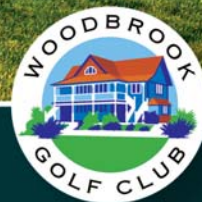
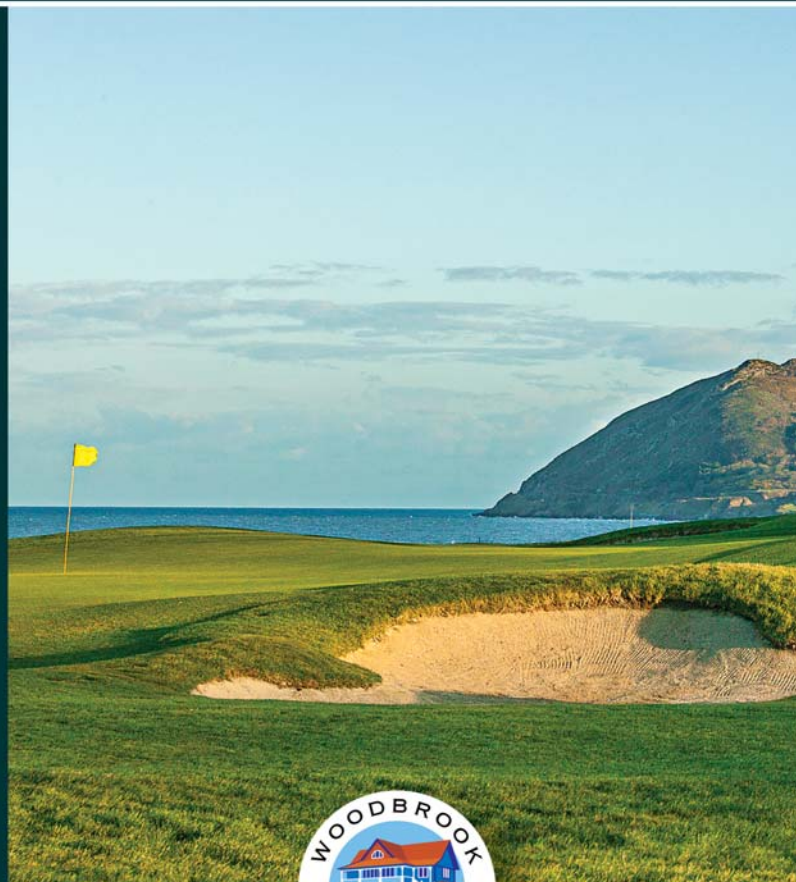
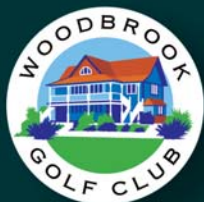


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Course Guide



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Legend

All distances are measured in yards to the **centre** of the green.

● Indicates driving distance from each tee.

○ Indicates distance to centre of the green.

→ Next tee.

Figure at back of green represents depth of green in yards.

Markers to the centre of the green -

● 100 Yards ● 150 Yards ● 200 Yards



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The History

Established in 1921, by Sir Stanley Cochrane as his private club, Woodbrook was first affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in 1926. Sir Stanley had previously indulged his enthusiasm for cricket at Woodbrook, a fact that is still reflected in the pavilion-style clubhouse and the cricket bell, which tolled the start and finish of play and now hangs in the bar.

However, it is as a venue for top class international golf, that Woodbrook is justly famous. Woodbrook hosted the first major professional tournament in Ireland. The Hennessy Tournament in 1958. This once-off event, proved so popular amongst the Irish sporting public, that the following year it became the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes Tournament with the then biggest prize fund 5,000 guineas. All the leading players arrived to play Woodbrook and International Tournament Golf in Ireland was born. In 1963 the tournament that really established Woodbrook as a major golf venue began – The Carrolls International. Carrolls brought the cream of British European and, indeed, American golfers to play the fairways of Woodbrook in the ensuing years up to 1975. Many of today's legends of Golf played the course. Some, as winners, like Christy O'Connor, Senior and Junior, Bernard Gallagher, Neil Coles, Brian Huggett and Bernard Hunt. Others, as rookies on the day, like Jack Newton, Eamon D'Arcy, John O'Leary and Sam Torrance. Superstars, like Open Championship Winners, Max Faulkner, five times winner Peter Thompson, Gary Player, Tony Jacklin, Tom Watson and Ken Nagle all delighted the larger Irish galleries. Anybody who was anybody, in the history of British and European golf from 1963 to 1975, appeared at the Carrolls in Woodbrook.





The Irish Open

The Irish Open had been discontinued in 1953, having run almost continuously since 1927. Carrolls revived this great Irish Title in 1975 at Woodbrook and the modern Irish Open was born. This is now an integral part of the European PGA Tour. An all-star field, including the British Open Winner Tom Watson, played for the first Prize of £5,000 and the inaugural winner was Ireland's Christy O'Connor Junior, nephew of the great Christy O'Connor Senior, himself a four times winner of the Carrolls International.

The Train

Trains have always played a major part in Woodbrook's history. In olden days the Dublin-Bray train stopped at the club and in the early days of tournament golf, spectators alighted on the course. Up to 1956, when members wanted to go home, they pulled a switch in the club house bar and the next train, to pass along the way, stopped for two minutes to pick up those who were travelling to Bray or Dublin. Alas! Today, such hospitality is unavailable, but on six holes, the spectre of the DART and the railway line looms large for the wayward driver.

The Course

Where the wind has sculpted the trees. Although a flat course, "Woodbrook", as Christy O'Connor, Senior put it "may look easy, but it is a very difficult course, with the constant threat of out of bounds and other hazards that can wreck your card".

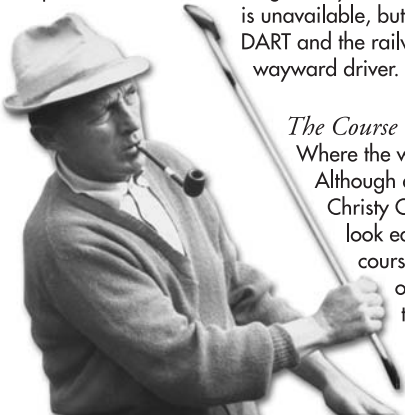
In this regard the wind plays a most significant role. When it blows from the North, nine holes are affected, including three out of the last four.

