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7th Hole Stonewall Golf Course
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What Club Would You Hit?

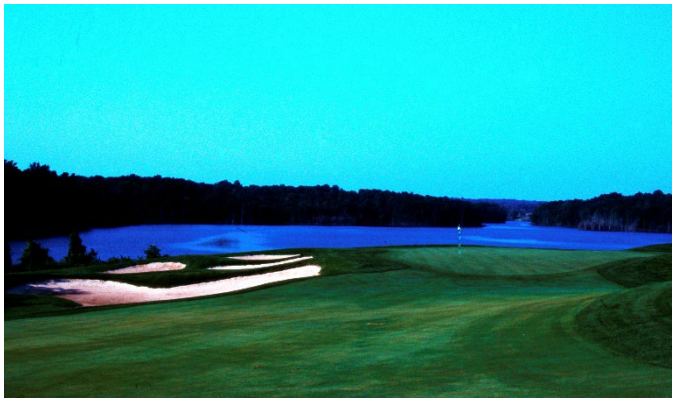


Today's golf hole is the 7th hole at the Stonewall Golf Course at Lake Manassas, located in Gainesville, Virginia. Opened in 2001, Stonewall Golf Course is rated among the top public courses in Virginia. Being in the heart of the Civil War, the golf course is named after the famous Confederate general Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Featuring scenic mountain views from Bull Run Mountains and located along the shores of Lake Manassas, across the lake from Robert Trend Jones Golf Course.

Golf course architect Tom Jackson designed Stonewall Golf Course. Although better known for his golf courses in the Carolinas, Myrtle Beach, and the Southeast, Tom Jackson has designed more than 100 golf courses. Before starting his own firm in 1971, he worked for two of the country's leading golf course architects, Robert Trent Jones and George Cobb.

In the middle of the front nine, the seventh hole is a mesmerizing little par 3 called "Little Sorrel." It's only 169 yards from the tips, but danger looms everywhere. Water is in front and goes around to the right of the green. Bunkers and mounding guard the left side of the green, making it important that you take enough club. Be careful, any golf ball that lands on the sloping green kicks from left to right.

I played the 7th hole from the blue tees at a more manageable length of 156 yards. Because of the water in front, it's all carry. On that day, the pin was located in the "sucker" position, on the middle right side of the green. I took an extra club and aimed for the left side of the green and pulled my middle iron, landing between two mounds. Not wanting to hit past the hole, my chip shot came up well short of the cup. Left with a medium-length putt, I missed the par putt, ending up with a bogey.



The other photograph is of the 15th hole called "Broad Run". Your second shot is downhill to a green located in front of Lake Manassas. On the far side of the lake is the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, which has hosted the Ryder Cup and the Solheim Cup.

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