

## Latrobe Pennsylvania



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This hilly course has narrow, tree-lined fairways that will reward accuracy. If you are on your game take it on.

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**Major events held:**

**Notable Champions:**

**Par:** 36+36=72

**Outdoor Course Record:** not available

### TCB Indoor Difficulty Ratings and Rankings

	<b>Rating</b> (out of 20)	<b>Ranking</b> (low numbers are hardest)
Front 9	14.5	18 <sup>th</sup> (1 to 74)
Back 9	15.0	26 <sup>th</sup> (1 to 74)
18 Holes	14.5	9 <sup>th</sup> of 35

**Website:** <http://www.latrobecountryclub.com/home/default.asp>

**Other Websites:** <http://www.arnoldpalmer.com/en/content/business/latrobecountyclub>

<b>Built:</b>	1921
<b>Designed:</b>	Emil Loeffler & John McGlynn
<b>Back 9 Re-designed:</b>	James Harrison and Ferdinand Garbin 1963
<b>General Location:</b>	40 miles east of Pittsburgh
<b>Type:</b>	Parkland/Private
<b>Green Fees:</b>	\$
<b>Signature Hole:</b>	xx <sup>th</sup>



**Notes:** This hilly course has narrow, tree-lined fairways. The greens are large and slightly sloped. Water hazards (ponds and a creek) come into play on eight holes, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> par 4 that requires an approach shot over water from a dogleg right fairway. There is no course more synonymous with Arnold Palmer than the Latrobe Country Club. Arnold's father, Deacon Palmer, became the grounds superintendent there in 1926 and the golf pro in 1932. 'Deke' actually helped build the original nine-hole course with his bare hands in the years just prior to Arnold's birth. He remained active at Latrobe until his death at the age of 71. Just before Deke's passing, Arnold's brother, Jerry Palmer, began working with their father and eventually took over as superintendent. Arnold grew up playing, practicing and labouring alongside his father on Latrobe's fairways. He also caddied, worked in the pro shop and did odd maintenance jobs his superintendent father required.

In 1971, Arnold decided to make his family's life-long devotion to Latrobe even more permanent by purchasing the facility. Arnold recalls his father's reaction. "Are you crazy? Why on earth would you want to

do that?" Arnold quipped back, "Well, Pap, I reasoned you've been here your whole life. That's good enough reason for me." He also joked, "Besides, it means you'd have to work for me."

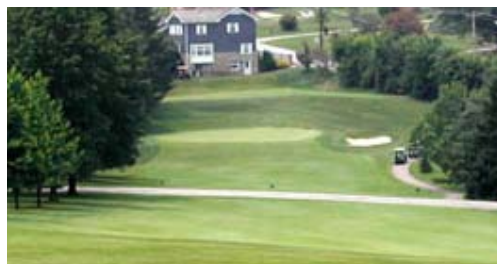
Over the years, Latrobe has grown and matured into a demanding test of golf. By the early 1960s, sufficient land had been acquired for expanding into an 18-hole course. Both Deke and Arnold contributed heavily to the design of the new nine holes and the revamping of the existing holes to fit the layout. Today's 6,500 yard, par-72 course is one of the most beautiful and challenging in the hills of Western Pennsylvania.

Latrobe Country Club is where the legendary Arnold Palmer grew up playing. The layout is relatively short, but tree-lined. Often the best shot off the tees is not with the 'Big Dog'. An examining test of course management and your golfing talents.

### Hole by hole descriptions

#### No1 Par 4

A great starting hole. With a good drive, the average player will have a mid iron to the green and better players will have a wedge. The green is slightly elevated, leaving a pitch up to it for approach shots left short. Those hitting it long will face a delicate downhill chip with the hazard of rolling off the front. Bunkers on the right and left guard the small, fast, relatively flat green.



#### No2 Par 3

From tee to green there's about a 40-foot elevation drop. A nine iron or wedge will work for most players from the white tees, with one more club needed from the championship tees. The green slopes deceptively front to back, making putting difficult. Those missing the green are likely looking at a bogey since bunkers on the left and right make it difficult to get up and down.



#### No3 Par 4

From the tee box there is water to the right and O.B. on the left. There's also a large hill with trees on the right, so shots in that direction could be in serious trouble. The second shot is over a sizable lake to an elevated fairway and green. Because of the slope, players must fly the ball to the green since anything short will funnel back to the fairway. Subtle undulations and slopes on this fast green make putting tricky.



#### No4 Par 3

A very challenging par 3, which starts with a long iron shot to a narrow green that slopes back to front with bunkers flanking it. The green is built up and unforgiving of pushed or pulled shots. Trees surrounding the sides and back of the green come into play.



#### No5 Par 4

A tight, short hole which allows the longer hitters to go for the green, while most will lay-up in the fairway. There's water beyond O.B. on the left. Trees line the right with a large pine encroaching on the corner of this two-tiered green. A tall beech tree on the left and another large oak by the green could also interfere with approach shots, which, depending on choice of club off the tee, could vary from a flip sand wedge to a 7 iron.



