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12th Hole Wellesley Country Club
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What Club Would You Hit?



Today's golf hole is the 12th hole at Wellesley Country Club (WCC) in Wellesley, MA – just outside of Boston. WCC is the golf course where I first learned to play golf. When I played WCC, this was the 3rd hole, the golf hole where I made my only hole-in-one that no one saw.

My parents joined Wellesley Country Club when it expanded from 9 to 18 holes and was desperate for new members. My golfing life started after my father had to listen to my mother complain about pulling her golf cart up and down the New England hills that comprise WCC. At dinner that night, he picked me to be my mother's caddie the following Sunday.

From there I learned the game. In my senior year of high school, I broke par for the first time during a round of golf with my father while qualifying for the club championship. I also was Assistant Golf Professional for one golf season back in the mid-seventies. It was in the evening after a long day of work, I went out to play golf by myself, The 12th hole was the golf hole where I got my only hole-in-one.

When they built the new beautiful clubhouse, they switched the nines. Now, the twelfth hole at Wellesley Country Club is a medium par 3 that stretches to 150 yards from the tips. It's

downhill over a pond that fronts the green. Since I played the hole, they've added a rock wall defining the front of the green. It's simple: pick your club and put on a good swing.

I've played the challenging par 3 from the blue tees at 150 yards many times. When I was young, I would hit an eight or nine iron depending on the direction of the wind. As an "old fart," I would have probably hit a seven or six iron. I was hoping to go back and play WCC this week so I could give an updated account of how I would play the 12th hole, but a strained rotator cuff has put me on the sidelines this fall. I hope to come back to New England and play WCC and other courses next golf season once my shoulder heals.

This column, digital paintings, 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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