The University Club



The LSU men's and women's golf teams have had the privilege of calling the University Club home for some 15 years.

After undergoing a nine-month renovation in 2009-10, the home of LSU's nationally-ranked programs features a renown par-72 layout that serves as an impressive showpiece for generations to come.

The course at the University Club was re-designed under the guidance of LSU legend and PGA Tour pro David Toms and noted golf course architect Jim Lipe, who designed the original University Club in 1998. The course is carved into nearly 300 acres of land just seven miles south of the LSU campus on Nicholson Drive.

The club most recently received rave reviews as the host of the 2013 NCAA Men's Golf Regional, marking the first time in the illustrious history of the LSU men's golf program that the Tigers served as hosts to an NCAA men's postseason tournament on its home course. Overall, it was the third regional (2 women) to have been played on the LSU home course.

The challenging 18-hole course at University Club can play to 7,700 yards from its championship tees and feature wide fairways bordered by pine hammocks and native grasses, in addition to 2,000 feet of bulkhead. Four additional sets of tees are also available for players of all ages and skill levels.

In addition, the lake areas have been increased by 110,000 cubic yards in total and more than 500 trees were added throughout the course to provide a challenging test of golf for anyone playing the University Club.

Not only that, but the course now has one of the most impressive finishing holes in golf as the 18th hole features a new championship "Tiger" tee with a beautiful six-foot high wood bulkhead. The lake was expanded near the green, where an additional 180 feet of bulkhead was also added.

In the summer of 2011, the members of the University Club voted the 18th hole as the course's "Signature Hole."

The course was built on land donated to the Tiger Athletic Foundation and subsequently leased to The University Club. The original vision that drove University Club's development was having a premier course that would provide a place for TAF members to play, as well as a home for the

men's and women's golf teams at LSU.

The course opened for members on Oct. 22, 1998. The swimming and tennis facility adjacent to the course opened in the summer of 2000. The surrounding housing development continues to grow, adding to the beauty of the area surrounding the golf course.

The Tiger Athletic Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation that serves as the fund-raising and development arm of the LSU athletics department. Each year, the TAF underwrites scholarship and academics awards, as well as capital development projects for LSU athletics.





THE UNIVERSITY CLUB HOLE-BY-HOLE

In its original state, through the summer of 2009, the U-Club played at just over 7,200 yards from its Tiger Tees and just over 6,000 yards for the early LSU Women's Golf Classics. Now the course measures out at a hefty 7,700 yards from the Tiger Tees and an impressive 6,602 yards from member tees.

Here are some characteristics of the course and pictures of the holes (tees are listed in the following order: Tiger-Scratch-Member-Senior-Ladies/Jrs.)

No. 1 - Par 4 - 456-402-385-349-274

A championship tee lengthened the hole some 50 yards. The former waste bunker on the left side was replaced by an area of pine hammock and several trees planted in the right rough. On the approach shot, players have to watch for a grass hollow that replaced greenside bunkers.



No. 2 - Par 4 - 447-435-382-324-312

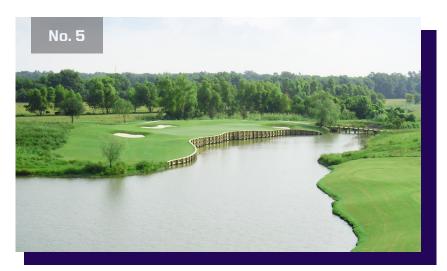
A good hole that didn't need a lot of change. Two bunkers tempt those looking to carry a drive and the raised left side of the green creates a top shelf pin placement.

No. 3 - Par 5 - 673-632-578-542-496

Can you say long? The No.1 handicap hole on the course had 53 yards added to its Tiger distance and features native grass areas down both sides of a fairway that was much easier to hit. The water has been expanded off the tee, replacing the old fairway bunker. The elevated green makes a more demanding approach.







No. 4 - Par 4 - 375-341-315-288-231

This was a short par 4 that some long hitters could put the ball at the edge of the green with an accurate drive. That task is a little tougher as the left side water now extends into the fairway. The green has been extended back for an addition hole location.

No. 5 - Par 3 - 189-172-155-137-96

This picturesque par 3 loses the wide bail-out area on the right as you look from the tee. The lake extends closer to the green making accuracy everything from the tee box.

No. 6 - Par 5 - 573-554-522-478-450

This hole has a whole new identity with a new lake down the entire length of the hole. A creek also crosses the fairway, directly in the landing zone of most hitters. The creek extends into a pond at the green making the approach shot more demanding.



