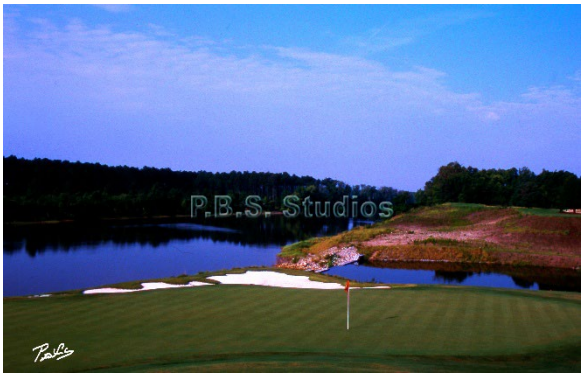
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14th Hole Grand Dunes Golf Course

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What Club Would You Hit?



Today's golf hole is the 14th Hole at Grand Dunes Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Located on the Intracoastal Waterway, Grande Dunes has been ranked among "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses" by Golf Digest, and Golfweek list The Grande Dunes as one of the best public-access golf courses, a ranking of the best courses you can play.

The Roger Rulewich design has sweeping fairways, large greens and, of course, those stunning Intracoastal Waterway views that have come to define the popular layout. Following a green and bunker renovation project in the summer of 2022, Grande Dunes is playing better than ever. It's rated as one of the hardest golf courses on the Grand Strand with a course rating of 76.7 and a slope rating of 143.

As my photographic illustration from behind the green shows, the 14th hole is a par three over an inlet from the Intracoastal Waterway. Take a minute to enjoy the stunning view of the Intracoastal Waterway before challenging one of Myrtle Beach's most iconic par 3s. Measuring all of 220 yards from the tips, it's a straightforward, all-carry-over-water par 3 with a large sand bunker guarding the front right and a grass bunker on the left side of the green. The green is wider than deep.

I played from the blue tees at a distance of more than 200 yards from the green. Unfortunately, I didn't hit a very good tee shot, landing in the inlet. Thankfully, there is a local rule: a ball drop area - left of the green. I stubbed my chip, leaving me with a medium-length putt for a bogey. I left my putt a couple of inches short – a tap-in gave me a double bogey five.

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