

The Els



17 212 3



16 390 4



7 440 4

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A course as exquisitely designed as it is seriously challenging (even for its designer, apparently; so essential to choose tees appropriate to your game). Laid out over undulating ground, surrounded by residential development (which should mellow when completed), there's plenty of room off the tee, but it's what comes next that matters. The course is strategically and (often around the angled, raised greens) heavily bunkered, with often small and subtly undulating putting surfaces - delicious for design, but potentially perilous for your putter. So accurate shot-making is at a premium. The absence of much thick rough is compensated for by some water and the swathes of desert, flowing alongside and sometimes across the holes, all allowing for a natural integration of course, desert and vegetation. An artistic design which may merit a higher rating on maturity...

Scorecard

	Yards	Par	Yards	Par	
1	445	4	10	467	4
2	213	3	11	209	3
3	443	4	12	429	4
4	170	3	13	554	5
5	544	5	14	472	4
6	405	4	15	489	4
7	440	4	16	360	4
8	562	5	17	212	3
9	507	4	18	519	5
	3737	36	3501	36	
			7530	72	
	6029	6242	5343		

Designer: Els (2008)

✉ The Els Club ★★★

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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 27km, having passed Arabian Ranches estate on l, [as of mid 2008] go round a large temporary over freeway rbt (with lights) and straight on for Abu Dhabi. After some 4km exit for Dubai Sports City (on l, as you go towards Abu Dhabi) and follow signs to club. N.B. Roadworks and development may result in this becoming inaccurate, so refer also to club website.

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