

Akron Ohio



Firestone

If you want tight fairways that reward the straight hitter, you have found the course in Firestone.

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Major events held:

PGA Championship 1960/1966/1975/1996

NEC World Series of Golf (August each year).

Notable Champions:

Jack Nicklaus PGA

Tiger Woods NEC

Darren Clarke

Tiger Woods has won the NEC Invitational three times at Firestone while Darren Clarke captured the 2003 event.

Par: 35+35=70

Outdoor Course Record: not available

TCB Indoor Difficulty Ratings and Rankings

| | Rating out of 20 | Ranking (1 st is hardest) |
|----------|---------------------|---|
| Front 9 | 16.0 | 2 nd |
| Back 9 | 15.5 | 9 th |
| 18 Holes | 16.0 | 3 rd |



Website: <http://www.firestonecountryclub.com/golf>

Other Websites: <http://www.gulfcoastgolf.com/robert-trent-jones/courses/firestone-south.htm>

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| Built: | 1929 |
| Designed: | Bert Way |
| Re-designed: | Robert Trent Jones 1959 |
| Re-designed: | Jack Nicklaus 1986 |
| First professional: | Walter Hagen |
| Type: | Parkland |
| Green Fees: | |
| Signature Hole: | 16 th |

Notes: Established in 1929 by Harvey Firestone and later acquired by Club Corp in 1981, Firestone Country Club remains a one of a kind golf facility. It is the only course in the world to have held three televised golf events in one calendar year, -The American Golf Classic, The CBS Golf Classic, and The World Series of Golf. With its three championship level courses, Firestone Country Club is as unique today as it has ever been. The words Firestone South can conjure up fond memories for many golf fans. Few will forget Jack Nicklaus's magnificent comeback in the 1975 PGA Championship. Down by 5 strokes to Bruce Crampton, Nicklaus made an unbelievable par on the Monster 16th hole. He continued his comeback to win by four strokes, collecting his 4th PGA Championship. A more recent memory might be from the 2000 World Golf Championships-NEC Invitational, where Tiger Woods hit the now famous shot in the dark

on the 18th hole to secure his victory in the event. Firestone was chosen as the site of the 1960 PGA Championship and during that memorable championship, Arnold Palmer triple-bogeyed the 625-yard, par five 16th hole, calling it a Monster. The nickname proved popular, and in time, the entire course became known as The Monster. The American Golf Classic, initiated in 1961, began a new era of golf at Firestone. In 1962 The World Series of Golf began under its original format, and in succeeding years the course played host to many other competitions, including the CBS Golf Classic and Big Three Golf, the forerunner of The World Series of Golf. The PGA Championship returned to the South Course in 1966, and again in 1975, making Firestone the first club to host this prestigious championship three times. In 1985, the South Course was again redesigned. Golfcourse, a Jack Nicklaus company, did the work and started a new era of golf at the club. In 1976, the World Series of Golf was restructured into an international championship and in 1984 became the NEC World Series of Golf ending in 1998. In 1999, Firestone once again hosted the best players in the world and added yet another page to its legacy with the NEC Invitational, one of the inaugural World Golf Championships. The South Course is an 18-hole championship course designed by Bert Way and redesigned by Robert Trent Jones in 1960. Over the years the South Course has held 5 Rubber City Opens, 8 CBS Golf Classics, 14 American Golf Classics, and 3 PGA Championships. Firestone Country Club has also hosted 22 World Series of Golf, 14 NEC World Series of Golf, 4 World Golf Championships- NEC Invitational, and 1 Senior PGA Championship. GOLF Magazine ranked Firestone 56th among the Top 100 Courses in the U.S. for 1995, 63rd in 1997 and 91st in 1999.

Hole by hole descriptions

No. 1 par 4 Accuracy rather than sheer power is necessary to navigate the fairway bunkers. A successful second shot will leave the ball below the pin. A deep bunker to the left and a large shallow bunker on the right guard the green that slopes to the front-left. A tight hole with a stream running the length of the fairway on the left.

No. 2 par 5 This narrow dogleg left is reachable in two shots. Overhanging trees make a high, right-to-left ball flight on the tee shot a must. A series of bunkers protect this undulating green that features a false front. A tight hole with no water but accuracy is the key to score.

No. 3 par 4 This slight dogleg right has a pond guarding the front of green. The tee shot dictates the difficulty of this hole. Players hitting their approach from off the fairway will have a tough time making par. Often into the wind a tee shot down the left should provide good access to the steeply sloping (back to front) green.

No. 4 par 4 The fourth is the most difficult hole on the course. An accurate tee shot is required to hit the right-to-left, sloping fairway. The second shot must come in high to hold the elevated green. No water or OB but par is always a good score.

No. 5 par 3 Players will hit a mid-iron to this wide green that slopes from right-to-left. Proper club selection and the shape of the tee shot are crucial in getting the ball close to the hole as a lone tree also guards the green.

