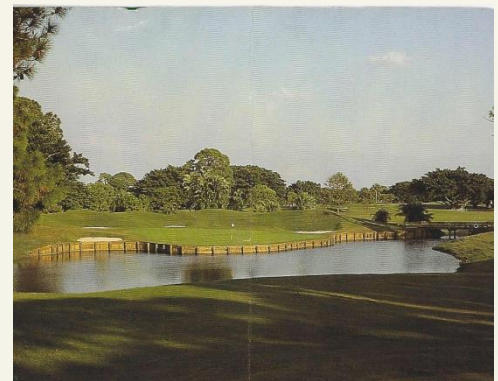


THE COUNTRY CLUB OF FLORIDA



The Country Club of Florida is a narrow course with trees and a multiple cut of rough bordering the fairways. There are many sand bunkers on the course, and the water hazards come into play on many holes. The greens are average in size; undulating and their speeds are determined by the seasonal weather conditions. The club is very exclusive. Guests must be accompanied by a member in order to play. The only way to become a member of this club is to be sponsored by an existing member. Caddies are mandatory if you choose to walk the course.

Year Built	1957
Designer	Arthur Hills & Robert Bruce Harris
Classification	Private
Guest Policy	Closed





Western Virginia has the Homestead; West Virginia has the Greenbrier; and western Maryland now has Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort, thanks to some forward thinking folks in the Maryland state government who thought it'd be a great place to build a high-end resort destination.

The combination of forested mountains, a pristine 243-acre lake and a "Golden Bear" Signature Golf Course provides a unique and breathtaking golf challenge. **Jack Nicklaus** created an exceptional par 72, 18 hole

championship course which features 2 distinct golf experiences - the front 9, carved out of a heavily wooded mountainside with dramatic elevation changes and the back 9, featuring expansive, gently rolling fairways.

Dave Heatwole, Senior Design Associate of Nicklaus Course Designs and lead architect on the Rocky Gap project, says the demanding layout was also challenging to build: "I was very impressed with the ruggedness of the site when I first saw it, but I also knew it was going to be



difficult to fit the golf course onto the mountainous section, which is now the front nine. But along with great challenge comes pretty great rewards, and we're really pleased with the way the course turned out."

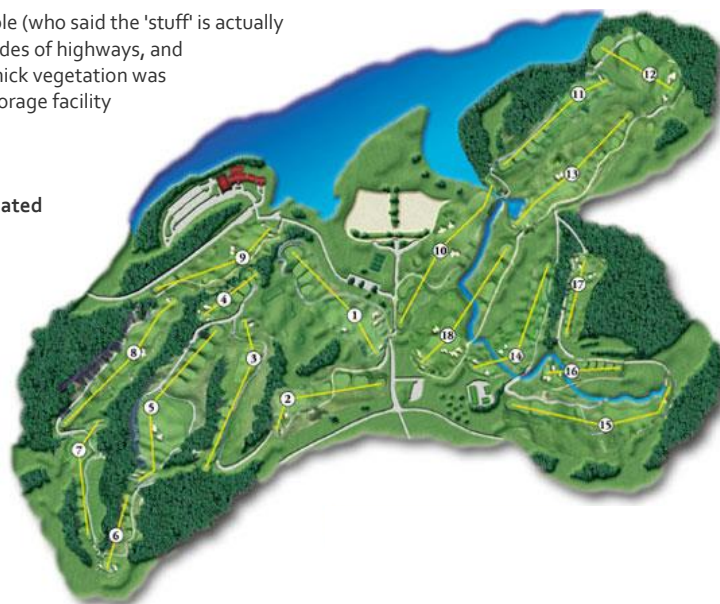
The number one thing when playing "The Gap" is keeping it in the fairway. You can hit a great shot, right down the fairway - and once it hits the surface you've got to keep an eye on it, because you can get some tricky bounces. The rough's not that bad, but you certainly don't want to get in the Crown Vetch. If you don't know what "crown vetch" is prior to



coming here, you'll certainly become acquainted before you leave. Heatwole (who said the 'stuff' is actually called Bird's-foot Trefoil) said it's the same type of plants growing on the sides of highways, and helps contain erosion. Because Rocky Gap has some difficult terrain, this thick vegetation was vital to help maintain the integrity of the hillsides. But it's also a golf ball storage facility if you hit it in there.

