# Scholarship Scramble Set for June 18 At Dacotah Ridge Golf Club

Here is a Hole-by-Hole Description of the Course

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The following is a hole-by-hole description of Dacotah Ridge Golf Club. I hope many of you can make it out to the Scholarship Scramble on Monday, June 18. Being out here on the prairie the wind usually plays a factor so be sure to bring your punch shots and bump and run game just in case. the course is designed by Rees Jones and he has done a wonderful job out here. It is a challenging yet fun course to play.

#### Hole 1, Par 4, 342 yards

This hole is a dogleg left, the right side of the landing area is generous and slopes up to contain the tee shot, so try to play away from the fairway bunker and Wabasha Creek on the left. A bunker protects the left side of the green as well, so use the open entrance at the right front of the green.

#### Hole 2, Par 4, 422 yards

Slight dogleg right with Wabasha Creek directly in front of the tee areas, but doesn't really come into play. The series of fairway bunkers protecting the right side of the landing area do, however, so favor the left side. A large bunker on the right protects the green, but an open, generous approach allows shots to be bounced onto the green.

#### Hole 3, Par 5, 541 yards

A spectacular view greets you at the tee of this long par five. Play down the right side of this hole to avoid the large deep bunkers on the left. The greenside bunker is also something to be avoided. Use the slope on the right side to reach the approach to the green.

#### Hole 4, Par 3, 165 yards

A downhill par three that has water left and a large

bunker right. The challenge continues once on the green because of the distinct tier between front and rear hole locations.

#### Hole 5, Par 4, 371 yards

The fifth hole is a dogleg right and a true risk reward hole. Bite off as much as you dare, otherwise use the fairway area on the left to go around the lake. The bunkers to the right of the dogleg and the green present themselves as hazards but will save you from a worse fate.

## Hole 6, Par 5, 519 yards

Stay to the left of the fairway bunker at the first landing area. After an uphill tee shot the rest of the hole plays distinctly downhill. Staying to the left and short on the approach to the green is the safest route. Shots hit long or right of the green will find the large bunker that surrounds it.

#### Hole 7, Par 3, 170 yards

The Wabasha Creek runs down the left side of this hole and a pin location on the left side of the green will mean flirting with the hazard if you want to shoot for the flag in hopes of a birdie. The approach is open to the right front section of the green. Shots hit long will find the greenside bunker.

#### Hole 8, par 4, 386 yards

There is a swale off the left of the fairway from tee to green that is hazard. Favor the right side of the fairway all the way to the green. A subtle green surface that is protected by a large bunker front left. Avoid going long or left as the green surrounds drop off dramatically to the hazard.

#### Hole 9, Par 4, 404 yards

There is a stream that skirts down the left side of the hole and things narrow as you get past the fairway bunker. Favor the right side of the fairway to take advantage of the contours and avoid the hazard, which comes into play right behind the fairway bunker. Your approach will take you across Wabasha Creek. Make sure you have enough club because if you are short you may roll back into the hazard.

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## Hole 10, Par 4, 394 yards

Standing on the tee provides a dramatic view of this uphill par four. play over Wabasha Creek to the fairway on the other side. It is better to be long on your approach shot as the green is protected in front on both sides. The slope behind the green will contain shots that are hit long.

### Hole 11, Par 3, 157 yards

Be sure to play enough club on this spectacular par three, as it is all carry to the green. The tees are elevated and the green is receptive but shots coming up short will be wet.

#### Hole 12, Par 4, 372 yards

When on the tee of this medium length par four you must make a choice to play safely out to the left side of the fairway away from the lake or risk skirting the water. The closer you are to the water the shorter the approach and it also provides a better angle into the green.

## Hole 13, Par 5, 500 yards

The long hitter can risk going for the green in two but must accurately place the ball between the lake on the left and the greenside bunker on the right. Safely laying up short of the lake is an option but provides a more lengthy approach shot to the green.

#### Hole 14, Par 4, 410 yards

Be sure to hit a big drive here. The fairway is framed on

both sides to contain shots. Bunkers on both sides protect the green but it is very deep and the approach is wide, making it receptive to fairway wood shots.

# Hole 15, Par 4, 410 yards

Your tee shot is slightly downhill on his dogleg right. Favor the left side to avoid the fairway bunker protecting the turn of the dogleg. Approach the green from the left side as well because the deep bunker protecting the right front green presents an intimidating recovery shot.

#### Hole 16, Par 3, 196 yards

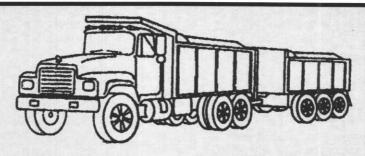
This is a long downhill par 3 that is protected on both sides by sand. The right bunker is enormous and the green is angled from left to right. There is a ridge left and short of the green, which you can use to roll the ball onto the green.

#### Hole 17, Par 4, 330 yards

A short dogleg left that has a dramatic fall of forty feet down to the creek the entire left side of the hole. You can play it safe out to the right or bite some off some of the corner and have a wedge to the green.

## Hole 18, Par 5, 552 yards

This dramatic finishing hole has an elevated tee. A properly placed drive is essential to cutting off the corner of the sharp dogleg around Wabasha Creek. The second landing area can be reached from the first by playing over the creek and fairway bunker on the left. The creek protects the green and it also cuts in behind the green so don't go long. The right side sweeps up to provide a longer safer route.



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