

Hole-By-Hole Preview of The Minikahda Club

11th Annual Harold Stodola Research Scramble

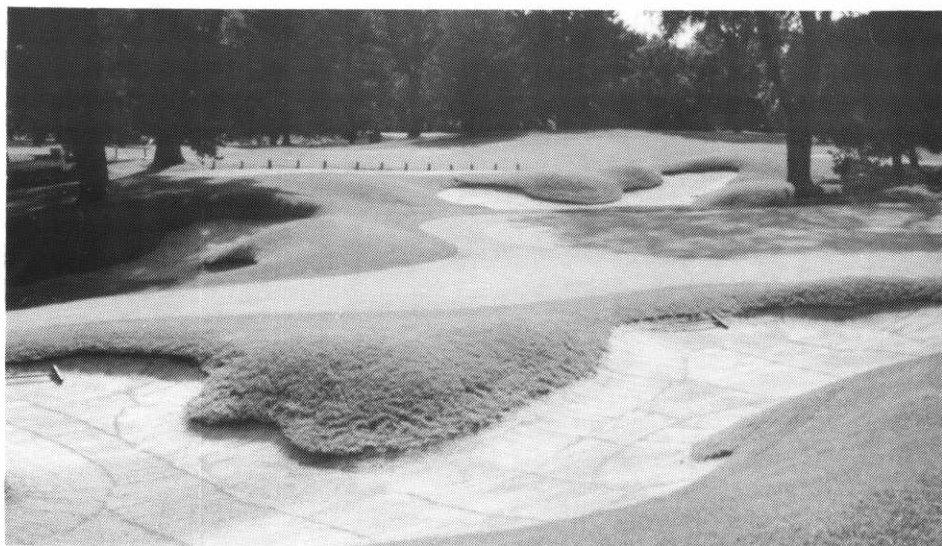
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On behalf of the entire staff at The Minikahda Club, we wish to extend a warm welcome to all of the contestants in the upcoming Harold Stodola Research Scramble. It is an honor for us to co-host this event with Town & Country Club and have you all with us for what should be a wonderful September day of golf and camaraderie.

Since its founding in 1898, The Minikahda Club has developed a distinction and tradition of tournament golf and the fine playing conditions that go with it. Our first golf professional, Willie Watson, is given the credit along with Robert Foulis for the original nine holes at Minikahda. A couple of years later, Robert Taylor and C.T. Jaffray laid out another nine holes south of the creek, which is better known as the "south end" to the turf management staff. After hosting the 1916 U.S. Open, the club hired heralded architect Donald Ross to make a study and proposal of his recommendations for the course. This resulted in some changes, most notably with green shapes and bunkering, and the course is pretty much the same today.

With nearly three thousand mature trees on the 155-acre property, including over 250 large elms, one can certainly say we are a wooded golf course. Minikahda is also well-bunkered with 79 bunkers spread throughout the rolling terrain. Players who consistently hit it down the middle are rewarded with ample opportunities for par on what could be considered a rather short course of 6410 yards. The front nine plays to 3050 yards, par 36, with three par 3s, while the back nine is a bit more picturesque and plays to 3360 yards, par 37, with just one par three. Overall, Minikahda will offer a good test for all golfers. Try to keep it down the middle, and most of all, have a wonderful time!



No. 1204-yard, Par 4
Accuracy is key here, long iron and wedge will be enough. Trees on both sides, overhanging fairway on left. Sharp slope on right toward OB. OB also directly over green. Bunkers on left of driving area as well as in front and right of green

No. 2418-yard, Par 4
Could be most difficult hole to make par. OB on right extending entire length of hole. Small green with steep slope on backside puts high demand on shot to green. Bunker in front, 60 yards from green, also bunkers on right and left.

No. 3153-yard, Par 3
The first of three par 3s on the front side. No fairway on this one shot hole over ravine to small green, with OB on right side. Five bunkers surround small poa annua green. Accuracy again is key.

