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NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

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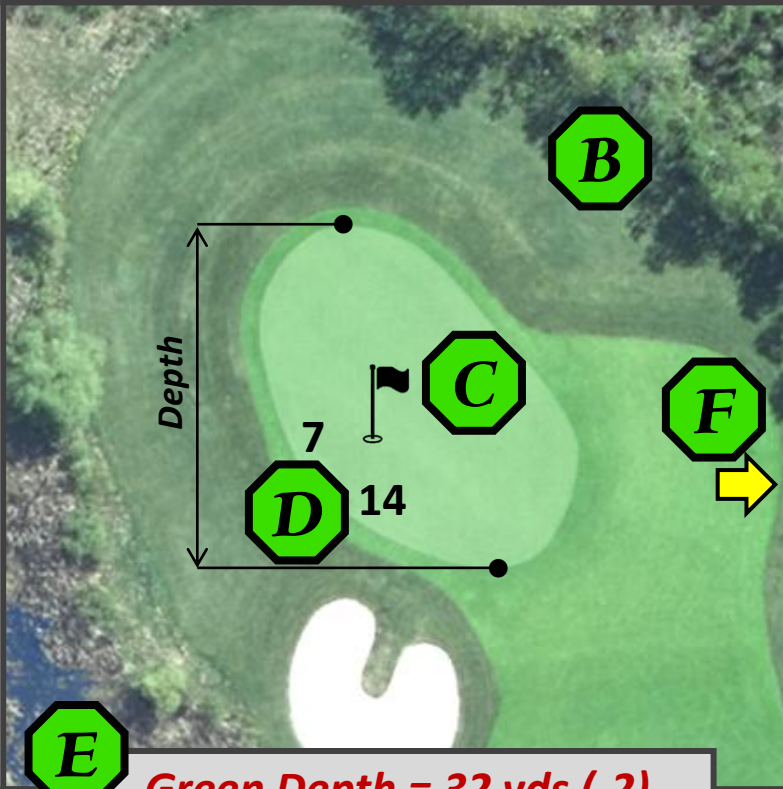
1. **OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2):** See GTA AM Tour Hard Card for how Out of Bounds is defined.
2. **HOST CLUB DROP ZONES ARE NOT AVAILABLE:** Any Drop Zone available at this event will be indicated by a GTA AM Tour sign.
3. **PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17):** Red and yellow lines define the edge of the penalty area. Where penalty areas are not marked with lines, the change in the height of the grass defines the edge of the penalty area. Where there is no change in the height of the grass, the penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries. Unmarked penalty areas are red penalty areas.
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NO PLAY ZONES: Areas that are ornamental garden beds, turf nurseries or decorative flowerbeds are No Play Zones that are to be treated as Ground Under Repair. Player must proceed under Rule 16.1f.

