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3rd Hole Stonehouse Golf Course

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What Club Would You Hit?

Today's golf hole is the 3rd Hole at Stonehouse Golf Course, located in Williamsburg, Virginia. It's the sister course to Royal New Kent Golf Course, and this is another Mike Stran gem. I love Mike Strantz's golf course designs. Since Williamsburg is a couple of hours away, I've played Stonehouse Golf Course several times over the years through the good and bad times.

According to an article I read about the late golf course designer, Mike Strantz, he moved to the area to be close to his daughter, who attended William and Mary College in Williamsburg. While living in the area, he built Royal New Kent and Stonehouse golf courses. These golf courses are part of the Maverick Golf Trail, which runs through the mid-Atlantic states from Virginia to North Carolina, ending in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

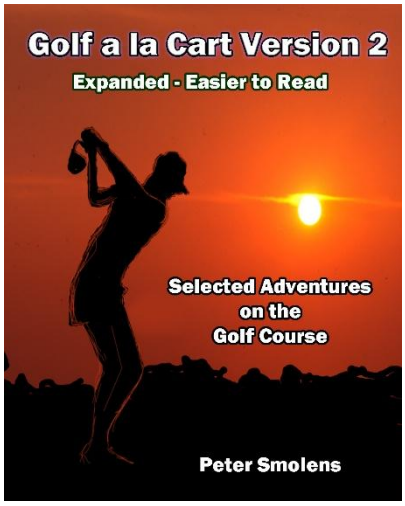
The two courses could not be more different in style. Royal New Kent is based on his love for the links golf course next to the Irish Sea, while Stonehouse is fashioned after parkland-style golf courses like Pine Valley. Carved through deep forests, Stonehouse has been ranked as one of the best golf courses in Virginia.



The third hole is a perfect example of the type of golf hole found at Stonehouse. According to the yardage book, the third hole plays 204 yards from the tips. With all the foliage, you might not even notice the small stream that runs up the middle of the hole and to the left of the

green. But if you hit it left of the green, you'll find the stream. Pick your club correctly as the green is wide, but not very deep.

I played the hole from the middle teeing ground at a much more reasonable distance of 163 yards. I picked the right club and landed in the middle left of the green. I had a long putt. Two putts later, I had my par and was happy to move on to the next hole.



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