No. 4492-yard, Par 4
OB on right extending entire length of hole and behind green. Tee shot to wide fairway short of sharp elevation change leaves blind second shot. Very narrow approach and small, well-bunkered green make it difficult to reach in two shots.

No. 5305-yard, Par 4
Shortest par four on course, yet a difficult hole for most. Drive area moderately restricted with bunkers on both sides of rolling fairway that can result in a difficult downhill shot to a tight, well-bunkered green.

No. 6183-yard, Par 5
Water hole with 160 yard carry over lake to a large green with some difficult pin placements. Bunkers on both sides and behind green. A pretty hole.

No. 7490-yard, Par 5
Dogleg right with OB on right along nine acre bird sanctuary. Difficult to carry dogleg off tee with large trees on right. Landing area for second shot considerably reduced by bunker on left and overhanging trees on right at 80 yards from green. Fairly severe slope on green from back to front with overhanging oak on left.

No. 8205-yard, Par 3
Very difficult hole, well-bunkered green with narrow approach. Green is large, two-tiered, and is only sand-based green on course. Many subtle breaks on green make this a difficult par.

No. 9500-yard, Par 4
Slowly turning dogleg right makes it very difficult to drive past the turn. Last 160 yards of hole ascending a steep hill. More severe as you approach the green causing a rollback on a shot failing to reach putting surface. Fairway bunker on left of driving area is very reachable. Green is well-bunkered with back to front slope that can fool you.

No. 10420-yard, Par 4
Don't let the beauty of this demanding hole hinder your concentration. Accuracy

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off tee very important because of many trees on both sides. Blind second shot to a green with steep decline and trees behind. Bunkers on front right and left of green.

No. 11165-yard, Par 3
Only par three on back side. Great one shot hole over pond with narrow opening through two bunkers in front of green, bunker left of green also. Small green sloping back to front and right to left can result in difficult pin locations on front half of green.

No. 12375-yard, Par 4
Rolling fairway makes this a very picturesque hole, with last 100 yards uphill to a green that's not visible from below. Drive down the left side is favorable to avoid overhanging trees on right. Undulating green sloping back to front and right to left.

No. 13520-yard, Par 5
Very rolling hole generally downhill offering a great vista. Creek crosses fairway 75 yards from green, making you think twice about going for it or laying up. Lay up! Overhanging trees short of green on both sides and bunker on front right can be troublesome. Large green with lots of clay underneath.

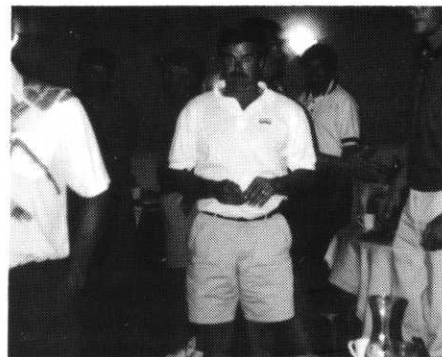
No. 14465-yard, Par 5
Best opportunity for birdie or better on the course. Decent drive puts you within a long iron of very small green that you won't see from the driving area. Small fairway bunker on left of driving area is well placed. Trio of fairway bunkers on slope 60 yards from green and bunkers on both sides of green.

No. 15370-yard, Par 4
Dogleg left, perfect hole for the draw player. Drive it past the corner and you're left with a wedge or nine-iron to green. Another birdie opportunity. One of the largest greens on course with three bunkers surrounding.

No. 16350-yard, Par 4
Good driving hole with a difficult second shot to deep, two-tiered green. Fairway turns left just at the end to green well protected by bunkers. Very demanding hole when pin is in the front.

No. 17330-yard, Par 4
Fairway bunkers on both sides require careful drive. Hit it past them and you have a downhill lie wedge to a small, severely bunkered green. Some very interesting pin locations here may require a second look. OB left side of hole and behind green.

No. 18355-yard, Par 4
Wide fairway makes this another fun hole for ripping one off the tee. Scenic shot to largest green on course with Lake Calhoun in the background. Large bunker 40 yards in front of green and bunkers on both sides also. Over the green is OB.



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