

# Course hazards await battle with tour's best shotmakers

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are protected by two large bunkers. There will not be a lot of birdies.

No. 6 — 394 yards, par 4 — Not a big birdie hole, a straight tee shot is necessary due to the 12 bunkers that dot both sides of the fairway. From there a 4- or 5-iron will get the player to the green.

No. 7 — 367 yards, par 4 — Accuracy off the tee takes a step back for the time being on the widest fairway on the course. Not for too long, however, as 40 yards before the green the fairway narrows with bunkers on the right. A large green, which slopes toward the fairway, will be receptive to second shots.

No. 8 — 371 yards, par 4 — One of the most difficult driving holes on the course, the tee shot is uphill and must be kept in the fairway. Heather, dotted with bunkers, lines both sides of the fairway. The approach shot is onto a small, sloping green. Par will be a good score.

No. 9 — 339 yards, par 4 — A long, uphill tee shot is required on this do-

gleg right. Once at the top of the hill, the fairway drops sharply toward a green guarded by three bunkers. A short iron will get the player home, but a shot that goes over the green will result in a steep, downhill putt.

No. 10 — 351 yards, par 4 — Some players may drop to a 3-wood off the tee because of a water hazard 220 yards out. Approaching the green, the right side is lined with several bunkers. Once on, pin placement will be factor because a misread putt can put the ball into one of three bunkers around the green.

No. 11 — 334 yards, par 4 — A well-placed drive uphill will leave a player with a medium iron onto an elevated green. A stray tee shot will find heather and bunkers that line both sides of the fairway. Once on the green, it is important to keep the ball below the hole.

No. 12 — 456 yards, par 5 — The shortest of the par 5 holes, the gambling golfers can reach the green in two. Accuracy is still essential as a lateral water hazard can be found 225 yards off the tee and an assortment of

bunkers are found farther up the fairway. Short iron skill is vital as the green slopes toward the fairway.

No. 13 — 204 yards, par 3 — All the players will be hitting a wood off the tee and all will be searching for accuracy. Getting on the green won't be easy as the landing area is cut into a hill which directs the prevailing wind directly into the golfer's face.

No. 14 — 377 yards, par 4 — The big hitters will have a great advantage because the tee shot must carry over heather and reach a fairway that slopes toward the green. The approach shot requires some finesse because the uphill slope eliminates any roll. It is essential to land on the green for a chance at par.

No. 15 — 520 yards, par 5 — The longest hole on the course requires a trio of accurate shots to land on the putting surface. A strong tee shot will put the player at the top of a hill overlooking a 60-yard-wide water hazard. A straying second shot could find heather or bunkers on the left or a 50-foot oak tree guarding the right side. The approach shot is uphill to a green that

slopes severely toward the fairway.

No. 16 — 380 yards, par 4 — A dogleg right, the big hitters will gain an advantage if they are successful at cutting the curve. Short hitters will be forced to play it straight on. The green, a receptive one, is the narrowest on the course and flanked on both sides by bunkers.

No. 17 — 188 yards, par 3 — An absolute must to land on the green, players will be using anywhere from a 3- to 5-iron. The green is the hardest on the course and one that slopes severely back and left. There won't be many birdies made.

No. 18 — 382 yards, par 4 — An ideal finishing hole, the women should be able to play the dogleg right pretty well as long as they stay away from the right side where an errant shot can find any one of 31 bunkers. The approach shot won't be difficult to find the 24,000 square feet of green, but finding the bottom of the cup may pose some problems. The severe undulation makes putting tricky and may be a deciding factor in the outcome of the tournament.

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