At "The Gap" you'll certainly find that every hole offers a beautiful picture with Lake Habeeb and Evitts Mountain

serving as natural backdrops. **Rated in the Top 100 in the Mid-Atlantic by Washington Golf Monthly.**





WELCOME TO SAUCON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB



The Saucon Valley Country Club, founded in 1920, lies nestled in the Lehigh Valley an hour north of Philadelphia and slightly more than an hour west of New York City.

Over the years, the Club has grown from 18 holes and a clubhouse to become one of the largest private clubs in North America. Today, encompassing 800 acres – three outstanding golf courses, a 6-hole course, tennis, squash, platform tennis, swimming pools, fine dining facilities and an 18th century guest house.



The club dates back to October 1920 when the Lehigh County Court gave Bethlehem Steel president Eugene Grace and 16 other business leaders the authority to transform 205 acres of farmland near the Saucon Creek into 'golf links and other facilities for athletic sports.' Grace chose Herbert Strong to design the first course in SVCC's arsenal of courses. The course opened for play in 1922 and largely remains intact, although Perry Maxwell, William Gordon and Eugene Grace have all made slight revisions to the course since it opened for play.

In 1953, SVCC, through the leadership of Grace, decided to build another 18-hole course. The design team of **William and David Gordon** was hired to build what is now known as the Grace Course. This course was built in stages – the first nine holes (1-6, 16-18 on the current routing) were built in 1953, while the rest of the course (7-15) was finished in 1957. The course officially opened in 1958. During the construction of the Grace Course, the Gordons also built the Short course, a 6-hole course for the club's juniors and beginners. This course is located at the club's Saucon Valley Road entrance.



Set in heavily wooded country in the Lehigh Valley region, Saucon Valley is the epitome of the gracious, top-flight country club for which America is renowned - with a membership waiting list to prove it. Saucon

Valley's Old Course was designed by **Herbert Strong** and opened in 1922. It is the best known of Saucon's three courses, and members swear this is the finest walk in the area. "GOLF Magazine" named it 90th among the "100 Greatest Courses in the U.S." for 1995, and "GOLFWEEK" rated it 60th in the category of "America's 100 Best Classical Courses" for 1997, 55th for 1998 and 63rd for 1999. Perry Maxwell redesigned 3 holes on the Old Course in 1944.



Saucon Valley's Old Course will host the

2009 U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be the sixth USGA championship at the club. It has hosted the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Senior Opens, the 1983 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 1987 USGA Senior Amateur and the 1951 U.S. Amateur. Larry Laoretti won the 1992 Senior Open and Hale Irwin won his second Senior Open and fifth USGA title with a record-setting score of 267 in 2000. "We are honored and excited to host our sixth USGA championship and bring more great golf to the Lehigh Valley," says George Burke, Saucon Valley Country Club president. "We are just as excited about the up and coming golfers, who in 2009, will give us an extremely competitive and talented field."





Nowhere is the sport of golf more dramatic than here in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Four spectacular alpine courses are close at hand, including Stewart Creek Golf & Country Club, which was ranked *Best New Course in Western Canada* by *Golf Digest* 2002 and is rated 4½ Stars by *Golf Digest*.

The course was designed by Canadian architect, **Gary Browning**, with the following in mind: "the intent of the first tee was to place players up there and take their breath away." Measuring 7,150 yards from the back tee, Browning has sculpted the rugged landscape into layered fairways and subtly sloped greens with natural forest defining landing areas. He has strategically placed 35 bunkers around rushing streams, crystal clear lakes, rocky outcrops and restored mine entrances. A gentle reminder to the player of the history surrounding the Town of Canmore.



