



# BABCOCK NATIONAL

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

BABCOCK RANCH, FLORIDA



42911 Lake Babcock Drive | Punta Gorda, FL 33982

I-75 to Exit 143 (Bayshore Road). Go east approximately 3.3 miles. Turn left on State Road 31. After 4.5 miles, turn right on Lake Babcock Drive. Welcome Home Center is located just past Founder's Square on the right, just before the roundabout.

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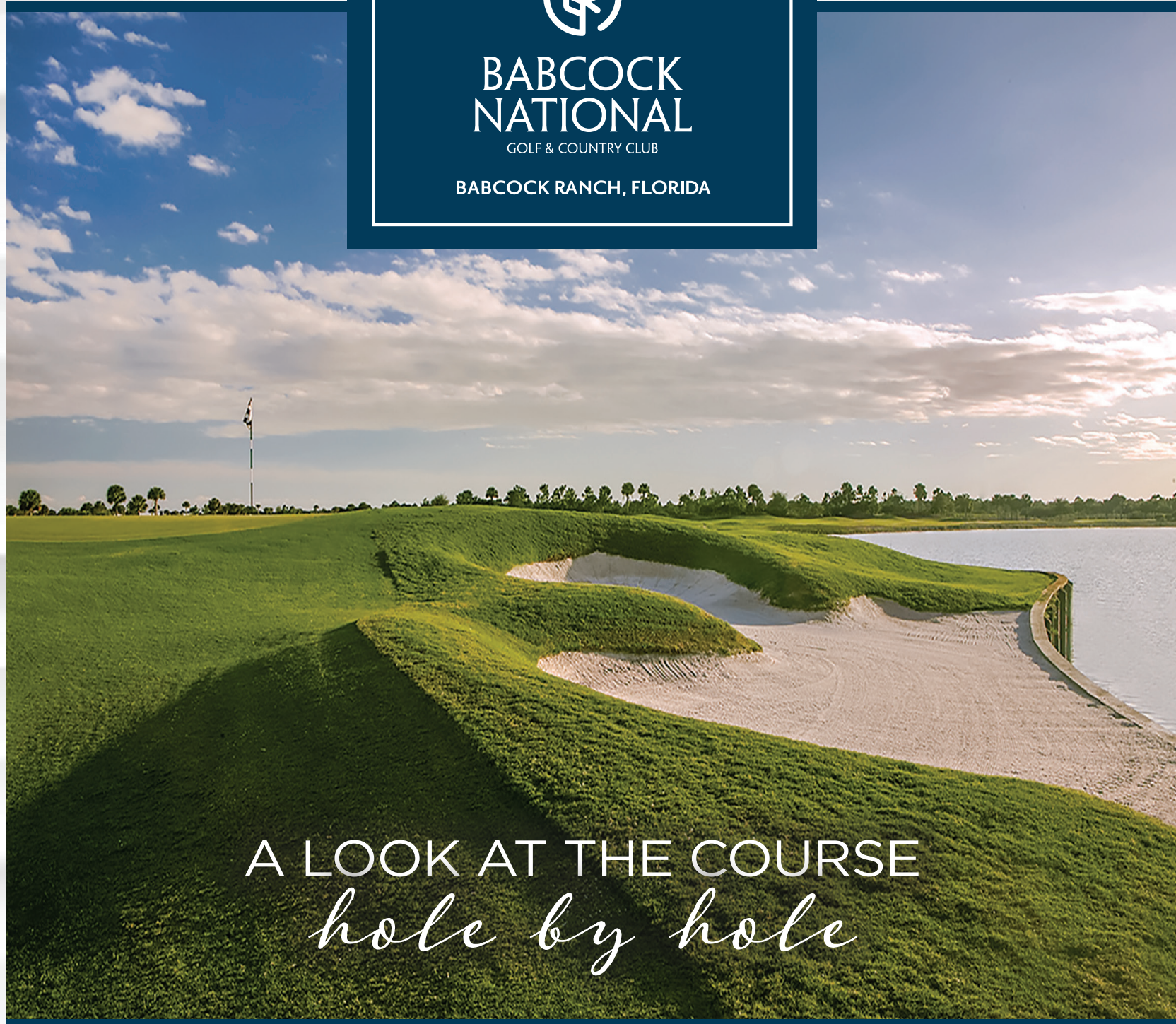
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A LOOK AT THE COURSE  
*hole by hole*

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# GOLF COURSE DESIGNER, GORDON LEWIS, TELLS THE STORY **HOLE** *by* **HOLE**

## **HOLE 1** SOFT LANDING - PAR 4

A gentle dogleg left with a nice fairway to get your day started right. Your medium to short iron approach is to a mellow green that generally slopes from back to front.

## **HOLE 2** SHORT 'N SWEET - PAR 4

Favor the left side of the fairway to set up the ideal second shot into this diagonal green. Beware of the subtle breaks.

## **HOLE 3** ACE AWAITS - PAR 3

This modern redan (a green that slopes from high front to low back) has no bunkers, but it will be one of the most fun and challenging holes you will ever play. Play about 10 to 15 yards right of pin with one or two less clubs than the yardage suggests, but don't be short. You'll face a tricky downhill putt. My prediction even tho' this is Babcock National's longest par 3 - we will have most of our hole-in-ones here. It will also be the easiest green to read - everything breaks to the back right.

## **HOLE 4** SMART WINS - PAR 4

Power is not the key here. A straight tee shot sets up a delicate approach to a very shallow, undulating green. Aim between the bunkers and stay short of the pin. With diagonal green you need to pick the right club for flagstick placement.

