



Hole No. 5



*“Certified Gold Audubon
Signature Sanctuary Course”*

Hole No. 10



Hole No. 7



The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing

The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing is the third course at Tahoe Mountain Club and the only private club serving this prestigious club and real estate community. Laid out at 6,500 feet, the singular terrain at Gray's Crossing recalls the Sound of Music. "As a firm," Peter Jacobsen explained, "we design courses in concert with the landscape and terrain. Within 18 holes, we want every player to have 18 different experiences. Achieving this at The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing was quite straight-forward because the land it sits upon is so very unique."

Gray's Crossing features JH's trademark blend of physical drama and playing strategies. Jacobsen cited as examples the layout's two reachable par-4s, the 6th and 14th. The former drops nearly 100 feet from tee to green, while the latter plays slightly uphill to a treacherous green. Neither the 13th nor 15th take advantage of the site's extreme elevation changes; instead they sit comfortably amid a gently rolling, high desert prairie. The downhill, the double-fairwayed 18th is a text-book risk-reward par-5 that just happens to be divided by a striking swath of wildflowers.

Constructing a golf course at altitude requires another sort of balance. Jacobsen Hardy worked closely with club agronomists to choose just the right blend of bentgrasses for the greens at Gray's Crossing. Elsewhere, all the playing surfaces were sodded to accommodate the short growing season and ensure that playing conditions were pristine from day one.

For some landscaping amenities, however, members will have to wait: Jacobsen Hardy accented its design at Gray's Crossing with seas of wildflowers, some framing holes and others intervening - such as the fairway divide on 18. You can't "sod" wildflowers, of course. Jim Hardy noted that seeded wildflower plantings will take a couple growing seasons to fully mature in Truckee. But when they do, thanks to seasonal water flow off the mountains, these wildflowers will bloom several times a year - each time in a different color, creating unusually vivid settings on an already vivid layout.



Hole No. 16

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