



WEST CLIFFS

GOLF LINKS





Situated less than an hour north of Lisbon – on Portugal's magnificent Silver Coast – West Cliffs has been designed by golf course architect Cynthia Dye ASGCA, of the world-renowned golf architecture firm Dye Designs Group.

Offering sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean from each hole, the spectacular par-72 seaside links has been created over 200 hectares of natural landscape, rolling sand dunes and coastal vegetation.

The first Dye golf course in Portugal – and only the fourth in Europe – West Cliffs has become one of the most talked-about design projects in the world.



Cynthia Dye, niece of legendary golf designer Pete Dye, said: "With the Atlantic visible from every hole, West Cliffs is the most natural golf course site imaginable.

"One of the most impressive characteristics of the course is just how anchored it is to the native coastal environment.

"The terrain at West Cliffs is amazing. On the vast majority of the holes, it was only necessary to site the green complexes with a bit of shaping and then define the limits of grassing. For the most part, the course was already there waiting for us.

"The most distinguishing architectural feature on the course is the collection of bunkers with irregular perimeters blending into and dictated by the native vegetation. It will be a very dramatic experience for the players."



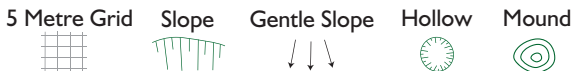
LEGEND

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GREEN DETAIL LEGEND

- T** Measure point on the intended playing line bisecting the green at or level with the front of green
- Point on the intended playing line bisecting the green at or level with the back of green



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Tee 63

334
4

Tee 59

331
4

Tee 55

304
4

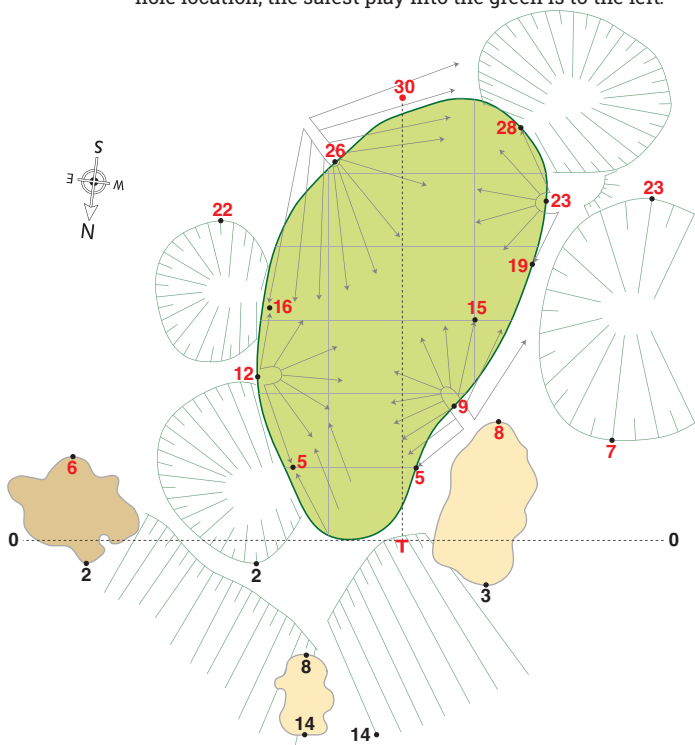
Tee 51

297
4

Tee 47

254
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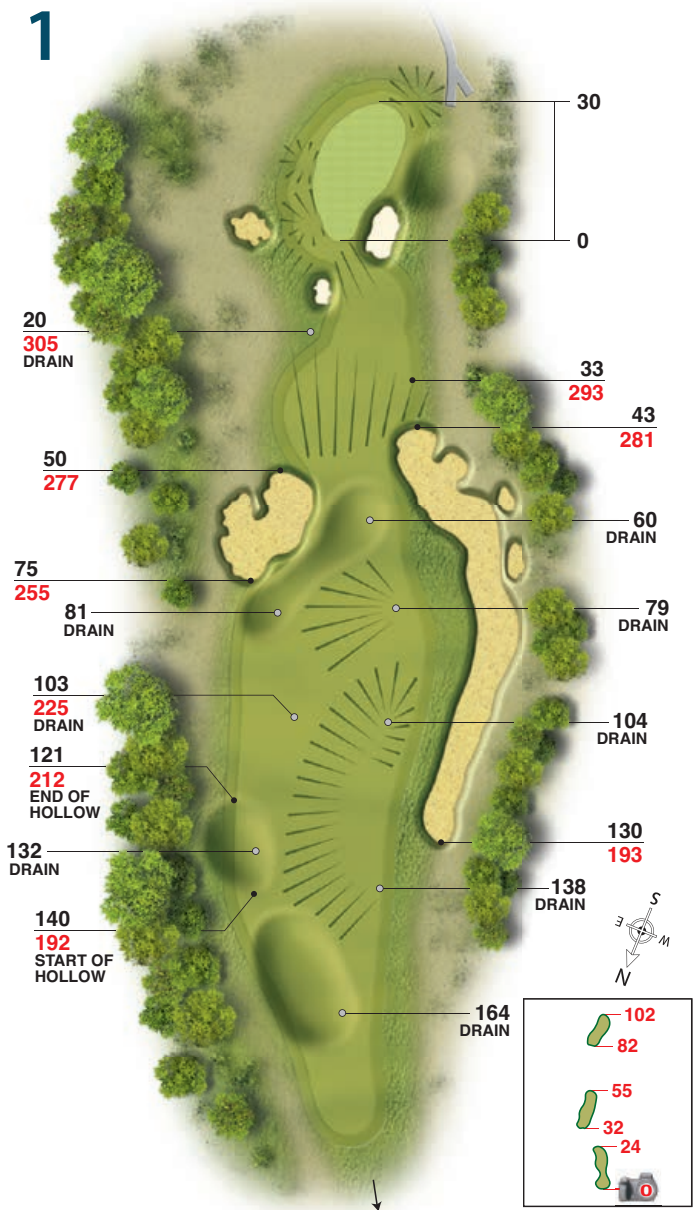
The best position to place your tee shot is on the upper left plateau of this split level fairway with the long left fairway bunker as the target. A second shot from the low right has a limited view of the long, gently undulating green surface protected on the right by a deep pot bunker. Depending on hole location, the safest play into the green is to the left.



Ideal Line



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Tee 63

146
3

Tee 59

133
3

Tee 55

124
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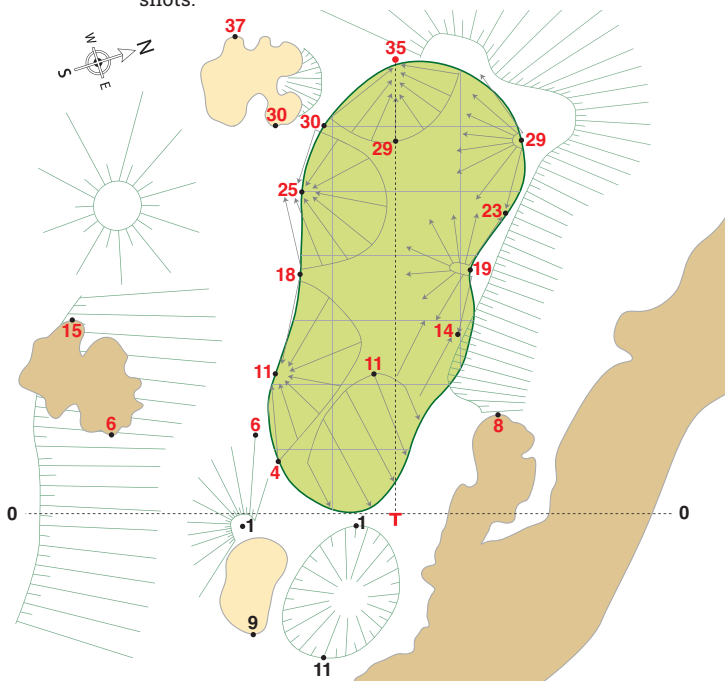
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109
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Tee 47

87
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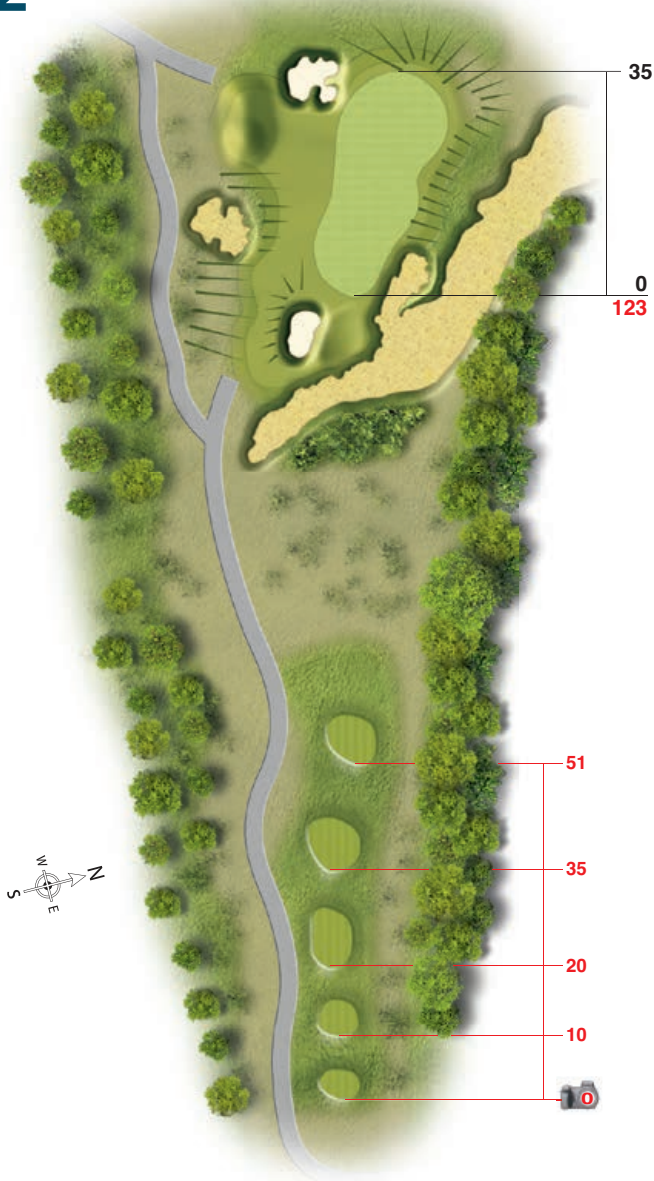
From the elevated tees, players have a good view of the sandy waste area that crosses in front of the green and borders the entire right side. There will be a constant 'swirl' influencing the tee shot. The green is large and fair with lows on both the left and right to catch wayward shots.



