



Architects Note: Each of the 18 green sites have been completely reworked to give each hole its own unique identity. The size, shape and contours of the putting surfaces along with the entire surrounding area have been carefully sculpted to allow chipping, pitching and putting from well off the greens.

The selection of Platinum Paspalum turf used on the greens and vast aprons will allow the Golf Course Superintendent to closely mow expansive areas surrounding the greens to allow the course to be played along the ground as windy seaside golf is meant to be played. The native well-draining sandy soil, closely mown turf surrounding the greens, unique pin placements and the prevalent Jax Beach Golf Club sea breezes will promote creativity in a golfer's shot selections.

This design promotes both the lower more running shot the most golfers are more adept to and the typical golfer's choice to putt or play bump and run shots near the green. This very enjoyable style of golf that my new design promotes along with the innate beauty of our beaches barrier island on this beautiful, public, golf-only property will allow Jax Beach Golf Club to hold its own alongside the very best courses in Northeast Florida.

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Jacksonville Beach Golf Club Hole Descriptions

Hole No. 1 -357 Yard Par 4

The first, a relatively short Par 4, looks quite simple but plays east into the prevailing sea breeze. The right to left angled green has several contrasting slopes with a distinct back to front pitch. It is bunkered on the front left and a tee shot played towards the right fairway bunker provides the best line of approach. With the wind into the golfer, the approach shot club selection will be tricky.



Hole No. 2-526 Yard Par 5

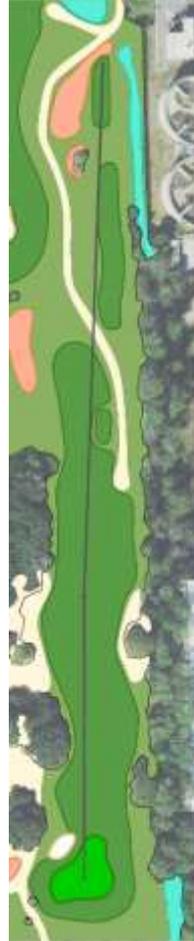
This short Par 5 is very scoreable after a straight tee shot. Driver off the tee is a bold play with a lake to the right and a tricky cross wind, but will make the green reachable in two. Probably best to throttle back and hit the fairway to allow for a straight forward second setting up a short third.

The large green set above the fairway has an open approach. The right to left angled green is flanked by bunkers on the right and along the entire left side. The front right bunker is set back from the green to allow for a shot that just carries it to feed onto the green. The short iron approach to the front right pin is best be played from the left side of the fairway and a back left pin approach from the far right side of the fairway.



Hole No. 3-382 Yard Par 4

A straight tee shot is required to set up a short iron approach to this Par 4. The green has three distinct pin placement areas guarded on the right by a bunker and undulating apron. The best line of approach is from the left side of the landing area but is guarded by a coquina shell area and a huge Live Oak.



Hole No. 4-167 Yard Par 3

The four Par 3 holes here will rival any in Florida and are the strength of the golf course.

No. 4 is a classic Redan style par 3 that C.B. Macdonald, the father of American Golf Architecture, made famous in his many early 1900's designs. This classic Redan green has the traditional angled green with its front corner sloping to the back corner and guarded by a deep bunker. A short downhill downwind par 3 that requires the approach to land short of actual yardage to allow the slopes to feed the shot towards the pin placement.



Hole No. 5-437 Yard Par 4

This long dogleg right Par 4 is flanked by majestic Coastal Oaks set in an expansive native sand area. Best to place the tee shot in the left side of landing area. This will avoid the Oaks on the right and provides an open to approach a left to right angled raised green. The green is surrounded by expansive closely mown apron which allows shots that land short to roll onto the green.



Hole No. 6-353 Yard Par 4

This beautiful short Par 4 has a green set next to a majestic Live Oak. The small green is flanked by a deep bunker to the left and distinct closely mown swales elsewhere. The distinct back to front sloping green puts a premium on hitting the correct distance to avoid a tricky downhill putt.

A somewhat typical north wind will make the hole play a bit longer. Driver should be left in the bag, as accuracy not length is required to a landing area flanked on the left by two fairway bunkers and large Oaks to the right. A short iron approach from the fairway makes par or even birdie a distinct possibility



Hole No. 7-418 Yard Par 4

This medium length dogleg left Par 4 plays into a prevailing east/northeast wind making it play significantly longer. The left side of tee shot landing area is guarded by a fairway bunker set alongside large oaks.

There is ample room to play the tee shot out to the right but oaks along the right narrow the approach shot to the green. The green has a distinct, closely mown, undulating approach set beyond a broad swale allowing shots landing short to roll up to the two tiered green.



Hole No. 8-422 Yard Par 4

After playing three tree-lined holes this Par 4 turning to the north will seem wide open even with a fairway bunker on the left. A northeast sea breeze will add challenge to the second shot to this medium sized low-profile green. With a broad closely mown apron bail out on the left, the front right bunker and the lake beyond can easily be avoided.



