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Oak Island Golf & Beach Club

North Carolina's Only Oceanside Golf Course

Approximately 150 professional and low handicap amateur golfers will face a supreme test of their playing ability during the first annual North Carolina Open October 6-8 at Oak Island Golf Club. The pros will be competing for prize money totaling \$4,000 over the windswept par 72, 6,800-yard oceanside layout.

Prevailing southwest winds with velocities as high as 25-miles per hour are not uncommon at Oak Island, and their presence during the tournament could make par hard to shoot. The wind, however, is only one of the challenges golfers must face at Oak Island. Although there are only a few out-of-bounds on the course, a shot more than a few yards off the fairway is practically unplayable. Large, elevated greens, many more than 100 feet long and protected by gaping sand traps, provide an equally tough challenge.

Oak Island, North Carolina's only oceanside golf course, was designed by golf architect George Cobb and was opened in the summer of 1962. In its brief three year history, it has had two professionals. The first, Bob Spence, left after a two year tenure, and the second, Bob Smith, took over the position after his retirement from the Army. Smith and his grounds-keeping crew are now preparing the course for the upcoming tournament.

The first hole at Oak Island is one of the few made easier by the prevailing wind. The par five, 480 yard hole can be reached by the long hitters with a long or medium iron after a wind-blown drive. Any ball hit to the left of the fairway may wind up in a lateral water hazard extending the entire distance from the tee to the green. The green is large and well trapped. Any ball rolling over the left side of it probably will roll into the water hazard.

The second hole is a par four, 400 yard dogleg to the left. If the wind is with the golfer, he may cut across the tall trees on the left of the fairway and need only a short iron second shot. If the ball is hit too far to the left, a two-stroke lost ball penalty may result. The green is the largest on the golf course, and is protected by two monstrous bunkers, a lateral water hazard on the left, and an out-of-bounds

on the right. This is one of the hardest holes at Oak Island.

The third hole is relatively easy for the better golfers to hit in regulation, but the real test of this 200-yard par three is the green. Rarely will there be a one putt on this steeply sloping surface, and three putts will occur frequently. The green is protected by only one sand trap, and an out of bounds to the right rarely comes into play.

The fourth hole is a terror on a windy day. The tee shot on this 580-yard par five must carry across a large pond, which borders almost the entire left side of the fairway. There is a dogleg sharply to the right about 450 yards from the tee. The second shot should travel far enough to prevent a third shot across the heavily wooded dogleg. The green is large, steep, and well trapped.

The 380-yard fifth hole at Oak Island is par four and allows the golfer to take advantage of the wind once again. The fairway is very broad and has two small ponds, one near the tee and another close to the green, which is relatively flat and is protected by only one sand trap.

The sixth hole is a 420-yard par four which usually plays against the wind. A fairway trap on the left forces the golfer to favor the right side of the fairway on his tee shot. This necessitates a longer second shot across a large bunker bordering the green. The green itself is very large and undulates sharply.

The seventh hole at Oak Island, a par three of 200 yards, is probably the hardest hole on the golf course. The tee shot is usually hit against a strong wind and must travel across two large ponds. The green is well elevated and is protected by a sand trap

on the left and heavy woods on both sides. The green is the most difficult to putt on at Oak Island.

The eighth hole is perhaps the easiest on the golf course, but it must be played carefully. A 325-yard par four, it doglegs sharply to the right, tempting the long hitter to cut across the heavily wooded area to the green. If he is fortunate enough to not lose his ball in the process, the golfer will probably be playing his next shot from the rough or from one of the sand traps in front of the green. For those who take the more orthodox route, the second shot must carry across a well-placed sand trap to the flat putting surface.

The ninth hole is a par four, 420-yard doglegging demon which plays directly into the wind. Very few will be able to reach the green in two shots on a windy day. The green itself

is well elevated and is protected by four sand traps.

The tenth hole is a 330-yard par four which usually plays with a following wind. Because of this, a driver and a wedge on this hole will normally suffice. The green is large, flat, and well-bunkered.

The eleventh hole at Oak Island is a straight par four measuring about 400 yards. Both the fairway and the green are well trapped, and the green provides some very difficult putts. The tee shot on this hole must be well placed.

The twelfth hole is a 160-yard par three. The green is well-bunkered and the pin is frequently placed precariously behind a large sand trap.

The thirteenth hole at Oak Island is a 420-yard par four which doglegs slightly to the right. A gaping fairway bunker

on the right prevents most golfers from taking the shortest route to the green. If the drive is played safely to the left of the fairway, the second shot must carry across another large sand trap bordering the green, which is very large and is relatively flat.

The fourteenth hole is either very hard or very easy, depending upon the tee shot. The hole is a 500-yard par five with a pond about 200 yards from the tee. The drive must travel far enough directly against the wind to enable the golfer to hit his second shot across the large pond. If this is done properly, a short third shot is needed to reach the green. The fourteenth is easy if played like this, but few will be so successful if the wind is blowing. The green is not very long, and some tricky putts result from certain pin placements on this hole.

