

# Strikes n' Strokes

Bowling and Golf news

GOLF COURSE REVIEW - SANDY RIDGE

*View from the top of the hill on the finishing No. 18th hole at Sandy Ridge.*

*From the tee there is a blind shot toward the green.*

*The green is protected by a marsh on the left and behind the green with a pond on the right.*

*With the pin on the bottom left position, needs a good shot to come near it.*

*Sandy Ridge is an 18-hole facility in the Midland area, just northwest of Auburn.*

*The golf course has some hilly terrain but can be walked comfortably. Sandy Ridge is also a popular place to host golf outings.*



## 2013 Fee Schedule

### Daily Fees

	9 holes	18 holes
<b>Weekdays (without cart)</b>		
	\$15	\$22
<b>Weekends (holiday)</b>		
	\$15	\$24
<b>Seniors/Juniors (17-13)*</b>		
	\$11	\$16
<b>Cart fees (per rider)</b>		
Regular	\$8	\$16
Seniors	\$7	\$14
Push carts	\$5	\$5

\*Senior rates (60-over) apply Monday through Thursday before 3 p.m. (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded)

Memberships, driving range available along with club rentals.

**Note:** Check out latest Sandy Ridge ad in the current Strikes n' Strokes issue.

## Sandy Ridge Golf Course

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### Par 36

#### Front (yards)

Blue	3,130
White	3,020
Red	2,668

### Par 36

#### Back (yards)

Blue	3,279
White	3,233
Red	2,636

### Par 72

#### Total (yards)

Blue-slope 134	6,409
White-slope 132	6,253
Red-slope 128	5,304

*The first hole, right photo, is a short 317 yards from the tips. It is a good starting hole with a generous landing area.*

*There is a tree on the right side of the fairway.*

*Below left, the fifth hole has a blind shot to the fairway. It is a dogleg left but you can't cut the corner because of the dense woods on the left.*

*A long draw puts your ball in A-1 position. However, a slice puts the ball into the wooded area to the right. Usually, you can still find the ball but it would require a punch out. Below right, sometimes looking back at the tee provides a nice view.*





*Below left, some of the wildlife that can be found on the course. These turkeys were entering and exiting the woods to the left of the sixth hole.*

*The par-3 seventh hole measures 153 yards from the tips. It is a picturesque view where you can see the No. 9 and No. 18 greens along with the clubhouse. The green slants from the top right to the bottom left. Water and a sand trap will catch errant shots.*

*The drive straight ahead is the entrance/exit for the course.*

*Right, the hardest hole on the front nine is the No. 8, 379-yard par-4. A gradual grade uphill with trees on the left and a narrow but long sand trap.*

*Best play is to put the ball on the right side of the hill to have a look at the green.*

*Anything left of center is jail and would require a punch out.*

*One common characteristic of Sandy Ridge, is there is a chute from the tee to the fairway or a narrow gap from the fairway to the green.*

*Below, left, is the view from the tee box on No. 9.*

*There is a marshy area on the left side of the fairway, near the landing zone.*

*Also near the green is another marshy area protecting the right side of the green.*

*Notice the slope of the green (bottom right) of the No. 9 green.*





*The back nine is a little more wide open . . . for now. There are many trees that line both sides of the fairways. Above, is the view of the No. 10 fairway. If you are right or left on your tee shots, it's almost best to be in another fairway to give yourself a chance to hit over the trees back to your hole. Below, is the view of No. 18 from the tee box. Trees lined both sides to a blind shot to your landing area.*



*Above, the hardest hole on the back nine is the 385-yard, par-4, No. 16 hole. Trees line both sides of the fairway.*

*A long straight drive is needed to be able to reach the green on the second shot. Below, is the green on No. 16. It is protected by a water hazard, about 30 yards in front of the green.*