When it's from the South, the index one tenth plus the par three eleventh, and the par five – 12th, 14th and 16th, all become very difficult long holes. A crosswind from the East affects almost every hole on the course and calls for shot making of the highest calibre. With its configuration of five par threes and five par fives, Woodbrook's layout is unusual but, in the opinion of those who have played there, it is a championship course in every meaning of the word.

Recently redesigned, with three new holes and 18 sand based greens, built to USPGA standards, Woodbrook is once more a challenge for the best.

The club has hosted 18 major international championship events, a record unlikely to be surpassed, and numerous Irish Professional and Amateur Championships through the years. The staging of the AIB Sponsored Irish Seniors Open in the club in 1998 completes a remarkable journey for many of those stars of yesterday, bringing them back to the fairways they once graced so well.

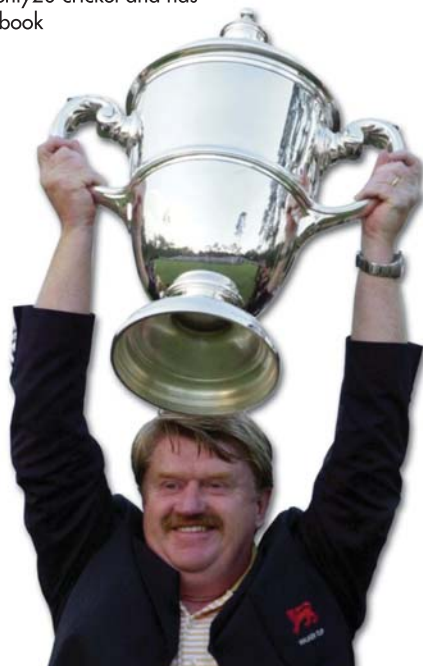
Woodbrook is unique in Irish Golf, with its heritage and tradition, ambience and atmosphere and the quality and layout of its course. For members and visitors alike it represents a challenge to be met weekly or just occasionally, but always enjoyably.





Peter McEvoy OBE

Peter McEvoy OBE is the former British (twice), European (twice) and World amateur champion and England's most successful amateur golfer, course designer and golf writer. Twice Captain of the Walker Cup team and the first British amateur golfer to make the cut at the Masters Tournament, he devised and launched PowerPlay Golf, a shortened version of golf in a bid to create golf's version of Twenty20 cricket and has written about the sport in his book 'For Love or Money'.



Great Britain/Ireland Walker Cup captain Peter McEvoy holds up the Walker Cup after he lead his team to back to back cups at Ocean Forest Golf Club on Sea Island, Ga., Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001.

1 *Drive* Par 5

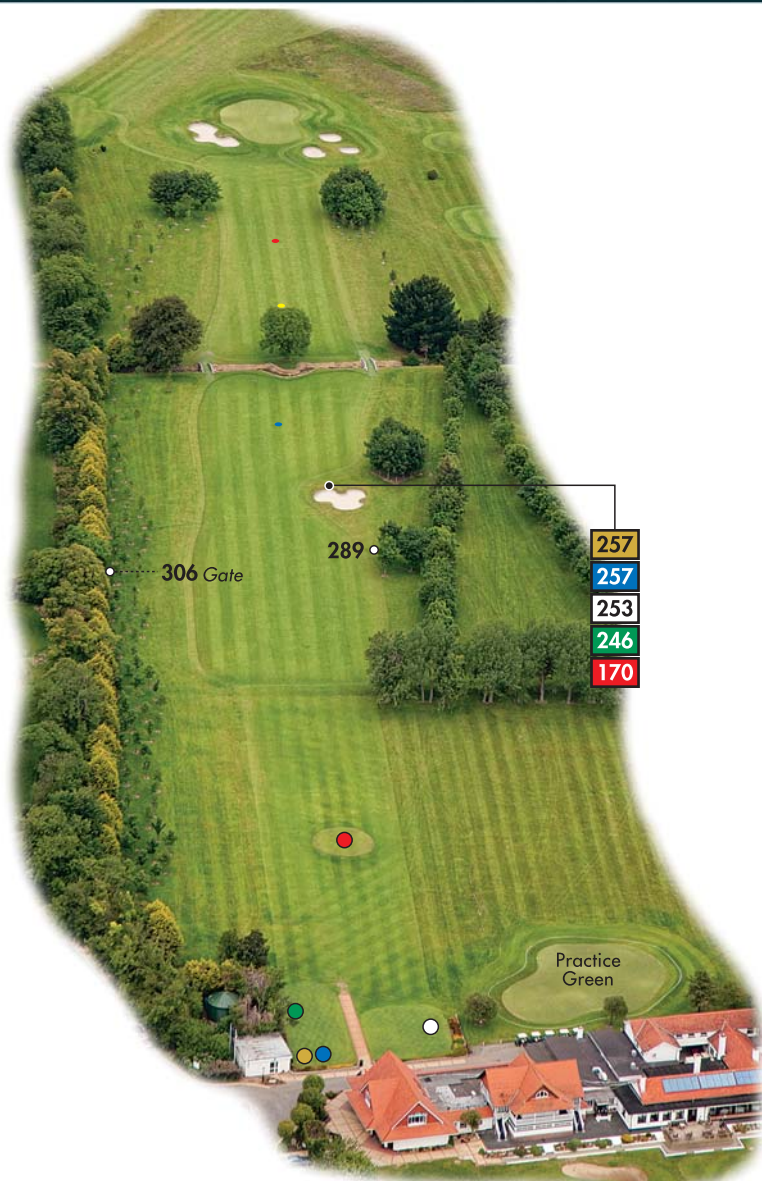
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1 Approach



A generous enough driving hole as an opener and a birdie chance for stronger players. As with many holes at Woodbrook the chances of success depend on the pin positions.

2 *Drive* Par 3

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2 *Approach*



A tough par 3 with the green set at an angle making it quite shallow. Huge bunker on the left sees plenty of action!



