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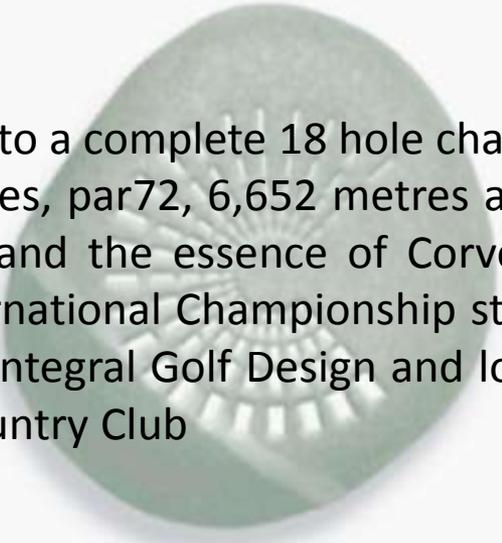
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

18 Holes, 6652 metres - par 72 over 70 hectares
PGA Championship Standard Golf Course
designed by Jose Maria Olazabal

Murcia, Spain



Situated beside the Costa Calida in the beautiful Autonomous region of Spain that is Murcia



Welcome to a complete 18 hole championship round.
A course of 18 holes, par72, 6,652 metres and 70 hectares. These are the key numbers and the essence of Corvera Golf Course. A course that achieves International Championship standards, designed by Jose Maria Olazabal & Integral Golf Design and located within the resort of Corvera Golf & Country Club

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Over the last three decades Jose Maria Olazabal has become one of the most respected professional golfers in the world. His achievements include two Green Jackets in the 1994 and 1999 US Masters at Augusta and who can ever forget his scintillating contributions in six Ryder Cup matches, which included three victories for Europe over the USA. In 2009 Jose Maria Olazabal was respectfully inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. This privilege has been accorded to very few golfers across the world and Olazabal is only the second Spanish golfer to achieve this award.

Olazabal's experiences and very personal visions of golf are reflected in each of the projects designed by IGD. Furthermore, each course benefits from his own personal ability to realise an overall vision from the perspective of the complete golfer that he is. His creations make stunning use of their natural surroundings and offer a thrilling test for golfers of all levels and as you would expect this course has been designed to fully comply with the exacting PGA standards. Corvera Golf & Country Club is set to become the "PGA's of Europe Training Academy", where golfers from all over Europe will have the opportunity to train all year round. The Overseas Office of the PGA's of Europe will also soon be located within the resort.

Practise Area:

The high quality driving range provides fully covered individual bays facing in a Southeast direction allowing ideal practise conditions. The outfield has been constructed with five target greens from 50m up to 250m. In addition to the long game there are two separate short game areas for dedicated chipping and putting practise and is capable of accommodating large groups for teaching purposes.



Into the Buggy and off to the 1st Tee



Hole 1

390m par 4 with wide tees and a slight downhill slope. This is a long hole but not too difficult for amateur players as befits an opening hole



The landing area for the initial tee shot is guarded on the left by two large bunkers which deter from playing to that side. The right side of the fairway is more open and allows for an easier shot without the risk of penalty.



The second shot offers a straight approach into a green protected by a large bunker to the left and a slightly smaller one to the right.



The right front and centre sections of the green are protected by a bunker which calls for a very precise approach shot – especially if the flag is located close to the right edge. The left front and centre are more open offering a slightly shorter approach with easier access. The back section of the green is not guarded however a longer approach shot is required to avoid the bunkers

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Hole 2

221m par 3 – a long hole with an elevated tee offering a very attractive view to the green.



The change in elevation assists greatly to cover the distance from tee to green. The tees are situated to the right side which encourages a fade or sliced tee shot (for right handed players) to land in the area protected by bunkers and semi-rough.



The triangular green is protected with bunkers on the left side & the front section provides easiest access. The left greenside bunker is at the narrow mid-section dissuading the player from playing to that side. The rear bunker penalises a shot which is too long thereby demanding a tee shot of great precision in terms of distance and accuracy.



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Hole 3

417m par 4



The 3rd fairway has a gentle downhill slope and the out-of-bounds residential area on the left side is protected from a pulled tee-shot (from a right-handed player) by three large bunkers.



The second shot requires a medium iron into a green which is protected on the entire right side by a large bunker that comes into play 20m from the green.



The pin on this two-tier green can be placed very close to the sand creating the need for an approach of real precision.



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Hole 4

362m par 4.- Not a long hole but one that calls for careful thought and precision.



