

MO Independence

William Yates- Sprint

Rating: 6 (0-10)

Quality Level: Above Average

Length 2261/ 2700

18 Holes **Date Played** Oct 2008

Year Established 2007

Designer: John Theiss

Course Level(s): Green / Green

I. Design

| | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Multiple Teepads (1-10) | 5 | 2 tees on 7 holes |
| Multiple Basket layouts (1-10) | 1 | 1 layout |
| Fairways | | |
| Fairway Rating (1-10) | 6 | [Long] 12 St/ 4 Lt/ 2 R. Lots of straight, but good for Green level |
| Clear and reasonable Fairways (1-10) | 10 | All are clear |
| Elevation Differential (1-180) | 4 | [Long] Most are moderate; a few are 18-22 ft change |
| Elev. Variety Rating (1-10) | 10 | [Long] 9 Up/ 9 Down. Some on every hole! |
| Terrain Rating (1-10) | 5 | [Long] 7 T/ 2 G/ 9 Mix. I especially liked the wooded holes |
| Length variety (0-10) | 3 | [Long] 12 of 100-150/ 3 of 151-199/ 3 of 200-245 |
| Green Rating (1-10) | 5 | Some nice well designed greens, esp 6 and 7 |
| Use of Water (0-10) | 3 | Dry creek on 4, 6, 7, 13 |

Overall

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| Course Scenic Beauty (1-10) | 5 | [Long] Nice for a short course |
| Hole Safety Issues | 10 | None. Well thought out |
| Hole Difficulty | | |
| Fun Factor (180 max) | | |
| Overall Hole Quality (180 max) | 6 | [Long] Excellent for a Green level course. |

II. Basics

| | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Signs | | |
| Signs: well marked | 10 | Excellent. Pictures of the holes and lengths. |
| Tees | | |
| Tee Pad Design- esp. Length | 8 | Fine for a Green level course |
| Tee Pad Material | 8 | Some cement, some crushed gravel |
| Tee Pad Condition | 10 | Very good |
| Baskets | | |
| Baskets | 6 | Lightning DB-5 |
| Baskets easy to find | 9 | Only number 11 hard to spot |
| Other | | |
| Ease of Navigation | 8 | Flows well. Long tees on asphalt a little hard to find. |
| Rough - Fair yet adequate | 10 | Great for this level. Some open, some in the trees. |
| Lost Disc Potential | 8 | Only on the wooded holes, not the open holes |
| Beauty of Surrounding Area | 5 | A suburb of KC |

III. Amenities

| | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Map of the course | 9 | Very good aerial map. Very detailed. |
| Restrooms | | |
| Score Cards | | I didn't see any. |
| Current Basket Positions | 5 | [Not applicable] |
| Warm up Basket | 10 | It's near 18 so you can shoot to both if no one is playing 18 |
| Message Board | 8 | Good |
| Benches and trash cans | | |

Special Features

13-18 had to be open so that they can monitor the kids during PE class. (I sure wish I had disc golf for PE when I was in elementary school!)

Miscellaneous

Closed during school; 8 am - 4:15 pm. I got a kick out of the Junior pars for elementary school kids. E.g.- a 145 ft par 4!

Holes Birdied

6, 7, 11, 12. (I consider holes 2, 3, 16, 17 to be par 2s according to Gold CR Par.)

Favorite Hole(s)

6. A nice downhill shot in the woods to an excellent green just past a creek.

Toughest Hole(s)

5. Uphill. Long tees- Green Score Avg of 3.4

Comments

This is one of the best Green level course I've played! It's great for these kids to have such an excellent 18 hole course and even to have disc golf for PE classes. What a great way to raise up the next generation of players!

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