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## GOLF HOLIDAYS 2007-2008



### BIG SKY GOLF COURSE PEMBERTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Located at the foot of Mt. Currie, just 25 minutes north of the world-class resort community of Whistler, Big Sky is in our opinion the definitive reason for coming to play golf in Canada. This is a truly beautiful location, and the staff at Jenahura give this our only 5\* rating, slightly better than Golf Digest, who give it 4 ½\*. Either way, it is surely the very best golf course we have ever played, in the most natural, tranquil setting anywhere we have travelled.

Designed by award-winning golf course architect Robert Cupp, Big Sky features the finest in golf course conditioning with bent grass from tee to green. The course is a classic links design built on gentle rolling terrain that integrates seven lakes connected by a serpentine creek. With four sets of tees ranging from 7,001 to 5,208 yards, Big Sky presents a risk-reward challenge at every hole for every skill level. In fact, the layout doesn't impose strategy; it presents options for players to develop their own. Tree planting was kept to a minimum so as not to impede panoramic views of the Coast Mountains, notably 8,450-foot Mt. Currie which stands sentinel over the south end of the links.

It often seems that the long holes play into the prevailing wind and the short holes play downwind. Bunker placements are strategic throughout, and greens range in size from tiny to enormous. Many swales are located to steer improperly played shots off the greens into large, grassy collection areas. A skillful chip is usually required to get back in play.

Among the better par fours is the 434-yard 12th, where the fairway is split by a creek. The 14th is a lengthy hole that parallels the dike surrounding the course. Number 16, a 405-yard two-shot hole that bends from left to right around a lake, entices players to bite off more than they can chew.

Big Sky also has excellent amenities with Canada's number one golf instruction academy, and a comfortable restaurant, with a patio overlooking the 18th green.



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