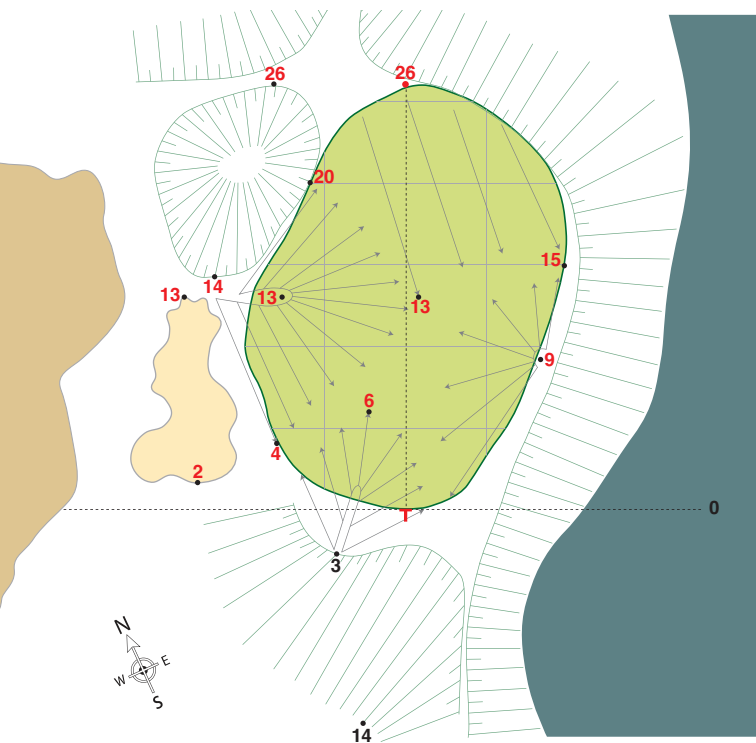
Ideal Line



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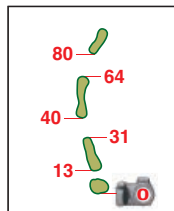
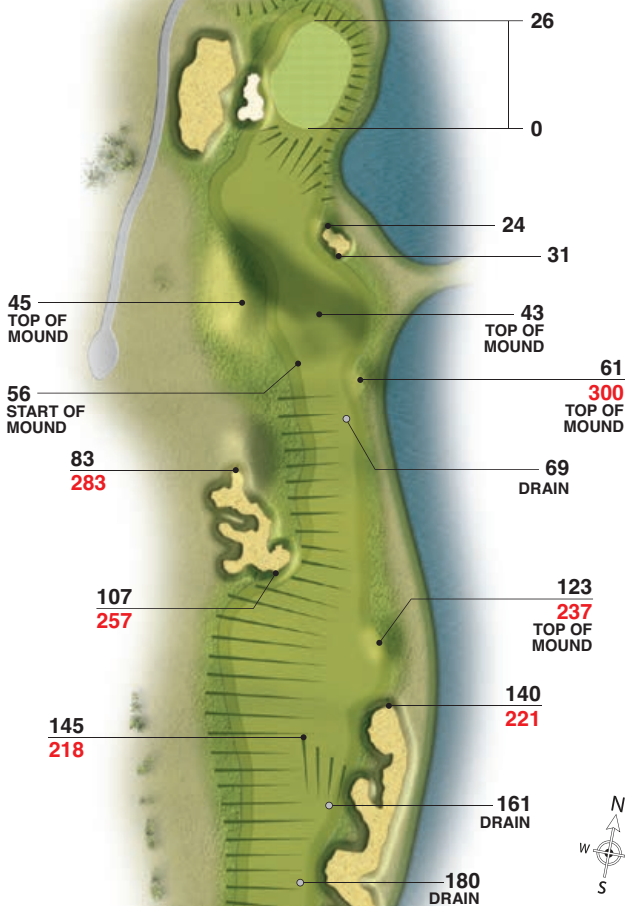


Try and place the tee shot down the centre so the left to right slope kicks the ball to the right. Too far left and the large sand dune will block the view of the green. The small green is flanked by water on the right and a large sand dune and bunkers on the left.



Ideal Line





Tee 63

381
4

Tee 59

371
4

Tee 55

353
4

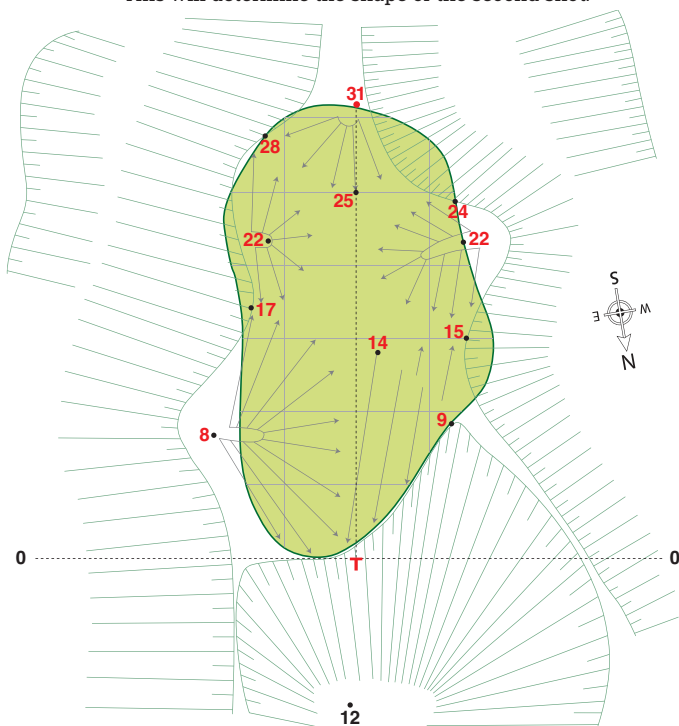
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295
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Tee 47

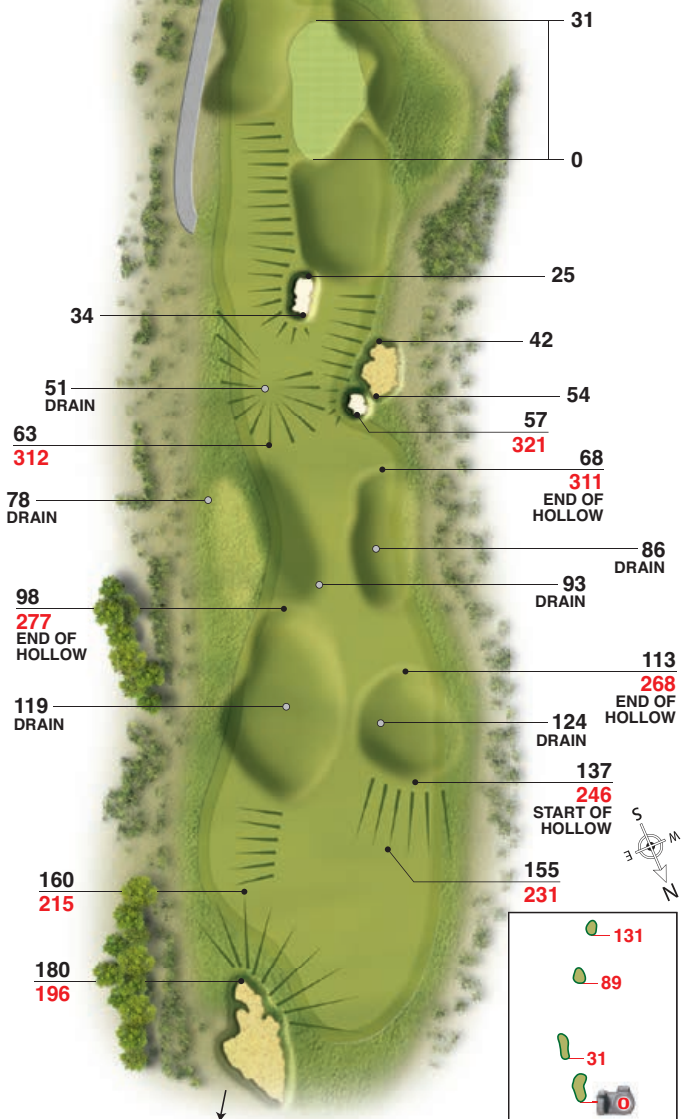
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The right and higher side of the fairway is the preferred tee position that offers the best view of the green. The narrow green is shaped on top of several low lying natural mounds. The green is crowned with large collection areas on three sides of the ridge bisecting the putting surface. This will determine the shape of the second shot.

