



RTJ Grand National – Auburn Links

This is simply a great 18 holes of golf. The trees are like a pencil forest but the layout is very interesting with several water holes. A course for the golfing connoisseur.

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Major events held:
 1997 Nike Tour Championship,
 1998 LPGA Tournament of Champions
 2000 NCAA Men's Division I Golf Championship

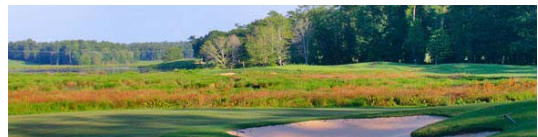
Notable Champions:

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	14.0	56 th
Back 9	13.5	66 th
18 Holes	13.5	32 nd



Website: http://www.rtjgolf.com/courses/grand_national/

Other Website:

Built:
Designed: Robert Trent Jones Jnr
Re-designed:
Type: Parkland
Green Fees: \$64
Signature Hole: 8th



Tee	Rating	Slope
Back	74.3	136
Middle	71.3	126
Forward	68.7	117
Ladies	68.7	117

Notes: Grand National, by all reports, was the single greatest site for a golf complex Robert Trent Jones, Sr. had ever seen. Built on Lake Saugahatchee, 32 of the 54 holes drape along its filigreed shores. The cornerstone of the complex is the **Links Course**, which is without a single weakness. The par-four 18th might be the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by boulders.

Hole by hole descriptions and Out of Bounds Lines

No1 Par 4

This is a good challenge on the opening hole. It looks pretty straightforward but it plays much longer than the metreage indicates and the trees left must be avoided.

No2 Par 5

Make sure you get a piece of the fairway here or at the very worst stay out of the trees. This is a reachable five only if you put one down the middle off the tee. Pick your alignment carefully to factor in the downhill and often wind assistance.

No3 Par 3

A bit of a sucker hole especially if the pin is tucked left. Play to the middle of the green and take par.

No4 Par 4

No need to get greedy here. Play one to the fat part of the fairway with a soft right to left shape for a chance at birdie without taking on the water.

No5 Par 4

A tricky dog-leg right forces a shot close to the trees down the right or play a left to right shaped shot for a short iron or even wedge into a smallish green. If you just load up and hit it, don't be too surprised to find yourself in the trees left.



No6 Par 5

Pay attention here the hazard down the right side is menacing enough but the trees will swallow any wayward shot left. Watch for a stream of mud (hazard) that runs the length of the fairway along the right. The approach to the green must be managed with a precision iron.



No7 Par 4

This hole gets interesting at the approach shot as the green sits sideways and is tough to hit.



No8 Par 4

A classic risk reward hole, although the obvious smart play is a lay-up to the bottom of the hill for a short wedge across the water but if you want to roll the dice and can hit a power left to right drive go for it.



No9 Par 3

The water is more in play here with back pins but this is a hole where short is better than long. As close to an island green that you get at Grand National.



No10 Par 4

Longer hitters may be tempted to take this one on but the smarter play is a steady shot down the middle leaving a short club to a narrow green.



No11 Par 3

From the men's tees this is a real round wrecker. From the back tees driver is required. Luckily there is a bail out zone to the left if you don't have the length, accuracy or guts to take on the flag.



No12 Par 5

Stay out of the trees (especially to the right) and you should get close to reaching this green in two.



No13 Par 4

Play through the waste bunker if needed it takes some metres off and allows you to miss right as well.



No14 Par 4

This is perhaps the most open par four on the course. You just have to stay clear of the water especially on the approach.

No15 Par 4

No16 Par 3

Short left pins can be awkward but concentrate on the right club here.

No17 Par 4

Although this hole plays into the prevailing wind, big hitters will get a chance to get a big one away here. Lose it to the right here and a bogey is a great result.

No18 Par 4

One of the best and hardest finishing holes on the indoor tour. The most difficult par 4 on the course. The tee shot must be long to give you any chance at all of hitting this green. The best angle is from the right of the fairway just over the fairway bunker. Watch the rocks that protect the green as they are both a hazard and will cause a ricochet that may find your ball back in the water.



RTJ Grand National Hall of Fame

Tournament Champions

Division	Tee	Name	4 Round Total (72)	Total	Points	Date
Open Scratch	Pro	Bryan Werner	70+72+71+69=282	-6		20/10/07
Open H'cap	Pro	Sam Lang	78+84+81+81=324	41		20/10/07
Ladies Scratch	Ladies	Brenda Fane	75+72+81+77=305	17		20/10/07
Ladies H'cap	Ladies	Michele Miller	94+94+83+85=356	68		20/10/07
Div 2 H'cap	Pro	Russell Allen	84+91+78+85=338	50	164	20/10/07

Course Record Holders

Tees	Name	Total 36+36=72	Score	Event	Date
Champ/Back	Mark Devlin	51+49=100	+28	S	11/2/08
Amateur/Mid	Bryan Werner	35+34=69	-3	T	20/10/07
Ladies/Fwd	Brenda Fane	37+35=72	Even	T	15/9/07
Junior U17/Mid					
Junior U14/Fwd					

Long Drives (Max 15mph wind)

Division	Name	Distance (m)	Event	Date
Open	Sam Lang	279.1	T	4/10/07
Ladies	Brenda Fane	237.9	T	18/11/07
Junior U17				
Junior U14				

NTP or Hole in One

Hole	Name	Distance	Event	Date
3 rd	Shirley Willis	1.3m	T	15/9/07
9 th	Michael Boyle	1.2m	T	4/11/07
11 th	Shirley Willis	52cm	C	22/8/07
16th	Tony Fraser	1.0m	C	25/8/07

Lowest 9 Hole Teams Championships

Team Name	Tee	Names	Score	Date
Booze Bros	Pro	Steve Brooker/Scott Odlum	-1	20/8/07
Birds 'n' Bogies	Pro/Ladies	Scott Caban/Vicki Bartle	-1	22/8/07
Countdowns	Ladies	Brenda Fane/Shirley Willis	E	22/8/07

Longest Putt Holed (from green)

Name	Distance	Hole	Date
Michele Miller	14m	7 th	27/11/07

Fewest Putts (18 Holes)

Name	Putts	Date
Anthony Mackey	25 putts	20/11/07

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