How To Use This Guide

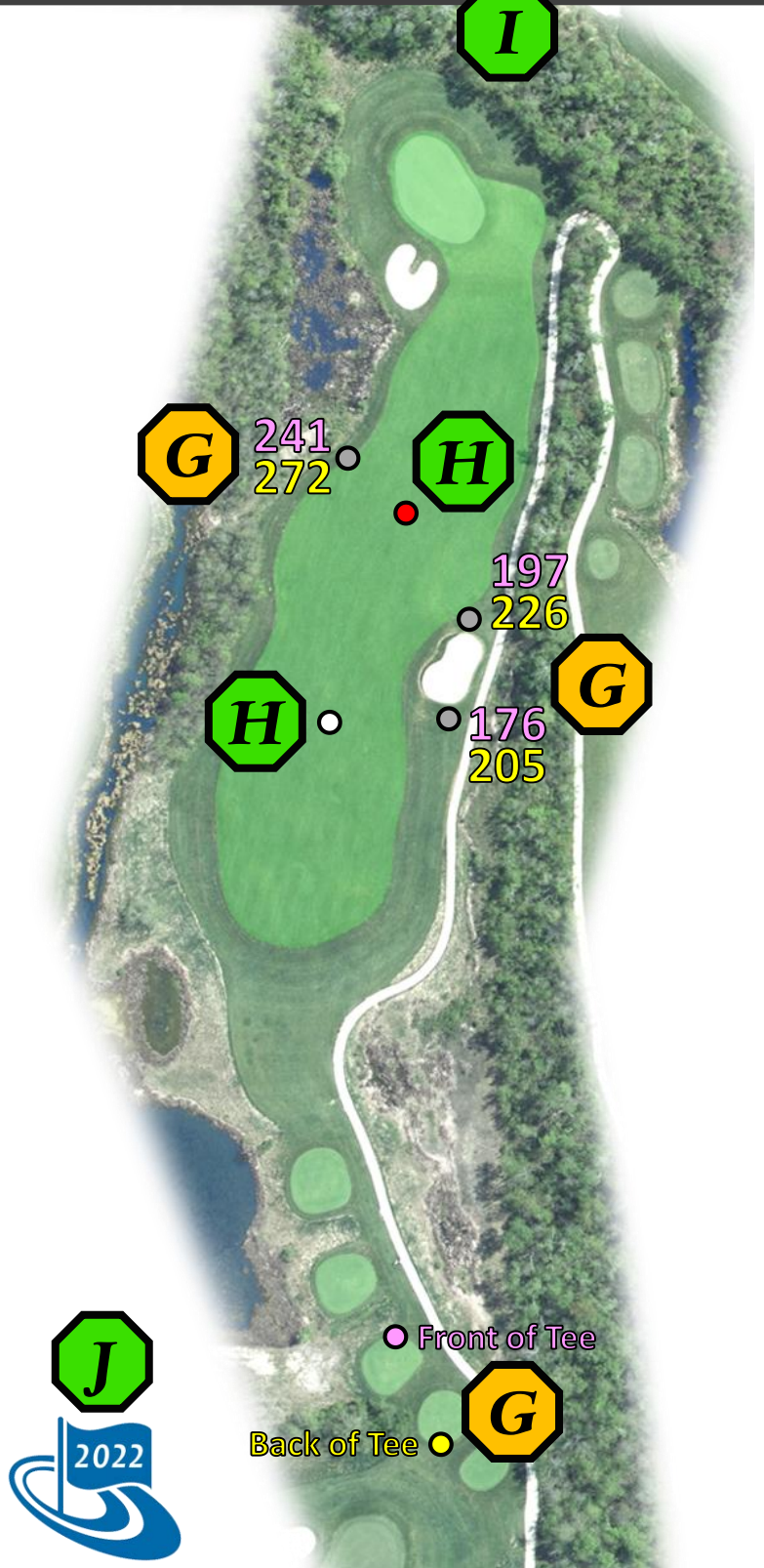
Hole #6 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
342	342	331	331	320	320



E Green Depth = 32 yds (-2)

- A. This box provides pro tips and general information about the hole.
- B. Image of the green complex (aligned to the 150-yard marker).
- C. Flag showing the pin location.
- D. Distances from the front and side of the green to the pin location.
- E. Green depth and a +/- distance from the centre of the green to the pin in brackets.
- F. Arrow indicating the direction to the next tee (leave your clubs here when walking).
- G. Distances from spots in the teeing ground ● ● ● to various locations in the landing area ○. The distance text is colour coded to match the teeing ground spots. The actual tee marker positions will vary, but differences can be quickly paced off or estimated.
- H. Standard 100 ●, 150 ○, 200 ●, and 250 ● yard markers.



- I. Hole yardages for each flight.
- J. Flag indicating the year of photography.

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Hole #1 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
410	410	384	384	384	384



Green Depth = 37 yds (+4)

Bridgewater

#1 is one of the most challenging starting holes in Niagara.

This Par 4 plays 423 yards from the tips, but a creek comes into play 280 yards from the tee. Longer hitters may hit no more than a 3-wood, leaving a difficult mid to long iron into a narrow, well-bunkered green. Walk away with a par, and you may immediately gain a shot on the field!



