

COURSE GUIDE

THE ROYAL HAGUE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



Welcome

Dear guest,

The members of the Royal Hague Golf & Country Club (KHG&CC) welcome you to our club.

Founded in April 1893, the Royal Hague Golf & Country Club is the oldest golf club in the Netherlands. Until the Second World War, the club played at its original course in The Hague. It moved to its current location amid the magnificent dunes of Wassenaar in 1947.

The course is surrounded by the National Park 'Hollandse Duinen' and lies a mere 3.5 kilometres from the coast.



The Royal Hague Golf & Country Club has a rich history of hosting international tournaments. For example it was the site of the first Dutch Open in 1912 and has hosted a further 19 editions, the last being in 1981. It was also the venue for the Dutch Ladies Open in 1987 and was host for three editions of the Dutch Senior Open in 2010 until 2012.

In many golf course listings, in The Netherlands and Europe, our course is usually ranked among the top. We are proud to mention that in 2015 The KHG&CC was the first Dutch course to enter the top 100 Golf Courses list in the World (Golf Magazine).

On behalf of the club, I wish you a satisfying round of golf, the memory of which may hopefully lead you to come back and visit us again.

Jan van Zuuren
Chairman KHG&CC



COLT

The current course was designed in 1938, by the famous golf course architects Harry Shapland Colt and Charles Hugh Alison. Although Alison was responsible for most of the design, as evidenced by the slightly larger bunkers and more extreme nature, the course is still counted as one of the finest Colt designed courses in Europe. The course was laid by Copijn.

CHARACTER OF THE COURSE

The design of the golf course makes use of the naturally undulating dune landscape. Each hole offers a completely different view and a new and surprising challenge. Teeing off on the 18th gives the golfer a wonderful view of the clubhouse and terrace.



The Values and spirit

**At the Royal Hague Golf & Country Club,
we pride ourselves on sportsmanship, hospitality
and respect.**

To put it simply, KHG&CC is:

COMMITTED TO THE VALUES AND SPIRIT OF THE GAME OF GOLF

To ensure optimal enjoyment of the course,
you are kindly requested to:

- Respect other golfers, greenkeeping staff and caddiemasters
- Maintain speed of play
- Allow others through if you are slowing the pace of play
- Wait until the group in front is out of reach before teeing off
- Keep trolleys and golf buggies to the paths and fairways
- Repair pitch marks
- Rake the bunkers
- Replace divots
- Respect flora and fauna

Enjoy your round of golf



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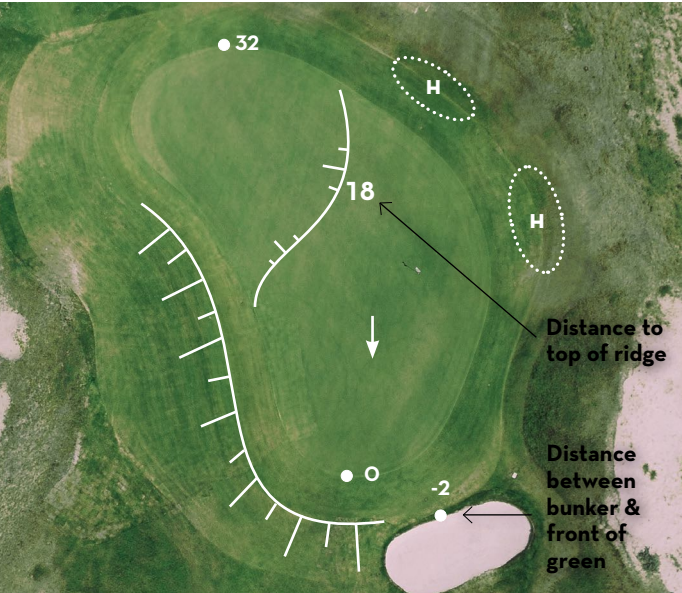


AED



Shelter

LEGEND



Slope or ridge



Slope direction



Hollow



Top

150

Distance marker 150 metres



Bell

All distances in metres. Distances on sprinkler heads measured in direct line to centre of green.

For the local rules consult your scorecard and the information board at the caddiemaster.

HOLE 1

par 5 stroke 13

461

443

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431



A typical Colt/Alison start with a short par 5. A good drive can make reaching the green in two a possibility. A well-placed tee shot slightly left of center should end on the right side of the fairway. Avoid the rough on the left.



The green is well defended by a hill on the left and a bunker on the right. Any ball ending slightly short of the green on the right will roll into this greenside bunker. If you cannot reach the green in two, aim slightly to the right of centre fairway. The green slopes slightly from back to front right.

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A sharply undulating hole with some tricky differences in elevation and usually winds against. Aim your tee shot to the left of centre as the fairway slopes down to the right. The “long hitter” may prefer not to use his driver to avoid the ball rolling into the deep valley. Be sure the flight in front of you is out of reach.