3 *Drive* Par 4

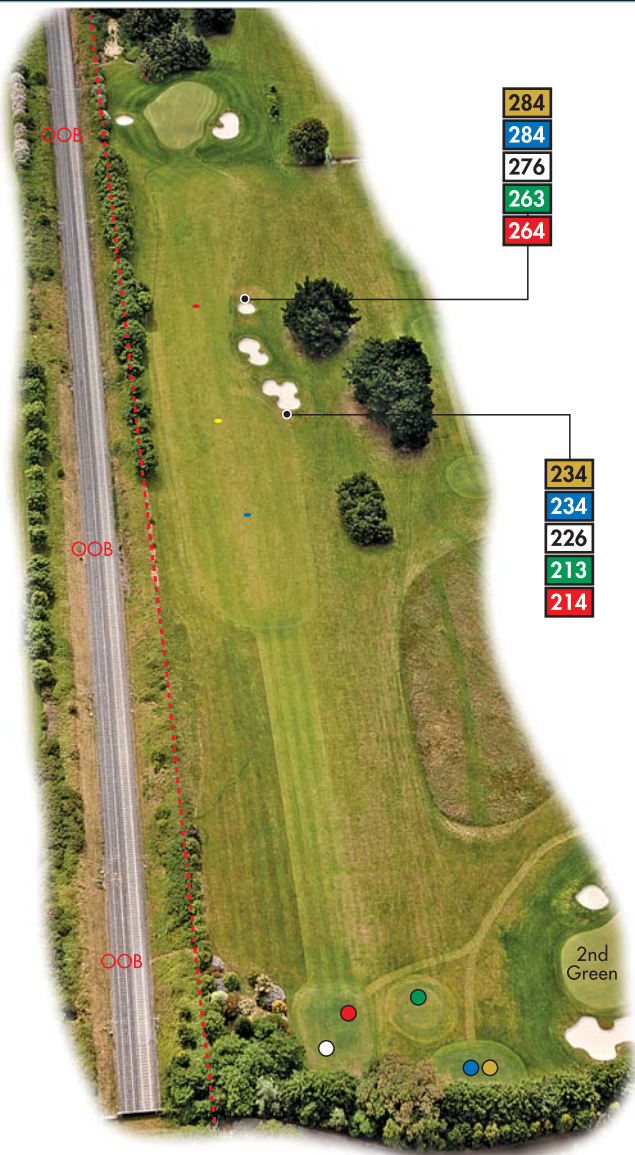
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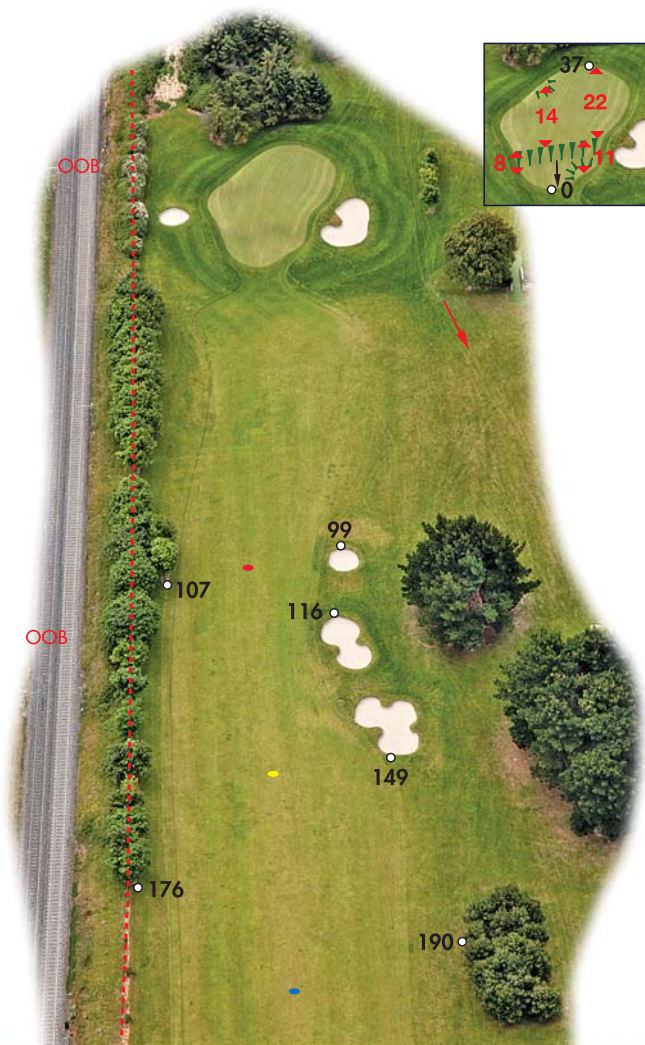
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3 Approach

A great "risk and reward" hole. Take on the drive if you dare, but it is narrow between out of bounds and bunkers.