#### No6 Par 5

The tee shot is slightly uphill to a blind landing areas where the fairway slopes left to right and forms a slight gully. Pine trees line the left and right side from the top of the hill. The second shot is often a sidehill lie to a narrowing landing area, protected by trees on both sides. The small, flat green, which slopes front to back and drops off severely long and right, is protected by grass mounds on the sides.



#### No7 Par 4

The first obstacle is hitting a straight drive. Players should aim for the left side of this narrow fairway because the green is set back to the right. Large trees lining the right side force players to work their shot toward pins on the right. A mid iron gets most players to the green. Long drives that run through the fairway will end up in deep, sloping rough.



#### No8 Par 5

The drive is a blind shot to a landing area that slopes right to left toward a line of pine trees. A good drive will find most players on a slight side hill lie, hitting to a green that slopes back to front. A lake sitting front right and three bunkers to the left will test even the best players' accuracy and nerve.



#### No9 Par 4

This dogleg right is a challenge, with trees lining both sides of the fairway, leading to an elevated green. Because of the elevation change, approach shots hit short will either be caught in the bunker on the right or rolling mounds to the left. This recently rebuilt green is basically flat.



#### No10 Par 3

Tee is positioned on an elevated ledge, overlooking the green that sits in the valley below. Low-handicap players will find the hole more challenging from the back tee on a even higher ledge. Water and a bunker guard this back-to-front sloping green to the left, with another bunker to the right. Trees right and long can come into play.



#### No11 Par 4

The fairway of this slight dogleg right is tree lined on both sides with O.B. beyond the trees on the left. Those finding the fairway and avoiding the pines have a second shot is to a large green which slopes back to front and penalizes short pitch shots. Deep bunkers flank the right and left sides.



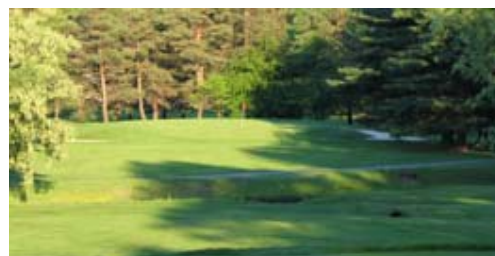
#### No12 Par 4

A creek cuts across the middle of the fairway, making this a "risk/reward" hole. Long hitters will likely drive across the creek and then hit a sand wedge to the green. Average players lay up with a fairway wood then hit a mid iron to the slightly elevated green which is fairly level and surrounded by three deep, greenside bunkers.



#### No13 Par 3

The same creek running across 12 separates the tee and green. The bunkers are large and difficult to avoid, surrounding a green that slopes dramatically from back to front. This makes putting treacherous.



#### No14 Par 5

Most players try to cut this dogleg to the right. However, tee shots must be high enough to clear the pine trees on the corner. The second shot will likely be from an uneven lie since there is a significant elevation change from the fairway to the elevated green. Trees line both sides of the fairway with O.B. to the left. The green is guarded by a bunker on the right and a bunker and large pine short left. The green is reachable in two for the long hitters. Average players will still have good birdie opportunities.



#### No15 Par 5

The tee shot on this, the longest hole on the course, is to an uphill landing area. Longer hitters who drive over the crest of the hill will be tempted to go for the green in two. The second shot is a slight dogleg left to a wide fairway flanked by trees. There's a gully in front of the green and deep bunkers on both sides, making a tough third shot to the long, narrow and fairly-level green.



#### No16 Par 4

This hole has one of the widest fairways on the course and players can see the green from the tee. There is a slight downhill slope in the landing area that could allow some extra roll. The second shot is difficult because of the small back to front sloping green that sits on a shelf. A deep bunker on the right can save long shots from feeding down a steep slope.



#### No17 Par 4

From tee to green, there is a drastic elevation change, allowing for some extra driving distance off the tee. Pine trees border the left and right sides. Better players will be hitting a sand wedge to the green while the average gofer can expect to hit a mid iron. Four bunkers guard the front of a green that slopes back to front and left to right, with pine trees coming in to play behind.



#### No18 Par 4

A challenging finishing hole. Players hit off an elevated tee onto a narrow fairway flanked with pine trees on the left and right. The fairway slopes right to left, creating a slightly sidehill lie. An elevated, three-tiered green penalizes players who hit it short and also makes putting hazardous. Three bunkers, two on the right and a deep one of the left guard the putting surface.



# Latrobe Hall of Fame

## Tournament Champions

Division	Tee	Name	4 Round Total	Total	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	Event	Date
Champ/Back					
Pro/Intermediate					
Amateur/Mid					
Ladies/Fwd					
Junior U17/Mid					
Junior U14/Fwd					

## Long Drives (Max 15mph wind)

Division	Name	Distance	Event	Date
Open				
Ladies				
Junior U17				
Junior U14				

## NTP or Hole in One

Hole	Name	Distance	Event	Date
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## Lowest 9 Hole Teams Championships

Team Name	Tee	Names	Score	Date
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## Longest Putt Holed (from green)

Name	Total	Hole	Date
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## Fewest Putts (18 Holes)

Name	Putts	Date
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