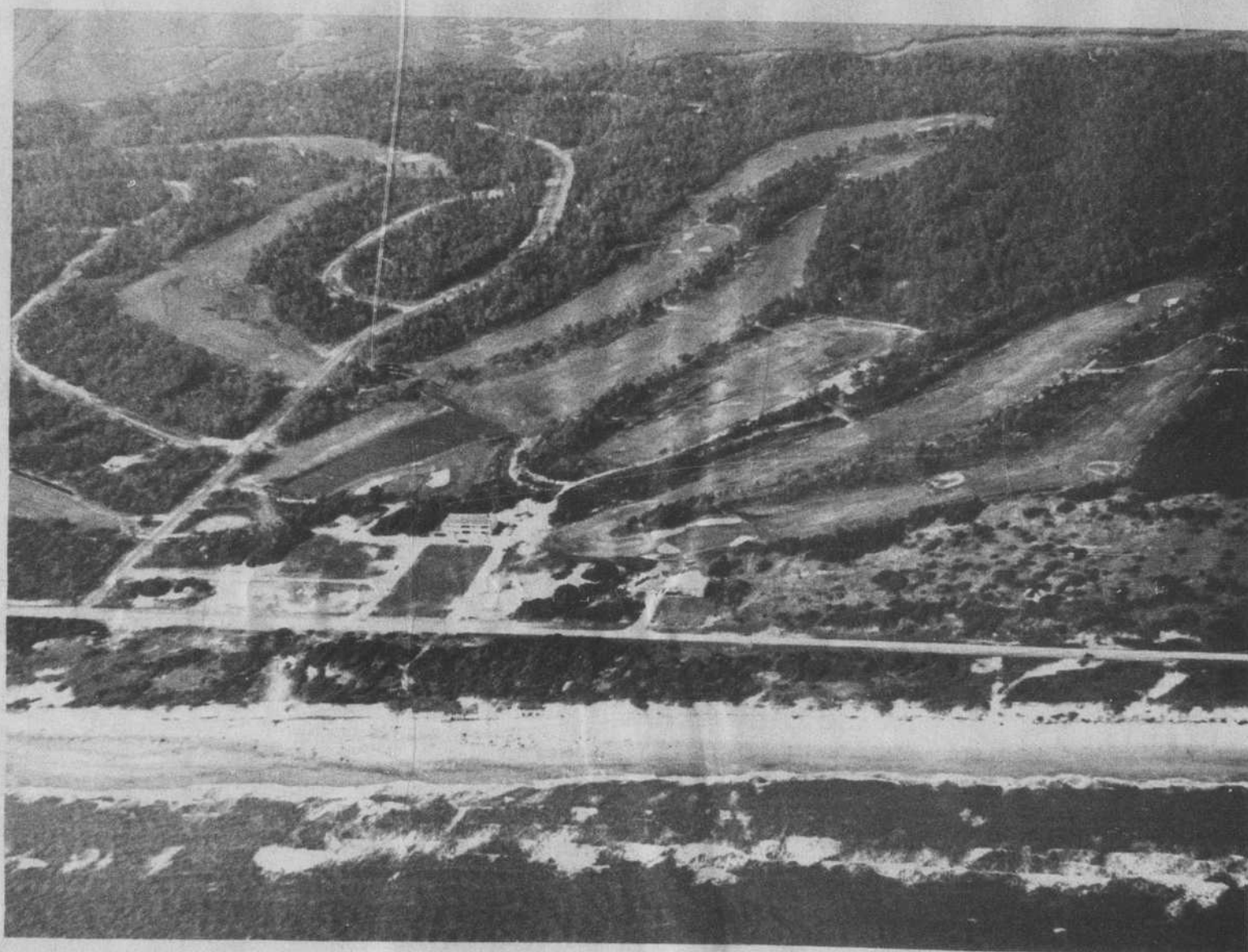
The fifteenth hole at Oak Island is a 360-yard par four which usually plays with a following wind. It is protected by three sand traps and a pond near the green. The putting surface is large and generally flat.

The sixteenth hole is another 350-yard par four, and doglegs slightly to the right. The green is large and flat and is protected by four sand traps.

The last two holes at Oak Island are two of the most difficult finishing holes to be found anywhere. Both play directly into the wind. The par three seventeenth measures approximately 200-yards and is protected by three sandtraps. The green is large and slopes steeply.

The eighteenth is a 550-yard par five. Most competitors will need two booming wood shots to get close to the pond in front of the green. A tricky third shot is required to stay out of the large bunkers bordering the terraced putting surface.

These eighteen holes at Oak Island include some of the finest golf holes in North Carolina, notably the second, fourth, seventh, ninth, and eighteenth. The winner of the first annual North Carolina Open must possess one of the finest all-around golf games among the N. C. professionals. The Oak Island course places a premium on long, accurate driving, delicate approach shots, scrambling ability and excellent putting.



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