The course features breathtaking mountain views, abundant wildlife, abandoned mine shafts and it's name sake, Stewart Creek, on a challenging yet fair layout. Stewart Creek is a "must-play." Stewart Creek is filled with photo-ops and beautifully sculpted holes. Some tees beckon for a soft fade while others set up best for a subtle draw. But it's not just the shot-makers who will enjoy this test of golf. Any eyes that have a passion for the mountains, nature, and adventure will be treated to a feast. The Three Sisters, a spectacular three-peak massif, hovers over the property and provides a stirring backdrop on a number of holes. Other holes are framed with the distant slopes of the Rockies and the Bow Valley. Regardless of the quality of golf, you'll certainly come away with plenty of money shots to stick on the fridge.





Alberta located directly north of Montana, is the sunniest of the provinces. Famous for the Canadian Rockies, which borders the west side of the province, offers more than 275 golf courses to play. So if you're on a business trip to the booming oil capitals of Edmonton or Calgary or taking a long awaited holiday, remember to take along your golf clubs for a golf experience of a lifetime. Calgary is home to some of the finest private golf clubs in the nation: Earl Grey, Calgary Golf Club, Glencoe, Priddis Greens to name a few.

Calgary Golf and Country Club has been around since 1897. This is one of Calgary's old beauties designed by **Willie Park Jr.** This traditional (and very prestigious) golf club, close to the city's downtown, is nestled into a curve in the Elbow River. Starting from a few holes in the prairie beside the CPR tracks in 1897, the CGCC has evolved to become one of Canada's most beautiful golf courses.





Harbour Town



Host of the MCI Heritage Classic, the course at Hilton Head's Sea Pines Resort has been testing the PGA's best for 35 years. It's a modest 6,973-yard, par-71 course that puts branches, bunkers, sand, woods and water into play on virtually every hole. And, oh, yeah, coastal wind that changes direction hour to hour.

Soon after it first opened in 1969 (with a victory by Arnold Palmer on Thanksgiving weekend in the old Heritage Classic event), Harbour Town debuted on Golf Digest's ranking of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses as one of the 10 best courses in the country. It was a total departure in course design. No mounds, no elevated tees and greens. Harbour Town

represented abrupt change. Greens hung atop walls of railroad ties directly over water hazards. Play went from forest to coastline with one single shot, to a par-3 distinguished by a unique "basket trap."

Harbour Town put **Pete Dye** on the map.

Dye returned to oversee a complete restoration of Harbour Town Golf Links. The designer who regularly brings pro golfers to their knees was asked to help with a \$3.5 million

restoration at Harbour Town. "We didn't want to change things," the architect said. "But this was a project I'd wanted to do for the past 10 years."



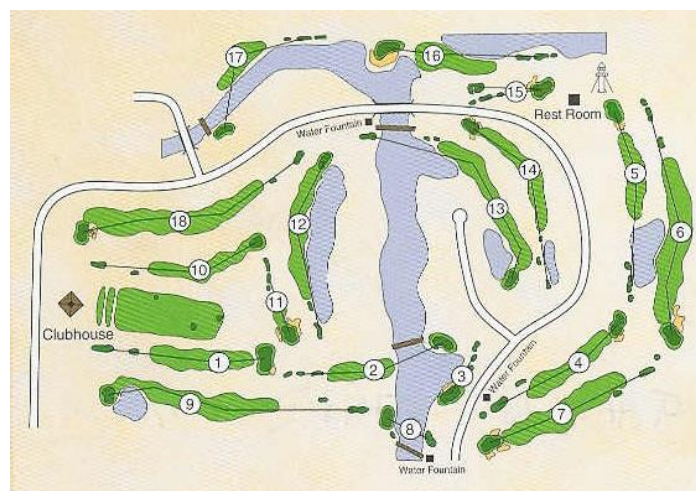
Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes



Arthur Hills. Not a name that rolls off the educated golfer's tongue like "Tom Fazio" or "Robert Trent Jones Jr." But a quick run down of the Toledo, Ohio Native's course credits and you may wonder why this contemporary of some the

greatest modern architects in golf is not mentioned in the same breath as his peers. Arthur Hills may be at his best at Palmetto Dunes, where he has produced a layout that is as cozy as a warm southern night, and as beautiful as a South Carolina sunrise. If Hills is under appreciated by players and his peers, then his layout at Palmetto Dunes could very well be dubbed "Arthur's Revenge." Opened for play in the spring of 1986, *Golf Digest* calls this course "The best of the three 18's at Palmetto Dunes."

