CENTRAL OREGON COURSE GUIDE

WIDGI CREEK GOLF CLUB

The tiered greens at Widgi Creek create some of the most challenging putting surfaces in Central Oregon. Position off the tee on the heavily wooded course is far more important than length. The 216-yard, par-3 11th hole is tough in every way that can make a par 3 a challenge, including a 200-yard forced carry over water and a multitiered green.

Number of holes: 18 Status: Open seasonally Location: 18707 Century Drive, Bend Tee times: 541-382-4449

Course stats: Par 72, 6,905 yards

Green fees: Through May 31, \$69 before 2 p.m., \$49 after 2 p.m.; June 1-Sept. 26, \$85 before 9 a.m., \$105 from 9 a.m. to noon, \$69 from noon to 3 p.m., \$49 after 3 p.m.; Sept. 27-Oct. 24, \$69 before 2 p.m. and \$49 after 2 p.m.; Oct. 25 to closing, \$39 all day

Power cart: \$20 Finn Cycles: \$25

Golf professional: Taylor Giacomini

Course designer: Robert Muir Graves (1991, original

nine; 1992, second nine)

Extras: Driving range, short-game practice facility,

putting green, pro shop Website: www.widgi.com

Semiprivate courses

PRONGHORN CLUB (NICKLAUS)

Pronghorn's Jack Nicklaus Signature Design, named after the golf icon who is its legendary designer, is considered among the elite public-access facilities in the country by most national golf publications. It is one of the best-conditioned courses in Central Oregon and one of the regions most challenging. The layout offers a stark contrast between the lush green of the course and the scraggly high desert that surrounds it. **Number of holes:** 18

Status: Open year-round, weather permitting Location: 65600 Pronghorn Club Drive, Bend

Information: 541-693-5365

How to play: Public and resort play are welcome

Course stats: Par 72, 7,379 yards

Green fees: Through October, \$125 to \$200 (prices

include cart, range balls) Director of golf: Jerrel Grow

Course designer: Jack Nicklaus (2004)

Extras: Driving range, short-game area, putting green, indoor training facility, snack bar and three restaurants

Website: www.pronghornresort.com

TETHEROW GOLF CLUB

Recognized by many national publications as among the elite public-access facilities in the country, Tetherow was designed by renowned architect and Bend resident David McLay Kidd. A test of golf throughout, Tetherow's striking design uses hard and fast fescue grasses that provide a style of golf that resembles a Scottish links course.

Number of holes: 18 Status: Open seasonally

Location: 61240 Skyline Ranch Road, Bend

Tee times: 541-213-2424

How to play: Available to members and their guests, with

limited play for the general public Course stats: Par 72, 7,298 yards

Green fees: June through September: \$195 daily; October: \$135 daily (all prices include cart and range balls).

GolfBoard and scooters: \$20 Head golf professional: Katie Burnett

Course designer: David McLay Kidd (2008) Extras: Driving range (with short-game course), two putting greens, indoor golf academy, clubhouse, indoor simulator, three restaurants and snack bar on the course

Website: www.tetherow.com



Bulletin file photo

The par-3 11th hole at Widgi Creek Golf Club in Bend.

Private courses

AWBREY GLEN GOLF CLUB

Following the master plan of architect David McLay Kidd, Awbrey Glen has invested in its golf course design. Awbrey Glen is home to the most complete practice facility in Central Oregon, where members embrace game improvement on a dual-ended driving range and five-hole par-3 course.

Number of holes: 23

Status: Open year-round, weather permitting Location: 2500 NW Awbrey Glen Drive, Bend

Information: 541-385-6011

How to play: Guests may play when accompanied by a member. Memberships available.

Course stats: Par 72, 7,013 yards Head professional: John Metzinger

Director of player development and member en-

gagement: Tim Fraley

Membership director: Barbara Malcom **Course designer:** David McLay Kidd (2011 master plan)

Extras: Five-hole par-3 course, dual-ended driving range and practice facility, active junior golf, dynamic golf instruction programs with private and group instruction, professional club fitting, seasonal indoor golf simulator, full service golf shop, fitness center, pool, pro shop,

Website: www.awbreyglen.com

BEND GOLF CLUB

The oldest golf course in Central Oregon embarked on a thinning program in 2015 as part of its new master plan, which was created by Dan Hixson, a well-regarded Northwest golf course architect. The classically designed course, which changed its name from Bend Golf and Country Club, is still defined by ponderosa pines and its Poa annua greens. Bend GC features tight fairways that put a premium on shot-making skills.

Number of holes: 18

Status: Open year-round, weather permitting

Location: 61045 Country Club Drive, Bend Information: 541-382-3261

How to play: Guests may play when accompanied by a member. Currently a waiting list for golf members. Tennis/ athletic memberships available.

Course stats: Par 72, 7,068 vards

Head golf professional: Monte Hanson Assistant golf professional: Drew Scrivner

Course designers: Original nine: H. Chandler Egan, William Hanley (1925); second nine: Bob Baldock

Extras: Practice facilities include two chipping and putting greens, driving range, three greenside bunkers, 275yard practice hole, and a 75-yard approach area. Fitness center, pool, restaurant, meeting/banquet facilities and tennis courts

Website: www.bendgolfclub.com