



HARRY L. JONES, SR. GOLF COURSE

Utilizing

public land for community recreation was the corner stone for the development of the Harry L. Jones Golf Course, formerly known as Renaissance Park, back in 1987. Derived from land, once reserved for a landfill,

the course conveniently located in Southwest Charlotte, is filled with nature, flora, and challenging golf holes.

The Jones Course layout features a wide variety



Par-3 13th hole with 200 ft drop from tee box to green

of holes, and can stretch some 7,360 yards from the longest tees, but is comfortable from the three other "play forward tees" going down to 6,760, 6,115 and 5,315 respectively.

Several holes have elevated tees or greens, and the back nine in particular, features elevation changes that can add to the challenge as it winds through trees and streams. The par-3 200-yard 13th hole is a perfect example of elevation changes, with your tee shot dropping 200-feet down to a receptive well-conditioned green.

The expansive bent grass greens are always in top condition, and according to general manager Chris Stoddard, have been receiving excellent reviews from his golf clientele.

"Golfers that have played here for years claimed the greens are the best they have seen at this time of year (July) in quite some time. The grass is a bit thicker than in the past, which will affect the speed of the putt, but they have been called 'very true' by many."

One of the biggest reasons for the improvements at the Jones course has been the professional operational skills of Ratcliffe Golf Services (RGS). The management company for the four Mecklenburg County owned courses, Del Ratcliffe is formulating plans for major changes at the Jones course. Those plans were ready to begin earlier this year, but put on hold by the County due to the Covid-19 situation.

Affordable memberships are also available for all four courses, Charles Sifford, Charles T. Myers, Sunset Hills and Paradise Valley (par-3).

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