

## A Golfer's Guide to Old Capital Golf Club

*Old Capital Golf Club is an 18 hole, par 72 golf course reminiscent of a park-land facility. Many elevation changes, a wide, bedrock bottomed creek and abundant trees make our course one of the most popular in Southern Indiana. Golfers love the look of the course as well as the variety of shots needed to successfully play it. Please read our Golfer's Guide below to get a better feel of Old Capital Golf Club before your visit.*

FRONT NINE											
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	
<b>Black</b>	421	194	387	405	375	519	206	530	426	3463	
<b>Blue</b>	398	181	377	384	360	494	185	506	368	3253	
<b>White</b>	371	165	363	372	349	472	165	464	336	3057	
<b>Gold</b>	358	152	292	354	322	446	132	445	273	2774	
Par	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	36	
Men's Handicap	3	17	13	1	15	11	7	9	5		
Ladies Handicap	3	5	15	1	13	7	17	9	11		
<b>Green</b>	<b>68.8 / 115</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2469</b>

BACK NINE												
HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total	
<b>Black</b>	380	502	546	386	188	376	168	368	355	3269	6732	
<b>Blue</b>	360	491	518	372	165	369	153	360	331	3119	6372	
<b>White</b>	329	433	482	343	145	335	142	349	320	2878	5935	
<b>Gold</b>	320	412	447	293	136	320	126	303	281	2638	5412	
Par	4	5	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	72	
Men's Handicap	6	4	12	8	16	2	18	10	14			
Ladies Handicap	6	2	10	16	14	12	18	8	4			
<b>Green</b>	<b>68.8 / 115</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2492</b>	<b>4961</b>

**Hole 1: *Silver Birch*:** A relatively difficult opening hole, the first requires a 200+ tee shot to a fairway slightly below tee elevation. The dogleg left fairway encourages long hitters to cut the corner and leave their approach to under 100 yards. The danger here is the full tree line on the left side of the hole and very long rough on a direct line to the green. The green here is one of the most challenging on the course. Hope for a front left hole location as the back and middle locations are protected by a deep bunker front right and the green falls away to the front *and* back right portion. Long approaches are actually better to the back and middle locations as chip shots will be uphill from there. This type of green design will be seen throughout the course; two relatively easy hole locations matched with two or more very difficult locations.

**Hole 2: *Indian's Arrow*:** A critical early hole with the least accessible green of all the par 3's. The very narrow and deep two-tiered green makes club selection very important here. Both sides of the green are guarded by bunkers and missing wide of either of them makes par very difficult. Keep your approach shot in front of the green and par saves are much easier. A tee shot to the correct level on the green will leave a level chance at birdie.

**Hole 3: *Sycamore Chute*:** This hole presents one of the most challenging tee shots on the course. Trees alongside Little Indian Creek, which angles to the right, guard the right side of this fairway and a hazard lurks long and left. A slight left-to-right tee shot can find this very flat fairway and leave a short to middle iron approach to one of the flattest greens on the course. This hole represents one of the best scoring opportunities on the front nine.

**Hole 4: *Lakeside*:** At first glance, golfers may wonder why this is rated the hardest hole at Old Capital. After playing it a few times it's evident that the tee shot *and* approach shot have very little margin for error, especially to the right. This is the hardest fairway to hit on the course and many tee shots will find the left rough. An approach from the flat fairway is easier, though, because approaches from the left bring the green-side water more directly into play. Even the green here can be tricky as the right side hole locations are very slippery and slope toward the water.

**Hole 5: *Old Barn*:** Here's the first change for the golfer to "swing away". A straight-away par 4 with ample fairway, this hole waits until the green area to throw its' curveball. A large, rolling green with several difficult hole locations and a deep right front bunker makes the "leave" important from the tee shot. With front hole locations it's better to be a little further from the green to properly spin and stop the ball. Sand saves are very tough from the greenside bunker and misses left or long of the green will put the ball at the bottom of large slopes up to the green.

**Hole 6: *Viewpoint*:** The course's first par 5, this hole has a few surprises in store. The golfer gets a great view of the hole from the elevated tee stations and a large fairway bunker just right of the fairway will make reaching this green in two nearly impossible. All second and third shots will be uphill to a shallow but wide green protected by three large bunkers (two left, one right). Any right of center hole location ranks as the second most difficult putting area on the course. Shots landing long and/or left are ill advised due to the green sloping severely from back left to front right and toward the greenside bunker. Chip shots from behind the green have been known to roll all the way into the bunker in front! Leave your approach short of and below the hole and putts can be made here.

**Hole 7: *Devil's Mound*:** By far the most cursed (by golfers) hole on the course, this mid-length par 3 has ruined many a low score. Hitting the tee shot over the valley and to the large, irregular shaped green isn't difficult, but the putting surface surely is. Any shot missing the green leaves a very delicate chip to several devilish hole locations. When conditions are particularly dry and fast, the back right hole location can't even be used! A back left location should be welcomed by most golfers as everything funnels that direction, even though it is guarded by a deep, front left bunker. Long two putts are exceptionally difficult on this green and landing behind the green will produce high scores.

