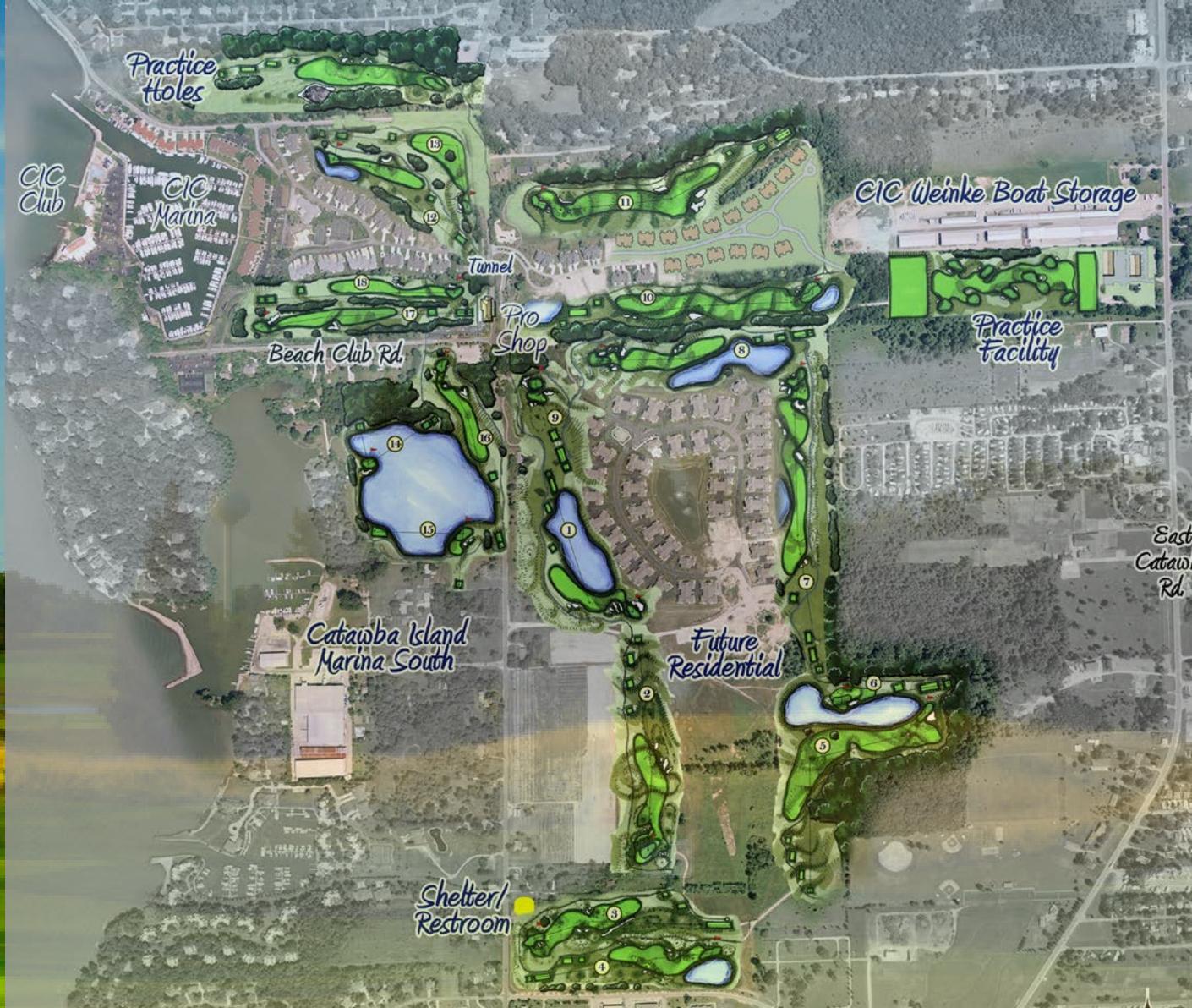




Catawba Island Club

# Golf Experience Guide



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# Hole by Hole Guide

Hole # 1: A wonderful starting hole requires a demanding tee shot and a precise approach to a guarded green. A pair of fairway bunkers provide a nice line for a safe play off the tee. Guarded by bunkers short and left, there is little room for error. A collection area to the right side is OK.

