

Matsters Caddy Report

With the Matsters only days away I took it upon myself to ask the caddies of this prestigious course for some insight on how it plays. Their response was "you got the wrong number". So, I put together one of my own!

Hole One

Par 3-145 yards

An uphill green with more room behind the then it looks, about 10 yards. Shots to the right have a great chance to roll onto hole 9. Don't mind the driving range to your left, only a 15% chance one gets through and hits you. No pressure to start off the day or anything.

Hole Two- Closest to the Pin with a Putter

Par 3-108 yards

Our first closest to the pin with a twist. You MUST use a putter on this hole! It's downhill with a small green. Better to play it short as ball will run. Misses right are much better then left. Don't go long right or you will hit the group teeing off on 9

Hole Three

Par 3-89 yards

Slightly up hill with the green tilting back to front, very hittable green. Cart path goes around the left and back of the green and the eighth hole is to the right. Good misses are short right

Hole Four

Par 4-311 yards (not from the mats)

The first and longest par 4 of the round. Of the 100 people I have watched tee off on this hole 1 has actually hit the green. Do the right thing and do yourself a favor, 200 to 250 in the middle of faraway will do wonders. Hooks will get you stuck on a hill if you aren't lucky. Slices will end up on 7. Raised, flat green

Hole Five

Par 3-115 yards

One of the few "protected" greens. Everything to the right is bad. Short right, bunker. Long right cart

path or tee box. Slice, 6th hole. Left has a large safe spot. Short sucks as there's not much to chip off. Green slopes back left to front right

Hole Six

Par 3-112 yards

Slight uphill with a legit chance to kill the group in front of you. Seriously, if you go long left the only thing stopping you from hitting the group in front is a 100-year-old disintegrated "net". Green slopes back to front. Decent number of areas to chip from if you miss shot right.

Hole Seven-Regular Longest Drive Hole

Par 4-297 yards

Misses to the left of the fairway have deep rough, misses to the right have shot to be on number 4. Again 200-250 right down the middle is your friend. Big green and nail it.

Hole Eight

Par 3-128 yards

Framed by dirt and trees on either side this hole will punish hooks and slices. You can be 5-8 yards long, but you run out of green fast. Slight back to front tilt on the green

Hole Nine

Par 3-153 yards

Long, flat hole. Plays about 5 longer than it looks. Any longer though and you run the risk of hitting the dining area, ask me how I know. Short left has some trees that make for a tough second shot if you don't get there in one. Flat, large green

Hole Ten

Par 3-162 yards

Under the bridge we go to the back 9. Bad news though there's a lake or 2. Long right and there's a 90% chance it rolls in. Hooks left will be goners as well. Short gives you solid chipping options. Flat and large green.

Hole Eleven

Par 3-145 yards

Misses to the left are all bad as you have a thicket of trees. Short shots suck too as anything longer the 30 yards is a swamp. Decent size green, definitely hittable unless your Jeff.

Hole Twelve- Closest to the Pin

Par 3-92 yards

Uphill with a brutal green that slopes back to front, hard. Don't understand this green as it is the toughest on the course. On the plus side you have plenty of area to chip from if you miss

Hole Thirteen

Par 3-110 yards

The true members bounce is hitting the net on the left, protecting the houses, and having it run into the green. But seriously don't do that. Big, hittable green for a short hole. Only about 5-7 yards around the green are good for chipping, everything else sucks. Green is deceivingly hard

Hole Fourteen

Par 3-155 yards

Trees, so many trees. You can hit the ones on the left, or the ones on the right, or get lost in the ones

around the green. Other than that it's a pretty straight forward hole

Hole Fifteen

Par 4-292 yards

Very up hill, bring extra club for second shot. Tee shot should be just left of the tree on the right. Bunker is "protected" by a bunker on the right. 3-5 yards past the green spells trouble as your ball will roll down hill

Hole Sixteen-Wooder Long Drive Competition

Par 4-260 yards

Left goes down hill and never comes back. Right hits another fairway. There's a "gully" that sits about 50 yards out from the hole. Not much chipping room for shots missed left or right. Back to front green slope

Hole Seventeen

Par 4-249 yards

The drivable one. Seriously go for it. Worst that can happen is you hit the trees on the left or the large tree to the right of the green

Hole Eighteen

Par 3-164 yards

Big downhill with plenty of trouble. Left is a building, right is the tee box for 10, short is 100 yards of dirt, and far is cart path bounce into the river. Really the only place to hit other then the green is 25-35 yards short. Good luck

Green report:

Slow shaded greens, trickery "fast" unshaded greens. Putts front/back or back/front are pretty straight. Left/right and right/left will break even if it doesn't look like it.

Fairways:

Patchy pretty much everywhere. Grass is pretty inconsistent. Sometimes the rough is a better place to be