



America's Second 100 Greatest Golf Courses

164. (NEW) Old Elm Club

Highland Park, IL

★★★★☆ 67 PANELISTS

100 GREATEST/BEST IN STATE SCORES

SHOT OPTIONS	7.2651	CHARACTER	7.656	CHALLENGE	7.008
LAYOUT VARIETY	7.3354	FUN	7.593	AESTHETICS	7.3185
CONDITIONING	7.739				

British architect Harry S. Colt laid out the course in 1913 on one of his few visits to the U.S., collaborating on-site with Donald Ross, who to that point had designed courses in the Northeast and at Pinehurst but was not nationally known. After Colt departed, Ross, consulting Colt's drawings and design notes, oversaw the construction of the holes. Over the last decade architect Drew Rogers has helped reclaim the property's original spaciousness by removing hundreds of trees that had begun to clog the holes and expand fairways and greens. He also, with the help of designer/shaper Dave Zinkand, recreated the rough and rugged bunker edging that Colt was known for in his best U.K. designs. Their work has reestablished Old Elm as one of the top courses in the greater Chicago market.

"One of the very best in the state, and also in the region.

Over the years, skillful renovation work has brought remarkable contouring and conditioning to this all-male club, and if the greens are playing fast and firm, there's plenty of difficulty. Very hard to have a bad time at this gorgeous place. One of the most exclusive clubs in the country -- do not decline an invite!"

"One of the best courses in the Chicago area. Great renovation work by Drew Rogers"