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Arabian Ranches



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What the THE PROGRESSIVE GOLF COURSES says ★

A pleasant surprise: a relatively flat Scottish links feel course, superimposed on desert surrounds (albeit with a continuous, unfinished but somehow unobtrusive, residential backdrop), whose success lies in originality and unpredictability, with consistently creative greensites (e.g. the undulations of 2 and 3) with little swales, run-offs and knolls, and occasional well-placed trees. The links feel is enhanced by fairway undulations (not overseeded, returning a more authentic, raw quality), with bunkers melding wonderfully into desert. A links-cum-Arizonan golfer's dream - just don't let short game and putting weaknesses turn it into a nightmare! Choose tees appropriate to your ability. (A higher rating requires a second inspection: we will be back...)

Scorecard

	Yards	Par	Yards	Par
1	406	4	10	451
2	229	3	11	404
3	560	5	12	193
4	467	4	13	571
5	477	4	14	439
6	429	4	15	361
7	240	3	16	617
8	588	5	17	238
9	454	2	18	489
	3850	34		3841
				7601
				70
	7092	6531	5503	

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Dubai. Exit airport following Airport Road (signs for Al Rashidiya) for some 5km, after which r onto Emirates Road freeway (direction Abu Dhabi). After some 25km, pass Arabian Ranches estate on l. After some 2km, U-turn at roundabout and enter Arabian Ranches estate after 2km. Follow signs to club.

Key to symbols and rating system on page 8

Max handicap 28 36

Guest rooms (reviewed in C+Golf Issue 4, archived on www.c+golf.com)