

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 18 | Ghost Creek Course, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club



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Month

North Plains, Ore.

Hole Stats

Distance: 454 yards

Par 4

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Green: Bentgrass/*Poa annua* mixed

Fairway: Bentgrass/*Poa annua* mixed

Ghost Creek's Robert Cupp-designed layout took little time establishing itself as one of the nation's premier semi-private golf courses. Nestled next to its sister course, Witch Hollow, the two courses make up Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, which opened for play in 1992.

Both courses were carved into a mature, forested site, giving the serene impression that they've been a part of the landscape as long as the surrounding 100-year-old oak trees. Native grass plantings complement this natural setting by adding both scenic depth and playing difficulty.

Among other accolades, Ghost Creek was chosen to host the NIKE TOUR Championships in 1993 and 1994 and was rated among Golf Magazine's Top 100 Places You Can Play in 2005.

Pros and amateurs alike consider hole No. 18 a great finishing hole due to its difficulty and wide range of scores. The tee shot is critical as it plays to a downhill landing area guarded on both sides by firs, oaks and maples. The landing area is flanked by a stream running on the right side adjacent to the fairway and a deep sloping rough on the left.

Golf course senior superintendent Bill Webster keeps the course lean and dry with a focus on thatch removal and sand topdressing. Ghost Creek is prone to typical Northwest disease problems, often precipitated by short spurts of extreme weather. Webster incorporates seasonal preventive programs to control snow molds, dollar spot and summer stress diseases.

Webster integrated Insignia® fungicide into his program last winter to tackle snow molds and continued with applications in July and August to control pythium blight, anthracnose and leaf spot. Webster used a range of preventive and curative rates based on the conditions of each green.

"Insignia helps prevent and cure a broad scope of diseases, and has a long length of control," said Webster. "In the summer, we see two to three weeks of control whereas other products may only cover up to a week or two at most. Insignia helps us overlap coverage and protection for the course."

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