## Hole-By-Hole Preview The Legacy Courses at Cragun's

Site of the 2002 MGCSA Championship

Hole 1, Par 4

Championship

Blue 370

White 345

Take advantage of this opening hole and an early chance at a birdie. A wide fairway opens up to the right. A good tee shot will provide short iron shots into this green.

Hole 2, Par 5

Championship

Blue 510

White 495

The first of The Legacy's risk/reward decisions comes on this par 5. The more of the bunker on the right you hit over, the greater the chance of having a long fairway wood shot and a chance to putt for eagle. You need to be accurate on your lay-up here to avoid the bunkers and leave yourself with a clean shot at the green.

Hole 3, Par 4

Championship

Blue 326

White Red 299 303

Avoid the slice off the tee and a watery resting-place in Stephen's Lake. A sloping landing area will help hold shots in the fairway and allow you to attack this green. The best birdie chances will come from below the hole.

Hole 4, Par 3

Championship

Blue 177

White

Red 134

This is the first of The Legacy's six par 3's, and it lies on the northernmost point of Stephen's Lake. you will need a long iron to hit the green. Club selection is crucial because of the large size of the green. Be sure to check the wind direction before you pull the trigger.

Hole 5, Par 4

Championship

Blue 438

White 420

This long par 4 will require two well struck shots to be able to putt for the elusive birdie. After an uphill drive you will need to avoid a towering pine as you hit a long iron into this well protected green. Keep the ball in the fairway and avoid the deep marsh left of this green.

Hole 6, Par 3

Championship

Blue

White Red 127

158

110

Check out the pro tee on this hole! WOW! If you have crossed the bridge you are now on an island surrounded by marsh. Choose the right club and you should be putting for birdie.

Hole 7, Par 5

Championship

517

Blue 500

White Red 436

390

This par five will yield some birdies. Play your drive to the landing area over the first marsh and then lay up to the right of the fairway bunker. Be sure to get your uphill short iron back to the pin.

Hole 8, Par 3

Championship

Blue

White

Red 110

124 The Legacy's shortest hole. Don't let this one fool you - Robert Trent Jones, Jr. has described the eighth as a land mine hole with a green heavily protected by bunkers. Once you have hit the hidden green your work has only begun. Putting on this undulating surface is very challenging.

Hole 9, Par 5

Championship

Blue

White Red

Swing away here as you head back to the clubhouse.

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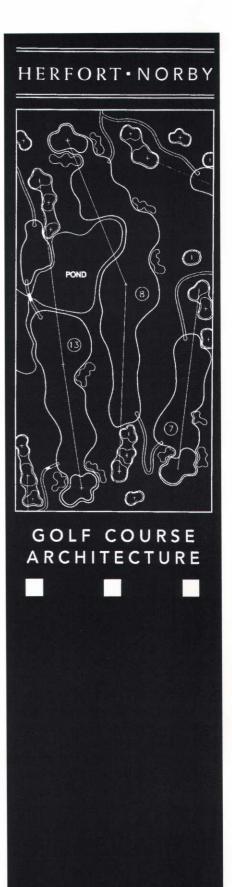
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A solidly struck drive will leave a chance to go at the green in two. A fairway that slopes to the right in front of the green will help shots roll onto the putting surface. The green slopes severely, so concentrate to avoid another three putt green.

Hole 10, Par 4 Championship Blue White Red 437 379

A par 4 here is a good score. Avoid the long fairway bunker on the right and you will have a mid-iron into this well protected green. This large green with severe slopes makes the hole a true challenge. Take a peek through the trees behind the green and you may get your first glimpse on the back nine of Stephen's Lake.

Hole 11, Par 4 Championship Blue White Red 374 330

A great chance for birdie! A lie in the fairway and a short shot into the green await if you can carry the bunkers and the prairie grass that guard the right side of this hole. A more conservative play to the left of the fair-

way bunker will offer a mid-iron to this well bunkered putting

Hole 12, Par 3

Blue Championship White Red 185 158 140 108

This picturesque par 3 requires a solid iron to a huge green. If the flag is back left, be careful, don't get suckered into going after this position. If you miss you will pay dearly.

Hole 13, Par 5

Championship Blue White Red 514 566 457 450

With 9 tee boxes to play from, the challenge here is getting to the fairway. Pick a spot in the large fairway; make sure you take enough club to clear the wetlands. If you dare go for this green in two you must reach the fairway even with the trees on the left. A safe tee shot here does not ensure par, with the tight fairway and wetlands in front of the green, your approach shot becomes critical. This green is large so keep the pin placement in mind when hitting your approach. When you have completed the hole, look back at what you have accomplished.

Hole 14, Par 4

Championship Blue White Red 441 407

While here on the tee, you need to pick which of the holes two greens to play to. The left green, while protected front left by some marsh, offers a continuous land path up to it. In contrast, the right green requires a long second shot that carries a marsh. That decision made, drive the ball over the center of the hill in the fairway and knock the ball onto the green you chose.

Hole 15, Par 3

Championship Blue White Red 169 150 134

You must carry this green, for anything short will find a watery grave. The amphitheater of tees give a variety of different shots to this large green.

Hole 16, Par 5

Championship Blue White Red 494 546 460 425

Another choice off the tee. This hole has two fairways. Both will give you equal opportunity for a good score on this hole with a good tee shot. The lay up shot is most important here. If you choose the fairway on the left, stay to the right for a good look at the green, but be sure to avoid the wetlands. The fairway to the right is the short cut, but has an all carry approach over the wetlands to reach the green. Correct club selection is the key to reaching this green in regulation.

Hole 17, Par 3 Championship Blue White Red 140 125 114

This hole seems to play longer than the yardage. Don't be fooled! Hit your shot to the proper tier for a birdie opportunity. Beware - 3 putts happen here a lot.

Hole 18, Par 5 Championship Blue White Red 533 491

The Legacy's finishing hole is a three shot par 5 for everyone but the longest hitters. A drive to the right of the fairway bunker will allow your lay up and attack this final green. The shot into the green plays longer than it looks and the green is very big. A well-placed iron will offer a birdie putt.

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