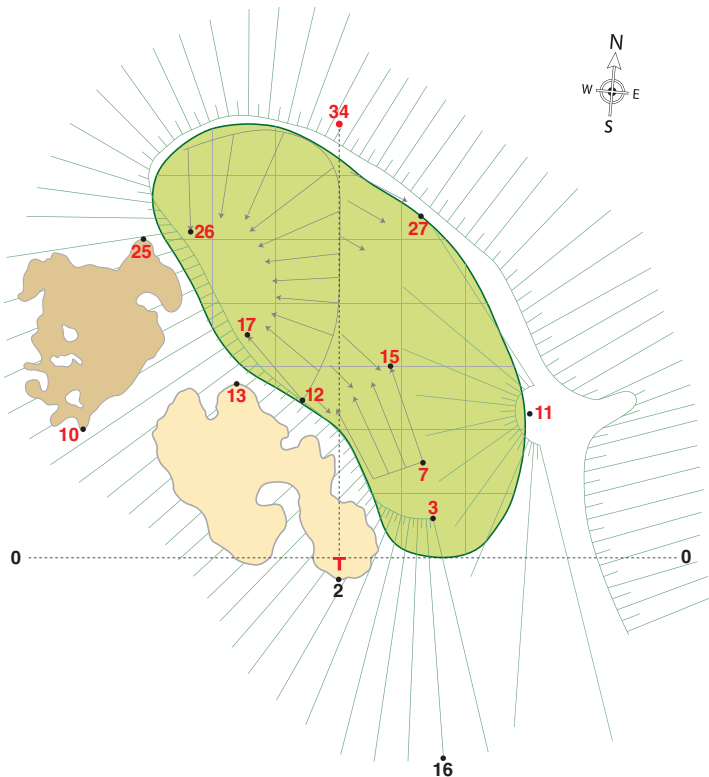


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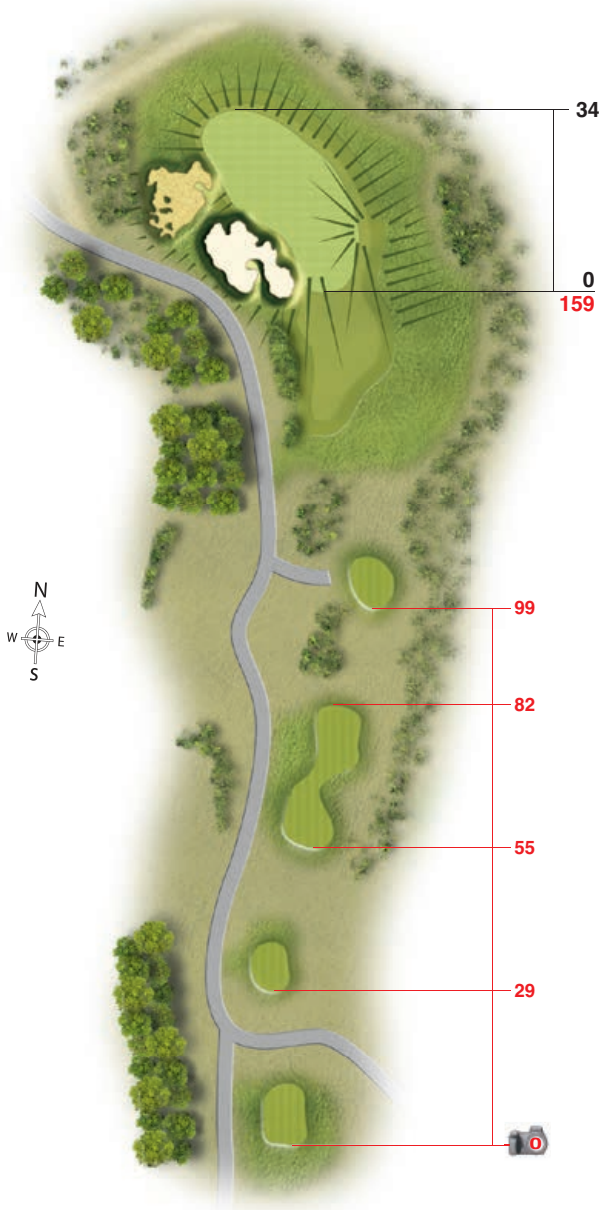


The long green is a redan style, sloping front to back. There's more room in front and on the right of the green. The large deep bunkers on the left are to be avoided.



Ideal Line





Tee 63

529
5

Tee 59

480
5

Tee 55

474
5

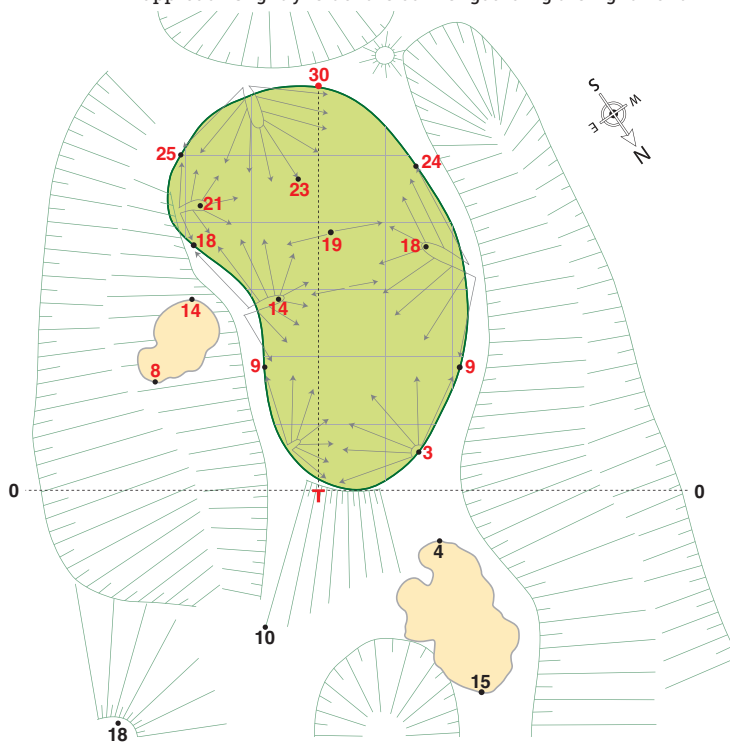
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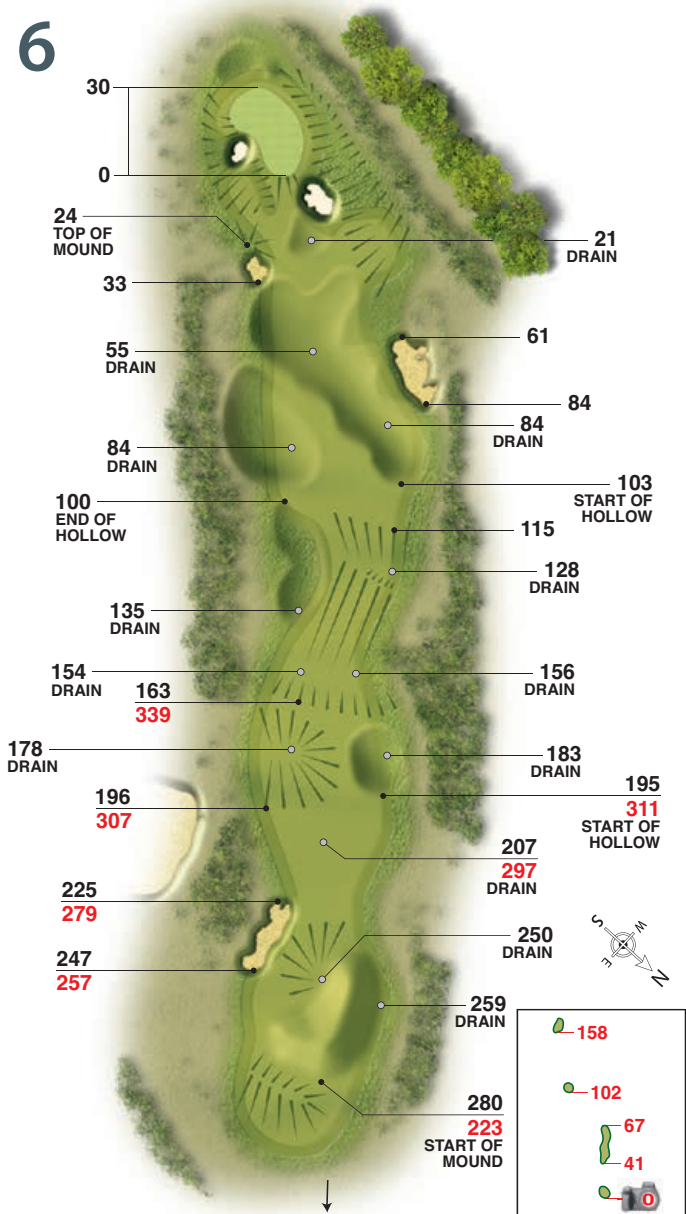
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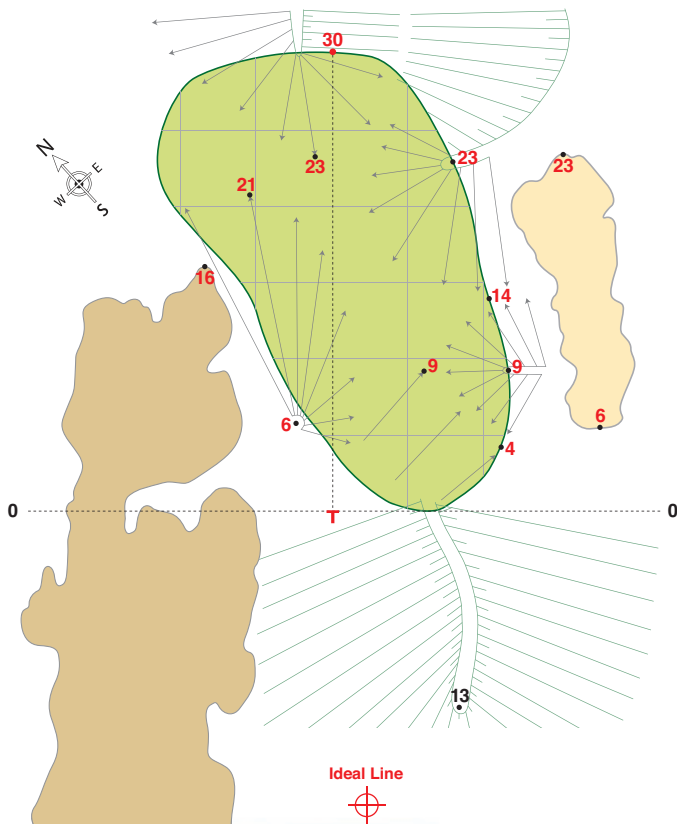
Place your tee shot in the centre of the fairway, avoiding the right where the large dunes will block your second shot. The second landing area is wide but the best approach to the green is from the centre. For the best access to the green, aim the second shot to the flat open approach slightly left of the bunker guarding the right front.

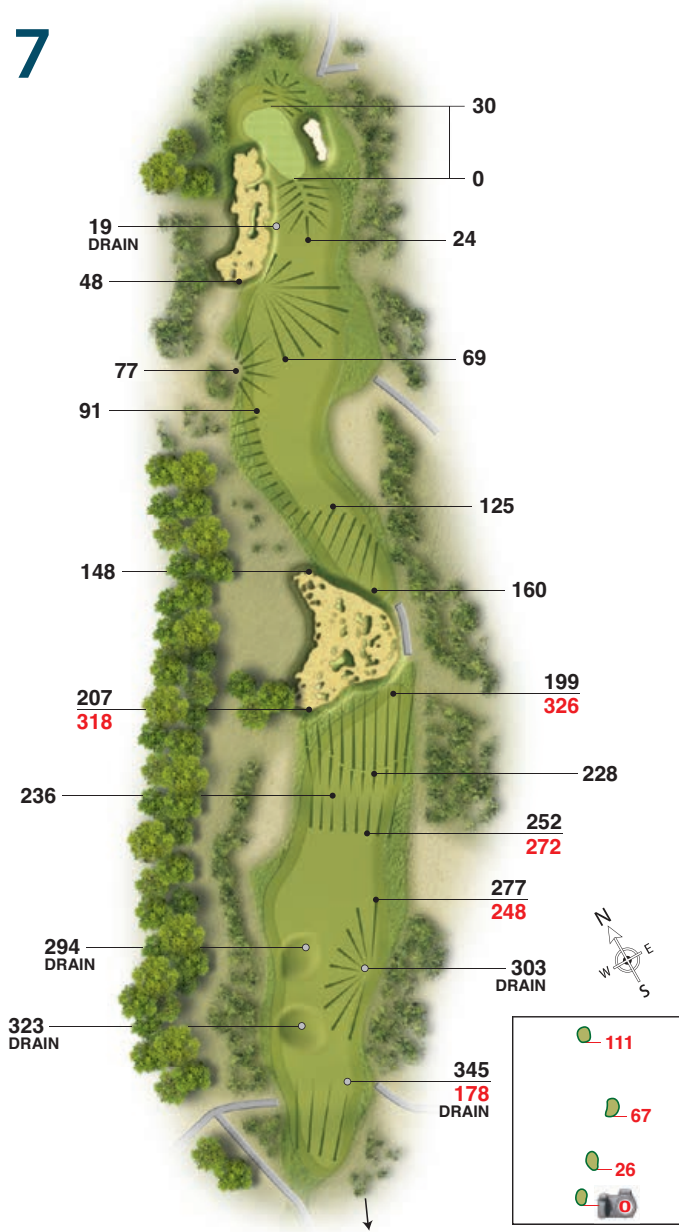


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The tee shot should be right of centre to avoid the large sand dunes on the left. The second landing area is on the high ground leading to the green between a series of lower valleys. Although the approach is wide, execute the shot carefully avoiding the 'kicks' off the green to the left or right.





