



By Sam Smith

It seems that golfers never get tired of the mountain feel and terrain of the Eagle Chase Golf Club in nearby Marshville. And most players come away raving about the Zoysia grass greens installed in 2013, which clearly could be the best in the area.

"Almost from day one that we reopened following the transition to Zoysia grass greens, they have been in excellent condition," said General Manager Wally Moore.

"It has been an everyday occurrence for golfers finishing their round to complement our greens, as 'head and shoulders above the other greens they have played in the area.'"

Built in 1994, the par-72 Eagle Chase Golf Club, designed by Tom Jackson features drastic elevation changes on several holes, giving players a mountain golfing experience, despite being a couple of hours away from the Appalachian Mountains.

"Our elevation changes have really helped in drainage," added Moore. "There have been very few days again this spring when we have had to go to 'cart path only' status. We have removed several trees on both sides of the golf course to help promote better grass and exposure of the sun for drying the fairways and greens."

Not a long course, Eagle Chase stretches 6723-yards from the back tees, with a course rating of 72.6/128 slope. On the white tees you are looking at 6100-yards (69.4/122) and from the red tees the course runs 5139-yards (69.6/121).

The course's greens complexes require a variety of shots, as they sit both down in valleys and atop hills. Many of the tee boxes are elevated and offer picturesque views of the Uwharries in the distance. The golf course is hidden among the farmland, and you will not find houses or other

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man-made distractions to spoil your round of golf.

Generous fairways offer plenty of landing room and very few hazards. Even though the terrain of this course is relatively hilly, there are no hidden hazards that will sneak up and grab you.

From the elevated tees, you will have a bird's eye view of what lies ahead and the task at hand. Avoid the tree line and you should have a good line to the pin. Make some putts and you can card a good score here.

For more information on memberships, tournament outings or getting a tee time at Eagle Chase Golf Club, call 704-385-9000 or go online at playeaglechase.com

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