4 *Drive*

Par 4

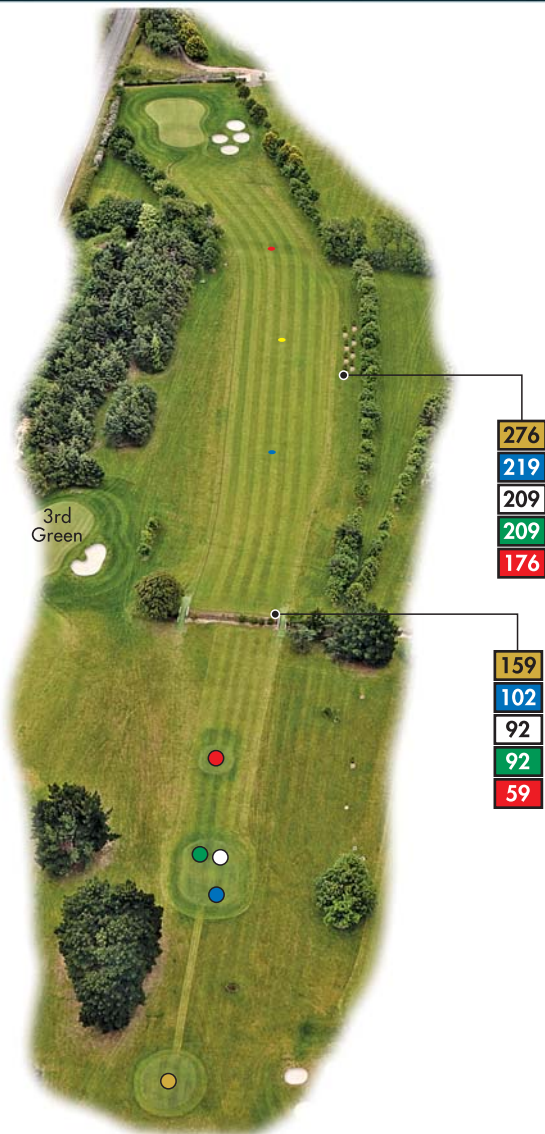
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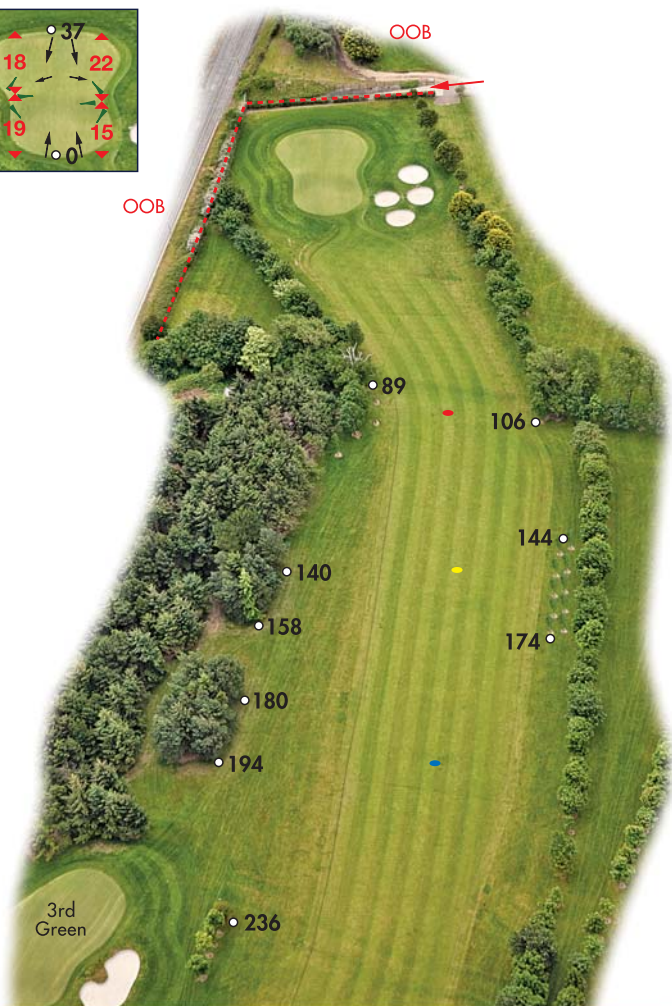
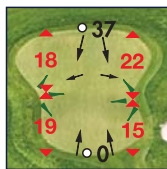
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4 Approach



After a quietish start the course starts to bare its teeth. A tough par 4 dog-leg left, very well bunked on the side of the green.

5 *Drive*

Par 5

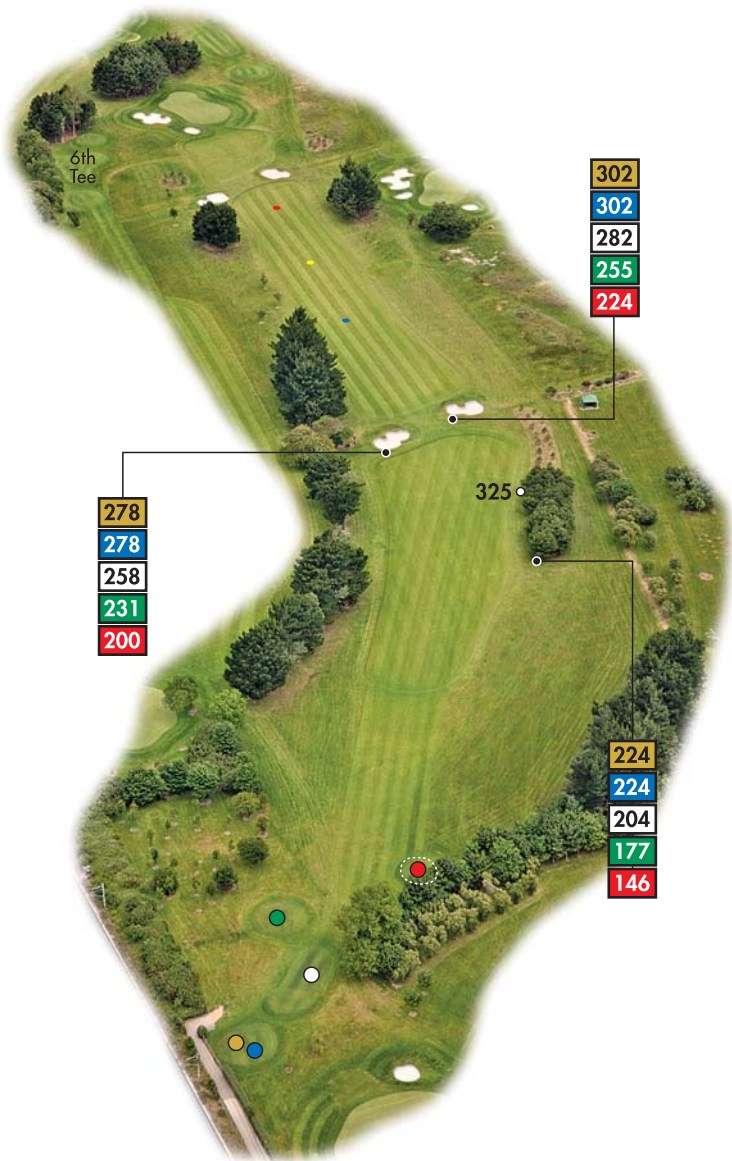
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5 Approach



Across the railway line and the course starts to change its character and ambiance. A big dog-leg left is tight for the lay up. A birdie here will be well earned.

