

Kamuela Big Island Hawaii



Mauna Kea

Negotiating the fairways that wind around the Big Island peninsular is just a small part of the battle on this picturesque course. If you want slopes on your greens and pins in tight positions, tee it up at Mauna Kea.

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Major events held:

not available

Notable Champions:

not available

Par: 36+36=72

Outdoor Course Record: not available

TCB Indoor Difficulty Ratings and Rankings

	Rating out of 20	Ranking (1 st is hardest)
Front 9	13.1	78 th
Back 9	12.9	59 th
18 Holes	13.0	39 th

Website: www.robert-trent-jones.com/golf_courses/mauna_kea_golf_course.html

<http://www.princeresortshawaii.com/mauna-kea-course-map.php>

Built: 1964
Designed: Robert Trent Jones Sr.
Type: Parkland
Green Fees:
Signature Hole: 3rd, 11th and 18th



Notes: This club, which hosts various local PGA events, has the reputation of having a difficult course and for setting the standard for many courses in Hawaii. One of its most famous holes is its signature hole, 3rd par 3, requiring a tee shot that must carry over 150 metres of pacific ocean to reach the green. To make a successful shot on this hole (with the unpredictable winds coming off the ocean) is a real thrill. There are several changes in elevation on the course, highlighted by holes designed to play uphill away from the ocean. Opening in 1964, Mauna Kea was Hawaii's first great golf course. Located on the Kohala coast of the Big Island, it remains the standard by which all others are judged. There are only two parallel fairways (5 and 6) so the wind never seems to blow from exactly the same direction. If there is a dominant theme, it's the elevated greens (14 out of 18 holes). Mauna Kea Golf Course has the best set of par threes of any course in Hawaii. Each is unique in both its character, aesthetics and shot value. Equally significant is the fact that each hole can play very long, with all four of the par three's measuring over 200 yards from the back tees.

Hole by hole descriptions

No1 Par 4

The course begins benignly enough, a short par-4 with a wide landing area and big green.



No2 Par 4

The second hole is even shorter but it plays tougher because of the shallow, elevated green. Take care to avoid trees off the tee.



No3 Par 3

This is one of the most photographed and famous par threes in the world. Standing on the third tee produces a feeling that is almost surreal. In many ways, the jaw-dropping beauty of the scene overshadows the demands of the shot the player will be facing. Forget about the hole location and just aim for the right center of the green remember, long or right at #3 is ok... short or left is not. The par-3 hole plays from a cliff-side tee across a bay to a cliff-side green. Getting across the ocean is just half the battle because the third green is surrounded by seven bunkers, each one large and multi-undulated. You may recognize the view, though, since this is one of the most photographed holes in Hawaii, if not the world.



No4 Par 4

The No. 1 handicap hole is the par-4 fourth, which begins with a downhill tee shot and ends with an uphill approach to the severely sloped and well-bunkered green.



No5 Par 5



No6 Par 4



No7 Par 3

This is a very underrated hole that requires a very precise shot from the tee. Unlike the third hole that boasts a very large green the 7th green is actually quite small. The effective landing area here is even smaller as the green falls off to the front, left and back.

Try to get the ball high in the air because a shot will not run up to the green in front. Take plenty of club... #7 plays slightly uphill.



No8 Par 5



No9 Par 4



No10 Par 5

The back nine begins with a par-5 that curves up and to the right. The 10th requires three good shots to reach the green. The green is large and sloped so keep your approach shot below the hole. Don't be too surprised if your tee shot does not make the dog-leg, only the biggest and most accurate hitters will get a look at the green for their second.



No11 Par 3

The view from the tee which sits some 100ft above the green is breathtaking. Because of the elevation change doesn't play quite that long. Three is a great score here anytime. Because of the elevations change a shot with a lower trajectory works better here especially if the wind is blowing. If not on the green, I like to be short here... there is trouble left, right and long.

As daunting as the third hole is, the 11th is Mauna Kea's toughest par-3. The downhill tee shot drops 100 feet from tee to green, which is surrounded by four bunkers. Don't go long or you're in the ocean.



No12 Par 4



No13 Par 4



No14 Par 4



No15 Par 3

This is another wonderful par 3 that from my standpoint may be the most difficult tee shot of the four. Contrary to the 11th, this hole plays significantly up hill to a green with a tremendous amount of slop, particularly in the middle and front. Take plenty of club to this very deep but narrow green. Keep in mind that the back half of the green is a much larger target than the front half.

