

## The mean 18

We picked some of the hardest holes in South Africa, from 1 to 18, until a monstrous, composite Frankenstein 18 had been created. No short par 4s on this course.

# Hole	Mts	Par
1. Pretoria CC	395	4
2. The Links at Fancourt	211	3
3. Arabella	451	4
4. Atlantic Beach	499	5
5. Durban Country Club	420	4
6. Humewood GC	130	3
7. Glendower	444	4
8. Gary Player CC	440	4
9. East London Golf Club	425	4
10. Glendower	440	4
11. Royal J&K East	474	4
12. Wild Coast	441	5
13. Lost City	180	3
14. Royal Cape	401	4
15. Prince's Grant	506	5
16. River Club	454	4
17. Randpark	215	3
18. Pearl Valley	424	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 950</b>	<b>71</b>

South Africa's

# 25

# TOUGHEST GOLF COURSES

Photos by Jamie Thom

**F**rom time to time, in golf and in life, it's good to get outside of your comfort zone. Way outside. It's good to test yourself, to throw yourself into that burning ring of fire, to tee off from the all-the-way back tees at the Gary Player Country Club in the suffocating heat of summer, or play the Wild Coast/Humewood in gale-force wind conditions.

To help you discover what you're really made of - and to support our annual ranking of the Top 100 courses in South Africa - we have identified 25 of the toughest golf courses in the country. These are courses that are going to examine you as a golfer, slap you around for five hours in many cases, then reluctantly agree to let you limp your sorry carcass back into the clubhouse for resuscitation. They are courses meant for drag-out, high-stakes battles at high noon. Some of these courses you could sell "I survived a round at..." T-shirts in the pro shop. Fields of bad dreams.

This is not a scientific or even definitive ranking, but our toughest 25 courses were arrived at in consultation with our team of over 100 Golf Digest course evaluation members. It's our list of layouts that have battered and bruised us, ruined our scorecards and made us want to weep. You probably know some tough ones we've missed. Regardless, find one near you and take it on from the back tees. Stand tall. Be strong. Cross the Rubicon. If you survive, tell us all about it. And if you don't, make sure you go down fighting.