Home to the *GolfWorld* men's collegiate tournament for 15 years, The Hills Course has a unique seaside character, with rough and fairway bunkers notably absent. The dune lines continue into the greens, bringing undulating surfaces, off-balance lies and ocean breezes into your game. Lagoons come into play on 10 holes – something that a young college player by the name of Tiger Woods discovered to his chagrin. "The Hills Course is strategic golf at its best," says Tim Drygala, an assistant professional at the Hills Course. "In fact, the Hills Course may be the best course outside of Harbour Town that the public can play on the island." Not a long course, the Hills course makes it's living on its par-4's, which range from interesting to awe-inspiring. For starters, there are holes No. 4 and No. 5 on the front nine, which bend around the old Port Royal Lighthouse and feature some of the most beautiful hardwood backdrops on the island. The Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes is a perfect blend of beauty and challenge. This natural wonder has won many awards and has a well-earned reputation as one of the island's best golf experiences and best-kept secrets!





Baltimore Country Club



Baltimore Country Club has two outstanding eighteen-hole courses. The East Course is an old, traditional design featuring tree-lined fairways and plays to 6,681 yards from the back tees (with a 72.6 rating and 136 slope). The ladies' par is actually 75. Water hazards (lakes and creeks) come into play on three holes. "GOLF Magazine" ranked it 59th among the "Top 100 Courses in the U.S." for both 1995 and 1997, and

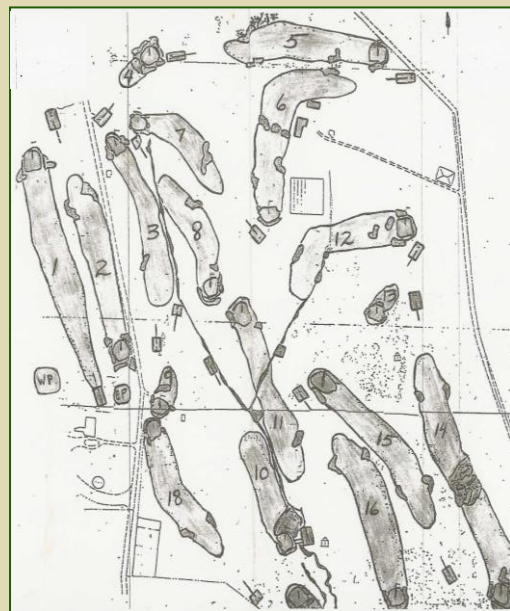


61st in 1999. "GOLF WEEK" afforded it 40th in the category of "America's 100 Best Classical Courses" for 1997, 31st in 1998 and 33rd in 1999. The USGA listed this as one of the first 100 clubs established in the U.S., and "GOLF Magazine" recognized it on their 1995 list of the "First 100 Clubs in America." The 1899 U.S. Open was played here, and the winner was Willie Smith. The club was originally established in 1894 and was known as the "Downtown Club." However, the city took back the land and **A. W. Tillinghast** decided to design a unique course on the local farmland.



Born in 1874 into a well-to-do Philadelphia family, Tillinghast stumbled into the golf course architecture business at age 32. His first golf course was at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa. He established an office in Manhattan, and from his base there created some of the best golf courses in the Northeast, including Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N.Y.; Baltusrol in Springfield, N.J., and, of course, Five Farms in Baltimore, Md.

Geoffrey Cornish and Brian Silva later redesigned the East Course in 1991.



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