

KONA COUNTRY CLUB - Ocean Course Restoration

Built in 1966, this William Bell designed golf course maintains its charm by incorporating its natural settings along the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous mountain views with ‘picture ready’ opportunities on signature holes #3 and #12. Players also enjoy seeing the ocean waves produce a grand splash on hole #13, a blow hole also known as “puka” in Hawaiian.

This iconic seaside course has sat largely untouched until this year. In addition to a new irrigation system Sanford Golf Design is restoring the original green sizes, adding new tees and reshaping bunkers. The 17th tee complex has been raised over 6 feet to gain a better view of the putting surface on the uphill par three. Mike Yukon, golf course superintendent, and his staff are implementing the restoration work that will be completed this summer.

Kona Country Club is the former home of the LPGA Takefuji Classic and offers championship golf with wide, lush fairways, Bermuda grass greens, challenging bunkers and the sites natural obstacles, turquoise blue water and lava rocks. The Ocean course has been touted as one of the top 100 courses by Golf Digest. Golf for Women, ESPN and ZAGAT Guide recognize the course as one of the nation’s top golf facilities and it also has a rating of “excellent” as voted by the players in America’s Top Golf Courses.