

# Strikes n' Strokes

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*The Sawmill is an 18-hole facility with driving range, putting green, and a full pro shop.*

*For your pleasure at the half way point or after your round, The Sawmill Pub and Grill has your refreshment needs for the day.*

*From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the current special (July 2013) is \$22 per player. Must call for tee times.*

*Normal summer rates are \$36 for weekdays and \$40 on weekends. Check the Pro Shop for current specials, junior and senior rates and twilight rates.*

*Above, the fourth hole is the shortest par-4 on the front nine. Just 350 yards from the tips, drive to the right side of the 100-yard marker as the fairway funnels toward the rocks and the creek in front. It is important to get the drive long enough to make the corner. Some long hitters will try to cut the corner but the risk isn't worth the reward on this hole.*

## The Sawmill

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Front	(yards)	Back	(yards)	Total (slope)	(yards)
Championship	3,397	Championship	3,338	Championship (136)	6,735
Back	3,056	Back	3,074	Back (129)	6,430
Middle	2,886	Middle	2,834	Middle (121)	5,720
Forward	2,657	Forward	2,546	Forward (109)	5,203
Front	2,542	Front	2,357	Front (women 126)	4,899

Right, a couple of golfers participated in a recent golf outing at The Sawmill.

Below, the second hole, 182-yard, par-3 (middle tees) has to clear a marshy area.

Out of bounds, just past the right side of the cart path and another line of marsh down the left side, with trees running the length of the hole. There are three traps that will gobble up balls left and too long.

The next hole, 303 yards (middle tees) par-4, requires the drive to be right center of the fairway as it slopes toward the creek down the left side of the fairway.

However, there is a sand trap on the right side near the landing area of most drives.

The elevated green also has a several traps that suck up errant shots. The green is also part of the double green with hole No. 8.





Left, There are two holes on the front nine that are in a wooded area. The No. 5 has trees on both sides. The drive needs to be long enough to carry wetlands on the left. A thicker cluster of trees separates the No. 5 green and the No. 6 tee box. Above, is a closeup look of the wetlands that separates the tee area and the fairway. This short par-5, 424 yards (middle) is destined for that based on the need to hit a target shot to the right of the wetlands. Then another shot toward the 150-marker sets up for the third shot to the green (shown below left). However too close to the tree line on right side puts your ball in jail from reaching the green (below right).





Left, the back nine features four holes in a secluded wooded area. Target golf, as I call it, is required throughout those four holes.

Entering the wooded area, is the green of the 10th hole. A 464-yard, par-5 requires your second shot to be on the right side of the fairway.

The third shot has to go over one of many marshy areas on the next four holes.

