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18th Hole Lansdowne Resort
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What Club Would You Hit?

Today's golf hole is the 18th hole at the Jones Course at Lansdowne Resort, located in Leesburg, Virginia. The original golf course was designed and built by Robert Trent Jones Jr., son of legendary golf course designer Robert Trent Jones. The 18th hole used to be the 16th hole, but they needed the space during renovations and the construction of the Greg Norman golf course.

The back nine of the Jones course at Lansdowne Resort uses elevation to add another dimension to the golf course. As Robert Trent Jones Jr. says in the yardage book, "The key to success at Lansdowne is the player's ability to accurately judge the effects of the third-dimension elevation changes both uphill and downhill, before you select your club for your shot."



The 18th hole is a perfect example of this. It's 417 yards from the tips. A stream cuts across in front of the tee and runs along the left side of the hole, guarding the left side of the green. The landing area has bunkers on the right to keep your ball from going away from the stream.

I had the opportunity to photograph and play Jones Course just after they opened the two new holes to the back nine for an article for GolfStyles Washington. With the new holes, now the Jones course ends on a challenging uphill par-4 with the resort building as the background. I played the 18th hole from the blue tees at a more manageable length of 388 yards. After a solid

drive to the right center of the fairway, avoiding the bunkers, I had 160 yards straight uphill to the green. Although I hit a solid second shot, I didn't know about the false front, so my ball rolled back off the front of the green. My chip shot was good, but I missed the par putt, ending up with a bogey.

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