Hole of the

No. 18
Bigwin Island GC
Lake of Bays, Ontario
Scott Heron, superintendent of Bigwin GC in Lake of Bays, Ontario, says golfers who don't want to bogie the par 5, 574-yard 18th hole shouldn't try to be heroes.

“It’s a long, narrow green, so you have to hit it right on if you’re going to go for it in two,” Heron says. “Otherwise, you’ll likely end up in the water on the right or the bunker on the left. You’re better off playing it safe.”

Heron says the interesting part of maintaining the hole is protecting the water on its right side of the hole. Bigwin GC is located on an island, so the water plays an important part of the visual beauty of the hole. To protect it from pesticide and rainwater runoff, the course installed a sump pump on the right side of the green. “All the drainage is designed to take runoff to that spot, and we pump it to the range area,” Heron says.

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