



A WORD FROM THE PRO

The 16th hole is one of my favorite holes at the Challenge at Manele. The design of the hole is interesting because it encourages you to make choices when you play it. Since the 16th is close to the ocean, the wind will also be a factor in determining your shot selection. On the tee shot your main concern will be the bunker in the center of the fairway; it was placed there by Jack Nicklaus so that a player would immediately need to form a strategy on where to aim their tee shot. To carry the bunker, you'll have to drive your ball 240 yards from the middle tees, so if the wind is blowing at your back you can go for it.

On most days the smart play would be to aim to the right side of the fairway bunker and play safely to the wide part of the fairway. The approach shot is full of choices as well.

The design of the putting green complex is unique because Jack chose to take full advantage of the ocean as a backdrop to frame the hole. The green is thinner in design and has more slope and movement on the putting surface than the rest of the greens on the course. The first thing obviously to notice is the pin position. If the pin is located on the right side of the green you should stay away from aiming for it. Play to the center of the green and two putt for your par.

Good luck and remember that making the right choice can help lower your score!

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