6 *Drive*

Par 4

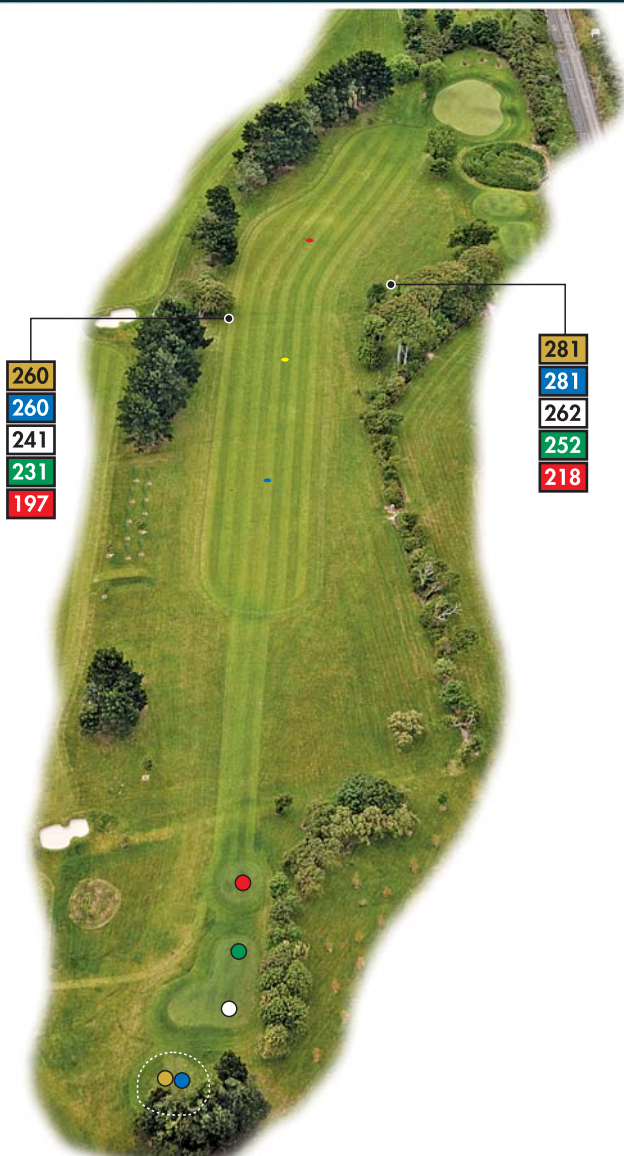
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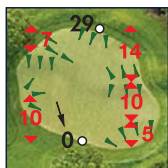
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6 Approach



Another demanding drive but a hole where the shorter the second shot the better. Great green site set amongst gorse with a protecting pond on the right.

7 Drive Par 4/5

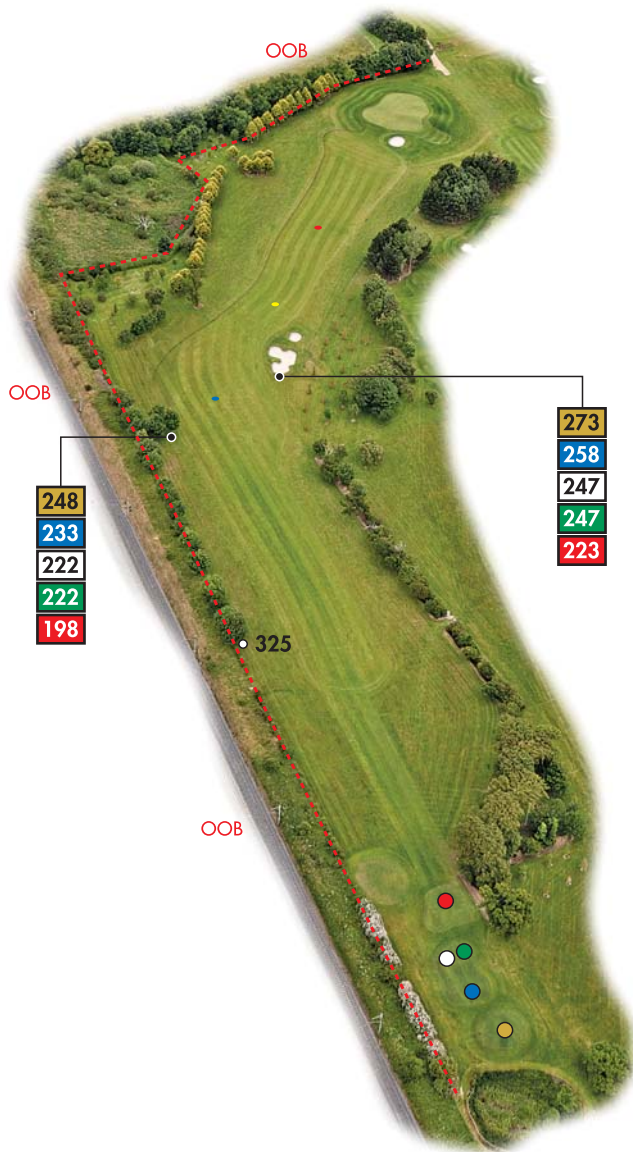
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7 Approach



Another big tough par 4 dog-legging right this time. The temptation is to cut off the dogleg but the bunking on the fairway right is tough. Very challenging green.

8 *Drive* Par 4

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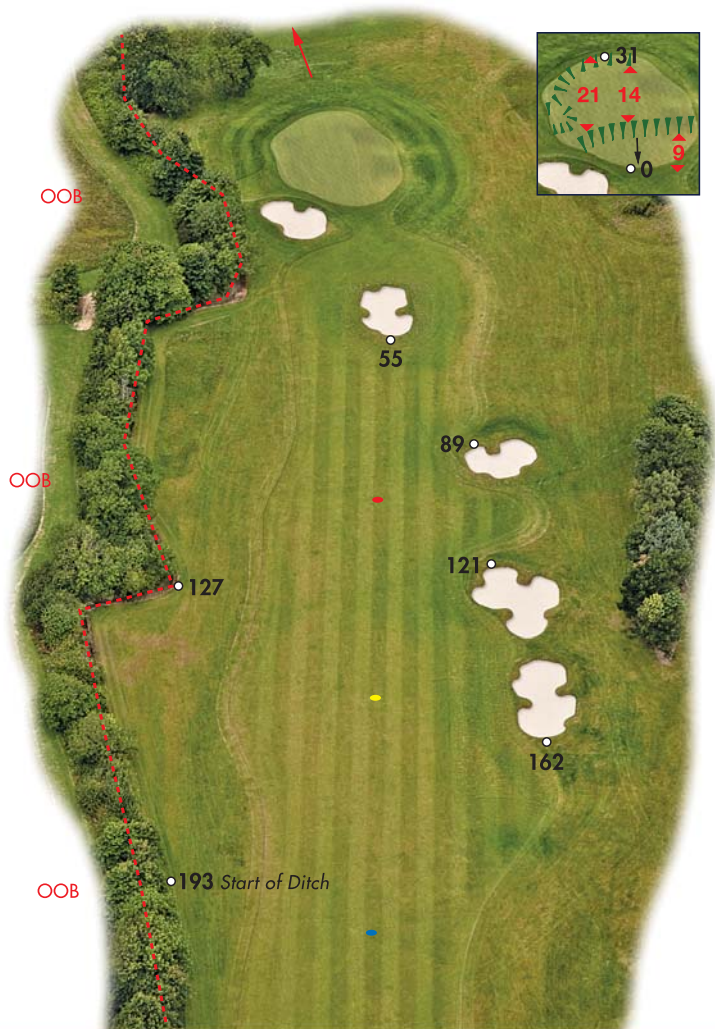
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8 Approach



