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




Today's golf hole is the 7th hole at the Carolina Club Golf Course, located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in Grandy, N.C. Opened in 1998, Carolina Club Golf Course has won the "Outer Banks Best of the Beach – Golf Course multiple times.

Being between the Atlantic Ocean and the Currituck or Roanoke Sounds, all the golf courses in the Outer Banks region take advantage of the prevailing winds off the waters. Whipping up quickly, locals say the winds change hourly. This Jekyll-and-Hyde feature helps each course play differently each time. Many times, I found myself against the wind in one direction. Later in the same nine (going the opposite direction), I was playing against the wind.

The Carolina Club is located just off the Outer Banks. At 7,006 yards, it is also the longest course in the area. Using all the tools of modern golf course design, Russell Breeden and Keith Hall, the masterminds behind this course, pulled out all the stops. The front side boasts 3 par 3's and 3 par 5's. Starting with the 2nd hole, a 194-yard par 3 that features a bunker that runs the length of the hole and a 3-tiered green.

But most people will remember the 6th- and 7th-hole combination. At 607 yards long, the par 5 6th hole is the longest hole on the course. Although the 7th hole is the shortest on the

course, it features an island green. With the North Carolina winds, making the right club selection will prove to be difficult.

I played the 7th hole from the blue tees at a more manageable length of 158 yards. Because the green is surrounded by water, it's all carry. I took an extra club and took my chances. I landed on the green and rolled to the back mound behind the green. Not wanting to hit past the hole, I stubbed my chip shot,x but the ball rolled down just short of the cup. With five feet left, I made the putt for a par.

This column and photograph were adapted from a chapter in my book, "Golf a la Cart Version 2," now available on Amazon or by contacting me. It's also available as a digital print at my Etsy Store. To purchase a print, go to the Golf Photography Gallery Section of pbsstudios.com

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