There is a slight slope assisting the drive although the landing area is more or less level with the teeing area and has a large bunker which makes it difficult to hit a long tee shot to shorten the hole. To the left are two lakes which provide an attractive backdrop when lining up your approach to the green. There is a small area of rough between the lakes providing a possible escape for a shot pulled to the left.



The approach is flanked to the right side by two bunkers with a further bunker on the right side of the green, thus creating a clear distinction between the sand on the right and the lakes on the left. However the second shot should only be around 100 m in length.



The green is long and narrow making club selection more difficult depending on the location of the flag. The left side of the green is more open than the right – however the lake is located directly on the left border.

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Hole 5

519 m par 5 . The difficulty of the hole is increased due to it being uphill.



The tee shot is drawn to the lake on the right side therefore the forward tees are located away from this line. To complicate matters further , there are two small bunkers located on the left side penalising a shot played too far left. This combination of lake and bunkers necessitate a long and accurate tee shot.



Two circular shallow bunkers sit in the middle of the fairway awaiting the second shot – however if the opening tee shot hits the fairway there should be no problem in clearing these bunkers with the second shot.



If you have struck the first two shots well, the third shot into the green should just be a short iron or even a wedge.



The green is well protected by two bunkers should you be tempted to try to reach the putting surface in two. A perfectly struck long iron or fairway wood may find the small green however this is not easy due to the distance of the shot. In reality the hole should be played as a traditional par 5 requiring three shots to access the green.



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Hole 6

430 m the longest par 4 on the course made more difficult by a tricky green.

The length is offset by a gentle downhill slope however this is definitely one of the toughest holes on the entire course.



The drive is to a generous landing area allowing for a certain margin of error. A large bunker to the right dissuades players from driving down this side in order to shorten the hole.



Anything up to a 3 wood is required to reach the long green bordered its entire length on the left by a lake and to the right an area of rough behind a small bunker.



Although the distance may not be an issue for low handicap players, the approach also calls for great precision. Less capable players may have to accept reaching the green in three shots and hope for a single putt to achieve par.

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Hole 7

496 m par 5. This hole is difficult due to its length – a par is achievable but birdies will be few and far between.



There are two long bunkers awaiting the tee shot to the left hand side of the landing area – one for the shorter hit shot and the other for the longer drive.



The landing area is located at a distance between the two so great precision is required. This complication combined with a slightly elevated green makes it very difficult to access the putting surface in two shots.



The landing area for the second shot is protected by a large bunker to the left thus encouraging precision rather than an aggressive approach.



The green is protected to the left by a large bunker and to the front right by a second bunker demanding a high ball flight. The back and right of the green are not protected which allows access - however there is an area close by with trees and a plant border.

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Hole 8

138 m par 3 – A short hole requiring no more than a mid to short iron depending on wind direction



The green has many undulations so great precision is needed depending on the location of the flag.



The green is protected only by two bunkers – one greenside, deep and round requiring a high and soft escape and a second larger bunker on the right side, slightly separated from the green.



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Hole 9

367 m Par 4



A slightly downhill slope with the landing area on the left 50 m from the boundary line and the right side protected by a large bunker



The second shot is to a large green heavily protected by two big bunkers – one left and the other right. Easiest access is to the front as the bunker to the left protects the line of sight whilst the bunker to the right covers the whole right side of the green.



Once the Clubhouse is complete with its' terraces filled with onlookers there will be added pressure to sink your put on this very visible green which nestles directly in front of the building.

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Hole 10

332 m Par 4 – a short par 4 with a slight dog-leg to the right.



The angle of the dog-leg is protected by a medium sized bunker creating the decision to either follow the line of play or risk a long shot over the bunker whilst at the same time avoiding a second smaller yet deeper sand-trap.



The second shot is to a green protected by natural vegetation and planting rather than more bunkers and with numerous flag positions available, the hole requires precision rather than power.



The green is both two-tiered and sloping from back to front thus ensuring difficulty in sinking those long putts.



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Hole 11

503 m par 5 – a hole that appears flat but actually has a gentle downhill slope.

A very attractive hole and possibly ‘the signature hole’ for the course, due to the lake on the right, the cleared area on the left and a highly contoured green.



The drive is protected by two bunkers to the left and a lake to the right that runs all the way to the green



After the tee shot there are no further bunkers on the hole and any difficulty is created by dips and contours surrounding the landing areas



The landing area for the second shot is slightly extended widthways by a rounded peninsular that edges into the lake although drifting into this position can short-side you for the third shot if the pin is located to the right side of the green.