## **HOLE 5** GORDY'S GIANT - PAR 5

Time for Babcock to show its teeth. We've let you ease into your round, but you need 3 good shots to get home here. Relief is at the green. It's slightly pitched with readable undulations and divided in half by a ridge. The front pitches to the right, and the back of the putting surface rolls to the left.

## **HOLE 6** WINTERS WIND - PAR 4

A monster of a par 4 that heads Northwest, right into the winter wind. Just remember: a light grip and smooth swing will reward you with your longest, straightest drive. Keep your long approach shot a little short and right of the flag for your best shot at par. Bogeys will win a lot of money on #6. The green has several undulations and generally slopes from back to front.

## **HOLE 7** OPPORTUNITY CALLS - PAR 5

This short par 5 is a nice respite after the monsters, 5 and 6. The closer you can come to the bunkers, the easier each succeeding shot will be. Why do architects do that? We want to challenge golfers trying to cut the corners, and we reward those who take the chance and avoid the hazards. The well bunkered, subtle-breaking, triangular shaped green will make the birdie putts tricky.

## **HOLE 8** LITTLE BRUISER - PAR 3

Even tho' this shortie seems easy, it's got some bite. The bunkers, the lake, and the tricky green will challenge even the pros. The green surface has two distinct outfalls.

## **HOLE 9** WESTWARD BOUND - PAR 4

Favor just off the left bunker to set up the best approach. A little short of the pin and left will work best for your makeable birdie putt. Nice big wide and deep green. It has a slight false front, the back left falls off, and the back right will be the tough tournament pin setting.

*Babcock National is a course for all golfers, from first beginners to seasoned pros. It has wide landing areas, so you can unleash all your pent up power. Subtle breaking greens to test your prowess with the flat stick. Some wide greens, some narrow ones, some deep greens, some shallow ones, some based on the best of Scottish greens and some modern designs will all provide for some fun putting. Your iron play will be tested both for accuracy and pin point distance control. Let's get started on this exciting, fun-filled challenge.*



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*"Babcock National has variety galore. You will use every tool in your bag. We hope you enjoyed playing it as much as we had fun creating it for you!"*

Gordon B. Lewis, Golf Course Designer

## **HOLE 10** BUCKLE UP - PAR 5

You can bite off as much as you want here. That little speck of color at the end of Lake Babcock, yep, that's the pin. The smart play is just off the bunkers and work your way down the fairway. The unique 3 tier green means you need to get close to the pin to avoid those dreaded double-breaking putts.

## **HOLE 11** BIRDIE BEWARE - PAR 4

This wide fairway will allow you to unleash your inner power. Favor the left middle to set up your second shot of a middle iron to utility club. The putting surface has some subtle breaks, but any leave a little short and left of the pin will afford you a relatively easy birdie. Short and left of the green is best bail-out. It will set a nice chip shot. The back of the green is treacherous. Back left has a false side, and back right is a sucker pin - don't go for it.

## **HOLE 12** BOMBS AWAY - PAR 4

It's a tough, long par 4. The ample landing area will encourage a long, relaxed drive. Play smart on your second shot. Setting up a nice chip just short and right of the green will win you many a bet. It has two little false or fall-offs. One is in the front and the other on the right front. Gentle undulations are featured with a back pin protected by a ridge.

## **HOLE 13** PENINSULA - PAR 3

The keys here are keep your eye on the ball, use enough club, and clip that tee. Piece of cake. You're not in the hole yet, unless you had a hole-in-one, but this green is tricky with lots of subtle breaks. It has a great, formidable backboard so you can be aggressive. There is a false front to the left. On tournament Sunday don't be surprised to find the flagstick in the back of green. Your best bailout is middle of the green left. There is a nice chipping area there.

## **HOLE 14** BREATH OF FRESH AIR - PAR 4

A straight drive will pay big dividends on #14. Center cut is fine, but a little left of center is best. Your short to middle iron should favor left of flagstick, but this is green light special. The green is subtle, but sneaky. A 20 footer will have 2 breaks, while putts over 40 feet could have 3 or 4 little changes in direction.

## **HOLE 15** NATURE'S BEAUTY - PAR 4

Fire away, there's plenty of room up there, but favor right center. The key to this hole is the second shot. Your medium iron to utility club requires pin point accuracy. If you're a little wild today, a layup short and right of green may be just the ticket for your par. This is a real subtle Biarritz style green with a gentle swale through the middle, slanting from high left to low right. The toughest pin will be in the back past the Biarritz feature.

## **HOLE 16** BRIDGE TO DESTINY - PAR 4

After your relaxing, scenic preserve drive, play your drive to a specific distance. You want to set up a nice full shot from the middle or right side of the landing zone. The narrow putting surface is subtle and tricky, but negotiate correctly and you will head to 17 with a birdie or par.

## **HOLE 17** NARROW LANDING - PAR 3

This shortie is tough. Avoid the rock walls left and the preserve and deep, yawning bunker right. Oh, and if you think you might just play your shot off the big mound left, there are grass catches to prevent you from trickling down to the flag. The green is so narrow you need to walk on it single file. And yet, it's deep. It is so deep, it can be a 6 or 7 club difference, and maybe even a wood against a South wind to a lob wedge with a strong Northerner. If that tickles your fancy, wait til you putt. Hopefully, you picked the right club 'cause a putt over 20 feet will have at least 2 breaks.

## **HOLE 18** THE LONG ROAD HOME - PAR 5

Just a great finish to a fun, exhilarating round of golf. The last of the 18 is not the least. You need to skirt the bunkers and avoid the lake. It doesn't end when you reach the green. It will test your mettle and should settle all the bets.