**PRO POINTERS**

**Foxford Hills Golf Club**

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**Welcome to Foxford Hills Golf Club. These pointers have been assembled to assist you in lowering your score as you play the course. Foxford Hills Golf Club is unique as the front side is designed more as a links style course while much of the back side plays through wooded areas.**

**Hole #1: Easy Rider** – This is a great opening hole that is best played from right to left. To carry the bunker on the left side is 208 from the black, 203 gold, 186 green, 117 blue and 109 silver. When in doubt, play your approach to the middle of the green. Leaving your approach short or long will leave you with a difficult up and down to save par.

**Hole #2: Church Pews ‘n’ Isle** – Number two is a long par 5 that plays longer than the yardage would indicate due to the difficult approach shot to the green that awaits you. To carry the bunker from the black is 273, gold 243, green 213, blue 183 and silver 143. A tee shot to the left of this bunker is likely the best play. Do not short side yourself and lay up your second shot to the middle or left edge of the fairway. The depth of the green is 24 yards.

**Hole #3: Tripwire** – This is an inviting par 3 that appears relatively harmless at first glance. My advice here is that long will not hurt you as much as short will. If you are unsure, take the extra club.

**Hole #4: Valley of Sin** – This short par 4 can play long when the wind is out of the west/south (in your face, left to right). The large grass valley on the right sets the hole up for a demanding tee shot. Once safely in the fairway be aware that leaving your approach short makes for a difficult recovery. The depth of the green is 19 yards.

**Hole #5: Double Jeopardy** – Number 5 plays from an elevated tee to a landing area that meanders left away from the water. Two bunkers protect errant tee shots from entering the water however these are no safe haven. The bunkers are 274 yards from the black, 250 gold, 227 green, 207 blue and 190 silver. The best play from the tee is to place your drive just inside the “barber pole”, which should set up a confident swing with a short iron for most. Pay close attention to pin position. If you leave yourself above the hole you are likely to encounter a difficult downhill moving putt.

**Hole # 6: Bunker Hills** – This is the longest par 5 at Foxford Hills and is truly a three shot hole. A total of 16 bunkers are in play as you move down the fairway. To carry the three bunkers on the left requires a tee shot of 336 yards from the black, 316 gold, 246 green, 236 blue and 197 silver. Think stroke efficiency on this hole and play to the open space in the fairway. Direct your tee shot at to the middle bunker in the fairway. Play your shot to the right side of the fairway with a long iron or hybrid. Following this approach should leave a mid to short iron to the green and an excellent chance at par.

**Hole #7: Apple Split** – All the trouble on this hole is to the left as both the apple orchard and bunkers protect access to the green from this side. The green is two-tiered making club selection on your approach essential to your success. Take note of the pin placement as an approach left above the hole will likely make for a delicate downhill putt. My advice is stay below the hole.

**Hole #8: Ryan’s Retreat** – Like all par 3’s club selection is very important, but the wind and hole location may greatly affect your club choice. The depth of the green is 41 yards.

**Hole #9: Lupa Da Loop** – Savor the view of this dramatic downhill par 4. This is a wonderful concluding hole for the front 9. Grab your driver and don’t be afraid to swing away, favoring the right side of the fairway will allow your ball to run back toward the middle; however, any well struck drive should provide a suitable approach to the green.

**Hole #10: The Green Mile** – Direct your drive at the bunker straight away. A miss to the right and into the grove of aoks will create the need to punch back to the middle/left of the fairway and likely penalize your shot.

**Hole #11: Slice of Heaven** – What a panorama! The tee box is elevated and the fairway opens up below you. To reach the bunkers on the right is 270 black, gold 240, green 217, blue 180 and silver 127. The green depth is 33 yards and slopes back toward the fairway.

**Hole #12: Beaches ‘N’ Greens** – It is tempting to consider during this short par 4; however you will have to ask yourself, does the risk equal the reward? To carry the beach bunker on the right from the black is 275, gold 251, green 233, blue 210 and silver 183. Logic should prevail here and a ball position approach should be the play. A mid iron down the fairway and then into the green are the most efficient means to have success here. Left side bunker is 233 from the black, gold 209, green 191, blue 168 and silver 141.

**Hole #13: Ryan’s Revenge** – If the pin placement is forward, play to the middle of the green. The green front is closely guarded by MacKenzie style bunkers that will be unforgettable should you land there. The depth of the green is 40 yards.

**Hole #14: Walnut Ridge** – The fourteenth can set up for one of the most enjoyable approach shots on the course. The furthest bunker on the right is 276 black, gold 238, green 208, blue 160 and silver 153. Play your tee shot to the cart path in the middle of the fairway. The green and fringe surrounding it plays from right to left; this is especially true with a back pin placement. Use this knowledge to your advantage and select a club that will allow your ball to run and play your approach down the right side. When properly executed, your ball should funnel back toward the hole.

**Hole #15: The Great Wall** – The fifteenth begins your progression through the four best finishing holes in the Chicagoland area. This is truly a three shot hole. The driving area is straight and wide; there is no danger of reaching the water, so swing away. The second shot is critical. Consider the yardage you prefer for your third and the downward slope of the fairway before you lay up. Play to your strength by assuring yourself a yardage that allows your most comfortable and confident short iron. The green depth is a mere 18 yards.

**Hole #16: Babbling Brook** – Stop for a moment and take in the beauty of this hole from the elevated tees. Driving accuracy is the key as there is no room for error to the left or right. Be aware of the pin placement. The front third of the green is well below the back side. With a forward pin placement stay below the back side. With a forward pin placement stay below the hole at all costs even if this means being short of the green with your second.

**Hole #17 – Brennan’s Beauty** – The green is placed at an angle to the line of play with the left side closer than the right side. Green depth over this area is 42 yards. This may result in as much as a three club differential depending on pin position.

**Hole #18: Oak Alley** - This hole provides for a dramatic finish through an alley of oak trees. Aim your drive to the left of the large White Oak on the right hand side. Don’t be fooled, this hole is the second most difficult on the course. If in doubt play your approach to the front of the green, this should allow for an uphill putt with most pin placements and keep you out of the bunkers and water on either side.

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