Tee 63

330
4

Tee 59

305
4

Tee 55

296
4

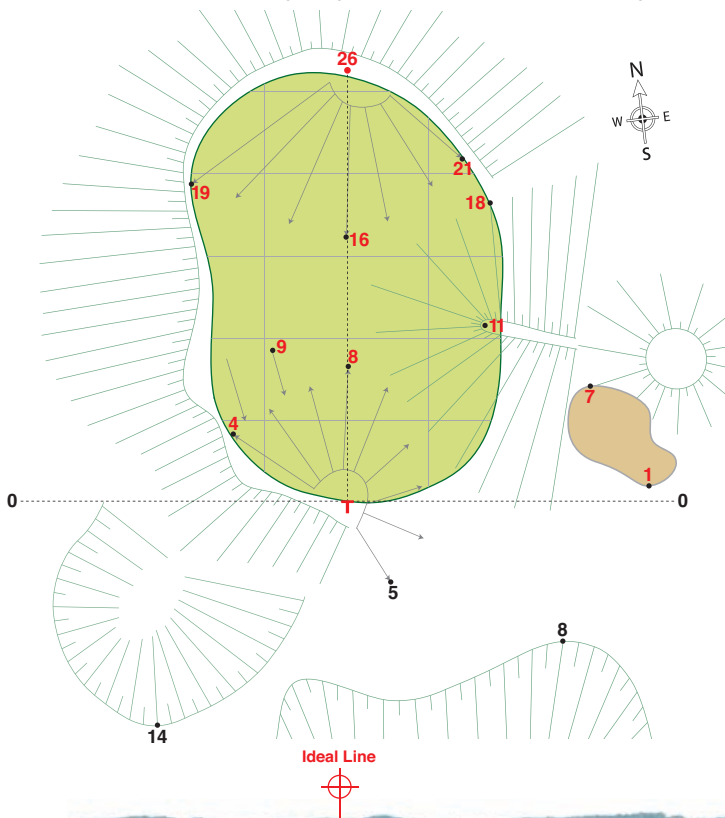
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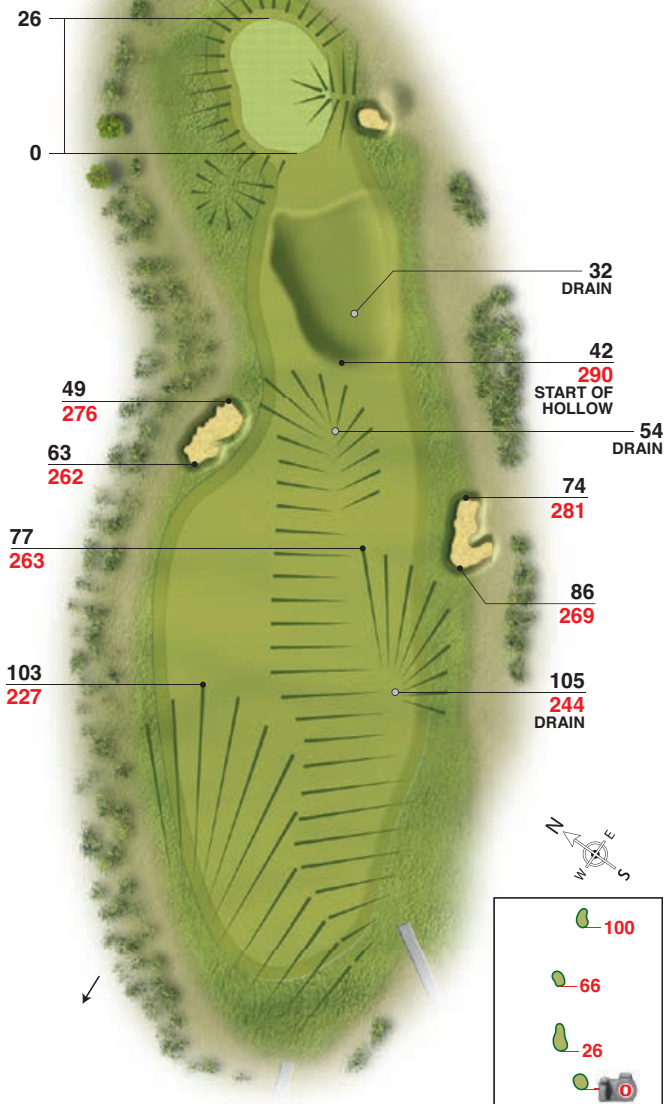
Tee 47

232
4

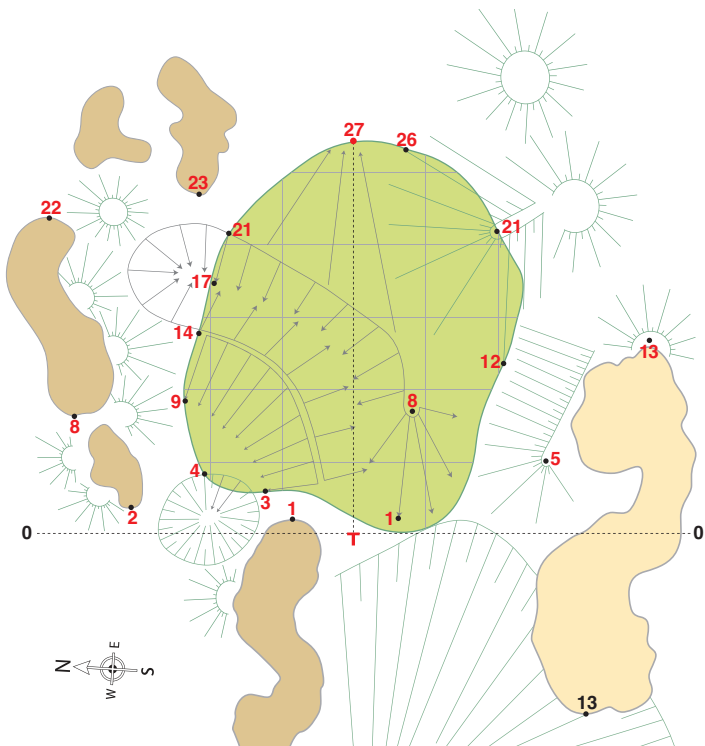
This is a strong dog-leg left with the fairway almost perpendicular to the line of flight. Tee shots played to the right will find a receptive fairway but a longer shot into the green. On days when the prevailing wind is down, long hitters may risk gaining a strategic advantage by taking a line down the left toward the fairway bunker on that side. The green is located on the crest of a large ridge with a severe drop off on the right.



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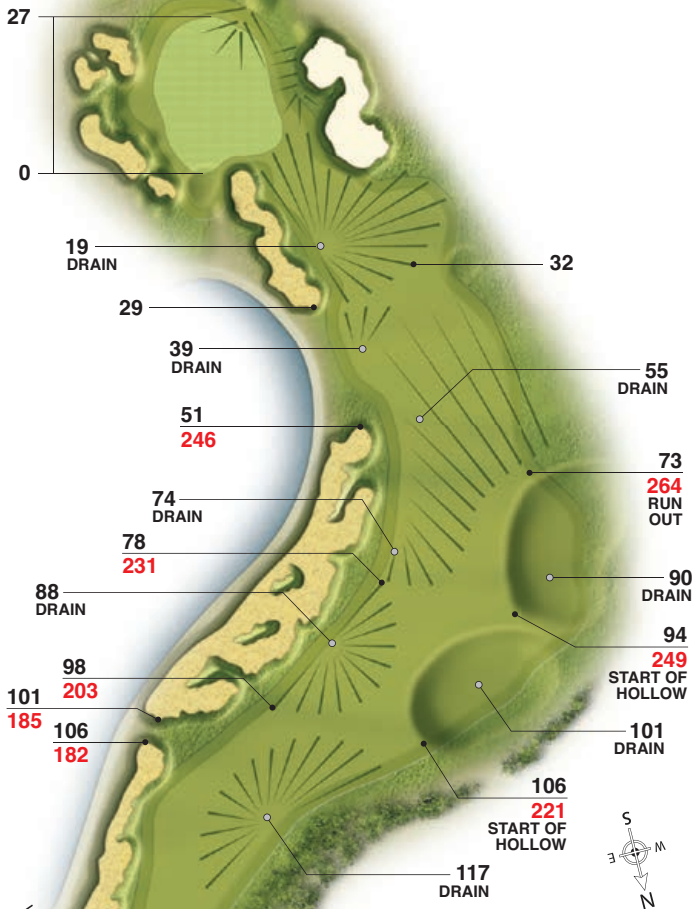


The safe play is to hit your tee shot to the elevated landing area and then hit a lofted club into the wide open green complex. The green falls off hard right to left so it is best to keep your ball below the pin.