No. 7 - Par 4 - 471-457-431-401-349

The beginning of a tough stretch of three holes to close the front nine. Native grasses replaced the wetlands in front of the tee box. A fairway bunker has been added and a grass hollow is now left of the green.

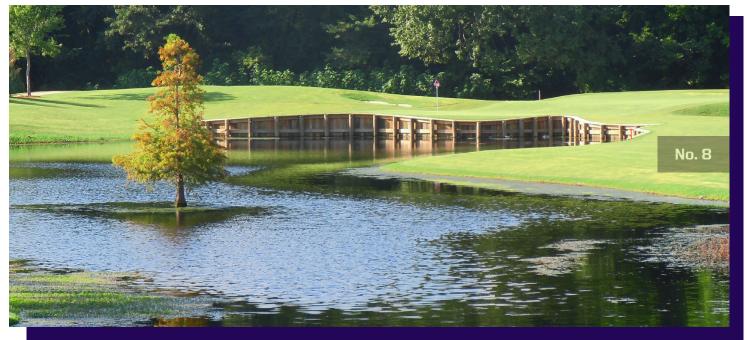
No. 8 - Par 3 - 222-188-166-130-107

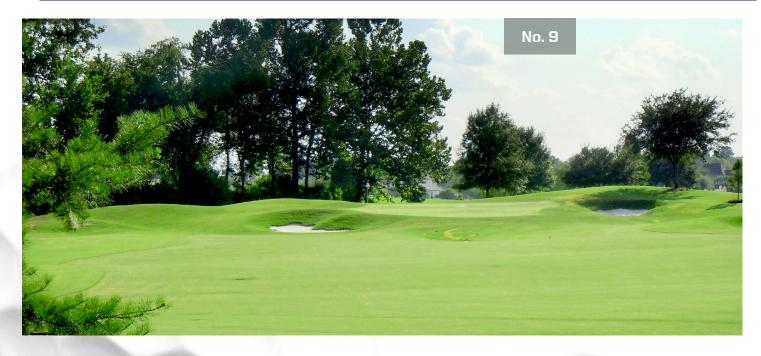
The long par-3 eighth has undergone a complete renovation. The tee box has been reshaped and elevated some seven feet. The water on the hole has expanded to the front left of the green. The putting surface has been reshaped with three new bunkers.

No. 9 - par 4 - 486-467-443-394-345

The second longest par 4 on the course has several trees down the right side. Waste bunkers have been replaced by pine hammock areas and native grass comes into play on the left side. The result is a tighter landing area to try to place a drive.











No. 10 - Par 4 - 484-444-402-354-327

Golfers will notice the trees down the left side that give the hole definition. The approach shot will have to avoid pine hammocks short and right of the green.

No. 11 - Par 5 - 567-557-516-484-429

This long par 5 has native dunes on the left side. A fairway bunker in the middle of the fairway that is 110 yards out from the green will cause approach problems. The water down the right has been expended close to the newly-elevated green, placing a premium on getting the ball to the hole.

No. 12 - Par 4 - 422-410-368-350-307

Several trees will cause problem with errant drives on both sides of the hole. A new sand bunker has replaced a grass bunker in front of the green. An accurate tee shot is a must.









No. 13 - Par 3 - 209-179-151-141-119

This has always been one of the best holes on the course. Some trees have been added and the green expanded to add hole locations. A straightforward tee shot is necessary with severe bunkers on the left side of the green.

No. 14 - Par 4 - 460-448-404-351-317

One of the more intimidating holes on the course with an uncompromising dogleg left leaving little room for error off the tee. Water has been extended into the fairway on the left side and pine hammocks down the right. The green has been expanded to the back and to the right.

No. 15 - Par 4 - 365-347-327-287-244

This hole probably had some of the biggest changes on the golf course. There is a new elevated tee box and the right side of the hole features mounding with native grasses. The fairway has been reshaped and bunkers added on the left. The hole has the potential to be played as a drivable par 4.



No. 16 - Par 3 - 253-215-167-144-117

This hole now could play 250 yards over water from the Tiger tee as opposed to the old distance of 188 yards. The existing green has been expanded to the right to allow more hole locations. Water has been added to the right of the green.

No. 17 - Par 5 - 551-528-501-452-443

The hole has several trees down the right side of the entire hole. The water on the left expands toward the fairway approaching the hole. A lake at the green makes an accurate approach imperative. Long hitters can reach the green in two.

No. 18 - Par 4 - 497-458-389-372-340

The U-Club's signature hole is one of the best finishing holes in the state. Native grasses are both right and left on this dogleg left hole. The lake which has always been in play off the tee has been expanded near the green, replacing the left greenside bunker. There is 180 feet of bulkhead bordering the left side of the green.