The green has two well defined areas set on two different levels – a lower, wider, short section with easier access and a higher, longer, narrower section which tucks around behind the lake at it's furthest point.

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Hole 12

418 m Par 4 – The second longest par 4 on the course and with a slight dog-leg to the left is also the most difficult.



The landing area for the tee-shot is located slightly higher than the tees. It is not impossible to carry the bunker on the right however clearing the bunker on the left side is a different proposition as it has been designed to be longer than the usual carry distance at approximately 270 m from the tee.



The most logical shot is down the left side landing just short of the bunker leaving a second shot of approx 170 m – however the shot carries risk as there is rough in this area. Ideally the second shot should be played from the left side of the fairway as this offers a more open approach to the pin.



The front section of the green is fairly straightforward however access to the back of the green requires more club plus greater precision as the entire right side is protected by a bunker.



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Hole 13

354 m par 4 – a hole that requires great precision particularly with the second shot as there is an out of bounds area on the right hand side. From the back tees the hole is almost straight – however as you move forward through the teeing areas the hole becomes a slight dog leg and the further up you move the less likely it is that a sliced shot will travel out of bounds.



There are three bunkers in the landing area, two to the right and a smaller one to the left. This encourages play along the left side of the fairway which in turn is protected by mature and newly planted trees. The tee shot requires precision as the distance between the bunkers is only 40 metres. The sensible shot is to play a lofted wood short of the danger leaving a medium iron to the green.



The approach demands precision to find the circular green that has two large irregular shaped bunkers protecting the greens edges and a further small bunker alongside a grass hazard at the front



An aerial attack is probably going to be the best way of getting close to the pin on this well guarded green that slopes from back to front as there is only a narrow entrance between bunkers at the front.

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Hole 14

529 m Par 5 – The longest hole on the course. This could be considered the most difficult hole on the course if one thinks of more than just making par at each hole.



The drive is to a landing area that is relatively free of danger in order to encourage as long a drive as possible. The landing area is quite wide and sits between a bunker to the left which can be carried over quite easily and one to the right which is designed to penalise a fade error only.



The second section of the hole forms a gentle dog-leg to the right with two more bunkers around the landing area, thus a sensible and accurate shot is essential. If the intention is to get to the green in two then both shots must be very long and very precise.



The best option for the average golfer is to accept three shots to reach the green in regulation.



The green is fully protected by three bunkers – one on each side and a third at the back. This reinforces the advice that the putting surface is most sensibly and successfully accessed with three well placed shots rather than by trying to get up in two.

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Hole 15

214 m Par3 – Another long par 3 that requires a long and precise tee-shot to make par.



The green is protected by two wide bunkers – the first at the front on the right side with a clear area between the bunker and the green which leaves the central apron area relatively clear. The second bunker runs all the way along the left side of the green and punishes any shot hit too long or with too much draw for the right handed player.



The green is irregularly shaped and divided into three areas. The front left being the easiest section to find, the middle area of medium difficulty whilst the area to the right and rear is the most difficult as it requires a high ball hit over the bunker and holding the green.



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Hole 16

370 m Par 4 - An interesting hole flanked on both sides by residential dwellings and played entirely uphill.



The sensible tee-shot should be played to the area of fairway which is free of hazards and where two small bunkers frame the landing area. Beware the seven further bunkers which although small and shallow lie in wait on the outer edges of this area to penalise a longer shot that attempts to bite-off too much distance.



A sensibly placed tee-shot leaves a mid-iron approach that needs to be accurate as the green is well defended by bunkers on both sides.



With the residential properties in close proximity to the green you can rest assured that somebody will be analysing your putting stroke(s) just to add a little extra pressure.