Ideal Line





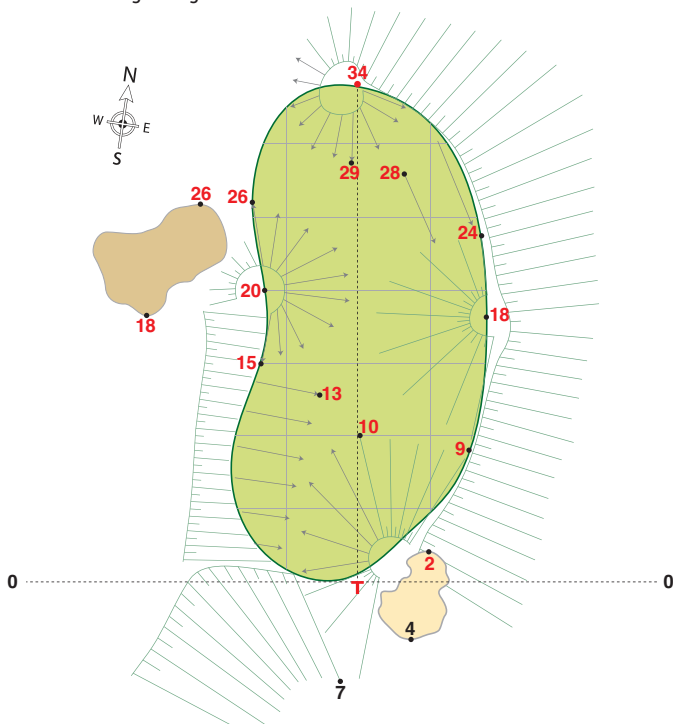
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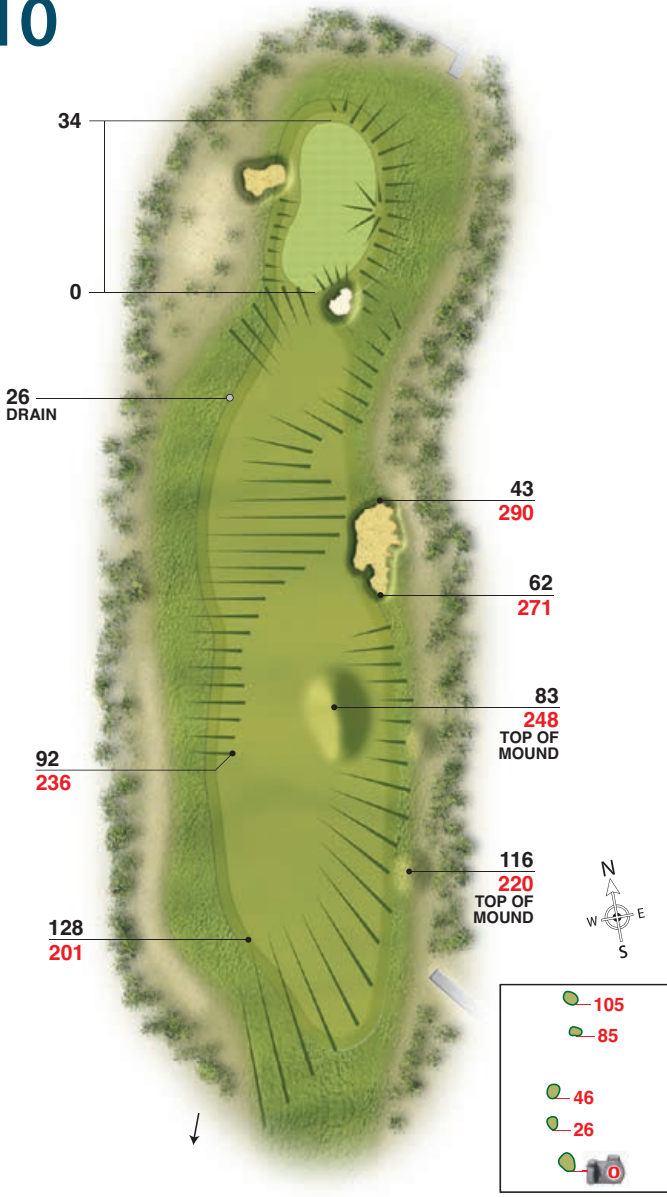
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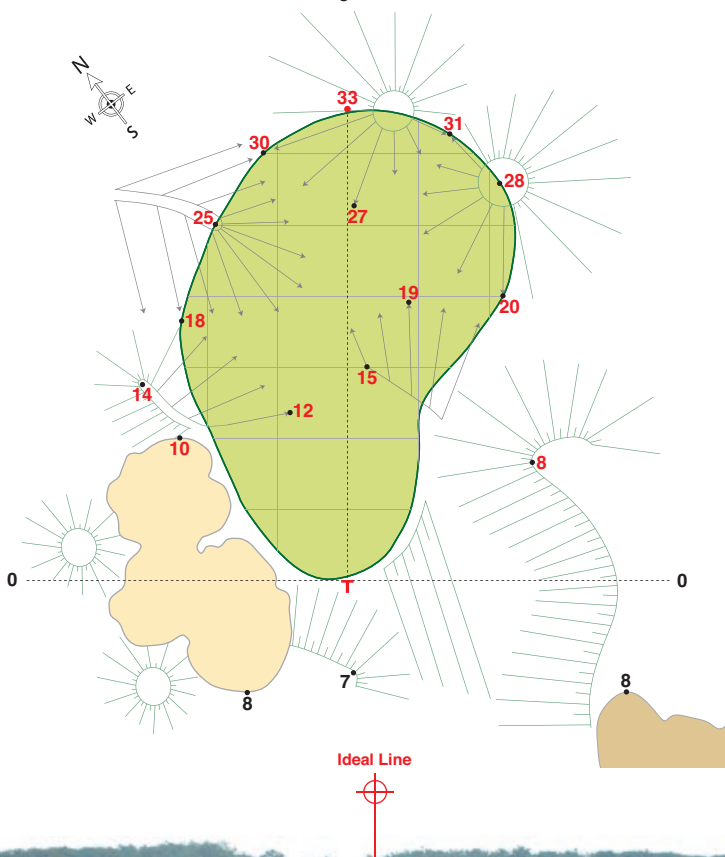
The fairway is generous at the landing area however the drive is partially blinded by a native sand dune that players must carry from the tee. Place your tee shot right of centre avoiding the deep hollow on the left. This short hole is surrounded by native coastal vegetation so there is a premium on club selection to make sure the ball finds green grass.

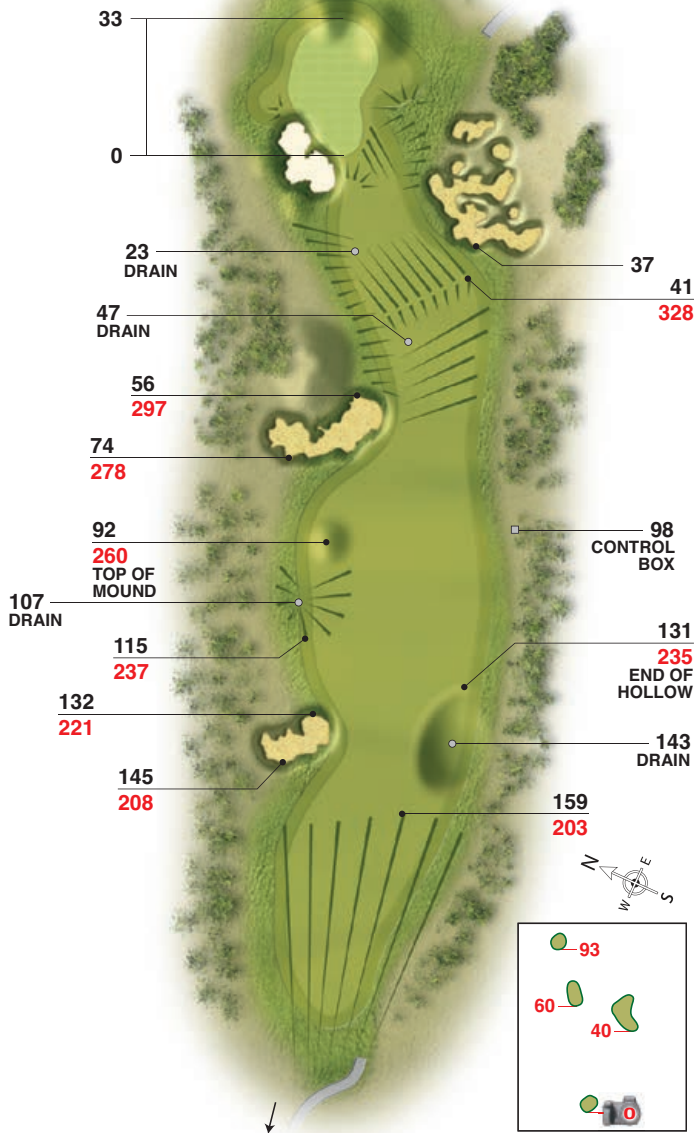


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A tee shot aimed at the broad bunker on the fairway's left side will allow a clear sight to the green. Tee shots drawing too far left will be blinded by a massive sand dune. The green is large with a wide opening but demands a tight approach to minimize the many subtle contours that can make scoring more difficult.





