



Classic Courses (Pre-1945)

We're proud of our experience working with classic courses built during the Golden Age of golf course architecture. We pride ourselves on doing the proper research, understanding how a course has evolved, and in working with club stakeholders to become experts in what the original architect planned and built.



Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, Illinois – Consulting golf course architect for the North and South Courses, as voted on by membership. Phase 1 work revolved around Master Planning and renovation of the South Course, built in 1916 by Tom Bendelow, and renovated by Willie Park Jr. Work includes complete historical analysis, assessment of the existing bunker strategy and quality, site drainage, and tree management.



Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville, Michigan – Master Planning and renovation of this 18-hole private club in SE Michigan built in 1916 by Willie Park Jr., with modifications by Donald Ross. SGD worked especially close with this membership to draft a plan that fit their needs, helping them become the Club they desired to be. Work included reconstruction of all greens, bunkers, and tees with an emphasis on prior safety concerns, including re-grassing of all fairways, 15 miles of drainage pipe and the conversion of over 20 acres of native landscape. Received an Honorary membership in 2018.



Mount Bruno Country Club, St-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec – Master planning and consulting golf course architect of record for this 18-hole private country club designed in 1918 by Willie Park Jr., and later renovated by Stanley Thompson in the 1920's. Planning included a complete historical documentation of the course evolution with intention of restoring the appropriate design features, while addressing the needs of today's members.



Garden City Country Club, Garden City, New York – Master Planning and consulting for this 18-hole private club on Long Island New York, designed in 1916 by Walter Travis. Initial consulting work focused on the reconstruction of the fairway bunkering and mounding on holes 6 and 7. A restoration plan is currently being developed. Work will focus on restoring the design details of Water Travis, along with improving course playability, teeing equity, and resource efficiency.



Terrace Park Country Club, Milford, Ohio – Master Planning and consulting to this private club in a suburb of Cincinnati originally built in 1910. Work will focus on the renovation and of all bunkers, tees and select greens, utilizing the design philosophy of Walter Travis. Prior to Master planning, work included general consulting and redesign of the 13th hole. This hole required immediate attention due to the continual erosion of the riverbank closely adjacent to the previous green's location.



University Club of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Master Planning and renovation of this 18-hole private club in SE Wisconsin, designed by Tom Bendelow in 1921. Phase 1 included the design and construction of a 10-acre practice facility including a 4-hole short course, wedge range, putting and chipping greens. Work also necessitated the adjustment of three holes including an entirely new par 3 hole #12. This work was complete in partnership with Marquette University's Golf Team.



Fayetteville Country Club, Fayetteville, Arkansas – One of Staples Golf Design's longest running clients, our work has consisted of Master Planning, consulting and renovation of this 18-hole private club in NW Arkansas, originally designed by Perry Maxwell in 1927. The Master Plan was established to be implemented over a period of 10 years. Projects include new practice area, practice bunkers, a tree management plan, turf mowing improvements, drainage, turf reduction, and overall consulting on an as-needed basis.



San Jose Country Club, San Jose, California – Originally built in 1912 by Tom Niccol, our work consisted of Master Planning and restoration of a circa 1940 plan depicting the collaborative design of William Watson, Alister MacKenzie, and A.W. Tillinghast. Work also focused on significant tree management, re-grassing of fairways, bunker renovation and long-term irrigation/water availability strategy plan.



Delray Beach Golf Club, Delray Beach, Florida – Master Planning and consulting for the 9 original holes designed in 1926 by Donald Ross. Planning includes a complete historical documentation of the course evolution with intention of restoring all Ross design features. The Owner (City of Delray Beach, Florida) celebrates their Ross design lineage, and has made it a priority to restore their golf course back to the original design for marketing and branding purposes.



Mill Valley Golf Course, Mill Valley, California – Master Planning and Community Links Assessment of a 9-hole Municipal Golf Course set in the rolling redwood hills of Marin County, looking at the highest-and-best-use case scenarios for the course including: increasing sustainability, lowering maintenance costs, fostering inclusivity within the community, adjusting tees to allow for the experienced golfer, as well as the new golfer to enjoy the course equally.