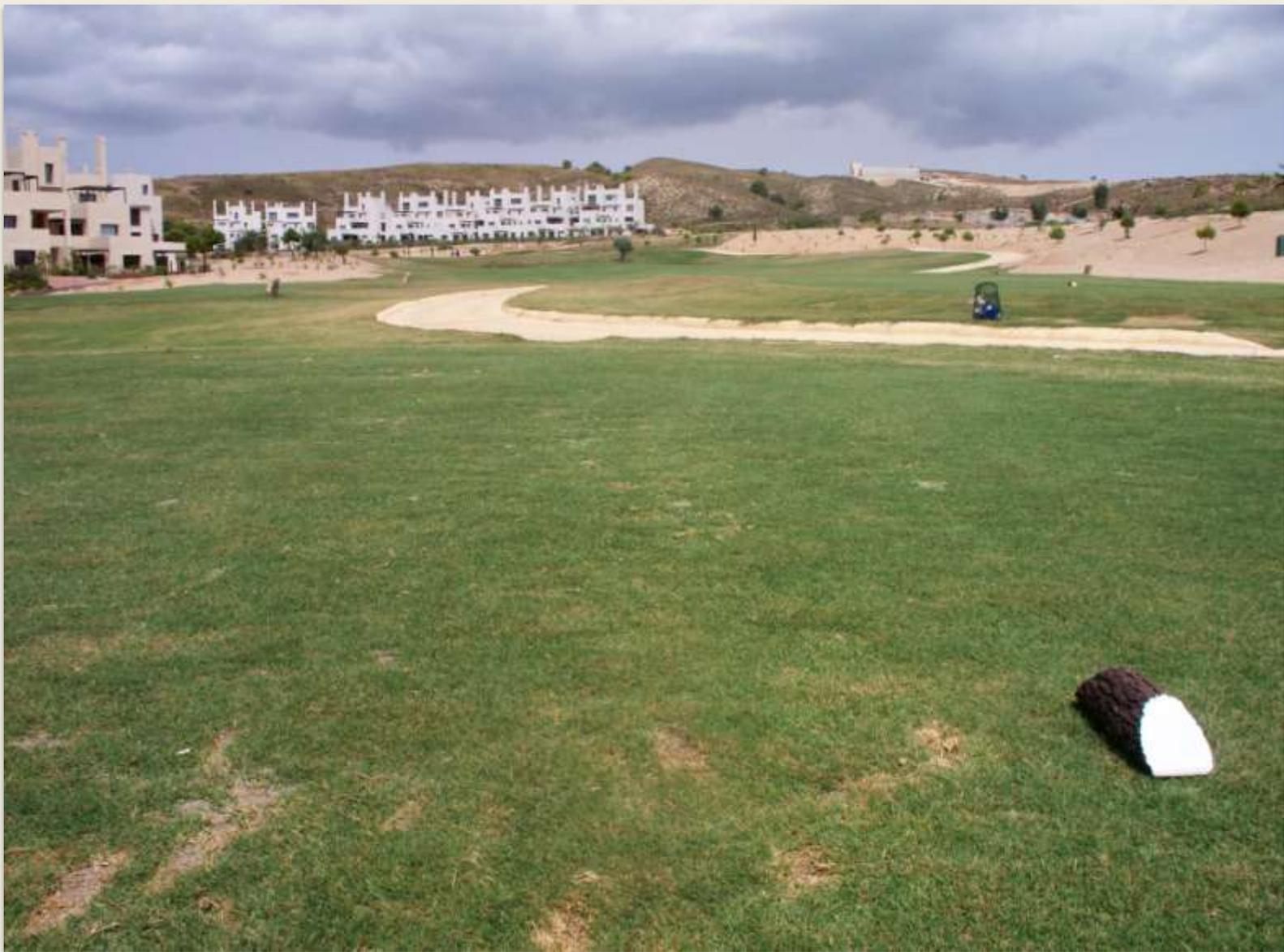
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Hole 17

204 m Par 3 -



This hole has a green that is broader than it is long which allows for a slight sideways drift from the tee. There is an 'ante-green' area just short of the actual putting surface with low ridges and contours – thus creating the effect of closing the green from the tee and highlighting the areas of difficulty.



Finding the pin is difficult as the green offers many landing areas with slopes and ridges. In addition, two medium sized bunkers are placed in the short area of the green further protecting the entrance and penalising shots down the greens edges. The centre and rear of the green are free from hazards.

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Hole 18

388 m Par 4 – A challenging par 4 to finish the round with the fairway running downhill all the way, giving the hole a particularly attractive visual design. The sloped area all along the right hand side has been designed to create a perfect viewing location for tournament spectators.



The drive is flanked by a bank to the right and by three medium sized bunkers – two located along the left and a third along the right close to the line of play. Too long a drive will find the ball nestling at the bottom of the storm-drain/water hazard which runs across the hole at the base of the main section of the fairway.



The second shot is played over the hazard to a green that has a large bunker on each side. This creates a narrow area of access.



The putting surface is contoured and shaped to place great importance on the closing putts which so often determine the eventual winner.



I hope that you enjoyed the virtual round of Corvera with me. Perhaps one day we will meet for a real round on what I believe is set to become one of the best courses in Southern Spain. Look me up (That's my place overlooking the 18th green) .. Steve.P.