Tee 63

184
3

Tee 59

141
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Tee 55

136
3

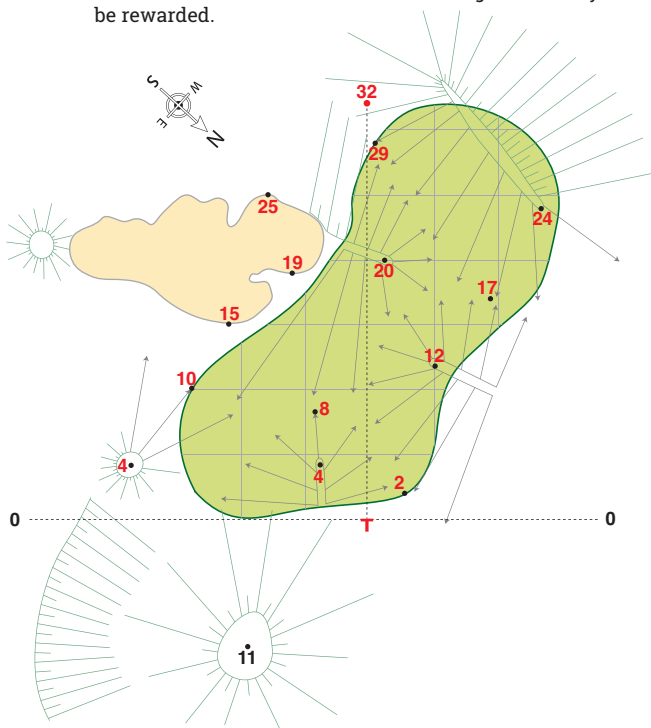
Tee 51

114
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Tee 47

101
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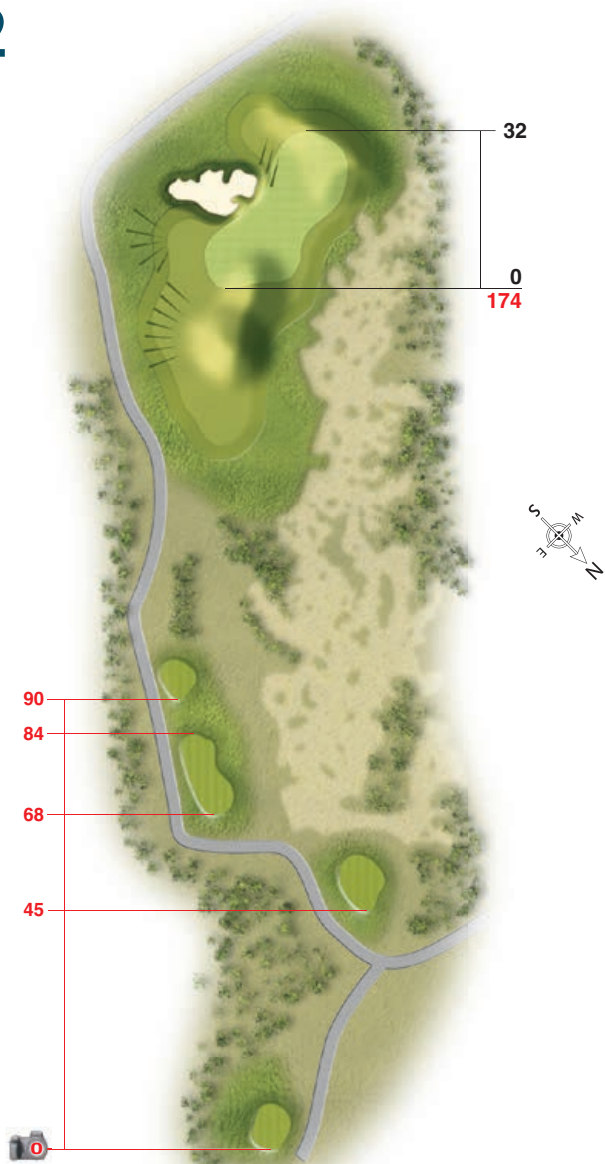
Avoid the menacing native sandy waste bunker on the right. An errant shot finding the large bail-out on the left allows a straight forward chip shot. The long bunker left of the green is not as close to the green as it appears, offering a suitable target for executing a fade to the pin. This green also has some contours that are deceiving so accuracy will be rewarded.



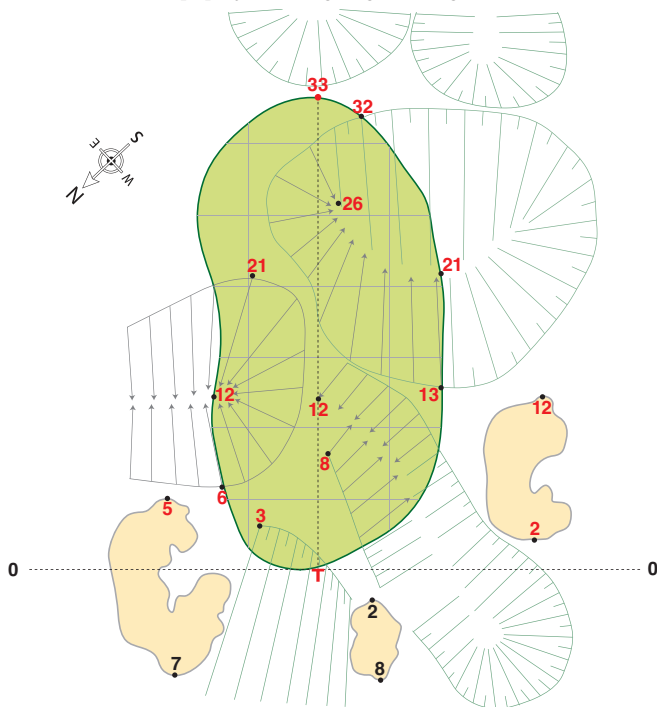
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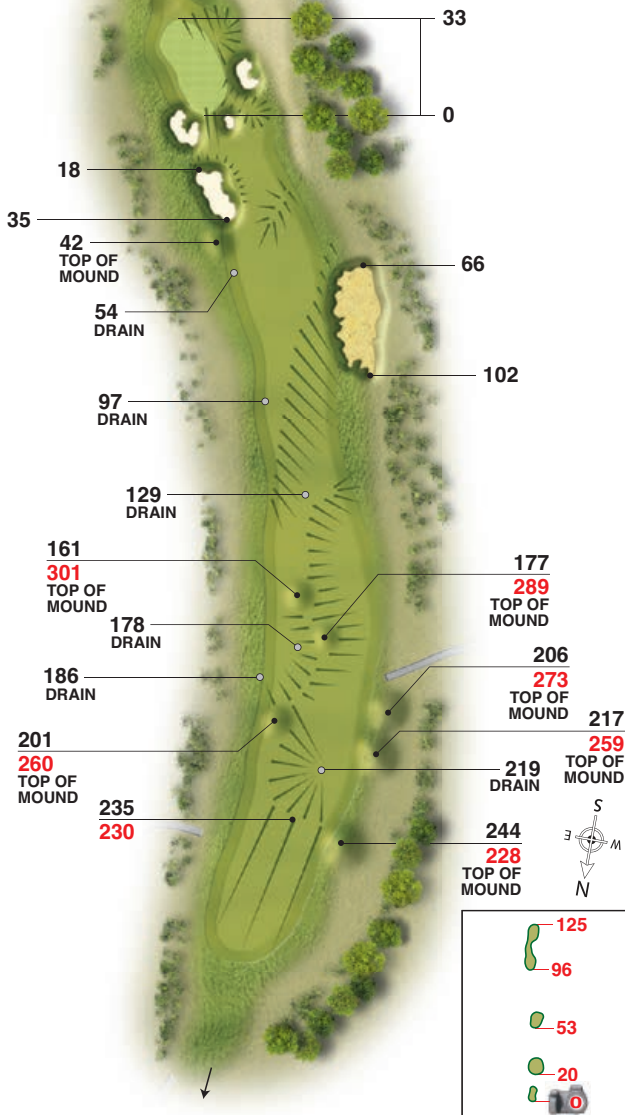


The tee shot should be aimed down the centre using the backdrop of the massive natural dune bunker as the target. For the best chance to score, play the second shot on a line towards the right greenside bunker. The large steep slopes on the right of the green are to be avoided. There's plenty of room for recovery from behind this green to tempt players into going for the green in two.



Ideal Line





Tee 63

351
4

Tee 59

329
4

Tee 55

323
4

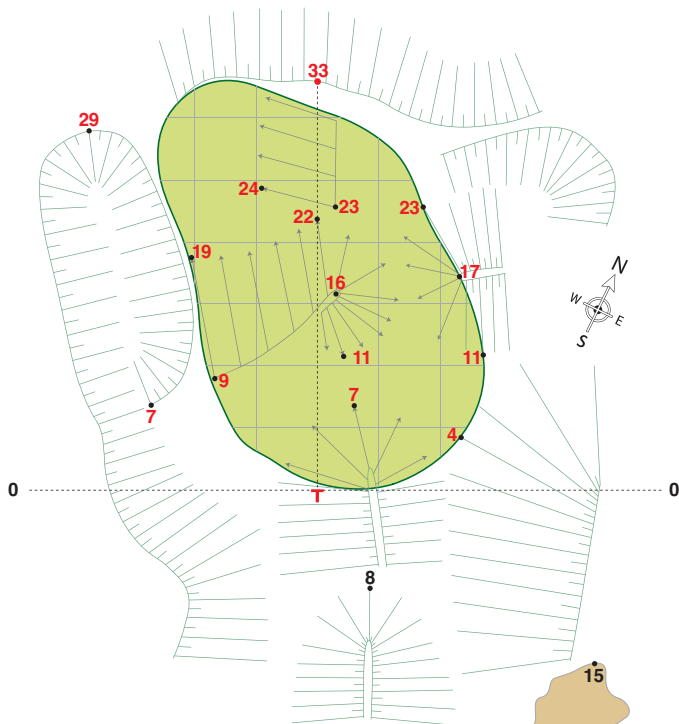
Tee 51

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Tee 47

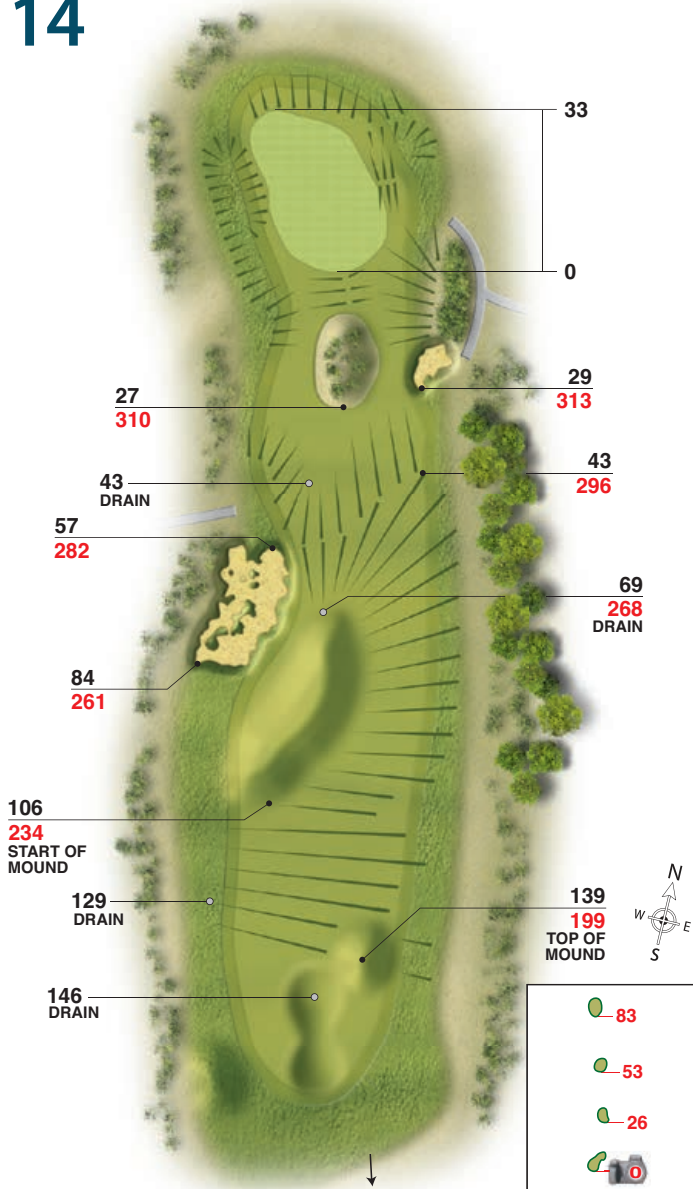
260
4

Direct your tee shot to the higher right-hand side and the ball should roll back to the centre. On the lower left the player may find the waste bunker or a partially blind shot into the green. A native sandy dune divides the fairway and the approach to the green. The green falls off right to left so use the slopes to feed the ball towards the pin.

