

HOLE NO. 12

11TH AT GRAYHAWK GOLF CLUB (TALON COURSE),

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA.

DAVID GRAHAM AND GARY PANKS, DESIGNERS.

175 / 161 / 137 / 108 YARDS, PAR 3.

The hole is called "Swinging Bridge," but you traverse that novelty only if you play the back tee. But at just 175 yards, why not?

It's all-carry over a desert hollow and a deep front bunker to a wide and deep green. But beware: there are two distinct levels to this green. If you don't fly the ball all the way to the back level, it's liable to hit the upslope and roll back to the lower level. The tougher pin placement is obviously on that lower shelf, just beyond the deep front bunker, a good example of how a hole can be harder when it plays shorter.

The Arizona design team of former U.S. Open champion David Graham and architect Gary Panks showed some ingenuity when completing this hole. That desert hollow is man-made, and was slated to be a plastic-lined lake, but Graham and Panks liked the rugged look of it so much, they opted to keep it dry.