

The Lakes Golf Club

East Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada

Project type:

New course

Client:

Ski Ben Eoin

Approximate cost:

\$6,000,000.00

Project objectives:

Construction of a new 18-hole golf course with practice facilities.

Services provided:

Preliminary concept plans, Construction plans and documents, Site consultation during the construction.

Project status:

Completed.

DESCRIPTION:

Situated on both sides of the slopes of Ski Ben Eoin, in East Bay, Nova Scotia, The Lakes Golf Club pulls much of its strength from the ingenious use of plateaus located on the side of the mountain. While the course is set amongst a rugged, tumbling landscape, the holes feel in close harmony with their surroundings. This creates an experience that is accessible and interesting to all calibers of golfers, while providing spectacular views of the majestic Bras d'Or Lake, located nearby.

One of the major challenges of this project was the necessity to incorporate an important drainage network into the golf course in order to minimize the risks of erosion associated with the large amounts of surface water flowing down the mountain throughout the course. The site being located on the side of the mountain, many streams and drainage corridors were crossing the proposed golf holes. Some of these had to be maintained and protected while others were piped across the course. Another challenge was the presence of many sink-holes on site due to the site geology and the presence of large sources of groundwater.

Site of the Cape Breton Celtic Classic (2013, 2014, 2015).
An official PGA Tour Canada event.

Project done with the firm Graham Cooke & Assoc. Inc.