**Hole 8: *Peninsula*:** This newly redesigned par 5 (opened in 2005) provides a true risk/reward situation for long hitters. Average length drives will leave a 200 or less yard lay-up in front of the green-surrounding pond. The flat, rock-fronted green is a peninsula with a large, playable area behind the green and to the right. This is an exacting target for second shots and eagles are rare! Approaches from inside 100 yards will hold the green well and produce good scoring chances on the wide and flat putting surface.

**Hole 9: *Amphitheatre*:** Redesigned along with No. 8, this par 4 has added beauty, length and drama to Old Capital's front nine. A generous landing area for tee shots is bordered on the left 225 yards out by a gorgeous three level pond system with double water falls and running stream greenside. The three level green sits perched over a protecting pond on the left and in front of a large, amphitheatre like mound system behind. All approaches are uphill to the green that features a middle valley and back right and left plateaus. Any hole location right of center is a 3 putt waiting to happen! Approach misses should be front and right to leave a reasonable chip up into the green.

**Hole 10: *Weeping Willow*:** Old Capital Golf Club's most notorious hole, the tenth leaves no outlet for errant golf shots. The fairway sits 50 feet below the tees, which are located on the highest spot on the course. An accurate 250 yard or less tee shot will leave a reasonable length approach to the tightest *and* smallest green area you'll see here. Little Indian Creek is just close enough to the green to give pause and only missing short (but not too short) will ensure safety from big trouble. A small stream left of the green, a bunker on the right and out of bounds behind the green await anything else! The biggest numbers are made on this short par 4 because there's just no room.

**Hole 11: *Leap Frog*:** No real breather here after No. 10. A quirky par 5 with landing areas bisected by Little Indian Creek, this hole begs the golfer to play it conservatively. However, it's short enough that long hitters will almost always try to reach in two after a good drive. Any drive right of center of the flat fairway will force a lay-up due to trees lining the creek. The lay-up is tight though, bordered by a large pond that runs up to the green on the right. Stay left all the way and the approach opens well to a very shallow and wide green featuring a middle ridge and back left bunker. All types of scores are recorded here, but most are dictated by the tee shot and resulting decisions.

**Hole 12: *Road Trip*:** Back-to-back par 5's are just another thing that makes Old Capital unique. The first traditional hole on the back nine, this slight dogleg right sets up well for a right to left tee shot but missing to the right is very dangerous. Even the left rough area leaves an easy lay-up to the flat fairway section in front of the green. One of the easiest putting surfaces on the course, this green has no bunkers protecting and should give all golfers a chance to catch their breath.

**Hole 13: *Mulberry*:** A terrifying driving hole for most golfers, the thirteenth rates as the second hardest hole on the course. Streaming directly in front of the tee stations, Little Indian Creek once again invades on the driving space and any tee shot right of center tempts fate. Large fairway bunkers line the left rough so nothing but straight works here! Once you've reached the fairway a small, two tiered green protected by a front left bunker gives a small target for a short to middle iron. Long and in the front bunker are the two places to avoid around the green. This is possibly the hardest non par 3 hole to birdie on the course.

**Hole 14: *Rock Wall*:** A pretty par 3 hole with one of the course's largest greens, this is the beginning of the way back to the clubhouse. Water fronts the entire left portion of the green making the right side a much easier target. The green sits above its surroundings and also sports a large bunker on the right. Once on the green, the relatively flat surface allows good chances at making putts.

**Hole 15: *Creekside*:** Driver is not needed for most golfers on this par 4. An accurate tee shot *is* needed, however, to avoid the trees and Little Indian Creek on the left and the large pond above fairway level on the right. The green is located just on the other side of the creek and doesn't open up from the fairway until about the 140 yard mark. The green slopes from front to back and has protective bunkers short right and left. This is a short but intimidating hole.

**Hole 16: *Horseshoe*:** Colts fans will love this par 3 with the horseshoe shaped bunker surrounding the green! The shortest on the course, this hole's generously sized green also has some of the most severe undulations. The slope from front to back makes all front hole locations very treacherous. All in all, a good chance to make par or better.

**Hole 17: *Dogwood*:** One of the prettiest holes on the course, the seventeenth is framed by a huge tree on the right side of the fairway that marks the outside of the dogleg left. Tee shots must find the narrow fairway but land short of the rock ditch that crosses 70 yards in front of the green. Well hidden by a front right bunker and mounding behind, the putting surface is flat and very manageable. Played conservatively, this hole gives a good chance for some late round scoring.

**Hole 18: *Waterfall*:** Old Capital Golf Club ends up on a very demanding note. The uphill tee shot to a blind fairway must stay left of center to find a more level section for the approach. The right side of the fairway is very hilly and makes shots into the green very nerve-wracking. The eighteenth green is fronted by a small pond and waterfall which protects to the edge of the fringe. All the golfer can see from the fairway is the top of the flagstick! Short is not an option. A mound behind the green provides a back board for approaches that may spin back to the middle of the green. Two "blind" shots make this final hole a great one for settling a match.