Hole No. 9-215 Yard Par 3

This the longest Par 3, playing to the west, will play much shorter due to a helping easterly breeze. The largest green on the course is open in the front and on the left but flanked by a large bunker to the right. Approach shot landing short of the green have an excellent chance to roll onto the putting surface. A par here on this long 3 is quite possible to end your front nine.



Hole No. 10-405 Yard Par 4

The tees have been moved south that requires the tee shot to be played across the corner of the large lake. This downwind Par 4 will play shorter than tee yardage.

The bunker short of the putting surface is placed to direct approach shots to the right, away from the lake and the wood bulkhead. It's best to play the downwind short iron approach to the right front corner of the green. The closely mown apron slope right of the green and the back to front, right to left sloping putting surface will allow your shot to roll down to the pin.



Hole No. 11-415 Yard Par 4

Playing into the easterly sea breeze flanked by a native sand area to the right and lake all down the left, this could be about the toughest Par 4's on the course.

The fairway landing area is quite wide and the green is raised with no bunkers. The green is fronted by undulated closely mown apron that will allow for a bump and run shot to be played which the green is designed to accept. A par here is great and a bogey will win quite a few bets.



Hole No. 12-208 Yard Par 3

The second longest Par 3 plays a bit downhill but plays into the prevailing wind. Playing from an elevated teeing area, surrounded by Cabbage Palm and native sand dunes plantings, the green is somewhat wide. It's set low and is fronted by a broad swale and flanked by two bunkers to accept a bump and run approach.



Hole No. 13-569 Yard Par 5

This double dogleg is a true three shot Par 5 especially with the frequent SE sea breeze. Although Downwind the green can be reached by two big shots.

The dogleg left tee shot is guarded on the left by a large lake and to the right by numerous Cabbage Palms. A solid tee shot will set up a somewhat long straight forward second shot to the lake that crosses the fairway approximately 70 yards from the green. Best to favor left of center for best approach angle to the green.

The short iron third shot is up to an elevated green guarded by two bunkers to the right. The high approach area along the left side of green will provide options to run a shot onto the green. Although the putting surface has three distinct pinnable areas requiring good distance control to get close to the pin.



Hole No. 14-198 Yard Par 3

Playing into the sea breeze, this is the most picturesque and most demanding Par 3 on the course. The long green is wrapped by a wood bulkhead along the left that extends around the back of the green. The bunker between the green and bulkhead will save many a pulled shot from bounding into the lake. Although an intimidating look there is an ample bail out apron area all along the right side and beyond the green.



Hole No. 15-377 Yard Par 4

This sharp dog leg right Par 4 is framed by beautiful mature Live Oak and mounding. Best to favor the left side off the tee towards the fairway bunker to avoid the hidden water to the right. The green is significantly elevated and favors an approach from the higher left portion of the landing area. The front right of the green is guarded by a bunker partially separated from the putting surface by a narrow swale. There are distinct plateaus in front right and rear portions of green separated by a broad low area running diagonally thru the putting surface. This is the most exacting green on the course and puts a premium hitting the approach shot the correct distance.



The Finish No's 16-18

The turn back to the clubhouse begins a very exciting memorable finish to the golf course. The three play Northeast, then West and finally to the East. The change in directions encompassing the three different directions the sea breeze can blow. These ocean breezes are at the soul of the challenges found at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club. Many a wager will be decided at the end of the round.

Hole No. 16-447 Yard Par 4

This long Par 4 plays Northeast into to a somewhat typical NE sea breeze, often making it play significantly longer. The two sets of tees provide variety to the direction of the tee shot. The longer westerly tee makes the hole play quite straight. The original eastern tees allow the hole to dog leg right with large oaks and coquina shell area at the inside of the dogleg.

The second plays up hill to smallish green that is designed to allow a running approach shot to reach the green. There are expansive closely mown apron areas on three sides of the green, a left approach with angled swales and mounding, an area sloping down from the left, apron beyond with a bunker set in the a down slope along the right side. Number 16 very well may play close to a par of 5.



Hole No. 17-328 Yard Par 4

After the brute 16th this very short Par 4 plays downwind and a bit downhill. It very reachable with a well struck tee shot. It plays even shorter from the picturesque northern tees that requires a tee shot over a picturesque low growing Coastal Oak.

The green is set down close to the lake that winds down the entire right side of the fairway. Being a short Par 4, it's also very scoreable even if the choice is to lay back off the tee. But two native sand bunkers cut into the lake bank and a dune area to the left require accuracy. This strategic hole very well may play under its par of 4.



Hole No. 18-528 Yard Par 5

Jacksonville Beach Golf Club's finale is a new hole full of options that encompasses the original 17th green, 11th fairway and 16th green. This shortish dogleg right Par 5 plays NE then E turning to the SE for the third shot to the green. It is routed so that it can be affected by all three directions of the prevailing sea breezes.

The tee shot is framed by large oaks and plays across the corner of a lake. On the second shot, the golfer has to choose whether to aim directly at the green and carry the east end of the lake and cross bunkers to possibly reach the green in two shots or play safe aiming further left choosing how much lake to carry to shorten the greens approach shot. This is the ultimate risk reward Par 5 and will determine many a wager.