The newly restored bunkering on the right makes the hole. The impression from the tee is of cross bunkering but there is more room than you think.

9 *Drive* Par 3

155 155 141 141 133



9 *Approach*



The most controversial hole at Woodbrook. Very shallow target testing weight of shot, not accuracy as is usually the case. Quite a test of short game skills for those missing the green.



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Woodbrook is a world class course in a world class setting. It can be set up to test the best but with gentle pins and forward tees on a nice day there can be few better places to play quietly around. A great club too.

10 *Drive* Par 4

428

428

416

344

330



265

265

253

181

167



10 Approach



By the sea now so best to keep away from the cliffs! Toughest green so far and on a pretty demanding hole too. 4 is good score.

11 *Drive* Par 3

196

175

164

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11 *Approach*



Lovely par 3 which will only yield to a good shot. Very complete bunkering.



12 *Drive*

Par 5

542

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Long leisurely dogleg right par 5 with the shape being governed by the left hand fairway bunkers that turn you round the corners. Got to be a birdie chance though.

13 *Drive* Par 3

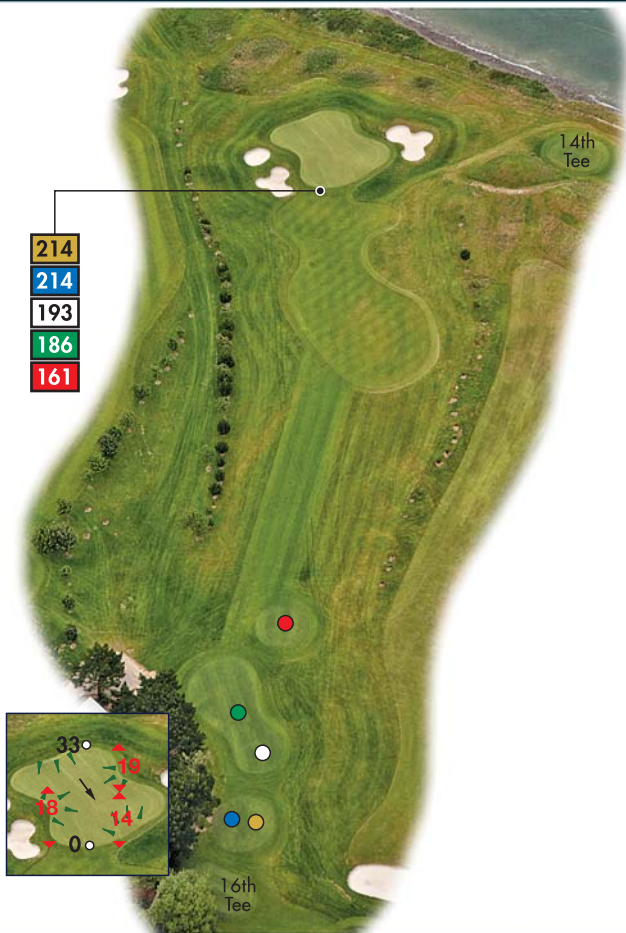
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13 *Approach*



My personal favourite hole on the course. A demanding par 3 both through length but also the shape of the green.



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Drive
Par 5

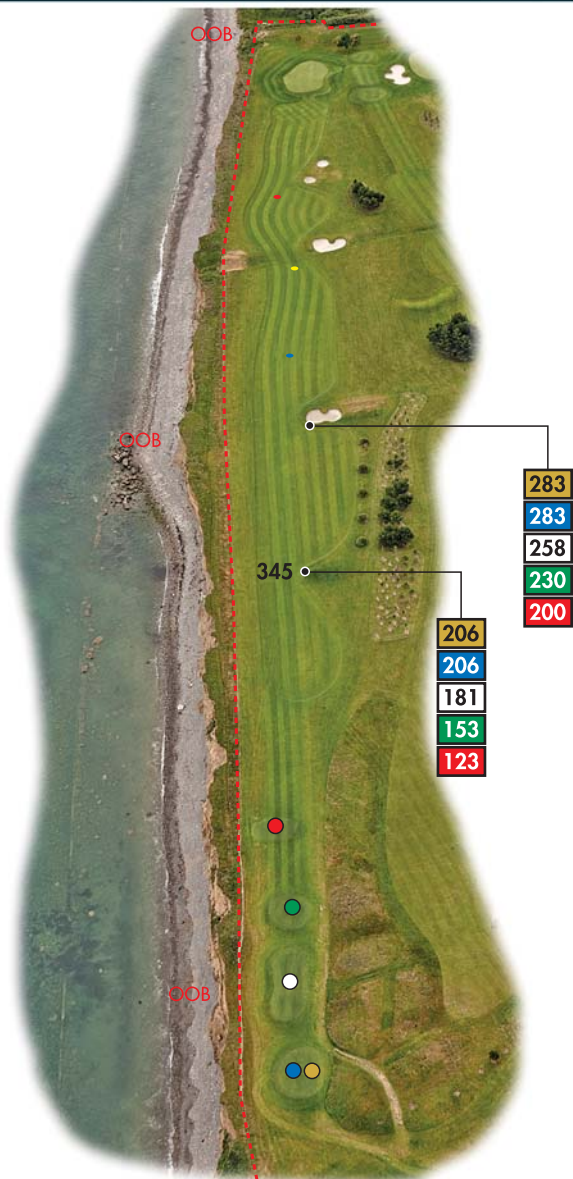
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14 *Approach*

Back along the cliff with a par 5 that has, at the end, an away sloping green. An old fashioned feature that requires thought.



