



CHAMBERS BAY GOLF CLUB

Carroustie. St. Andrews. University Place? The world of links golf may be rooted in Scotland, but the Northwest is making a play to be a true mecca for the links enthusiast. Chambers Bay is the newest addition to the ever-growing list of links courses in the region. Unveiling its rolling landscape in June 2007, Chambers Bay might just be the jewel in this region's golf crown. This majestic course is located on the shores of Puget Sound, in one of the more paralyzingly beautiful settings modern man has carved.

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Located in University Place, Washington, just south of Tacoma and less than an hour from Seattle, Chambers Bay is an 18-hole links golf course that has already been ranked among the best courses in the country. For those who need catching up, a links course is not just a treeless stretch of golfing terrain, but one located in between the beaches and inland area of a coastal region, with a rolling and sandy terrain. In this respect, Chambers Bay is the real deal.

No doubt these 18-holes of rolling, sandy slopes are a challenge, not just to play but also to get around. You won't find golf carts offered here, so be ready for the hike of your golfing life. In fact, even non-golfers can enjoy the course's rugged terrain with its 12 miles of walking trails and public access to two miles of beach. You will find caddies, however, as well as a super-breed of push carts you are allowed to push on the greens.

This eagerly awaited course has been the talk of the local golf community since the land was still a quarry, and with a \$21 million price tag, the project had a lot to live up to. Just this October, the course was host to a regional skins game, and thanks to the international rave reviews, this will no doubt be the first of many high-status events. Ask anyone who's played the course, and they'll tell you: Chambers Bay might very well have a major in its future.

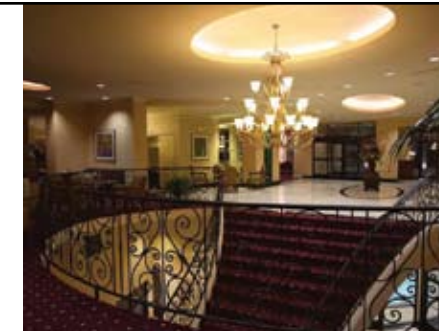
The course is a well-balanced test of skill and endurance. A

player's accuracy, length, touch, and creativity will all be tested. Each hole – with names such as Hazard's Ascent and Cape Fear – presents a unique challenge, attempting to make you bend until you break. By the time you finish #15, aka Lone Fir, you are ready for your scenic route back to the clubhouse, along the Puget Sound, running parallel to the Northern Pacific Railroad line that has been in use for over 90 years. Historic precedence taking part in an historic scene.

Eighteen holes at Chambers Bay can be a taxing endeavor, so be prepared to make a stop at the clubhouse and Chambers Bay Grill after your round. At present time, the clubhouse and grill are nestled at a temporary location peering down on the golf course. While this location doesn't provide the extravagant experience that the finished product will no doubt deliver, it does deliver an extraordinary, panoramic view of the course with Puget Sound in the background. If the golf course has a Scottish flair, why shouldn't the Grill? Bangers and mash, Scottish ale (from the local Pike Brewing Co.) fish and chips, and a pint of Guinness are just a few of the menu items that round out this Old World experience.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a better links course in the area. So we advise you to get in a round at Chambers Bay before you're the only person you know who hasn't played the course.

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