



## **Architect Chris Wilczynski to renovate bunkers at Community Golf Club**

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Golf course architect Chris Wilczynski, ASGCA, of Saline, Mich., will design and oversee renovation of the bunkers at Dayton's Community Golf Club.

Community Golf Club was Dayton's first municipal golf course, dating back to 1918. Featuring over 120 feet of topographic relief and several elevated tees, the 18-hole Hills Course is the more challenging of Community's two courses. The shorter, 18-hole Dales Course is fun and playable for golfers of all skill levels. The prevalence of degraded and poorly draining bunkers on the 36-hole layout prompted the planned renovations.

"Our goal is to enhance the bunkers from a functionality, maintenance, playability, and aesthetic perspective," said Wilczynski.

Wilczynski plans to build out the bunker renovations in the late summer and early autumn of this year.

"On the Hills Course we will add a few fairway bunkers to enhance the challenge and the aesthetics of the course," he said. "Some bunkers will be eliminated, and others will be moved. The Dales Course is the smaller of the two courses, and there we will limit the number of bunkers."

Dayton's Community Golf Club also features a driving range, a well-stocked pro shop and a restaurant, the 19th Hole. Community has a storied history, and it serves hundreds of golfers on an annual basis. A recent customer survey indicated improving bunkers as the most desired change at Community.

"We selected C.W. Golf Architecture for this project because Chris has an excellent resume with improving golf facilities, is very experienced and fits very well with this project and the improvements needed," said Course Superintendent Bob Bajek.

Wilczynski's course renovations and planning projects include Chautauqua Golf Club, Chautauqua, N.Y., Blythefield Country Club, Belmont, Mich., and Forest Glen Golf and Country Club, Naples, Fla., among many others.

"Golf courses like this are so important to the growth of the game and for the much-needed social and health benefits that they provide," Wilczynski noted.

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