

The **BEST** *of the* **MET**

PART II: THE COURSES

A report on the holes and courses that our readers voted the elite of the Met Area

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Now to the good stuff. The best of Met Area golf courses. Not that there's anything uninteresting about naming the best caddies or clubhouses in the Met Area, as we did in our last issue.

It's just that it's golf courses that *Met Golfer* readers know about and care about most—and about which they were most passionate in responding to our survey on the Best of the Met.

So without further ado, here are the results.



PRETTIEST HOLE

10th hole, Sleepy Hollow CC, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Had we included an award for "Prettiest Course," it likely would have gone to Sleepy Hollow, which fared excellently in both the "Prettiest Hole" and "Best View from the Tee" categories, receiving votes for five different holes.

The fairest of them all, however, was the par-three 10th. A downhill shot of 150 yards, it plays to a canted green niched between a placid pond and a tree-lined hillside. Against such a backdrop, even a shanked 5-iron can be a pleasure to behold.

Our readers also were beguiled by the sylvan beauty of the 15th at Somerset Hills CC in Bernardsville, N.J., the Scottish charm of the 9th at The Maidstone Club in East Hampton, N.Y., the exquisite serenity of the 4th at Baltusrol GC (Lower) in Springfield, N.J., the 12th at Richter Park GC in Danbury, CT, the 17th at Sunningdale in Scarsdale, N.Y., and the 13th at Century CC in Purchase, N.Y., a par three over water which stands out among 18 beautiful holes.