

# EAGLE CHASE GOLF CLUB

## tumbling through Union County's Uwharrie Mountain's foothills

By Sam Smith

Eagle Chase Golf Club is in a unique area tucked away in the rolling hills of northern Union County near Marshville, surrounded by acres of countryside and farmland. The secluded locale is ideal for a relaxing game of golf, as the course tumbles across lush green hills and valleys below the nearby Uwharrie Mountains, providing almost every hole with an elevated tee or green.

Designed by Greenville, SC native Tom Jackson, Eagle Chase was built in 1994 and features an undulating layout with drastic elevation changes on several holes, providing a few blind shots to contend with. The course's greens complexes require a variety of shots, as they sit down both in valleys and atop hills, with lots of well-placed bunkers. Water comes in to play on seven holes to add to the challenge of Eagle Chase.



When Eagle Chase Golf Club sodded their new Diamond Zoysiagrass greens three summers ago, there was a great feeling of excitement about not having to fight the brutal Piedmont heat to save their bend grass green. By using sod instead of seeding the greens this has had a very positive impact on the maturity time of the greens according to General Manager and Head Professional Wally Moore.

"Zoysiagrass sod took a much shorter time to setup and start the true growing period which has been a benefit now," said Moore. "Another great advantage of the Zoysiagrass is that it thrives in shade as well as hot sunlight. That also means we didn't have to cut down up to 100 trees to allow sunlight on the greens like we would have had to do with other Bermuda greens. In addition to the new putting surfaces, several greens were recontoured to remove some undulation to make the greens more receptive and allow for more pin placements."

From the start at the slight dogleg 479 yard par-5 1st hole, called "Eagle Nest", the course sends you around Richardson Creek and parallel pond



*Eagle Chase par-4 #2*

for the tough # 2 handicap par-4 2nd hole that requires a good straight drive and a solid iron shot. With water still in play on the left, the par-3 "Foxy Lady" offers a challenge at 176 yards, but somewhat of a respite at the par-4 333 yard 4th hole with the first of the true elevated greens.

The next two tee boxes are perched well above your landing area, with par-4 "Hourglass" hole giving you extra distance to the bottom of valley



*Eagle Chase par-3 #6*

fairway that narrows to an hourglass for your approach to an elevated green, followed by par-3 147 yard "Uwharrie Vista", with the mountains in the distance and a possible par or better waiting below.

At #7 and #8, Eagle Chase lets you enjoy “Highland Trek” and “Elephant Back”, two holes that provide an excellent opportunity to grab back-to-back pars, before heading to the finishing hole on the front side, “Hilltop Crown”, the #4 handicap 370 yard par-4 requiring two solid shots to reach the green protected by traps in the front of the green.



*Eagle Chase par-4 #17*

Starting the back nine, avoiding trouble at the 342 yard par-4 “Devil’s Bunker” is a must to set up your putt on this shallow green. The next two holes can bring out the gambler in your game, starting with the par-5 “Gambler’s Delight” where you can bite off as much of the lake off the tee to shorten this #5 handicap 529 yarder. Next is the #3 handicap par-3 12th hole, that requires a carry of 194 yards to avoid the water on the right, and is true to its name “Hit and Hope”.

The “Big Cut” par-4 13th hole favors a fade after an over the water tee shot, while at #14 a big downhill drive sets up a knee-knocking approach to a green with traps on the right and trees on the left. But both can produce pars if you are hitting the ball well off the tee.

You will get the feel of the mountain-type terrain on the 378 yard par-4 15th hole, starting with an uphill tee shot flanked on the left by Richardson Creek, and calling for a couple of extra clubs to reach the green at “Mountain Climb”. The 16th hole is just a 110 yard par-3, but movement from back to front on this green can cause some putting nerves.

To finish at Eagle Chase you will navigate the “Roller Coaster” 17th hole, in quest of a straight away 336 yard par-4, and reach the “Home-stretch” at the par-5 501 yard 18th hole. With the green open on the front, two well-placed wood shots on this dogleg left hole could let you bounce onto the green to set a good score to make your day at Eagle Chase.

Eagle Chase welcomes all types of outings and events, from corporate to charity and even social occasions. They can accommodate up to 144 players and Wally Moore’s professional staff can create a tournament to fit your needs. A 3,000 sq. ft. open air pavilion, located next

to the driving range and practice area, is a comfortable place before or after your tournament event. Your outing can be catered or you can bring your own food and grill it there at Eagle Chase.

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Please contact Wally Moore at 704-385-9000 or logon to [www.playeaglechase.com](http://www.playeaglechase.com)



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