Hole # 2: A straightaway Par 4 provides ample fairway off the tee, however, the key lies in the approach shot. A hole location on the left gives you the green light to take dead aim, but a location on the right is difficult to get to. If on the right, slightly long is OK as it will provide an uphill chip or putt.

Hole # 3: Multiple well-placed bunkers make the fairway shrink quickly. For long-hitters, don't be afraid of less than driver to find the fairway. A long, narrow green which is well guarded, leaves little room for error on your approach. Be sure to be on the correct side of a large undulation in the middle of the green.

Hole # 4: With a prevailing west wind, # 4 is typically downwind. Two large fairway bunkers provide a nice visual off the tee. Long hitters may need less than driver. The approach requires caution as a long, narrow and undulating green has a right-side pond. A large collection area on the left side is a safe play.

Hole # 5: The key on # 5 is the tee shot. A ball positioned on the left-center of fairway, will provide a risk/reward 2nd shot. If going for the green, there is plenty of room on the right. If laying up, stay short of a pair of fairway bunkers to leave a wedge in your hands.

Hole # 6: A well-placed tee shot can lead to birdie, but a poor shot can lead to double bogey or worse. An undulating, two-tiered green makes it key to be on the proper level. If the flag is on the upper level, short is OK. If on the lower-level, the green side bunker is OK.

Hole # 7: CIC's # 1 handicap hole requires precision from tee-to-green. Your tee shot must be navigated past a bunker, but remain short of a penalty area (water). With multiple bunkers throughout the fairway, the left side opens to a landing area which will leave a short to mid iron into a horizontally positioned green.

Hole # 8: A pair of fairway bunkers, and a left side penalty area (water), provide the initial challenge. Either play short of the bunkers and leave a long approach, or attempt to navigate the bunkers and penalty area (water). An approach shot left below the hole is ideal.

Hole # 9: The easiest of the Par 3's at CIC. A straight forward tee shot, into a wide green provides an inviting look, however, you must stay below the hole.

Hole # 10: A tee shot left-center of the fairway is ideal and will leave a choice on your second shot. If laying-up, lean toward right-center of fairway for a nice angle. If going for the green, use caution on club choice, as this shot tends to play slightly shorter than the yardage indicates. A firm green, guarded by bunkers on all sides makes precision a must.

Hole # 11: With danger down the right-side, and OB on the left, you must exercise caution. Left-center of fairway off the tee will leave the best angle. A lay up to a suitable yardage is your best option as the green runs front-to-back. A large collection area, long and left is OK.

Hole # 12: CIC's classic country club hole. A beautiful, dog leg left Par 4 looks like easy birdie on paper, but a small, narrow green, guarded by a penalty area (water) on the left, that works front-to-back is where the hole will make or break you. A large collection area on the right-hand side provides a safe bailout.

Hole # 13: A wide fairway provides plenty of room to the left, as a large tree positioned on the right, can block you out for your second shot. Like # 12, a small green, guarded by 2 bunkers provides the challenge. Take a second look at your putt, as subtle undulations throughout the green can fool even the best of putters.

Hole # 14: The first of CIC's toughest 3-hole stretch. This Par-3 plays entirely over water. Nestled directly up to Lake Erie, the wind can wreak havoc on the best of shots, so be sure to judge properly.

Hole # 15: The second of back-to-back Par 3's is no slouch either. Much the same as # 14, wind plays a big factor, however, a larger green complex as well as a large collection area to the right, provide for a more visually appealing shot.

Hole # 16: One of CIC's toughest Par 4's, this hole demands great shots from tee-to-green. A penalty area (water) down the left side and a narrow fairway which slopes right-to-left, provides little room for error. A blind second shot, into a slightly elevated green will play longer than the yardage suggests.

Hole # 17: At first glance, # 17 appears to be straight forward, however, thick rough and a tree lined fairway make finding the fairway off the tee, the key to success. A large, flat green complex provides a visually appealing approach.

Hole # 18: A wonderful, yet challenging finish to the day. The key to success on # 18 also lies with the tee shot. A tree lined fairway, which bottle necks with two perfectly placed bunkers, makes the fairway appear very small. Pin placement on # 18 is crucial as the green undulates and pitches from back-to-front. A collection area short and left of the green is an OK position to play from.

