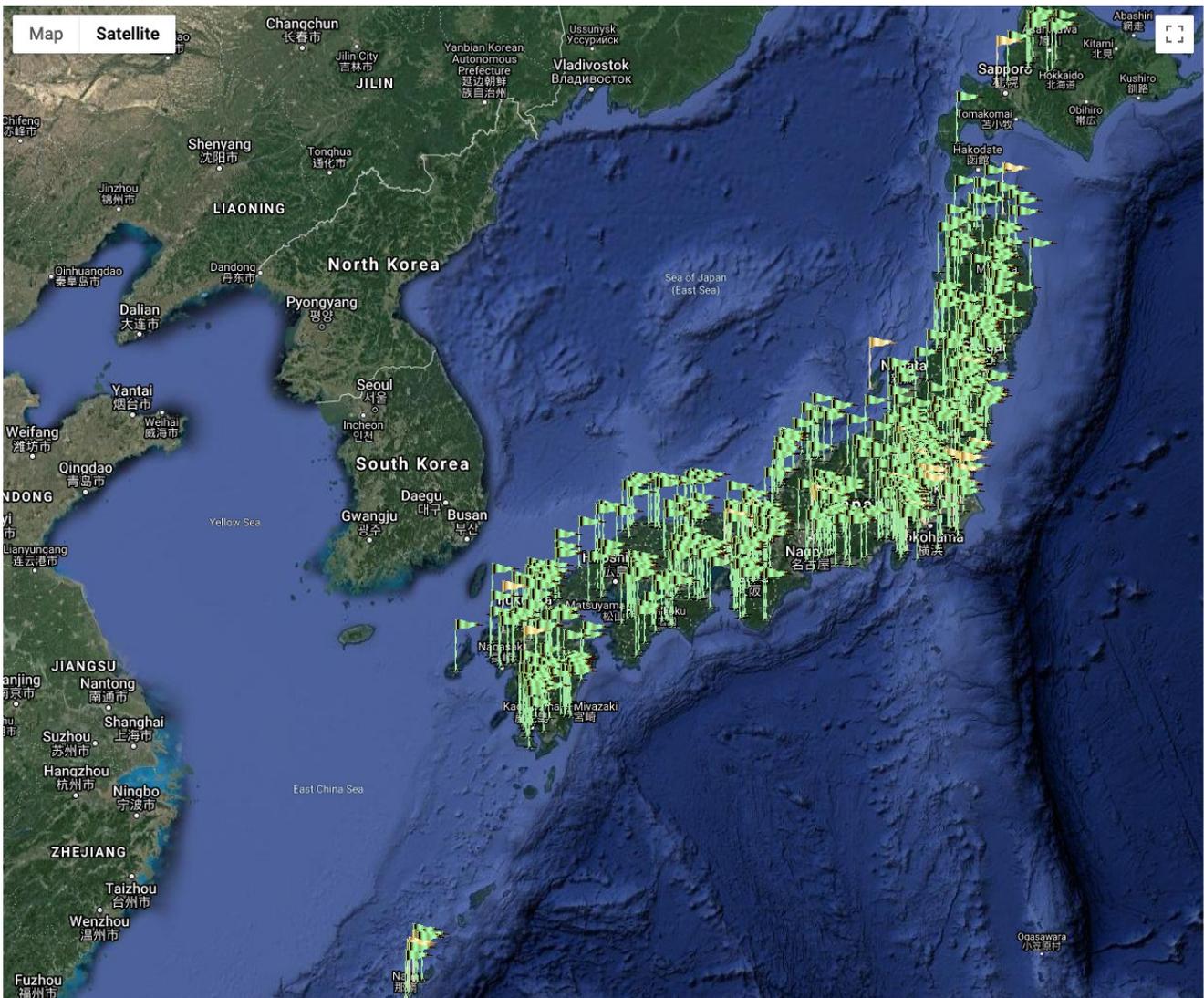


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## AltGreen: a simple solution for one of the most extraordinary features of golf in Japan: double greens



Over the past few months, golf in Japan and golfers from Japan have taken center stage in the world of professional golf. The Olympic Games in Tokyo showed us the extraordinary condition of Kasumigaseki Country Club as it hosted the Olympic Games. Japanese golf has been center stage as Japanese golfers have celebrated first time wins at hallowed venues and in hallowed events such as Augusta National Country Club for the Augusta Women's Amateur and The Masters, both of which featured first time winners from Japan. We celebrate the accomplishments of Japanese players: Hideki

Matsuyama (Master's winner), Mone Imani (Olympic silver medalist and 5 time Japan LPGA winner this YEAR!) , Nasa Hataoka, Tsubasa Kajitani, Yuka Saso (US Womens OPEN winner), in our weekly Tour Course Collections and our weekly Tour Watch pages on the site:

[https://golfraxx.com/course\\_collection\\_single.php?collection=Tour+Courses+March+31+-+April+4%2C+2021&coursename=Augusta+National+Golf+Club+-+Eighteen+Course&zipcode=30904&logo=usga\\_logo.jpg&static=true](https://golfraxx.com/course_collection_single.php?collection=Tour+Courses+March+31+-+April+4%2C+2021&coursename=Augusta+National+Golf+Club+-+Eighteen+Course&zipcode=30904&logo=usga_logo.jpg&static=true)

Here at golfraxx, we're also doing our part to celebrate golf's presence in the Olympic Games and golf in Japan, and to celebrate the unique characteristics of golf in Japan as we continue to update our map of all the Japan golf courses in our database!