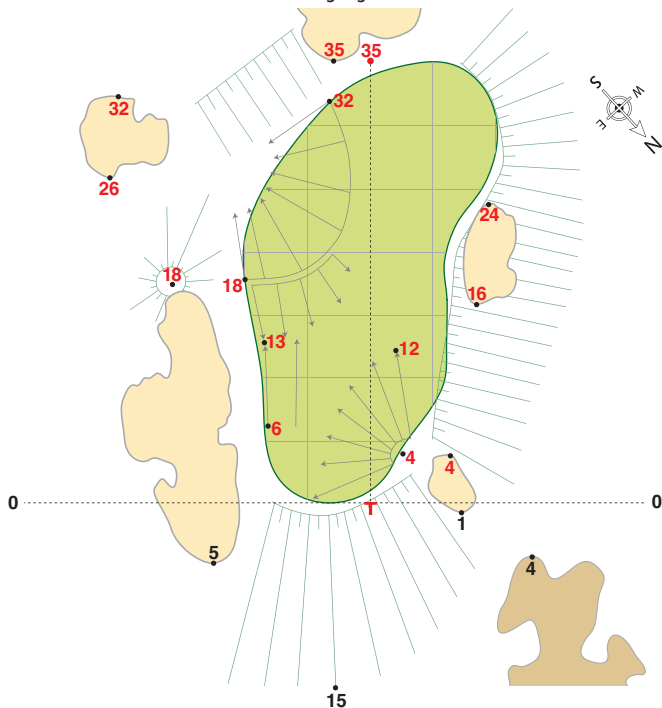


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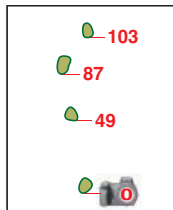
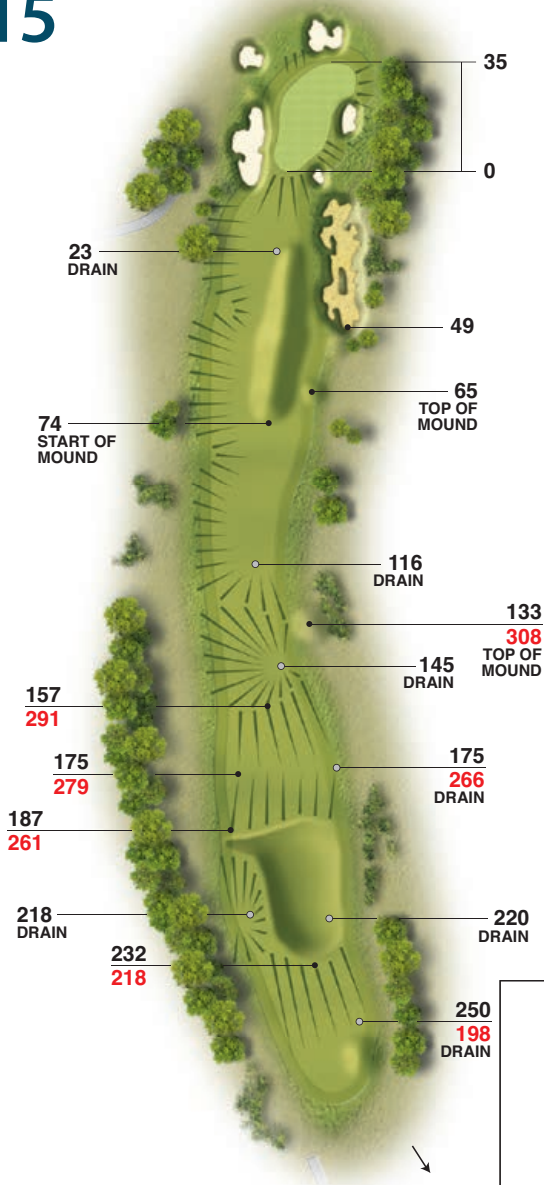




Players should swing away and use the slope on the left to advance their tee shot and bring it back to the centre. The second landing area has two levels. With the green perched high in a sand dune, it is best approached from the higher level on the left. The large green shaped into the right side of the dune, with bunkers both right and left, makes this a challenging birdie.



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Tee 63

170

3

Tee 59

166

3

Tee 55

114

3

Tee 51

100

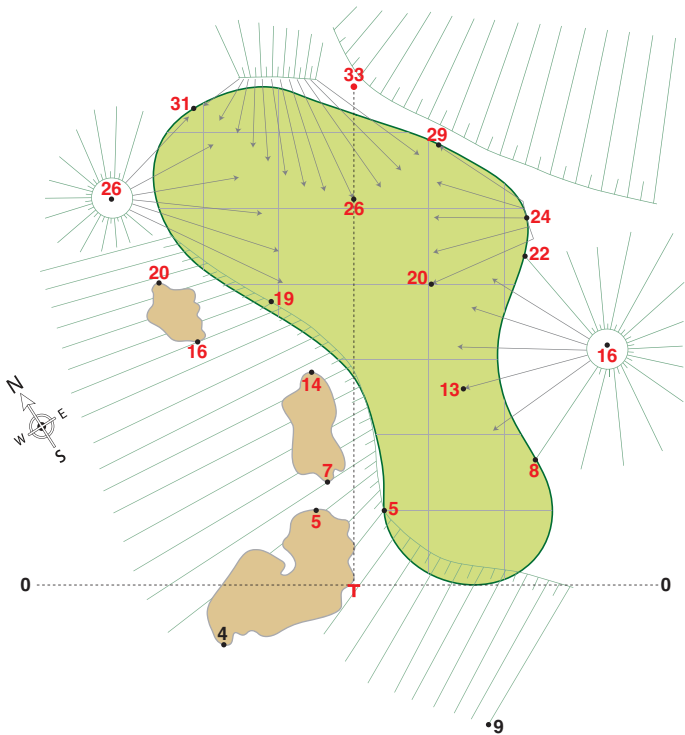
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Tee 47

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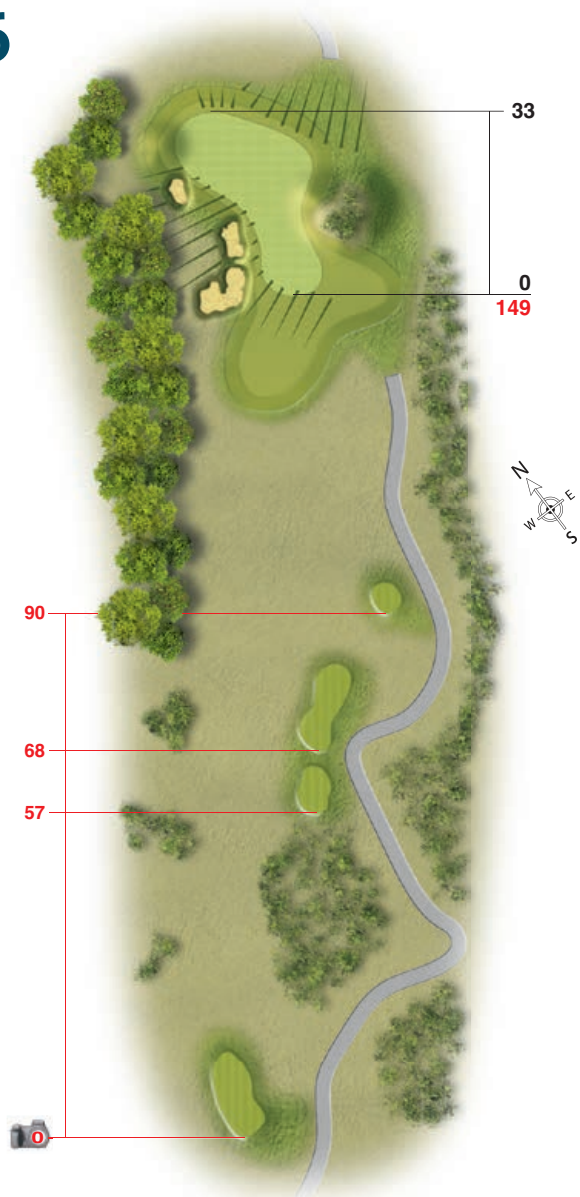
Players on the back tees will thread their tee shot between the dune on the right and the pine forest on the left. The large bail-out area on the right offers players a chance to chip on and save par. Shots finding the native bunkers below the green's left side, will challenge the best players.



