

Hyland Golf Club in Pinehurst, NC Makes a Triumphant Return!

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Hyland Golf Club formerly known as Hyland Hills Golf Course is making a return under new ownership and with a new commitment to quality, service and affordability that began back in 2011.

Hyland Golf Club was often referred to as "the player's" course for its playability, affordability and excellent conditions. This unique Tom Jackson design is a North Carolina Sandhills must play golf experience.

The newly restored club is located on one of the highest elevations in the region and features beautiful, longleaf pines plenty of sand and water to make for a great test of your game. Back in 2008 Golf Digest gave the course 4 Stars and commented, "OUTSTANDING! Plan your next vacation around it."

Now under new ownership, Hyland Golf Club features new Champion Mini-Dwarf Bermuda greens, manicured conditions and a new outlook toward providing the best customer service and golf experience in the Sandhills.

In addition to being called a "player's course" the club has long been regarded by many golfers as their favorite course in the Sandhills. Although it offers a nice challenge to most skill levels, the course design is really absent of "gimmicks" and simply places an emphasis on shot making. The blue tees play at a rating of 72.1 and at 6823 yards and it plays a notch easier at 69.5 from the white tees and nearly 600 yards shorter than from the back tees. The lady's tees play at some 2100 yards shorter at 4736 yards but as many of the club's lady golfers will attest to - it offers plenty of challenge.

The most difficult hole on the course is the Par 4, Number 4 hole at 417 yards. It is a decent, right dogleg which places tougher for most left-hand players who can't hit a good draw. For my own game - I tend to hit too much of a slice anyway and this hole plays decent for me ;-)

There's plenty of trees on the right side of the fairway and a "sand magnet" of a trap on the right side at about the point of the dogleg right. The green is protected by sand traps at the front right and left that make your approach shot the all-important one. Get a good drive and a decent approach and you can birdie this one...or at least it appears that way on paper. However, as the Men's Number 1 Handicap attests to, this hole isn't played on paper!



I can tell you that the pro shop and outside staff are super, and very customer-focused. For me personally, despite the self-marketing-speak, I found the layout and design great but not spectacular. I'd label it as above average. I think their best selling point should probably be the greens as they are worthy of praise. Most of the greens are large to very large and many slope severely from side-to-side making your pitches or approach shots crucial. Pay attention to pin placement or you could hit your second shot on the green and STILL easily take a bogey or double on many holes. During my visit the greens were all in great shape, medium-fast and certainly true.

On this particular day the bunkers were pretty darn firm and rather difficult to play. I play a lot of mountain golf so this course (understandably) played a little flatter than I was expecting after preliminarily reading some reviews that commented about the "rolling hills". Hyland Golf Club is easily walkable.

Bear in mind that this article is being written with no input or knowledge from the owners, so there is no vested interest other than simply reporting what I found here on this trip. If Hyland Golf Club was located in most any other region of the state, I'd have to say that it would be a top ten course but not a top three-five even at the beaches or mountains. However, having to compete for rounds here in the Pinehurst region I'd have to say that it is a GREAT round of golf and a GREAT alternative to the vastly more expensive courses in the region - but in terms of quality of presentation is suffers by comparison.

However, if you're looking for a great round of golf in the Sandhills region at a very reasonable price, then I HIGHLY recommend it. The pace of play is consistently better than other Pinehurst area courses.

Call (910) 692-6400 for your tee time today!

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