

MAMACS RETREAT

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15TH HOLE – “MAMACS FOLLY”



MY FATHER WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN WITH TWO NOTABLE WEAKNESSES. ONE WAS A PARTICULARLY GOOD RED WINE, THE OTHER WAS A DRIVABLE PAR 4. NO MATTER THE LENGTH, DIFFICULTY, OR THE SITUATION IN MATCHPLAY OR MEDAL, HE ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT TURN DOWN THE CHANCE TO DRIVE A GREEN IN ONE. THIS HOLE IS FOR HIM, AND FOR ME IN SOME REGARDS, SO I COULD ALWAYS GET ONE BACK ON HIM IN MATCHPLAY.

• “A” IS THE SHORTEST CARRY, LEAVING A GOOD LINE IN BUT THE LONGEST APPROACH.

• “B” IS A TRICKY DRIVE NEEDING DISTANCE CONTROL BUT REWARDING THE PLAYER WITH A FULL SHOT IN. HOWEVER THE VIEW WILL ONLY BE OF THE TOP OF THE FLAG MAKING YARDAGE JUDGEMENT AND SPIN CONTROL DIFFICULT.

• “C” IS ‘MAMACS’ ROUTE. ALWAYS SLIGHTLY BEYOND HIM IN REGARDS TO DISTANCE AND ACCURACY, BUT AN ETERNAL TEMPTATION HE COULD NEVER TURN DOWN,

THE GREEN IS TWO TIERED AND SLOPES BACK TO FRONT BUT IS ALSO VERY LARGE TO ENCOURAGE A BRAVE ATTEMPT AT REACHING IN ONE.

AN INTERESTING HOLE THAT SHOULD COME AT A CRUCIAL POINT OF ANY MATCHPLAY OR STROKEPLAY ROUND.

PLAYING WITH YOUR HEAD WILL ALWAYS WIN OVER YOUR EGO.

VIEW FROM THE 15TH TEE



VIEW OF APPROACH FROM ROUTE ‘B’



ELEVATED VIEW OF GREEN FROM LEFT

