

**Dear Black River Team,**

I just wanted to email you after my golf yesterday .

I hope you don't mind some honest thoughts about the course ...

The first 5 holes are strange. In excellent condition, but just seem a bit crammed in, and short .... However, the long par 5, 6th is a nice hole, and then onto the 7th....to the 17th ... just fantastic. I have played some good courses, and these 11 holes are some of the best I have ever played. The condition of the course was perfect, the greens, a little slow, but immaculate and fun to play.

The course is difficult. I play off a handicap of 12, and I found, off the yellow tees, it was too long for me. I am not a big hitter, but it was just too long, however, that not a criticism, that part of the course was stunning.

The staff were excellent, and I like the fact greenkeepers stop and turn off their machines when I played, very good.

I think, that as the whole of golf operates in yards, it would be quite easy for you to put 150 YARD makers in, and the holes into yards. I now the Europeans use Meters, but the golf world doesn't, and it would be too difficult to do.

I didn't like the 18th. I though it lets the course down with a final hole like that. For me, I found it impossible to play, unless you can hit a drive over the water onto a very small landing area, to then approach the green, how else can you play it ?

These are small criticism of a wonderful course, in great condition, and great fun to play.

**As I write a blog read by many readers, I will write a review about Black River. I want to play it a second time, as a first time player, I played blind on many holes as I had no idea where the safe zones were, but again, a great course, and I will play again.**

Thanks

Simon, September 20 2011

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