

Championship Course Reopens After Extensive Renovation

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ork on an extensive course renovation at historic **Columbus Country Club** has been completed after two years. More than 1,500 trees were removed to open up sight and play lines and all bunkers were replaced — all with the intention of reflecting the original style and feel of the beloved Donald Ross design.

In addition, new and repositioned tee complexes make the course more playable — longer for better players and shorter for those with less length off the tee. "We're excited to reopen this masterfully renovated course to our members, as well as other private club members who have access through the Troon Privé Privilege program," said Jay Frank, general manager. "We fully expect the course to be recognized among the best — if not the best — classic courses in Ohio."



BOBBY NICHOLS (ABOVE) BEAT ARNOLD PALMER (RIGHT) AND JACK NICKLAUS IN THE 1964 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AT COLUMBUS CC.

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Columbus Country Club also features a nine-hole executive course along with eight tennis courts, a swimming pool, a spacious clubhouse (renovated in 2015), and a diverse entertainment calendar. The grounds were first developed in 1903 as a horseman's club, but became home to a ninehole course designed by Tom Bendelow in 1907. Click here to see Columbus Country Club renovation video

Many renown golf course architects have been involved in its development since, including Harry Colt, Dick Wilson, and Geoffrey Cornish. But it was Donald Ross whose work on the course between 1915 and 1940 had the most influence on the course's character and overall design.

In 1964, Columbus Country Club played host to the PGA Championship, an event that featured a thrilling finish between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, along with eventual winner Bobby Nichols. The club has also hosted two additional PGA TOUR events: the Columbus Invitational in 1946 and 1947, won by Byron Nelson and Bobby Locke respectively. Columbus Country Club has hosted the Ohio State Amateur four times (most recently in 2004), and was the host course for the 1957 and 1987 Ohio State Mid-Amateur. The course will again host the Ohio State Amateur in 2020.

For more information on Columbus Country Club, visit www.ColumbusCC.com.