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Golf Course**

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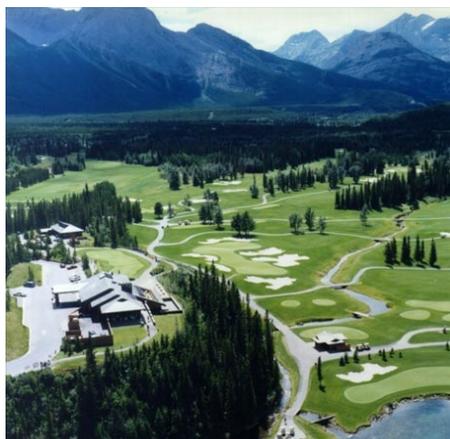
Welcome, to my Microsoft Links re-creation of a fabulous Canadian course, Kananaskis Country Golf Course. Located on the eastern slopes of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Kananaskis Country Golf Course is a 36-hole layout designed by famous golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. Mr. Jones describes Kananaskis as “The very best natural setting that I’ve ever worked with”. These 2 fantastic golf courses, Mt.Kidd and Mt.Lorette continuously rank among the very best Canadian courses year after year. This past season, Score magazine ranked Mt.Kidd number 33 and Mt. Lorette number 45 in their top 100 courses.

It was my pleasure, during the summer of 2002 to re-create the Mt.Kidd course. I have also had the awesome opportunity of playing this course 4 times in real life, and in this read-me file I will described my latest round, hole by hole as I played it on August 15th 2002.

Located with-in an hour drive of the city of Calgary, Alberta (my home) Kananaskis Country is a very large protected provincial park, accessible easily by car via the Trans-Canada Highway. Located adjacent to the golf course, is the world famous Kananaskis Resort with several 5 star hotels, a village and many other great tourist attractions. The resort is at the base of Mt. Allan... you ski buffs may recognize this mountain. Mt. Allen is home to the Nakiska ski resort, venue of the alpine ski events during the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.



When you start your round at Mt.Kidd, at home on your computer, you will probably think “These mountains are much too large, the designer must have made a mistake.” Make no mistake about it... The Mt.Kidd Course, is located at the base of it’s namesake, Mount Kidd which towers a massive 9,700 feet over the top of the course. The scenery here is magnificent... from the wildlife to views of almost an unimaginable picture as well as the Kananaskis River that splits the course in half. George W Bush even jogged these fairways back in June 2002.





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My Thoughts...

I have had the privilege of playing both the Mt. Kidd and Mt. Lorette courses a number of times. The courses although situated on the same property, are fairly different. Mt. Lorette has more water hazards in play, and less elevation change throughout the course. It also plays slightly longer, and I think the greens are a bit faster. Mt. Kidd, although fairly flat as well, has elevation change on holes 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16. Hole 4, a 197 par 3 from the back Tees is claimed to be Kananaskis Country's most photographed hole. It plays from an elevated perch, over water to a 3/4 island green which is also adjacent to the swollen, swift-flowing Kananaskis River.

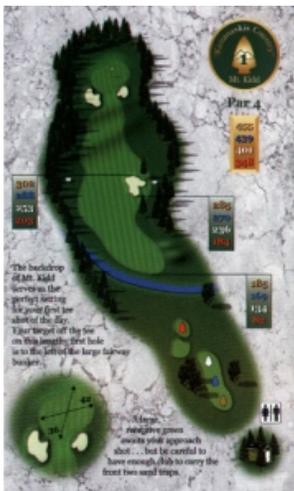


Here is my round @ Mt Kidd as it happened on August 15th 2002

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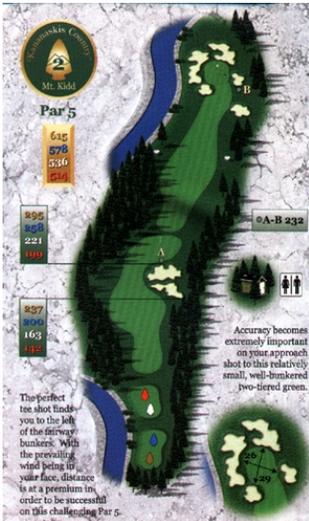
Time: 2:30 Tee Off (Blue Tees)

4-Some: Myself, Wayne (Calgary), Brian (St. Louis), John (St. Louis)



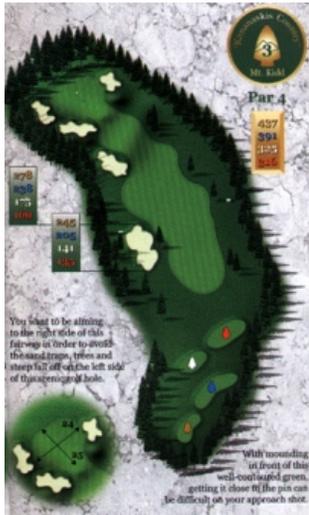
HOLE 1

Par4, 439 yards. Slight dog-leg right. Hit a great drive, to the left of the large fairway bunker. 2nd shot 9 iron, to rear of green. Chip, 2 putts for a bogey on a tricky green.