GolfTraxx has added the Japan LPGA to it's list of tours in our tour watch page:

[https://golfraxx.com/tour\\_watch.php](https://golfraxx.com/tour_watch.php)

GolfTraxx continues to update hole and course maps and scorecards and flyovers for courses throughout Japan as shown here:

[https://golfraxx.com/view\\_golfcourses\\_on\\_map\\_by\\_country.php?state=JP&static=true](https://golfraxx.com/view_golfcourses_on_map_by_country.php?state=JP&static=true)

While spectators were not allowed to attend the games in person, television viewing of golf events in Japan (especially in women's golf) were at all-time highs from every corner of the globe. While the ladies professional golf tours enjoy television viewership, that audience falls FAR short of the 200+ countries participating in the Olympics and their respective television audiences viewing Olympics coverage.

Japan is a very beautiful country, which many Olympic observers had never seen. There are 3,000 courses in Japan, and as we have in many other countries around the world, it is our intent to “go for the gold in Japan,” turning every course in our database map gold as we get it mapped and into our database.

In the Saitama prefecture where the golf events are being hosted at [Kasumigaseki Golf Club - East](#), there are many, many beautiful courses, and, similar to southeast Florida, there are a great MANY courses in a fairly small area.

An estimated 35% of the courses in Japan feature **double greens on every single hole**, (1,000 courses!) ... a feature rarely seen in most other courses in the world.

To honor the double green tradition of golf in Japan and simplify the mapping of courses in Japan (and of course anywhere else where the course features double greens for one or more holes on their course), Golftraxx has launched a new extra: **AltGreen**. **AltGreen** can be combined with **Left, Right, Long, Short** such that in a single descriptive extra for a hole, players can receive Reach and Carry distances to the Front and Back of that **Alternate Green and KNOW with certainty which of the two greens on a hole is which in the yardage information provided**. Using AltGreen with the correct location descriptor for the Alternate Green (Right, Left, Long, Short) it now becomes a simple deduction to know which of the two greens is the green to which our app shows Front, Center, and Back, and just as simple to deduce the distance to Center of the **AltGreen** using these two extra distances REACH and CARRY provided as the AltGreen distances: **sum(reach + carry / 2)**.

When holes have double greens, it's a near-certainty that they will NOT be of the same size, shape, or depth, so just knowing how many yards the total hole distance varies (to the center of the AltGreen ) is not enough information. Our REACH and CARRY distances on AltGreens provide a green depth which enables you to club more accurately than if you just know the distance to the CENTER of the AltGreen.

Players familiar with golf in Japan know that the labels of the alternative greens for a course can sometimes be confusing, especially for tourists playing a course for the first time. There are courses where the pairs of greens are labelled A or B, and other courses where they're labeled New or Old, other courses where they're labelled Korai and Bent for two different kinds of grass... You get the idea.

So, as a new visitor to a Japan course, not only do you need to make sure you get the **correct** scorecard for the course(s) that you're playing, and the set of greens you are playing, you also need to make sure that on a particular day you're playing the course, that the course hadn't decided to use an alternate green for one or more holes on that day. You may recall the Skins Game championship for the PGA Tour or ZoZo Championship in Japan, where the same par three hole on the course had a “your choice” left or right green option.

<https://www.pgatour.com/news/2019/10/23/two-green-system-zozo-championship.html>

You can see how when playing a course for the first time there, it can easily creep into the back of your mind that distance you see to the green is for the “other” green. It's not always obvious whether for a particular pair of greens on a particular hole, which is A and which is B, or which green is Old and which is New and/or which green is Fuji and which is Bent or Fuji for example. **Eliminating uncertainty will help you score better.**

**AltGreen** will instantly remove any confusion. It is **instantly deducible** on ANY given hole with two greens which is which in our data. If you see distances to reach and carry **AltGreenRight** as an extra, it is instantly obvious that the default distances provided to Front, Center, and Back in Golftraxx for the hole are to the green on the left while the distances to reach and carry are for the green on the right. **Nothing could be more simple.**

It is our intent to incorporate AltGreen extras on every course in Japan with double greens, as well as the course and hole flyovers for as many Japanese courses as possible so that players are able to check out not just the scorecards and course maps but have certainty that they're receiving distances to the **intended** target green on some of the incredibly beautiful golf landscapes in the world in Japan through the course and video flyovers.

If you're familiar with golf in Japan, you can help us by mapping courses, checking scorecard accuracy, or sending links for the course layouts you know are correct, and/or for the course or hole flyovers.

As it is for the athletes preparing for the Olympics, your support is hugely helpful to get us through this journey, and get us across the finish line, and we are very hopeful that you will enjoy the results!

As always, thanks to everyone for taking time to check out a course or two. We recently had our first 10 million page requests day... followed by another huge day of page requests yesterday, both “personal bests” for golftraxx.com!

Enjoy and wishing everyone great golfing!

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