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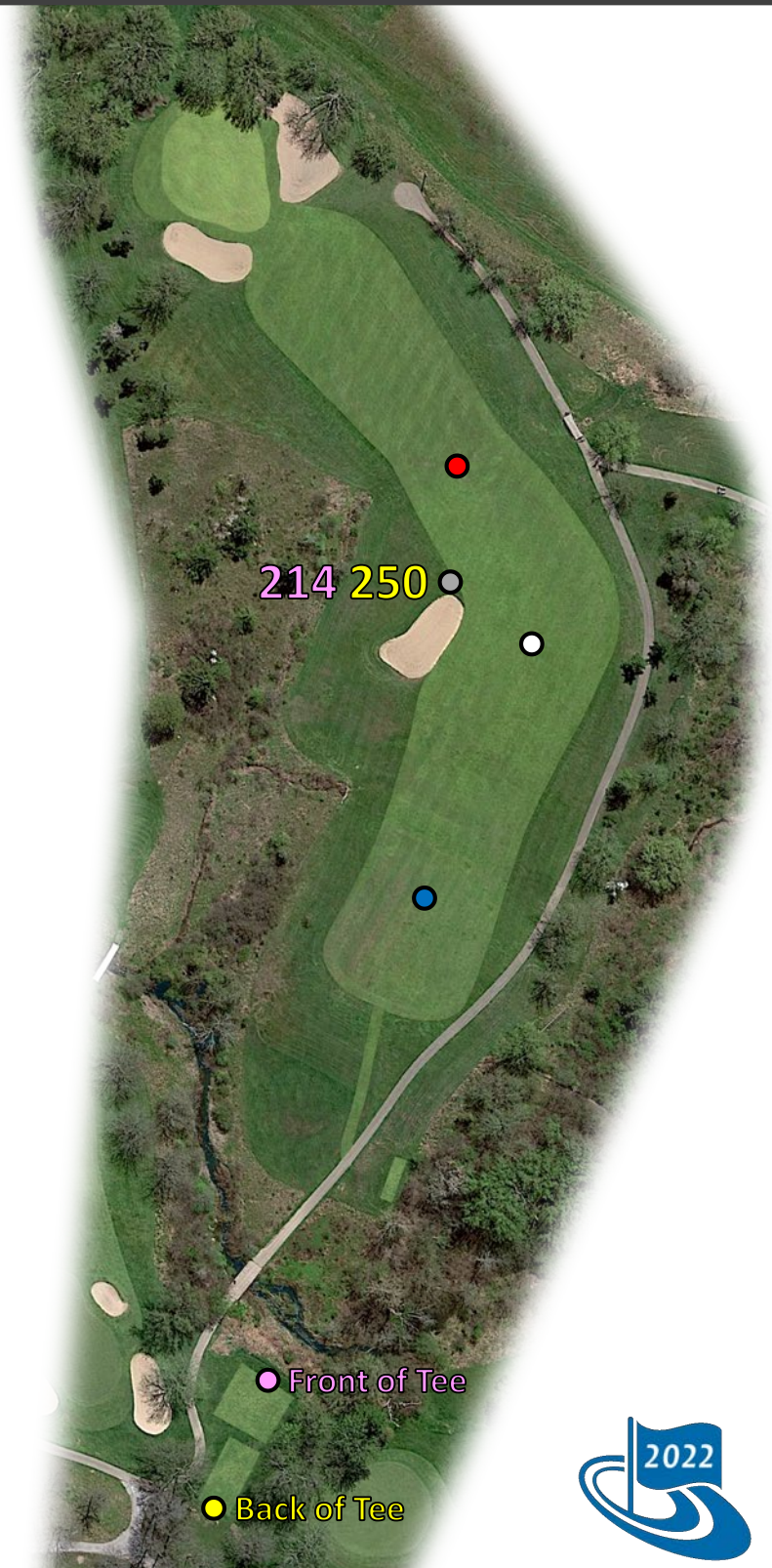
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Hole #2 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
390	384	363	363	363	363



Green Depth = 36 yds (-3)

Sentinel Trap

#2 is a great dogleg left Par 4. Hit your tee shot down the middle for a short iron approach, or cut the corner over one of the few fairway bunkers at Bridgewater and be left with a wedge. Beware of the hazards right and left off the tee and the large bunkers that guard this long, sloping green.