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Par 4/5

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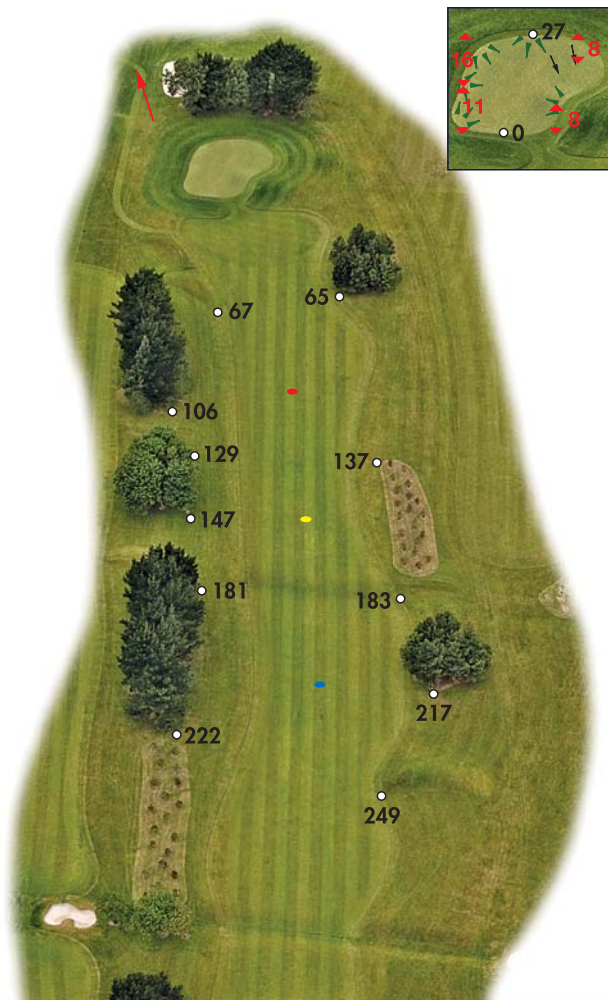
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16th
Green

14th
Green



15 *Approach*

Uncompromising par 4 of difficulty. This dog-leg left has no bunkers and doesn't need them.



16 *Drive* Par 5

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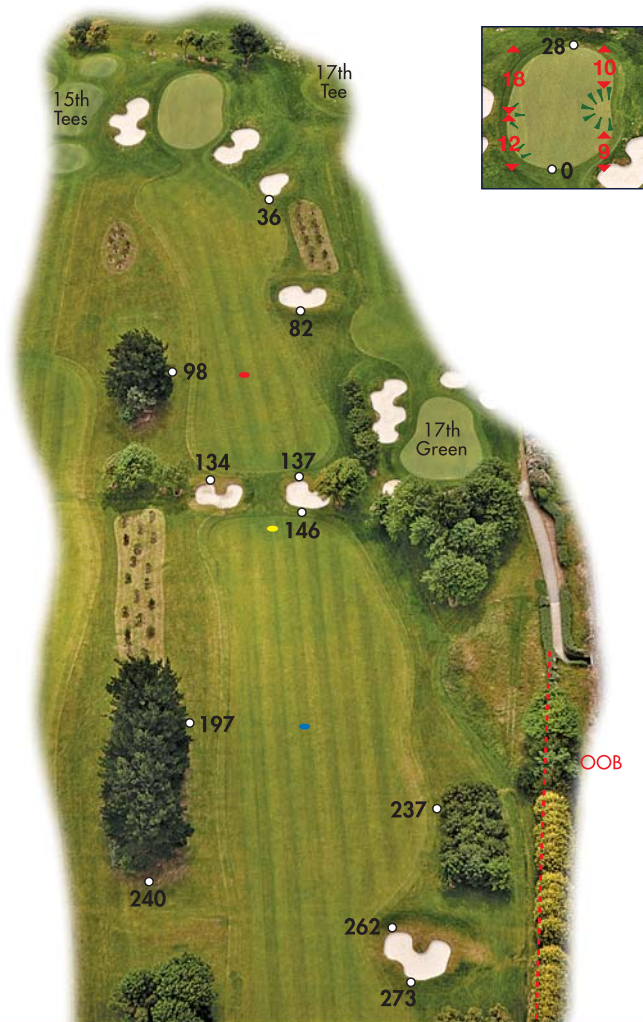
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16 Approach

Last of the par 5's and a birdie chance. Sand is around for both the tee shot and the lay up and the green is testing but there is a chance.



17 *Drive* Par 3

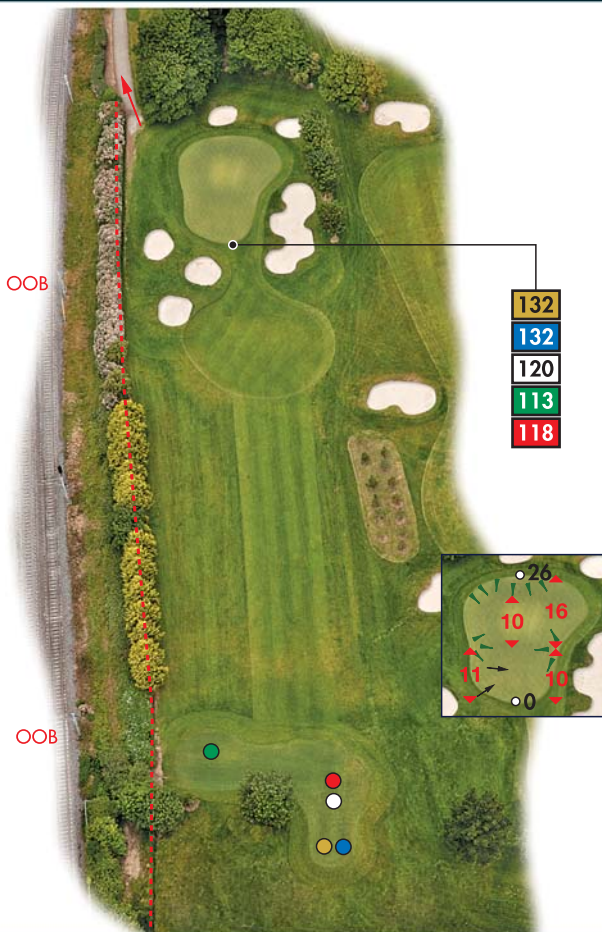
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17 *Approach*



Short par 3 with a necklace of bunkers providing the test. Green is a slight bowl.



