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5th Hole South Riding Golf Course
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What Club Would You Hit?



Today's golf hole illustration of the 5th hole at South Riding Golf Course, located in South Riding, Virginia, is out of date. For all the years I've been playing South Riding Golf Course, there has been an unusual feature – an old workman's shed to the right of the 5th hole. It frames the green quite nicely in the illustration. Unfortunately, due to age and deterioration, South Riding had to remove the workman's shed this summer.

South Riding Golf Course is the centerpiece of the South Riding community, located about 40 miles west of our nation's Capital, Washington, DC. Using the natural rolling terrain of the Virginia landscape, in 1997 golf architect Dan Maples designed a classic parkland-style layout that stretches to 7148 yards from the Championship tees. The golf course meanders through the housing development. On some holes, out-of-bounds is marked by the backyards of houses.

The fifth hole at South Riding Golf Course is a medium par 3 that stretches to 235 yards from the tips. It's a straight-ahead golf hole with no elevation change. Everything is laid out in front of you. The green is protected by three bunkers that catch wayward golf balls. What makes this

hole special is an old workman's shed that used to be to the right of the tee, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The shed also shows the depth of the golf hole.

I've played the challenging par 3 from the white tees at 155 yards many times. Unfortunately, multiple times, I've pulled my tee shot into the front left bunker. I think there is an invisible magnet that draws my golf balls to this bunker. Depending on how good my bunker shot is, I'll make a par or bogey. One time I hit a great bunker shot that hit the pin on the fly. But instead of dropping down into or next to the hole, on this occasion, hitting the flag redirected my golf ball twenty feet away. I subsequently three-putted for a double, ruining my score on the front nine.

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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