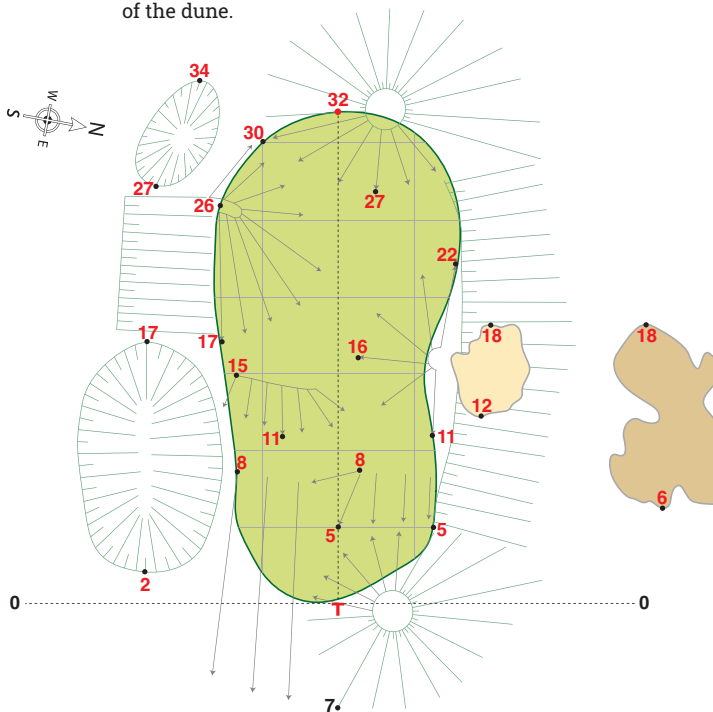
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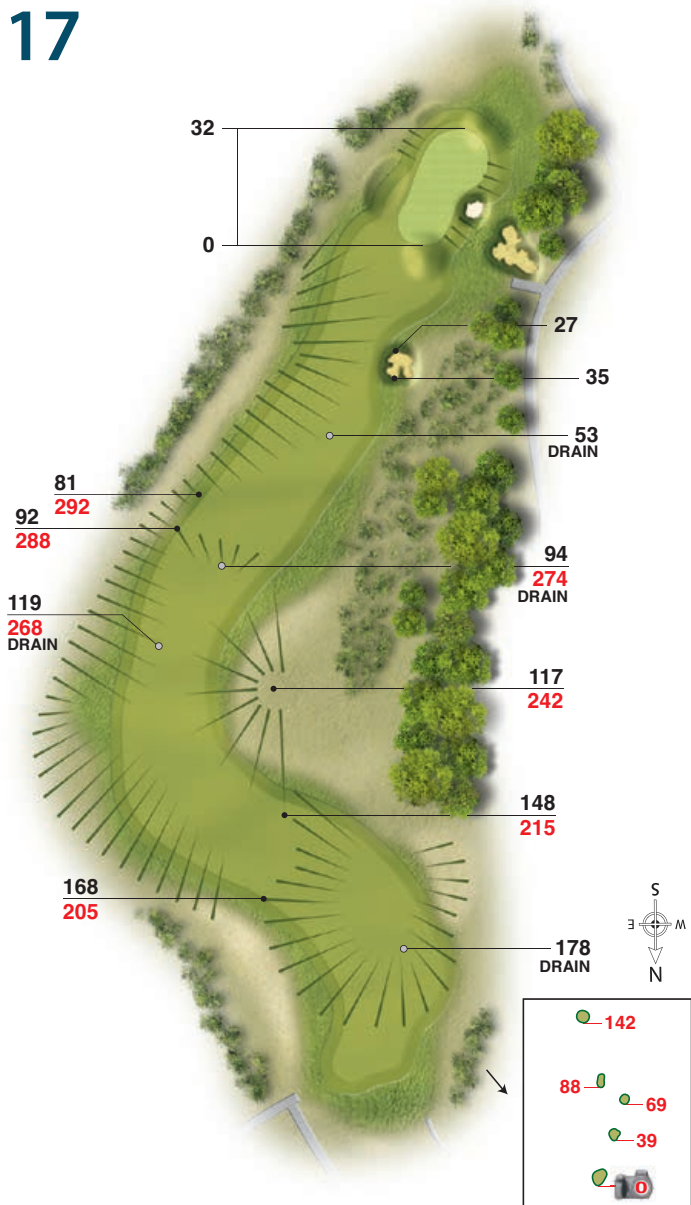


The tee shot must carry a wide, deep valley which makes the elevated fairway appear far away. There's a massive sand dune on the right that has to be avoided to have a clear second shot into the green. The green is nestled in the pine forest at the bottom of the hill. Players can challenge this long hole by finding the 'speed slot' just left of the dune.



Ideal Line





Tee 63

411
4

Tee 59

388
4

Tee 55

383
4

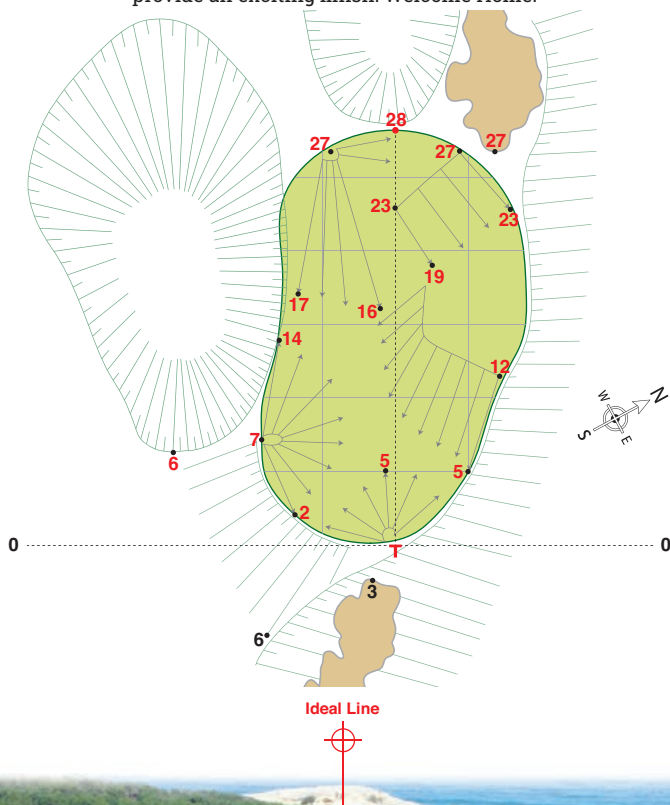
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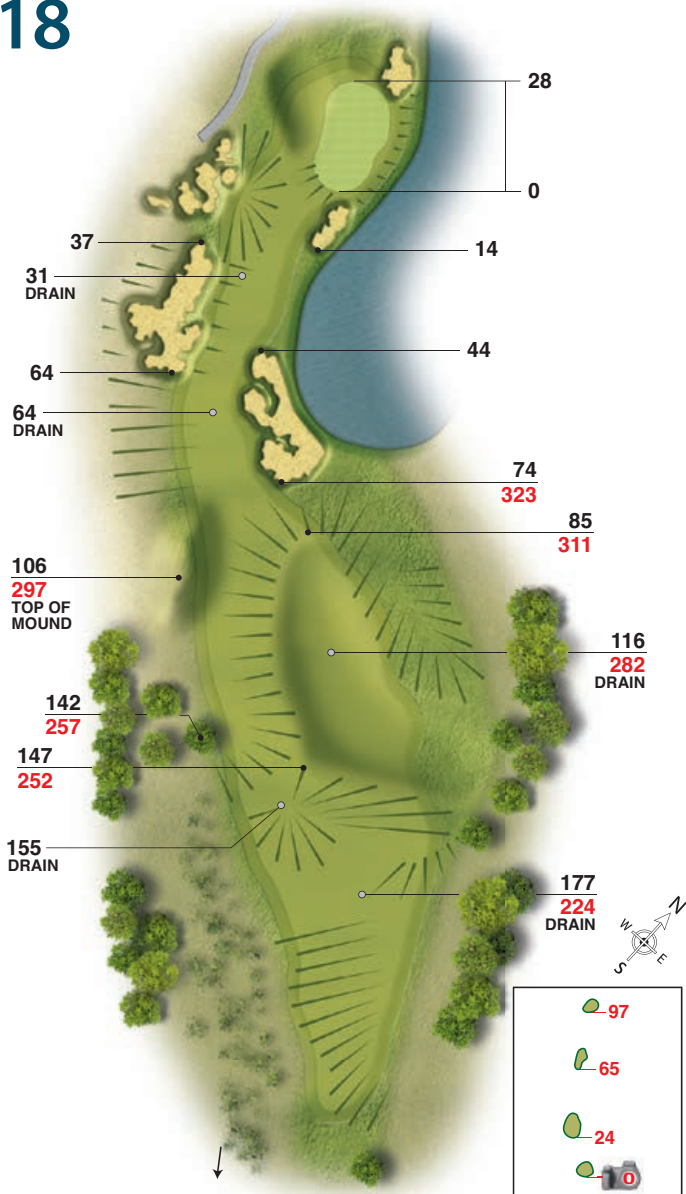
345
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Tee 47

313
4

From the variety of elevated tees, players are offered several avenues of play to a green guarded by a large lake. If players elect to play to the right side of the fairway, directly at the lake, they are left with a short iron across the lake to the narrow green. Playing to the left leaves a longer but more direct shot into the green. This hole will provide an exciting finish. Welcome Home!

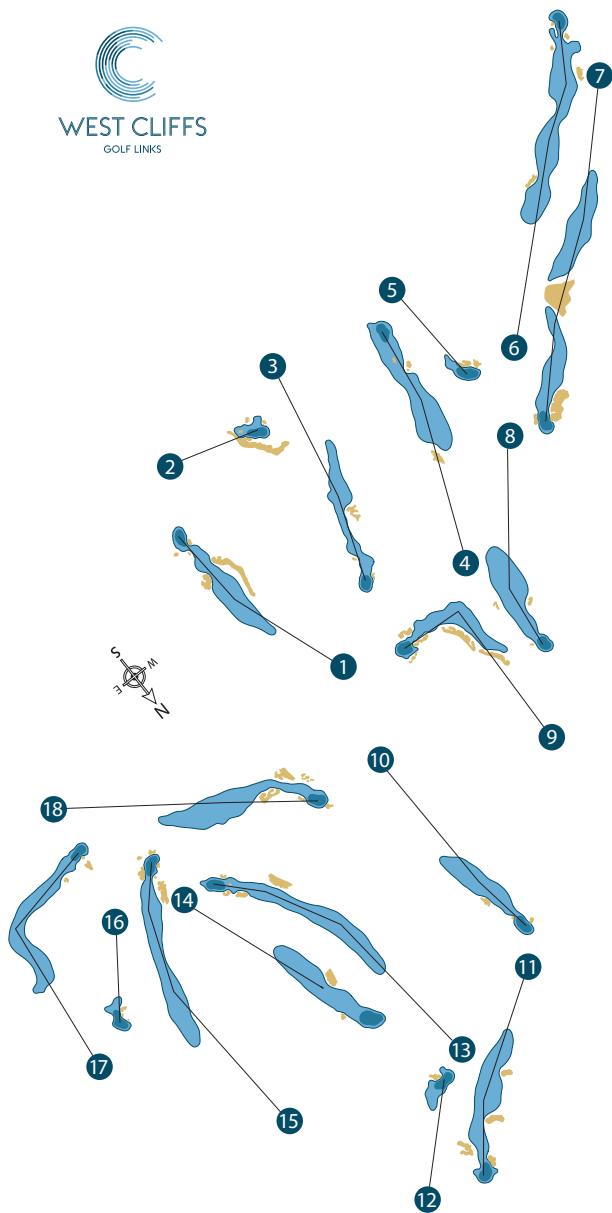






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1	344	331	304	297	254	4				
2	146	133	124	109	87	3				
3	383	365	356	322	291	4				
4	381	371	353	295	253	4				
5	173	145	118	104	76	3				
6	529	480	474	422	364	5				
7	534	508	469	463	392	5				
8	330	305	296	268	232	4				
9	334	330	302	272	243	4				
OUT	3154	2968	2796	2552	2192	36				
10	340	312	295	256	235	4				
11	376	334	327	312	285	4				
12	184	141	136	114	101	3				
13	501	484	438	405	381	5				
14	351	329	323	292	260	4				
15	471	421	396	388	367	5				
16	170	166	114	100	90	3				
17	424	392	356	327	309	4				
18	411	388	383	345	313	4				
IN	3228	2967	2768	2539	2341	36				
OUT	3154	2968	2796	2552	2192	36				
TOTAL	6382	5935	5564	5091	4533	72				





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