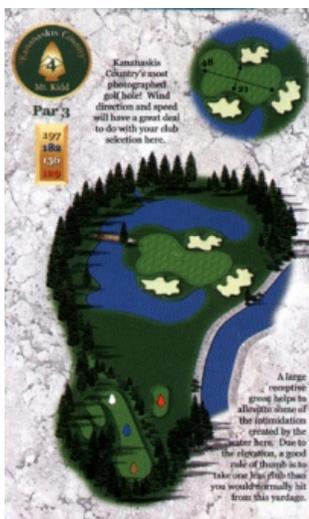
HOLE 2

Par 5, 578 yards. Hit a lousy drive, popping it strait up in the air and it landed about 150 yards out. Shanked a 3 iron to the right, fortunately stopping a few feet shy of the cluster of fairway bunkers on the right. 3rd shot... absolutely crush a 3 iron to within 70 yards. Hit my next shot into the front left fairway bunker. Get my ball up and down from there for a bogey 6.



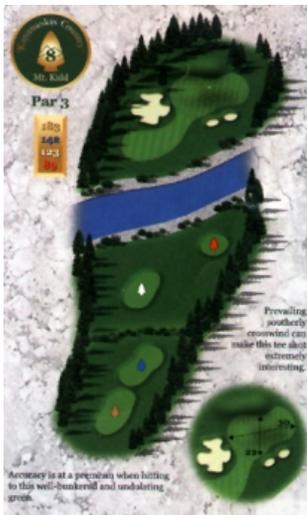
HOLE 3

Par 4, 437 yards. Slight dog-leg left. T area is very elevated and the view is spectacular. This hole is essentially built on the side of a mountain and there is a significant slope from right to left on this hole. I hit a great drive, up the middle-right and leave myself 136 yards to the hole. Wedge to the center of the green and 1 putt for a well earned birdie. In the past I have seen people hit drives too far right and they either run out of fairway or get stuck behind some of the small, isolated trees that are located between the first cut of rough and the cart path.



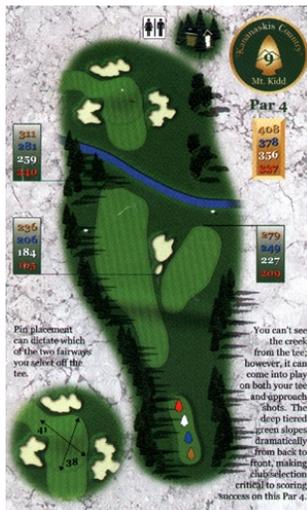
HOLE 4

Par 3, 182 yards. Kananaskis Country's most photographed hole. From the rear Tees, the T shot is sort of blind. The hole is better viewed from the more forward Tees. The wind normally plays havoc here, and sure enough after calm wind through 3 holes it is now a 1 club length wind, as well the severe elevated T position really makes you think. With a slight wind at my back, I hit a 7 iron. I hit a pull to my left, missing the green and the ball lands in the drink. I drop my ball, chip over the pond on the left and then sink my putt for a 4.



HOLE 8

Par 3, 142 yards. My personal favorite hole on either course. T shot, over the Kananaskis River onto a tricky and very undulating green. 3 deep, greenside bunkers, thick rough and rocks wait if you miss the green. I hit a 9 iron into a stiff breeze and it stops 6 feet from the pin and I make birdie. My partner who wouldn't give me a drop on the previous hole hit a poor T shot and his ball hit the big rocks along the Kananaskis River and bounced straight right and after his drop, he shanked his ball into the bunker. Ended up getting a 7. My birdie feels great.



HOLE 9

Par 4, 378 yards. This hole has split fairways, that play up to a creek that is hidden off the T. The creek is sunk down into a bit of a ditch. Long hitters can actually reach the water or have a tough up-hill, blind shot out of rough into the green. I chose the left route, which allows more distance before reaching the water. My drive is slightly left, into the first cut of rough but I hit a great 7 iron from 170 yards onto the green. I am 20 feet right of the pin, and my putt is a very difficult downhill, right breaking putt. I put it to within 20 inches and my second putt just falls in after almost lipping out. Result: Par.



HOLE 10

Par 4, 392 yards. This hole is a slight dog-leg left and the green is well bunkered. I hit a great shot off the T and split the fairway in half. I leave myself 115 yards to the pin but I hit a sand-wedge fat, and end up short of the green. A chip and 2 putts for a bogey.