No16 Par 4

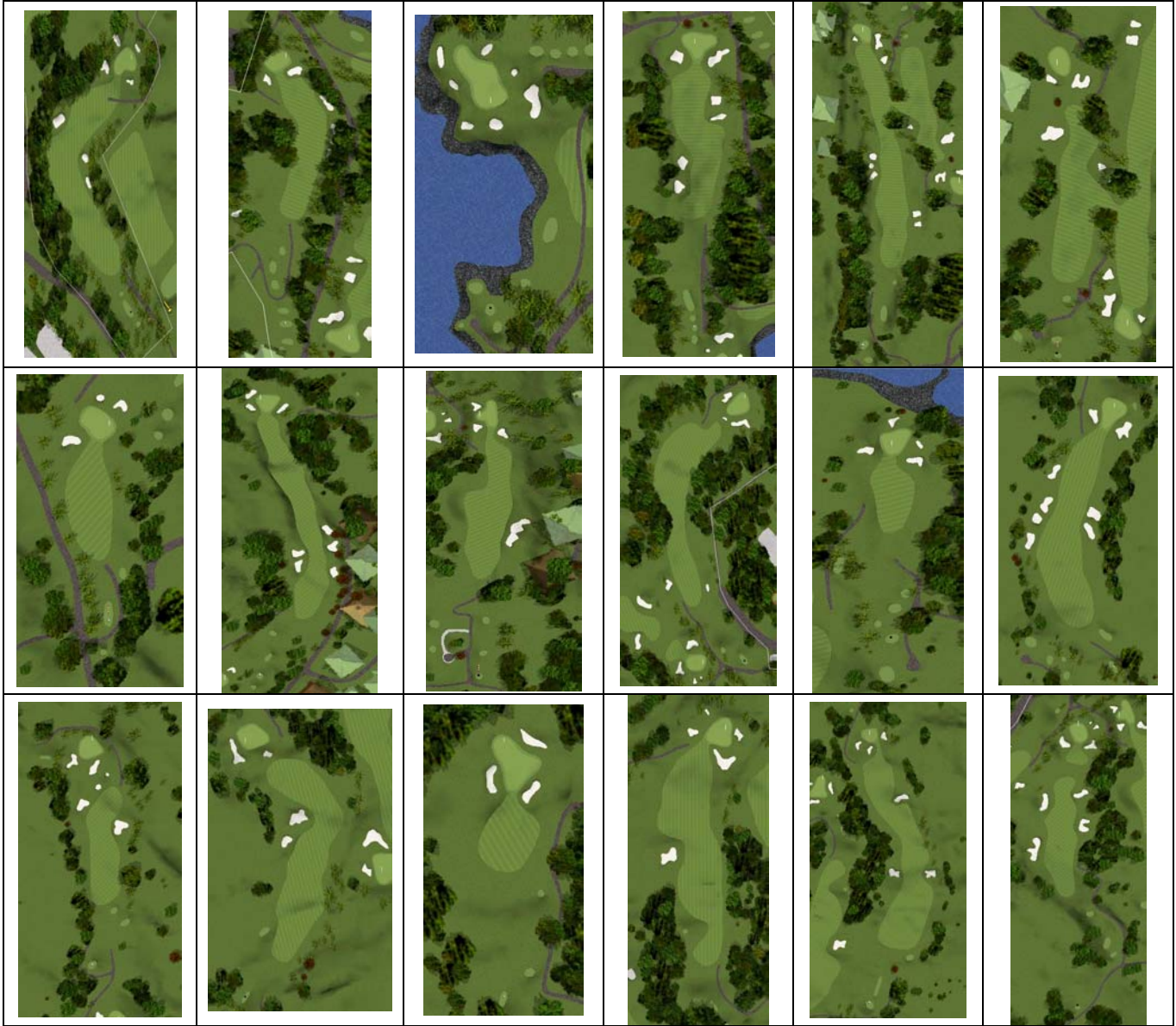
No17 Par 5

No18 Par 4

The 18th is one of the toughest closing holes in Hawaii, demanding length and accuracy off the tee. It requires proper club selection for the second shot to a smallish green.



Top View and Out of Bounds Lines



Mauna Kea Hall of Fame

Tournament Champions

Division	Tee	Name	4 Round Total	Score	Date
Open Scratch	Ch	Bryan Werner	78+72+78+80=308	+20	Oct 05
Open H'cap	Ch	Brendan McFadden	64+61+52+54=231	-57	Nov 05
Ladies Scratch	Ldy	Suzanne van Strien	79+81+76+84=320	+32	Oct 05
Ladies H'cap	Ldy	Jodie Davis	59+65+61+67=252	-36	Oct 05

Course Record Holders

Tees	Name	Total	Score	Date
		36+36=72		
Champ/Back	Steve Brooker	38+41=79	+7	15/6/05
Pro/Mid	Bryan Werner	34+38=72	E	8/10/05
Amateur/ Fwd	Jay Dawson	36+38=74	+2	7/12/04
Ladies/ Jnr	Suzanne van Strien	39+37=76	+4	5/10/05
Junior U17/ Fwd	Jonathon Loudon	43+41=84	+12	26/9/05
Junior U14/Jnr	Brent Perry	54+62=116	+44	22/4/05

Long Drives (Max 15mph wind)

Division	Name	Distance	Date
Open	Bryan Werner	296	7/10/05
Ladies	Suzanne van Strien	240	23/9/05
Junior U17	Jason Farrell	228	16/9/05
Junior U14	Brent Perry	192	22/4/05

NTP or Hole in One

Hole	Name	Distance	Date
3 rd	Paula Anderson	96cm	12/1/05
7 th	Denise Whyte	82cm	4/11/05
11 th	Adrian Durrant	7.5m	7/6/06
15 th	Paul Lindh	2.4m	30/5/05

Lowest 9 Hole Teams Championships

Team Name	Tee	Names	Score	Date
Ace Holes	Ch	P. Nilsson/B. Werner	-4	18/1/07
Countdowns	Ldy	B. Fane/S. Willis	+3	12/4/05
Not yet played	Mix			

Longest Putt Holed from green

Name	Total	Hole	Date
Bryan Werner	23m	14 th	10/5/07

Fewest Putts (18 Holes)

Name	Total Putts	Date
Brendan McFadden	24	12/11/05