

HOLE NO. 3

14TH AT WILD WING PLANTATION GOLF CLUB (AVOCET COURSE),

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

LARRY NELSON AND JEFF BRAUER, DESIGNERS.

308 / 283 / 265 / 221 YARDS, PAR 4.

We follow the longest hole on this 18 with the shortest, "Double Dare," a true gambler's par-4. The green can be reached from the tee for every category of player on this dandy drivable par-4 from the design team of former U.S. Open champion Larry Nelson and architect Jeff Brauer. But they've sprinkled mounds and bunkers throughout the hole that can raise havoc should the drive be errant.

You may want to lay up with a fairway wood or even an iron. Pay attention before you do so. There are more mounds in the green itself, a string of four that bisect the green into right and left halves. If the pin is on the left, you'll obviously play to the left fairway in order to have an unobstructed approach. But if the pin is on the right, your approach will have to negotiate those mounds. The ball could take a bad hop off one and roll through the green, or hit the upslope of one and stay on the left half of the green, posing a very perplexing putt.

So if the pin is on the right, you'll play that fairway wood or long iron to the right hand fairway. But that's a 200-yard carry over water from the back tee, plus over a string of cross bunkers. You'll need a driver, just to be safe. And then, as you stand on the tee, aiming for the right fairway with your driver, you think maybe you ought to haul off and go for the green after all.

Any question why they call this hole "Double Dare?"