

## Columbia Edgewater Country Club Established 1925 A.V Macan, Original golf course Architect

Club overview: Founded in 1925, Columbia Edgewater Country Club has a reputation built on offering a premier private golf club experience. With over 200 single digit handicappers and some of the best playing conditions in the Pacific Northwest, Columbia Edgewater Country Club is a golfer's paradise. The championship, 18 hole Arthur Vernon Macan golf course features mature, intricate, and subtle green complexes; a wide assortment of tree species and strategically placed water hazards; and a very traditional and easy walk from green to tee. The club's practice facilities are second to none, complete with a nine-hole par three course, world-class short game practice facility, and expansive natural turf driving range. Your experience at the club is sure to be memorable.

## AV Macan Championship 18 Hole Course

A fairly generous landing area off the tee starts off your round. However, this will change quickly for the second shots, as a pond to the right of the green and a very undulating green complex makes an accurate approach a must. Not a cinch birdie by any means. Pro Tip: Like many greens at CECC, going long on your approach will prove to be an almost impossible up and down.

No. 2 Par 4 
$$347 - 332 - 323 - 310$$
 yards

Accuracy off the tee is the name of the game here. Smart players play for position to allow for a shot from the fairway that will hopefully come to rest hole high. Watch for a very sloped green from back to front, especially the front right pin locations. Pro Tip: Watch out for that false front, one of the steepest slopes on the course.

To reach this green in regulation takes three solid shots played between tree lines and a large embankment on the right. The green is large, but it is not easy to get up and down if you are out of position. Pro Tip: Tee shots should be aimed at left center off the tee, as a tee shot to the right will be a difficult recovery to get home in regulation.

No. 4 Par 3 
$$181 - 157 - 138 - 107$$
 yards

A pond protects the front and left of this green, with bunkers flanking the left and right. A large ridge separates the front from the back and makes for some interesting lag putting. However, it is one of the easiest greens to read, if you are lucky enough to hit it in regulation. Pro Tip: Grab an extra club, there is much more room long and dry than short and wet.

No. 5 Par 4 
$$361 - 336 - 321 - 296$$
 yards

One of the tightest tee shots on the golf course, with giant sequoias guarding the right side and a cluster of firs and cedars protecting the left side. An original AV Macan designed green, with a very difficult back left pin location. This is a very strategic, short par 4. Pro Tip: Don't get greedy off the tee, as the fairway starts to pinch in around 125 yards.

No. 6 Par 4 
$$400 - 364 - 346 - 331$$
 yards

The best line off the tee is left center, short of the left bunker to this dogleg right par 4. Aggressive players will challenge the right bunker, but the landing area is narrow and the carry is long. The green is guarded by bunkers short right and to the left, making the right pin locations blind and difficult. Players hitting the fairway will be rewarded with short irons and plenty of birdies. Pro Tip: Avoid the right side of this hole, as you can get blocked easily with your approach to the green.

No. 7 Par 3 
$$204 - 180 - 162 - 136$$
 yards

The longest par 3 on the course offers the accurate long iron player a chance at a rare birdie. However, the table-top green offers a challenge if missed from the tee. Holding the green with a low shot is difficult. Pro Tip: I'd rather be short than long on #7, as over the green is an impossible up and down.

No. 8 Par 4 
$$420 - 374 - 360 - 302$$
 yards

Long hitters beware: A hidden lake to the right of this fairway makes players very careful with their tee shot placement. Best line is favoring the left side of the fairway, short of the new bunker. The tri-level green can be exceedingly fast sloping from back right to front left. This green sees its fair share of three putts. Pro Tip: Unless you can confidently carry the greenside right bunker with your approach, just play to the left front of the green and take your chances at a two putt.

No. 9 Par 4 
$$394 - 374 - 360 - 293$$
 yards

Originally our 18th hole, this tight par 4 is played best from the left side of the fairway, as a large bunker guards the right side of the fairway. The pond to the short, left of the green tends to force players to play long. However, avoiding the water hazard altogether brings the bunker right of the green in to play, making the undulating green a difficult task to get up and down. Pro Tip: Don't let the back left hole location intimate you – there's plenty of room!

No. 10 Par 4 
$$378 - 366 - 355 - 317$$
 yards

A slight dogleg right gives long players an advantage if their tee shot is placed correctly in the left center of the fairway. The approach is to an elevated green with a false front that defends well against shots that come up short. Pro Tip: If you want to see what jail is like, hit it in the trees to the right of #10 fairway.

