

# Bethpage <sup>U.S. OPEN</sup> 20 09 Black

*"WARNING" The Black course is an extremely difficult course which is recommended only for highly skilled "GOLFERS"*

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2002 - Tiger Woods  
2009 - Lucas Glover



CARD OF THE COURSE

HOLES	YARDS	PAR	HOLES	YARDS	PAR
1.	430	4	10.	492	4
2.	389	4	11.	453	4
3.	308	3	12.	446	4
4.	517	5	13.	594	5
5.	451	4	14.	181	3
6.	488	4	15.	479	4
7.	489	4	16.	479	4
8.	310	3	17.	307	3
9.	418	4	18.	411	4
OUT	3,517	35			
			IN	3,716	35
			TOTAL	7,233	70

Reclaimed to a Championship level of conditioning for the landmark event, the Black today is a bona fide powerhouse, a layout virtually devoid of weak holes and well stocked with many of a world-class nature. Perhaps the best of the bunch is the 517 yard 4th, a prodigious two-shotter that requires the strong player to drive across a large left-side bunker if the green is to be reached in two shots, but also allows those laying up to decide among multiple strategic options on their second shot. Bethpage Black is built over sandy, rolling terrain at least somewhat akin to that of Pine Valley, as an example, and, save for the opening two holes and 10-17-18, it is routed through similarly dense woods. Its bunkering and overall length were created on a comparable scale, leaving only its relatively benign putting surfaces different. Tillghast's concept was to make the course something which might compare with the best course in the east...and remarkably, in many ways it actually succeeded in doing just that. It remains an inspiring grand design conceived on a scale that few courses can match, and it has acquitted itself in 2002 against the best in the world and will again in 2009 test all the greats skills.



An aerial view of the par-4 4th, where the left-hand bunker must be challenged off the tee if the golfer hopes to reach the distant, lightly bunkered green in two.