

Overview

Pasatiempo Golf Club is located in Santa Cruz, California, and was designed by world-renowned golf architect Dr. Alister MacKenzie between the years 1928-1930. He indicated that he felt that this course was the finest that he had designed, placing this course ahead of Augusta and Cypress Point. He rated the course so highly that he lived on the course in a house adjacent to the sixth fairway.

The course is short by modern day standards but the greens provide a stern test. The greens were designed by the same designer who designed Augusta, whose name I am unable to find.

The course record is 62 by Shawn McEntee (March 19, 2001) – <https://www.pasatiempo.com/golf/scorecard-and-local-rules>.

General

As stated above the course is only 6495 yards which for Links 2003 is very very short. The green contours do provide a stern test of the golfer, but only if “challenging” settings are used. For the course to provide any test it must be played using the minimum conditions of Moderate (challenging) and Medium (challenging).

No matter what settings you play I hope that you enjoy playing this fine course.

(Dr. MacKenzie lived in a house adjacent to the 6th fairway, and in the Links rendition I have made the central chimney pot of his home open. This means that in practice mode, you have a target for your lob shots – top of chimney is 16 feet above the local grass area and the chimney pot is 12 inches in diameter. How good are you?)

Card Yardage

As you are aware, unlike real courses, when creating a course in APCD the tee locations are fixed, therefore the lengths of each hole vary depending on the pin chosen. For any player that wishes to play the course to its official card length of **6495** yards, (± 5 yards), the following hole/pin combinations can be selected: (**pin reference is that indicated in Links.**)

Hole	Pins	Hole	Pins
1	10, 11	10	11
2	4	11	NONE(a)
3	10, 11	12	6, 7
4	2	13	8
5	3, 6, 9	14	0, 3, 5
6	2, 14	15	4, 5
7	9, 14	16	9
8	1, 4, 8	17	6
9	6, 10, 16	18	2, 4

a) closest pin is pin 4 which is 3 yards short of card yardage, or pin 11 which is 5 yards longer.

Maximum Yardage

For any player that wishes to play the course to its "maximum APCD" length of **6769** yards the following hole/pin combinations can be selected:(**pin reference is that indicated in Links.**)

Hole	Pins	Hole	Pins
1	12	10	13
2	17	11	13
3	17	12	5
4	17	13	14
5	10	14	2
6	17	15	13
7	17	16	6, 13
8	13	17	5
9	7	18	3

Pin Positions

The green contours are in accordance with the details in the green contour maps as purchased from GolfLogix. There is one exception, - green 17. While transferring the details for green 17 into APCD, it became obvious that the layout of the green detailed by GolfLogix was different from that indicated on Google Earth. After corresponding with GolfLogix they acknowledged that the details were incorrect, and that they have withdrawn the green book for that course. The contours for the 17th green are derived from elevations taken from Google Earth.

As my record in pin placement is somewhat lacking, Adelaide kindly offered to review the pin positions. In his words, he *“tried to make sure all greens had at least 3-4 pins available that will suit the players who enjoy playing with the strictest challenging settings”*. He added, *“3 or 4 greens made that tricky or impossible, depending on exactly how picky the user is about degree of slope, proximity to steeper slopes or proximity to edge of green”*. The remaining “bad” pin locations are all my fault.

Adelaide also added the following:

“Here are two sets of pins that I scouted out for my own use, and which I recommend to people who like to play Mc/Mc or faster, and don’t want the course to play too easy: Medium-difficult overall:

1 12 1 13 16 15 13 6 15 - 16 1 5 13 7 0 12 11 7

The toughest I could find (subjective, of course), without resorting to mid-slope pins:

13 1 1 11 12 17 10 13 15 - 17 1 13 12 17 12 10 5 16

(But I advise being extremely careful on settings faster than Mc/Mc)”

Out of bounds

I have read the description of the out of bounds as stated on the club website, however, as I cannot see the OB stakes from Google Earth I simplified description of out of bounds as being:

- All road surfaces
- All private property

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I would like to thank Lez Marwick for the base textures of the grasses and for his tutorials, which I still find necessary to consult. Although the base grass textures are from Lez I revised the colours in GIMP. (Much to the chagrin of some players who were kind enough to provide feed back. Based on their comments I modified the colours for this Final issue.)

The remaining textures are made by myself, usually from textures downloaded and used directly or modified, from <https://www.sketchuptextureclub.com>.

I would also like to thank all the images and videos that have been uploaded to the web, these include:

[Pasatiempo](#)

[Pasatiempo Golf Club | Golf Tripper™](#)

[Pasatiempo Golf Club Vlog - Alister Mackenzie's Public Golf Gem - YouTube](#)

[Pasatiempo - Alister Mackenzie design /ranked #59 in the US - front 9 - YouTube](#)

[The brilliance of Alister MacKenzie and Pasatiempo Golf Club's back 9 - YouTube](#)

[BETTER LAYOUT THAN AUGUSTA?/PASATIEMPO GOLF CLUB. - YouTube](#)

[Some Of The Toughest Greens We've Ever Played - Pasatiempo Holes 16 and 18 - YouTube](#)

[Tourist Sauce \(California\), Episode 7: Pasatiempo Golf Club - YouTube](#)

I hope that you enjoy playing Pasatiempo GC.

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