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Hole #3 (Par 5)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
510	498	466	466	466	466

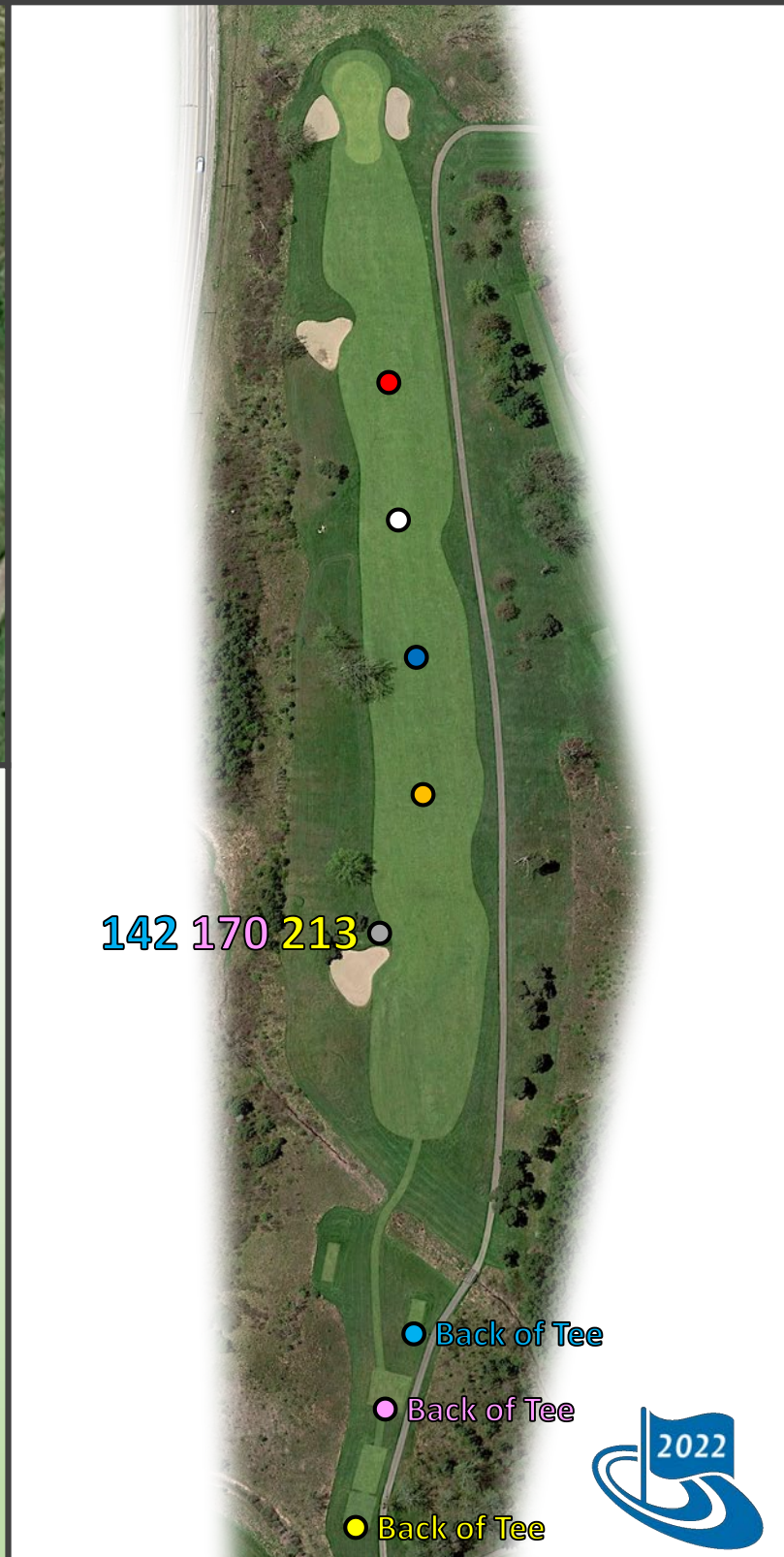


Green Depth = 37 yds (+4)

