



Hole-By-Hole Descriptions

The Shore Club boasts a 6,714-yard Wayne E. Stiles and John Van Kleeck designed golf course. Celebrated for its immaculate course conditioning and pace of play, The Shore Club's 18-hole gem was a favorite of golf legend Arnold Palmer while he was stationed with the Cape May Coast Guard in the 1950s. The course is still delighting members and guests today.

#1 (Par 4, 430 yards)

An excellent and demanding opening hole with a slight dogleg to the left. Long hitters play down the left side but must avoid trees left or will have little or no chance for par. Shorter hitters will favor the right center of the fairway which will set things up nicely for the second shot. The deep green slopes from back to front and as with most of the greens here, the best position from which to putt is from below the hole.

#2 (Par 5, 465 yards)

A dogleg right par five which is reachable in two for long hitters who will often attempt to cut the corner to set up a mid to long iron second shot. The shorter hitters will favor the left center of the fairway off the tee and will then have to decide whether to lay up or try to carry the narrow creek that crosses the fairway at about the 150-yard mark. Noting the hole location is critical in planning your approach. The green is relatively small and difficult to read.

#3 (Par 4, 353 yards)

A short hole that doglegs slightly left which borders the salt marsh on the left. Most will choose the club that will put them just short of the cart path that crosses the fairway at about the 110-yard mark. Staying below the hole on the green is crucial.

#4 (Par 4, 356 yards)

A short dogleg right with one of the most difficult tee shots on the course. Long hitters will sometimes take a direct line to the green and try to carry the trees, but a well-placed 200-yard tee shot is all one really needs here. This two-tiered green is protected by two traps on the front right and left and will challenge even the best of putters.

#5 (Par 3, 170 yards)

One of the few forced carries on the course. You must first get across the pond short and left. This green is well protected by sand right, left and long. Par is a good score here.

#6 (Par 4, 361 yards)

A dogleg left that is one of the more demanding holes on the course. The tee shot must be well positioned at or just beyond the top of the hill. Long clubs must be left in the bag to avoid the small pond at the bottom of the hill which starts at about the 110-yard mark. A lot of good looking tee shots end up wet here. This very small green is difficult to hit. The only safe shot is short center. Take a par and run to the next tee.

#7 (Par 4, 371 yards)

Fifteen-time Club Champion Terry Smick considers this fairway the toughest to hit on the course. A straight away medium length hole which brings you back to the clubhouse. Before the addition of the Garden State Parkway in the early 50s, this had been the 18th hole. The green slopes back to front and is protected by sand both right and left.

#8 (Par 4, 393 yards)

The toughest hole on the course. A long hole that doglegs slightly to the left. The tee shot is critical as the fairway narrows the farther you hit the ball. The flattest green on the course but it is difficult to read the subtle breaks. This is one of the holes here that can make or break your round.

#9 (Par 4, 404 yards)

A sharp dogleg left which requires an uphill drive long enough to clear the corner to get a look at the green. The woods on the left must be avoided at all costs. This deep green is protected by sand left and right and the rear third of the green actually slopes very slightly to the back left. Tough to make putts here.

#10 (Par 3, 216 yards)

Long and demanding. The deep green is protected by sand left and right. The pot bunker left is not visible from the tee. Many consider this the most difficult hole to make par on the course.

#11 (Par 4, 409 yards)

A very good dogleg to the right. One must stay left and hit it far enough to clear the fairway bunker on that side in order to set up a clear approach. Only the longest of hitters can clear the fairway trap to the right. This green is guarded by sand to the right and back left. The first two thirds of the putting surface slopes to the front and the back third slopes to the right.

#12 (Par 5, 506 yards)

A very long shot precisely placed to the right center of the fairway beyond the fairway bunker will give the long hitter a go in two. Otherwise, play a fairway wood or long iron down the middle to avoid that bunker and lay up to the 100-yard mark. From there you will be faced with a forced carry to a wide green protected by water in front and sand back and short right. You can be left with a very long, difficult two-putt challenge on this one.

#13 (Par 4, 417 yards)

A long, sharp dogleg to the left. You must hit it far enough to clear the corner but a driver from a long hitter can easily end up stymied through the fairway. This very deep and undulating two-tiered green is left seemingly unprotected but don't be fooled. There are several very interesting hole locations here and putting becomes quite an adventure

#14 (Par 4, 358 yards)

Short straight away and devilish. Long hitters that use their driver here will often be left with a tough little finesse shot. The green is very shallow, and you must avoid going over this green. Par is a very good score on this little nerve tester.

#15 (Par 5, 545 yards)

One of the best par fives that you'll ever play. This wide fairway is deceiving. You must carefully place the tee shot left of center which sets up the most difficult shot of the day. The second shot, whether attempting to lay up or go for the green has trouble all around. From the water and OB to the right to the salt marsh to the left and to the sand that guards the front left and right of the green, you have got your hands full. Once you finally reach the green, the challenge continues with a large and undulating putting surface.

#16 (Par 3, 155 yards)

A short but tough little par three which will challenge you to avoid the water in front, to the right, and beyond. You can bail out left but par will be very difficult to obtain if you do.

#17 (Par 4, 424 yards)

One of the toughest on the course. A long dogleg left with a lake to clear if you take an aggressive line and a pond over the hill that cannot be seen from the tee but can be reached by the long hitters. Most will play to the right and will be faced with a long approach to another very difficult green which is protected by sand both right and left.

#18 (Par 4, 381 yards)

Many will prematurely breathe a sigh of relief after the 17th but you had better keep your focus for this one. The tee shot must be in the short grass and once on the green your nerves will again be tested. A closing two-putt or up-and-down par will often result in winning your match, paying the bar tab and going home with some extra cash.