18 *Drive*

Par 4

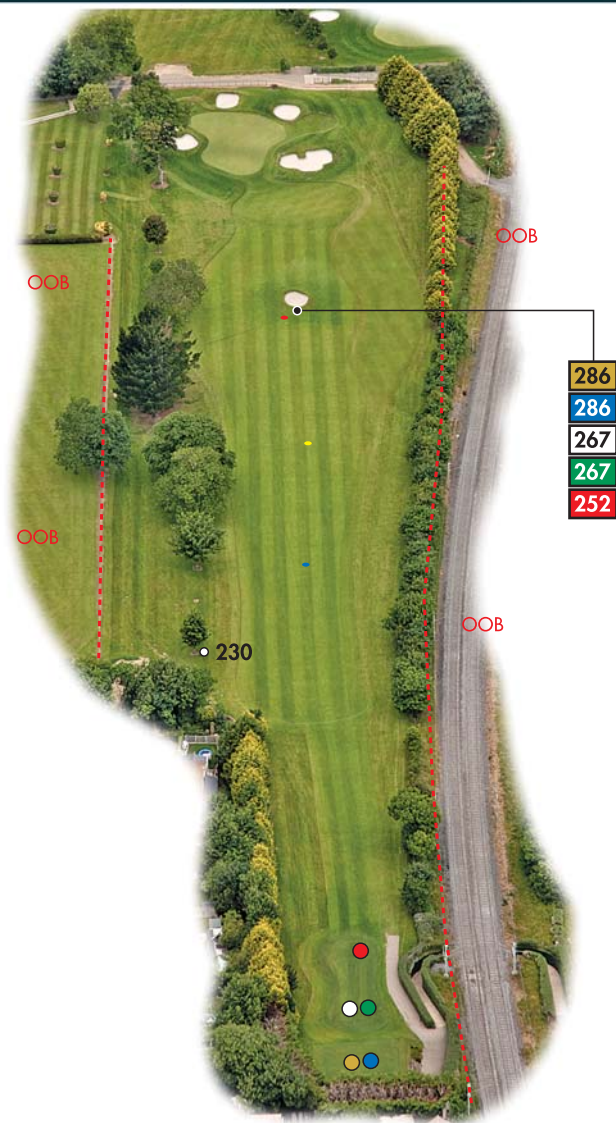
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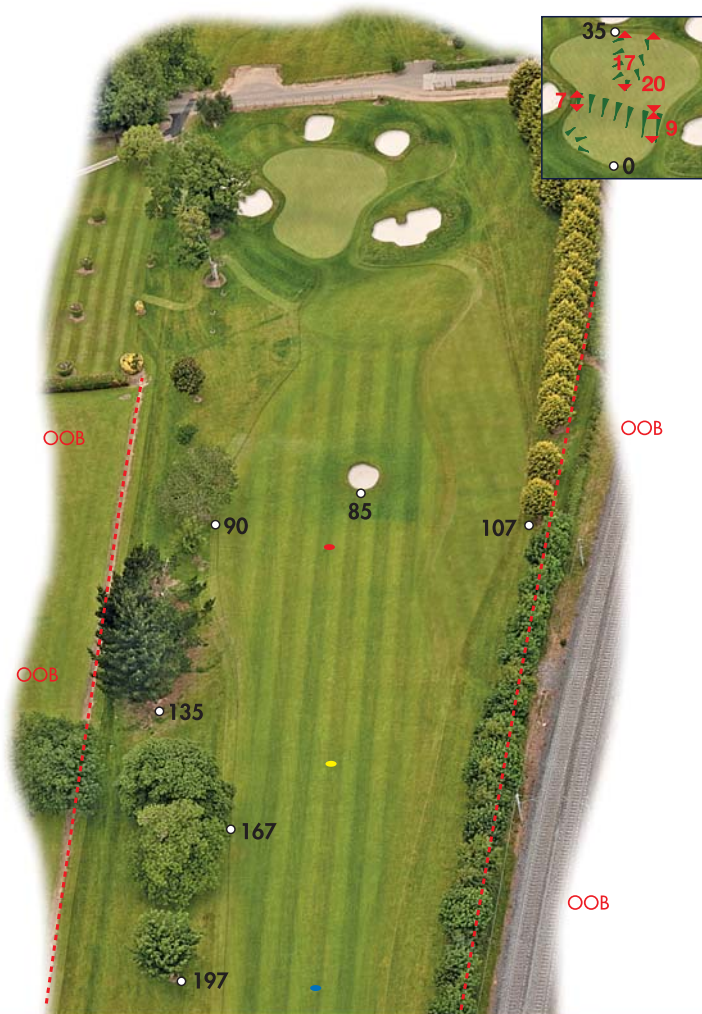
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18 Approach



Rare to have a hole with out of bounds left and right but this is one. Need to be right off tee if pin left and vice versa. Tougher hole than it looks when you are defending a score.







The Clubhouse



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1	506	506	502	491	5	15	419	5	15
2	194	194	184	178	3	9	171	3	5
3	383	383	375	362	4	5	363	4	3
4	449	392	382	382	4	11	349	4	9
5	576	576	556	529	5	3	498	5	1
6	401	401	382	372	4	7	338	4	11
7	482	467	456	456	4	1	432	5	17
8	385	385	358	347	4	13	326	4	7
9	155	155	141	141	3	17	133	3	13
Out	3531	3459	3336	3258	36		3029	37	
10	428	428	416	344	4	2	330	4	6
11	196	196	164	164	3	14	136	3	14
12	542	542	530	519	5	12	498	5	4
13	230	230	209	202	3	10	177	3	16
14	551	551	526	498	5	6	468	5	2
15	447	447	434	413	4	4	425	5	18
16	507	507	486	477	5	18	457	5	8
17	145	145	133	126	3	16	131	3	12
18	371	371	352	352	4	8	337	4	10
In	3417	3417	3250	3095	36		2959	37	
Total	6948	6876	6586	6353	72		5988	74	

*All measurements are in yards.
Refer to the Scorecard for Local Rules*

Scorecard