Wind Jammer

#3 is the 2nd longest hole on the course. This straightaway Par 5 is usually always into a harsh wind. Even longer hitters will have trouble reaching this green in two. The layup is key here as finding the small fairway bunker on the left can create havoc for your approach shot into the narrowest green on the course. Birdies are hard to come by on this hole.

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Hole #4 (Par 3)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
169	151	151	151	133	133



Green Depth = 29 yds (+8)

Cleavage

#4 is the most scenic Par 3 on the course. With a mid to long iron for most, accuracy and distance control is key here. With one of the most severely sloped greens on the course, 3-putts are not uncommon. Guarded by bunkers front, right, and long, up and downs are hard to achieve. The hazard on the left makes this hole even more daunting.



- Front Corner of Tee
- Front Corner of Tee
- Front Corner of Tee



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Hole #5 (Par 5)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
490	478	478	478	478	478



Green Depth = 29 yds (-2)

Eagles Hope

#5 is the shortest Par 5 on the course. Although straight and usually downwind, accuracy is still a priority tee to green. With trees right and left off the tee and a creek that runs through the fairway 100 yards out, going for the green or laying up becomes a big decision. Staying below the hole is key to taming this dramatic back-to-front sloped green.



● Front of Tee

● Back of Tee



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Hole #6 (Par 3)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
159	149	139	139	139	139



Green Depth = 37 yds (-7)

Chameleon

Welcome to #6, the toughest Par 3 on the course. Always keep in mind the pin placement here as this is the fastest, most undulating green at Bridgewater. Deep bunkers left and right and a creek just 10 yards short of the green make club selection key. More often than not, two clubs more are required due to the wind.



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Hole #7 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
433	415	356	356	356	356



Green Depth = 33 yds (+6)

Long Reach

#7 is the 2nd longest Par 4 on the course. Although straight and open, par is hard to come by.

Two very straight shots are required to play slightly uphill with trees down the left side and bush on the right.

A simple yet lightning-fast back-to-front sloped green awaits.



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Hole #8 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
426	414	414	414	414	414



Green Depth = 31 yds (-6)

Wild Cherry

#8 is a tightly tree-lined, uphill Par 4 that requires two perfect shots to have a chance at birdie. A partially blind approach shot will leave you guessing as to which club you need. Make par here, and you will gain confidence heading into the turn.



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Hole #9 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
411	382	349	349	349	349



Green Depth = 27 yds (+2)

Devil's Delight

Your front nine finishes with a picturesque Par 4. This 2-tiered, slight dogleg right hole requires a perfect drive to set up a clear approach. Getting into trouble off the tee makes laying up a question requiring a definite answer. Longer hitters can drive down the hill leaving a wedge in. One of the smaller greens on the course, #9 is guarded by a creek 30 yards in front and four large bunkers to the right, back, and left.



● Back of Tee

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Who we are

Golf Away Tours is a boutique golf travel company based in Toronto, Canada that has been creating lifelong golf and travel memories for over 20 years.

Golf Away Tours was founded in 1998 with TJ Rule, and his partner Matt MacKay, taking over in 2013 with the mission of making **Golf Away Tours** Canada's premier boutique golf travel company.

In 2016, Matt decide to leave the golf travel industry to pursue new passions, however TJ has continued building **Golf Away Tours** with an unrelenting focus on delivering the ultimate in customised golf experience, while giving clients peace of mind knowing that no detail has been overlooked.

Delivering golf travel experiences to our clients' exacting specs (we like to think of ourselves as the club fitters of the golf travel world - not off the rack stuff!!) will always be our focus. We use a personalised approach to understand our clients' exact travel expectations, and collaborate with them from the start of the process until they get back from the trip to create customised, worry-free travel itineraries wherever their golf and leisure dreams may take them.