A difficult shot to an elevated green placed high above the valley. Well-placed bunkers are at front, left and right of the green. Club choice requires extra attention. If your tee shot has rolled into the valley, you will be left with a treacherous blind shot.

One of the most difficult to read greens on the course. To the left of the green is a deep grass 'bunker'. Pin positions at the back are particularly difficult to play. Strong winds can turn this hole into a real test.

HOLE 3

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A dogleg to the right leads to a green situated at the highest point of the golf course. This tee shot over a wide diagonally sloping valley demands length and accuracy. Long hitters should aim right of centre. Shorter hitters can aim more to the left to make sure their drive does not end up in the valley.



The 'stork' behind the green gives the line for your approach shot. However a ball landing short of the green will bounce off to the left or right and rarely end up on the green. To the right and behind the green is out of bounds.

The green lies on the highest point of the course and is often exposed to strong winds. The green slopes from back to front and off to the side.

HOLE 4

par 3 stroke 11

199

161

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Regularly named one of the most beautiful holes in the Netherlands. From the white tees the hole is almost 200 meters with a drop of 16 meters. The hole becomes especially intimidating when the wind picks up.



The green is large and gradually sloping upwards to the back.



HOLE 5

par 5 stroke 15

448

432

402

375



Probably one of the easiest holes of the course, a slight dogleg to the right. Aim for the middle of the fairway. On both the left and right of the landing area, there is some difficult rough.



If you can not reach the green with your second shot, keep to the middle of the fairway, leaving an easy approach to the green. The buckthorns in the rough to the right and behind the green are best avoided. The green is quite large. The front of the green slopes strongly towards the left bunker.

HOLE 6

par 4 stroke 1

428

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Considered the hardest hole on the golfcourse. A well-positioned drive is essential if you want to attack the green. A good drive should be aimed just left of the right hill.



The second shot plays into the prevailing wind to a hogs-back green with a deep bunker to the left and the “valley of sin” to the right. Aiming for the green in three can be a useful strategy.

A green sloping to the left and a deep hollow on the right. If your ball is on the higher plateau of the green, then the main difficulties have been overcome. A bogey on this hole is definitely nothing to be ashamed of.

HOLE 7

par 4 stroke 9

351

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A blind tee shot demands a long carry over a high dune towards a fairway that narrows as it meanders downwards towards the green. A shorter tee shot will find the wider fairway, but leaves a more difficult approach. Wait for the bell to indicate the hole is free.



Ideally a short iron shot should land the ball on the small green enclosed by dunes. Any ball landing too short will bounce off to the left or right. Should you miss the green to the right or be too long, your ball may end up on a steep drop. Just before reaching the green, please don't forget to ring the bell to signal to the group behind that they can tee off. The green slopes upwards towards the back.

HOLE 8

par 3 stroke 17

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A challenging par 3 with a green which can be played in two ways. You can choose to let your ball land before the green and roll on, or play a high ball to the green and ensure it stops short. The latter is not easy, as the green slopes downwards from front to back. The tees are much higher than the green.



An inaccurate shot – poor distance or not in the centre – will probably end in the grassy hollows around the green or in the bunker. The length makes this a difficult par 3.



HOLE 9
par 4 stroke 3

329

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The ideal line is left of centre. Short right will end up in the hollow but hit too far and you will have a downhill lie and a difficult approach. The best spot to hit your drive is the flat plateau some 100 metres from the center of the green.



The elevated green lies high up above a deep hollow. To the right of the elevated green is a small, but deceiving bunker. The 'stork' behind the green gives a line for a 'blind' shot. The front of the green is on a heavy slope so that any approach too short will roll back into the valley.

HOLE 10
par 5 stroke 12

445

430

408

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The tenth hole is very photogenic; the fairway appears wide and easy but looks can deceive! The ideal line is to hug the trees to the left.



The fairway in front of the elevated green is narrow and slopes strongly to the right. To the right just before the green is a bunker. The green requires an accurate approach; any ball short or left will roll back and leave a difficult pitch shot. The green is relatively flat, as long as the strongly sloping front and left side are avoided.

HOLE 11

par 4 stroke 6

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The fairway slopes to the left. The ideal tee shot on this slight dogleg to the right should end on the right side of the fairway. A shot too far to the left will land in heavy rough or on the road. To the right of the fairway, there is heavy rough in a deep hollow.



The second shot is semi-blind. Aim the approach to the right of the green over a deep gully 50 metres in front of the green and allow the slope to gather your ball on to the green. This hole also has a green sloping downwards, characteristic of the KHG&CC. So anything short will end up in the shallow hollow in front of the green.

HOLE 12

par 3 stroke 16

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The shortest par 3 on the course but certainly not the easiest. Aim for centre green. Any shot played to the sides of the green will roll off and end up in a grassy hollow. From there it is not easy to make an 'up and down'. A difficult bunker protects the green front-right.



The green slopes severely from back to front making side-hill putts extremely challenging. Lines can be deceiving so a two putt is a good result.



