

How to tackle the Par 5's at Arabella.

The Long holes are all ranked as some of the toughest holes on the course and theres good reason for it. Despite the length , all 4 of them have water in play as well as fairway Bunkers , strategically placed greenside bunkers and the beautiful fynbos (only beautiful if your not looking for your ball). With a solid game plan and playing towards the correct lay up areas on these holes will give you the best chance for a Nett Birdie.

Hole 2



The Fairway gets extremely narrow as soon as the water starts on the left , you miss right your ball has a good chance of coming to rest in the bunker. And not any bunker , the odd 40 to 60 yard one with water in play. The best distance to leave for your approach to the green is about 90 meters. If you play towards 90m and hit it left or right you will stop short of the trouble. Always be aware of where the pin is. If the flag is on the left , try and push your lay up shot more right for a better angle and do the same if the pin is right try and lay up more left.

Hole 8



According to the stroke , the most difficult hole on the course. Big reason I recon is because the hole doesn't have any protection against the wind and the Fairways gets extremely narrow with hazards left and right as well as a bunker between it. I would suggest to leave yourself 100m out. This will take the Hazard on the right out of play , as well as give you a level lie. Always try and play towards the right side of the lay up zone to create the best angle for the approach, straight with the fairway towards the green.

Hole 13



Coincidence that hole 13 has 13 bunkers. if you play this hole avoiding the Sand ,you are doing a good job. The uphill also makes club selection challanging and even for low handicappers if the pin is on the right it requires precision. The ideal area to lay up is 50 m out on the left part of the fairway. This takes all the fairway bunkers out of play and gives you a great angle for any pin position on the green.

Hole 18



The problem with hole 18 is that players get tired and lose concentration. Like hole 8, there is nothing that breaks the wind and any side spin will lead to way off line shots. The ideal yardage on the lay up is 85 meters favouring the left side of the fairway. This area is a massive area to hit as you can hit it 50 yards left of the lay up distance and still have a perfect shot towards the green.

Your next round try and have a good Game plan on the Par 5s and use my lay up Areas as reference and make these holes your scoring holes rather than loosing shots on them.