No. 11 Par 3 
$$186 - 161 - 150 - 127$$
 yards

Pin placement on this hole can force players to be very tentative with their strategy. A slightly elevated and very narrow green features a bunker on each side of the green and a very narrow middle section that divides the front and back of the green. The left bunker is the deepest on the course, making an improbable up and down par. Pro Tip: I would much rather be long than short on #11, taking the bunkers out of play and having a relatively easy chance of up and down if I miss the green.

No. 12 Par 4 
$$424 - 409 - 381 - 319$$
 yards

The large maple to the left of this fairway beautifully frames the tee shot to this medium long par 4, as does a well placed fairway bunker on the right. Generally a longer iron shot is what it takes most players to reach this well guarded green, with two bunkers left and a very penal short right bunker. Pro Tip: Aim for the left center of this fairway, as right rough leaves little room for recovery.

No. 13 Par 4 
$$440 - 412 - 381 - 329$$
 yards

This is a classic par 4, with a large oak tree as a great aiming point off the tee. Stay just inside of the fairway bunker for a clear shot into the green, which has a Macan signature mound at the front right. A par 4 here is not a bad score, but a birdie is not impossible if played correctly. Pro Tip: This is my favorite hole on the course, but it is always more enjoyable to play from the fairway, whatever the distance to the green.

No. 14 Par 5 
$$520 - 505 - 480 - 456$$
 yards

A great risk-reward par 5, this Lake style hole features a large pond that guards the left corner of the fairway. From the back tees, the lake is a tough carry for anyone, yet accuracy off the tee will be awarded with a chance to be aggressive if you dare. The second half of the hole may be innocuous, but birdies here are made by properly reading the subtle breaks of the green. Pro Tip: Either challenge the lake and try to get home under regulation, or play it as a 3 shot hole, laying back from the fore bunker to the left for a short wedge home.

No. 15 Par 4 
$$403 - 377 - 362 - 339$$
 yards

An elevated tee shot allows players extra yardage which is needed due to a tough second shot. This hole presents a very small green that is heavily bunkered short left and right. Shots missing this green present a huge challenge to get up and down. Pro Tip: Watch out for that OB line, which is very close to the left of the fairway bunkers.

No. 16 Par 
$$4/5$$
  $460 - 449 - 429 - 429$  yards

The 16<sup>th</sup> at Columbia has long been admired as one of the toughest holes of golf in the Northwest. Out of bounds is lurking along the entire left side of this hole and also behind this very undulating green. Tee shots that find the fairway will still be tested with long to medium irons off uneven lies. Good luck, you're going to need it to make par! Pro Tip: Try playing a running shot that lands 40 yards short of the green and may just catch a downslope and run right up on the green.

This shortest par 3 is no easy task to birdie. The large lake to the right attracts its fair share of tee shots. Trying to avoid the bunker to the short right will steer shots over the green, making a tough up and down to a green that slopes towards the water. Pro Tip: Take the guesswork out of your mind before you swing: aim for the middle of the green and take your chance at birdie from there.

No. 18 Par 4 456 - 405 - 386 - 333 yards

Out of Bounds along the entire left side of the hole along with a fairway bunker to the right challenge every tee shot on this closing par 4. The green complex features a collection area left along with two bunkers. Out of bounds lurks behind the green, which slopes from back to front. With presses and matches on the line, this green is not for the feint of heart. Pro Tip: Tee shots that are right of center may just kick into that fairway bunker, watch your line!

## Bunny Mason Par 3 9 Hole Course

Founded in 2001, the Mason Course was a collaboration of design between the late Gene C. "Bunny" Mason, PGA Professional turned architect Dan Hixson, and club superintendent Gordon Kiyokawa.

The Mason Course features 9 par 3 holes, varying in length between 65 and 135 yards. It has great variety in its playability, as some holes have a continuous fairway between tee and green, while others have traditional teeing grounds. The greens are smaller than the Macan course, with more undulation and collection areas also. Players can choose from any distance they wish to tee off from, while still having to utilize their short games at all times.

The Short Game Practice Facility features 2 acres of short game heaven. Every shot within 100 yards was created, with a main target green surrounded by 4 bunkers, multiple collection areas, and a variety of elevations and slopes. A variety of uphill, downhill, and side hill lies have been created, with both rough and fairway options to practice chipping and pitching options. It is also the only spot on the property with a view of the majestic Mt. Hood.