We believe in our approach and it seems our clients do as well.

We have become a proud partner of the PGA of Canada, helping their members design and execute travel experiences not only for themselves, but for club members as well.

The World Golf Awards has awarded Golf Away tours the "Best Outbound Golf Tour Operator for Canada" for 5 straight years (2019 - 2023) demonstrating not only the satisfaction of our clients, but also the strong relationships we have developed with our suppliers allowing us to deliver the best possible travel experiences.

As TJ commented upon receiving the World Golf Award in 2020, "At **Golf Away Tours** we are focused on working with suppliers to deliver the perfect customised trip to meet our clients' needs, and receiving this award demonstrates to us that we are delivering not only great value to our clients, but true partnerships with our suppliers."

We will also maintain this focus on great value, and strong partnerships, to deliver the best possible experiences for our clients.

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Hole #10 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
343	343	343	343	328	328



Green Depth = 29 yds (+7)

Easy Turn

Being one of the easier holes on the course, #10 gives you a good chance for a birdie. Beware of the dense trees down the left side and out of bounds down the right. An uphill approach requires one more club than you think when you aim for the pin on this large, tricky green.

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● Front of Tee

● Back of Tee



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Hole #11 (Par 5)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
497	497	473	473	473	473



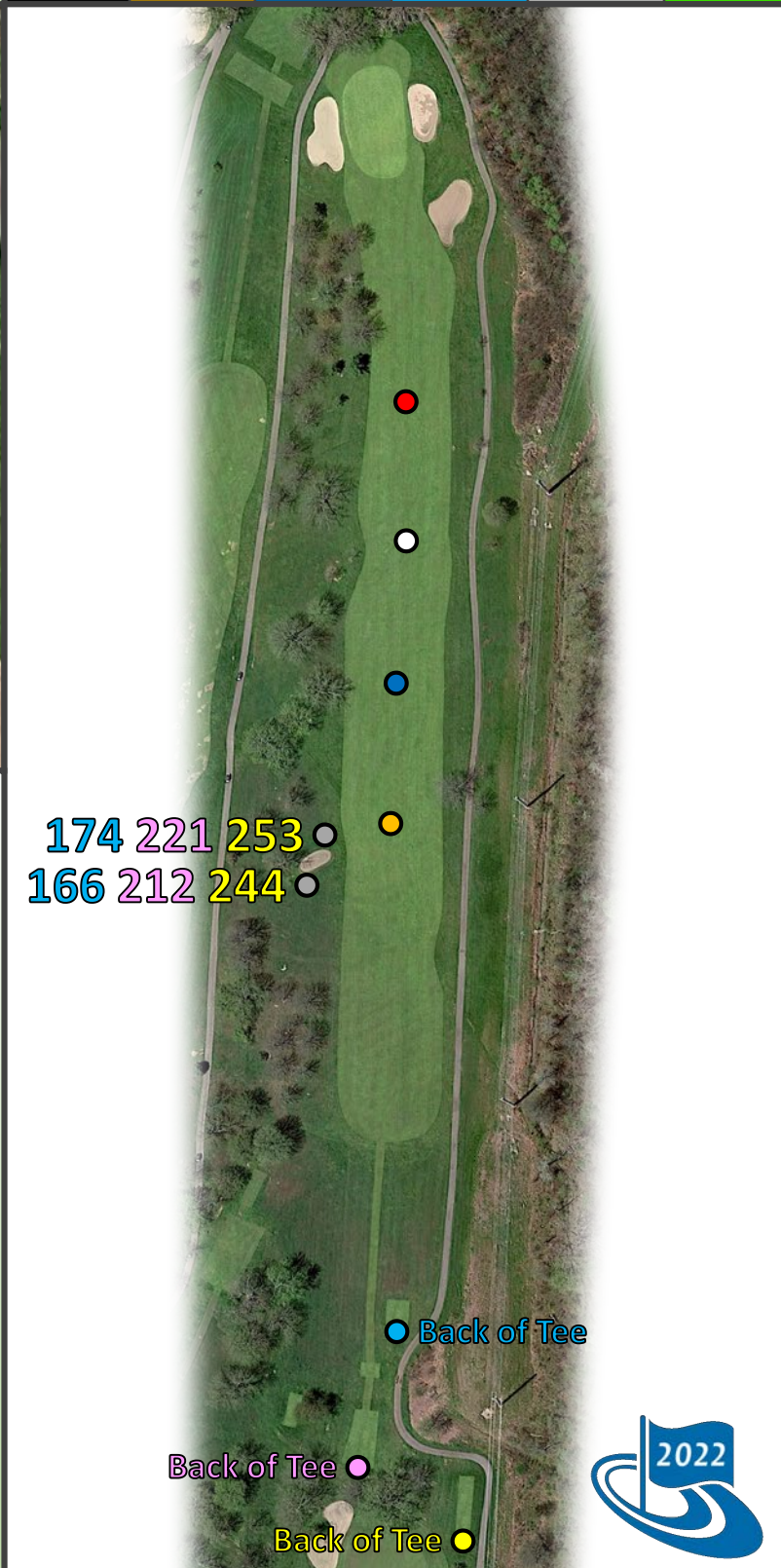
Green Depth = 40 yds (-16)