HOLE 13

par 4 stroke 2

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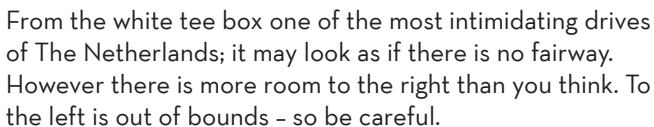


The start of the famous 'Haagsche Lus' (The Hague Loop). The tee shot is not difficult but be sure to avoid the only fairway bunker on the course. The fairway is wide; even next to the bunker. A drive to the centre of the fairway or slightly left puts you in a good position for the second shot.



A front bunker and a steep hill to the right protect the long narrow green. Aim for the middle of the green to avoid the tricky hollows to the left and behind the green. A deep, difficult to read, undulating green. Be particularly careful on the left.

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The real trick to this par 4 is the second shot. It plays steeply uphill to a green with a false front and run-off behind. Distance control is crucial as the ball easily rolls off the green. If the flag is at the front or back and you putt too fast, you may need another approach shot to this green.

HOLE 15
par 4 stroke 4

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From the elevated tees, place your drive centre left of the fairway. The ball typically rolls to the right of the fairway with an open view to the green.



A steep dune jutting out on the left protects the green. The first five meters of the green are so steep that your ball will not hold but roll back down to the fairway. Take a club extra for your approach to the green.
The green has a steep slope at the front but is otherwise fairly flat.

HOLE 16
par 4 stroke 14

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The fairway slopes heavily from left to right. Aim your tee shot therefore enough to the left of the fairway. This hole plays considerably differently, depending on whether you choose the white or other tees.



Three deep bunkers guard the right side of the green, anything short will invariably find its way into the first bunker. Distance control is paramount, anything long will leave a tricky up and down from a rough filled hollow. Particularly from the left, this green can be difficult to read. Aim your approach to the left half of the green as it slopes to the right.

HOLE 17

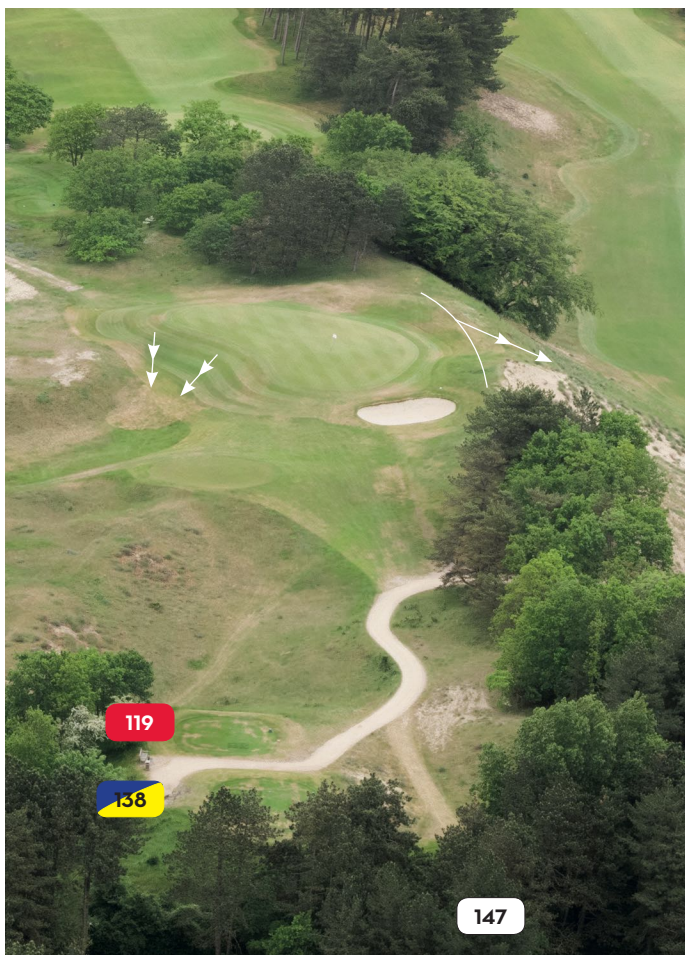
par 3 stroke 18

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The safe option is to play to right centre of the green, as anything left may roll into the deep hollow on the left. To the front right of the green is also a bunker. The tee is sheltered, making the choice of club a challenge.



The green is difficult and undulating. The elevated part of this green slopes from the front right to the back right. The part of the green at the back left is lower and therefore difficult to aim for.



HOLE 18

par 5 stroke 8

499

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From the highly elevated tees, this can be an intimidating tee shot, with dunes on the left and a lower level fairway on the right. Both sides are tree-lined. For those that dare, the right fairway gives the best line for a second shot. Too far to the right though and the ball can easily be out of bounds or in long grass.



With wind behind, the green is reachable in two. However the green is well protected by a difficult bunker left, approximately 10 meters before the green and two bunkers to the right of the green.

The front of the green runs strongly downhill from back to front. On the right side of the green the line needs to be carefully read.

**Committed to the values and spirit
of the game of golf**



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