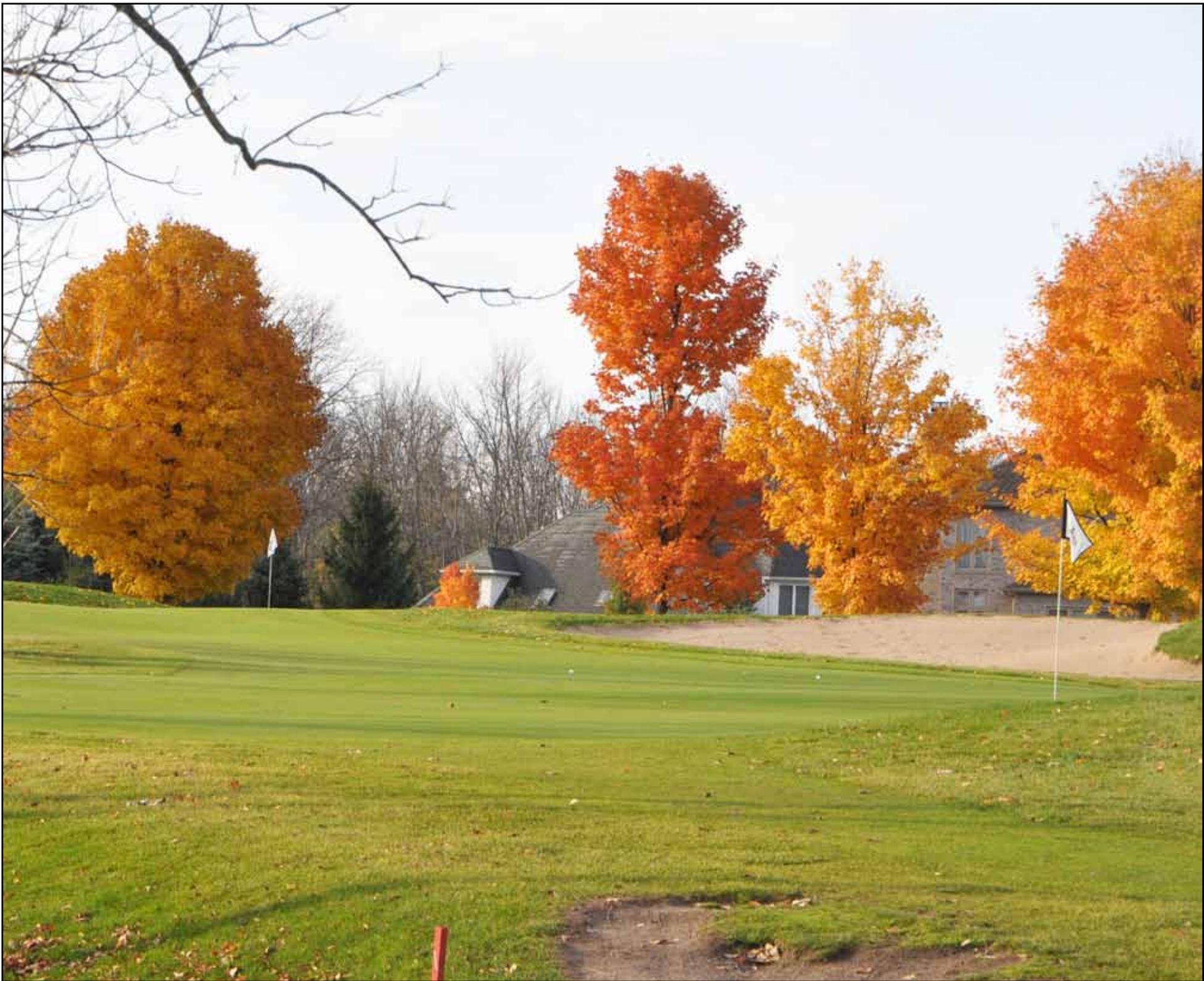
The 11th hole is 171 yards, almost all carry.

No. 12 is the shortest par-4 on the back nine with a narrow landing area to an elevated green.

The next hole is a dogleg left. Safe play is to the right of the marsh but too far right and the fairway slopes off. Another marsh is required to hit over to reach the No. 13 green.

Below, is the last of the wooded area holes. Tee shot needs to be middle left of the center of the fairway with the approach shot heading up to another elevated green.





*Looking for a color tour? With six holes nestled in the woods, colors sprout up when fall arrives. Above is an example of the color that's not in the woods. Taken in the fall of last year, notice the trees behind the No. 8 green (back flag). The eighth hole shares the same green as the third hole.*

*Right, is the view from the tee box of the par-3, eighth hole, 166 yards to the green surrounded by sand traps to the front and left of the green. A small cluster of trees somewhat protect the No.3 green.*



*The No. 17 hole has a large sandtrap to the right of the fairway. The marsh on the left side will catch any ball that runs through the fairway. The green has a severe slope from the top left to the bottom right. Pay close attention to the pin placement.*

*The final hole (below) is a popular hole for the long hitters for eagle opportunities playing from the back or middle tees (497, 457 yards). The fairway is protected by sand and trees on the left side and water on the right. Approach shots to the elevated green have a large sand trap in the front to carry.*