Power Line

This very reachable, straightaway Par 5 can get your round back on track. The name comes from the large power lines down the right side outlining out of bounds. With a dominant left-to-right wind, three off the tee is very common.

Ensure your approach is pin high, as this is the longest green at Bridgewater. Scores of 3 and 8 are typical on this hole.

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Hole #12 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
375	375	345	345	345	345



Green Depth = 33 yds (+9)

Poplar Place

Arguably the toughest Par 4 at Bridgewater. A perfect drive is required as tall, thick trees guard the fairway down the left and right. Usually into a heavy wind, a variety of shot options are available for your approach. It is regarded as one of the most difficult greens to read on the course. You will want to stay below the hole.

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Hole #13 (Par 3)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
148	140	140	140	130	130



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Green Depth = 26 yds (+4)

Haunted Willow

The only hole at Bridgewater without a bunker, this short Par 3 requires precise distance control off the tee due to the elevated green with its false front. Any shot hit short will find the creek that runs in front at the bottom of the hill. Par is a very respectable score.



157
168

132
142

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Hole #14 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
312	312	312	312	291	291



Green Depth = 28 yds (-5)

Plateau

The shortest Par 4 on the course. It's a great risk-reward hole. A very slight dogleg left allows for a driver or iron off the tee. Out of bounds down the entire left side and behind the green will create some nerves. Even though the approach shot is very short, it could be one of the toughest, plateau greens to stop a ball on in Niagara.

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Hole #15 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
373	373	367	367	339	339



Green Depth = 29 yds (+8)

Inferno

Visually the most stunning hole at Bridgewater. This great dogleg right Par 4 has historically been a make-or-break the round hole. Off the tee, a left-to-right drive will leave you down the middle. Cut the corner over the daunting, tall evergreen trees if you dare. The generous yet fast-sloping green is guarded by large, deep bunkers left and right.

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Hole #16 (Par 3)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
166	166	166	166	166	166



Green Depth = 32 yds (-3)

Gotcha

The longest Par 3 on the course. Your nerves will be tested here with out-of-bounds all down the left side.

Any shot 15 yards left will be 3 off the tee. The long, exceptionally narrow green requires precise accuracy with a wood or long iron. Up and downs are very difficult with trees and bunkers on both sides of the green. 3 is a very good score.

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Hole #17 (Par 4)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
370	350	350	350	306	306



Green Depth = 32 yds (+7)

Hickory

A perfect straight-away short Par 4. Stay away from the left side, as it's all trees. One of the toughest greens to hold because of the steep left-to-right slope. A long, deep bunker on the front left of the green creates trouble for most players. An excellent chance for birdie heading into the final hole.