No. 6 par 4 The sixth is a slight dogleg left that requires a long and straight tee shot. This green slopes severely from back to front and is protected on the left and right by bunkers. Player should leave their ball below the hole to get a good look at birdie. Watch for potential OB left if your tee shot is wayward.

No. 7 par 3 Players will use a long iron off the tee. This hole features the largest green on the course with the back right pin placement the most difficult. From the amateur tees this hole provides some relief after a torturous start. Scoring Hole.

No. 8 par 4 The perfect target off the tee is the Firestone water tower on this left-to-right sloping fairway. This hole features a difficult approach to a green that slopes away from the players. A series of cavernous bunkers guard the green. A tee shot down the middle or to the right of the fairway provides the best chance to attack this hole.

No. 9 par 4 Players must avoid fairway bunkers off the tee on this straight-away par 4. The elevated green is relatively small and slopes from back-to-front. Par is a good score. A relatively long hole but can open up a little at the landing zone off the tee.

No. 10 par 4 Most players will use a 3-wood or iron off the tee to avoid fairway bunkers on the left and right. The undulating green is the hole's biggest defence. Positioning the second to leave an uphill putt is the key. Iron off the tee for the smart player.

No. 11 par 4 Players will lay up off the tee to leave themselves a wedge shot on the shortest par 4 on the course. With the trees being less severe on this hole expect to score on one of the easier holes on the course.

No. 12 par 3 A classic par 3 with a green that sits at the top of a ridge. Players who hit the green will have a good look at birdie. Those who miss the green will have their work cut out to get up and down for par. Get the club selection right and enjoy some relief from the trees. Score if you hit the green.

No. 13 par 4 This dogleg right is protected by a deep bunker on the left and a large oak tree on the right. The approach is made to an elevated green. Par is a good score on this stout hole. Tough, tough driving hole. Thread the needle off the tee and it is a simple game.

No. 14 par 4 A new tee was recently built and adds over thirty yards to this hole. The new design brings the fairway bunkers back into play and forces many players to hit driver. The shallow green is protected by bunkers short and long. Not as tight as some of the others but you must put the ball in play.

No. 15 par 3 This long par 3 requires a precise tee shot. The green is deep but narrow with bunkers on the left and right. Par is a good score. From amateur tees can provide an easy tee shot for once.

No. 16 par 5 The signature hole at Firestone nicknamed the Monster by Arnold Palmer after he had a triple bogey on the hole. The extension of the tee now brings the bunkers into play, which are approximately 280 to 290 yards off the tee. A long iron second shot down the hill must avoid a creek on the right and stay short of the pond that guards this small green. The front right pin is the most challenging. Only the best will hit this one in two.

No. 17 par 4 Players will either choose to lay-up on the flat or try to reach the top of the ridge with driver. A series of fairway bunkers must be avoided. An undulating green with a deep front bunker adds to the difficulty of this hole. Some openings for wayward drives left.

No. 18 par 4 The 18th features a tight tee shot down a hill that will test any golfer. An approach from the right side of the fairway has the best angle to avoid a tree fronting the left side of the green. The back left pin position is most difficult.



Firestone Hall of Fame

Tournament Champions

| Division | Tee | Name | 4 Round Total | Score | Date |
|----------------|-----|------|---------------|-------|------|
| Open Scratch | Pro | | | | |
| Open H'cap | Pro | | | | |
| Ladies Scratch | Ldy | | | | |
| Ladies H'cap | Ldy | | | | |
| Div 2 H'cap | Am | | | | |

Course Record Holders

| Tees | Name | Total 36+36=72 | Score | Date |
|------------------|------|----------------|-------|------|
| Champ/Back | | | S | |
| Pro/Intermediate | | | T | |
| Amateur/Mid | | | T | |
| Ladies/Fwd | | | T | |
| Junior U17/Mid | | | S | |
| Junior U14/Fwd | | | S | |

Long Drives (Max 15mph wind)

| Division | Name | Distance | Date |
|------------|------|----------|------|
| Open | | | S |
| Ladies | | | C |
| Junior U17 | | | S |
| Junior U14 | | | S |

NTP or Hole in One

| Hole | Name | Distance | Date |
|------------------|------|----------|------|
| 2 nd | | | C |
| 7 th | | | C |
| 12 th | | | C |
| 17 th | | | T |

Lowest 9 Hole Aust Indoor Team Championships

| Team Name | Tee | Names | Score | Date |
|-----------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| | Pro | | | |
| | Ldy | | | |
| | Mix | | | |

Longest Putt Holed (from green)

| Name | Total | Hole | Score | Date |
|-------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------|
| Craig Smith | 20m | 17 th | C F | 5/7/06 |

Lowest Putts (18 Holes)

| Name | Total | Hole | Date |
|------|-------|------|------|
|------|-------|------|------|

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