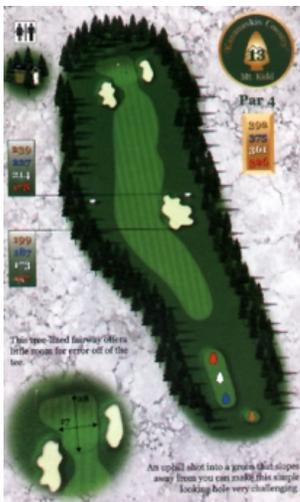
HOLE 11

Par4, 342 yards. The second of 2 holes on Mt. Kidd that give you the choice of 2 fairways to the hole. The shot off the T is tricky, with a large pine tree in the middle of your target line so you either choose left or right of the tree which allows corresponds to the left or right fairway. Many balls end up striking this tree. I hit a great drive to the left of the tree, the problem with this side is that a big hitter can run out of fairway as the trees curve around and hide the green. This was a problem with my 300 yard drive that I hit. My second shot, a wedge clips some trees and falls short of the green. I ship up, but this green is tough and I three putt for a nasty double bogey.



HOLE 12

Par3, 167 yards. This is a real beautiful but tough par 3. A very shallow and well-bunkered green, a water hazard and thick rough make this hole a memorable one. Not to mention, the cross prevailing wind usually plays havoc with this T shot. Today I choose 8 iron, and pull it left into the trees to the left of the green. There is a small window to chip through, and I punch my shot out nicely with a 2-iron and it stops 12 feet from the pin. I lip out my first putt and tap in for bogey.



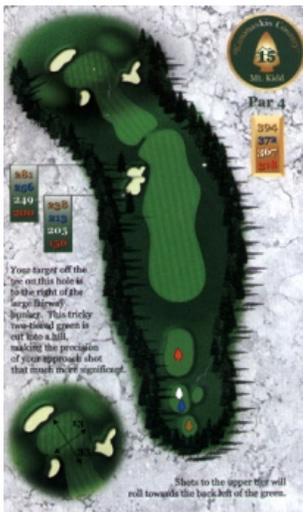
HOLE 13

Par 4, 375 yards. This hole is a lot tougher than it looks. It is narrow and leaves little margin for error. I hit another great drive that clears the right bunker and a 9 iron into the green. 2 putts for a par.



HOLE 14

Par 5, 491 yards. In my opinion, this hole is the toughest one on either course. Although 491 yards, it plays much longer. The Green is elevated and cannot be seen from the T due to 2 large hills that guard either side of the fairway about 300 yards out. The entire hole plays up hill. I hit a great drive, with a slight fade it hits the cart path and rides up another 20 yards. Next, I hit a 4 iron that comes to rest just short of the center fairway bunker. I skull my third shot and hit a flyer over the green that comes to rest on the cart path behind, and well below the green. after a free drop, I chip onto the well undulated green but roll my ball a good 30 feet past the pin. After my terrible 4th shot, I hole my 30 foot, up-hill putt and save par.



HOLE 15

Par 4, 372 yards. Another tough, up-hill hole. Slight dog-leg left to an elevated green. Year after year I see people always hit their ball into the left fairway bunker. I aim right, and hit a ball with too much fade and then find myself in the very thick rough around the 150 rock on the right. I am forced to chip onto the fairway, and then hit an 8 iron into the green. My ball lands on the upper tier of the green but today the pin is on the lower tier, leaving me an impossible 20 foot par putt. I am able to sink my ball with only 2 putts, not bad on a tough green.



HOLE 16

Par 3, 164 yards. A very pretty par 3, with the T boxes perched high above this hole. The green is well bunkered, and the wind and elevation provide for a difficult club selection. I hit 9 iron, and I hit it quite fat and my ball lands in the far-right bunker. Fortunately, I am able to get up and down for par on a very difficult green.



HOLE 17

Par 4, 378 yards. The scenery on this hole is breathtaking. As your yardage guide says, watch your ball climb Mt. Kidd. This is a narrow, tree lined hole that is very intimidating. My T shot finds the bunkers on the right (I hit it too high and lost distance). I hit a 6 iron that comes out of the bunker hot and into the right green-side bunker. A chip and 2 putts for a bogey.



HOLE 18

Par 5, 576 yards. A very long par 5 (plays almost 650 yards from the rear T box). This is a difficult hole to say the least. Most people hit a driver and then a fairway wood to try to advance the ball as far as they can. The risk is hitting the second shot into one of the 9 bunkers on this hole. My whole 4 some hit 280 yard drives, and the other 3 pull out 3-woods while I hit 3 iron. Needless to say, they all hit their ball into one bunker or another while my shot stops about 150 yards out. The pin is well guarded and is situated directly behind the front left green-side bunker. I hit a pitching wedge to within 5 feet and drain my putt for a well earned birdie.

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