● Back of Tee

● Front of Tee



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Hole #18 (Par 5)

CH	A	B	ONS	C	R
520	503	488	488	488	488



Green Depth = 33 yds (+11)

Finale

One of the best finishing holes in Niagara. A great 3-shot dogleg right Par 5 where longer hitters may reach in 2. The hazard down the right makes accuracy a premium. The layup is no picnic, as a creek comes into play about 100 yards from the green. Take another half club into this elevated, severely sloped back to front green. Birdie is not guaranteed!

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MEET THE TEAM



TJ Rule

After working for over 10 years as an engineering consultant in the golf development industry, TJ decided to turn his passion for the game and for travel into a career in golf travel.

While attending Queen's University, TJ played varsity golf and was a member of the provincial championship team in 1997, back in the days when he could hit more than 3 fairways in a round. His passion for the game has taken him to 5 different continents and 21 countries to play the game (so far!), having ticked off his 500th golf course when he played the iconic Cape Kidnappers in NZ in 2018! He appreciates all styles of courses but has a soft spot for traditional links and the golden age of golf course architecture.

TJ is still active in the competitive amateur golf scene in Ontario and is a course ranking panelist for both Golf Digest and Score Golf magazine. Although home is in the beaches area of Toronto, TJ and the family are currently spending a year living in and working from Bali for his son Julian to attend the Green School.



Ron Judge

Ron spent some 30 or so years in the corporate world, including his last 20 years at GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare (think Voltaren!!) where he worked in promotions, marketing and eventually was Head of Sales for Canada before leaving in April of 2019 for new adventures.

Always interested in golf travel (Ron has always been the planner for his annual buddies trip), leaving GSK allowed Ron to volunteer as an “intern” with TJ over that summer and learn some of the ins and outs of the golf travel business. After the summer, he stayed on full time and now works with TJ out of the Toronto office, not only planning and coordinating trips, but also leveraging some of his past experiences to develop marketing and promotion opportunities that will allow Golf Away Tours to service even more golfers across Canada.

Ron lives in mid-town Toronto with his wife Carolyn and he spends his free time as a public golfer in the summer and curling at Leaside Curling Club in the winter.





Griffin Rush

Griffin's passion for golf began at a young age, playing alongside his father during the summer and caddying at the Rosedale Golf Club. In more recent years, he delved deeper into the sport, devouring books and podcasts on the subject. His interests have grown to include the intricacies of course architecture and the fascinating destinations that the game can take you. Griffin is thrilled to have the opportunity to expand his knowledge and expertise working with the talented team at Golf Away Tours, assisting them to provide the ultimate golf travel experience.

Outside of the office, Griffin enjoys spending time with loved ones on and off the fairway. When he's not trying to fix his golf swing, he can likely be found planning the next Pittsburgh Steelers Superbowl celebration or enjoying the company of his furry companions.



Ben Tigert

Ben's love for golf started early, spending summers at the youth golf camps at Summit Golf & Country Club with his brother, and playing twilight rounds with Mom and Dad. Those early days sparked a lifelong passion for the game, and today, as a Summit member, he rarely turns down the chance to play, always chasing his career low.

Before joining Golf Away Tours, Ben spent two summers with adidas Golf in sales and client support, gaining valuable insight into the golf industry and the needs of players at every level. Beyond the fairway, Ben has explored the world extensively through personal travel, which helps him bring a unique blend of golf knowledge and global perspective to every trip he helps plan.

Outside the office, Ben loves socializing with family and friends and spending time at the cottage!





Lori Whitcombe

Despite being TJ's younger sister, Lori is a relative newcomer to the world of golf. With more experience handling dogs than golf balls, she has been enthusiastically learning the ins and outs of the golf travel industry while organizing files and handling the digital "paperwork".

When not working at the office, Lori has been enjoying her time renovating and reorganizing her home, creating stained glass projects, and caring for her three dogs and two cats. Lori also volunteers her time as a Girl Guide Leader, helping to teach young girls important life skills while having a blast at camps! Lori also enjoys the occasional round of golf in the summer, and curls at the Oshawa Curling Club in the winter.

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