



## J. DREW ROGERS, ASGCA

GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT

### Background

Drew got his start in golf at Quail Creek Country Club in Robinson, Illinois, a former PGA tour stop during the late '60's & early '70's. Here, he was an accomplished, low handicap golfer and assumed a wide range of responsibilities at the club, enabling him to be exposed to the "ins and outs" of private club operations, personal service and course maintenance. With newfound exposure and passion for golf course design, Drew then focused on ways to make golf into a profession. He studied Landscape Architecture at the University of Kentucky, earning his degree in 1991, always with the goal of acquiring the skills to become a golf course architect.

### Experience

In 1992, Drew took a designer position with renowned architect Arthur Hills. He quickly assumed full management of multiple projects and became a well-recognized face of the firm and a highly respected golf industry practitioner. He was appointed a full partner of Hills' firm in 1999 before being elected a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 2001. During time spanning nearly 19 years, Drew collaborated with Arthur on over 30 new course designs and over 20 major renovations worldwide, including works at noted courses like Oakland Hills Country Club, Oakmont Country Club, Country Club of North Carolina and Congressional Country Club.

### Independence

In 2010, Drew established his own design practice (JDR), whose primary focus is to assist existing course entities that seek to make improvements to their facilities. As such, JDR is a small, boutique entity that focuses on personal service, direct communication, well-planned Improvement Programs and enduring excellence. Drew builds and maintains strong, lasting relationships with his clientele and strives to address their most pressing needs while providing lasting enjoyment for players. As a result, the majority of Drew's work appointments are acquired through direct referrals.

### Philosophy

To design courses that enhance the golf experience and ultimately meet the needs of their users, operators and surrounding environments... to apply practical, "less is more", traditional design methodologies that will enable any facility to succeed... to creatively and artfully blend design elements with the most sustainable approaches to maintenance and course presentation... to design golf holes that reveal great beauty while providing options and opportunities for all players... and to inspire imagination, creative shot making and promote the lasting enjoyment of this fine game.

### Innovative

Always an advocate of the game, Drew has been a frequent speaker/panelist at various local, regional, national and international turf and golf conferences, including environmental golf summits in Istanbul, Turkey and Lisbon, Portugal and a golf growth seminar in Rome, Italy. His involvement in advancing sustainable golf and environmental stewardship was realized in Portugal, where Oitavos Dunes earned Audubon International's highest distinction, "Gold

Signature Sanctuary" – the first such designation in Europe and only the second in the world at the time. Drew also maintains an active "blog" where he regularly comments on a variety of golf-related topics and stays connected with his followers. [www.jdrewrogers.com/blog](http://www.jdrewrogers.com/blog)

### Traits

Drew's clients have remarked repeatedly on his moral character, his ability to listen, his congeniality and ability to effectively communicate. He is passionate about success and excellence, a true team player and a professional that cultivates long, collaborative relationships with his clients. Drew is wise and experienced, a prompt service provider, available to administer timely direction and decision making and always respectful of his clients' timing and budgets. For additional information about Drew or JDR's work, please visit [www.jdrewrogers.com](http://www.jdrewrogers.com)



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## Tradition

Drew's fondness for classic, "golden Age" architecture has inspired a movement for his consultation and involvement on a growing number of history-laden courses and honoring the architectural intentions at the following:

Chevy Chase Club in Chevy Chase Maryland (Donald Ross, Colt/Alison)  
Country Club of Columbus in Columbus, Georgia (Donald Ross)  
Kenosha Country Club in Kenosha, Wisconsin (Donald Ross)  
Knollwood Club in Lake Forest, Illinois (C.H. Alison)  
Manor Country Club in Rockville, Maryland (William Flynn)  
Old Elm Club in Highland Park , Illinois (Harry Colt & Donald Ross)  
Pine Lake Country Club in West Bloomfield, Michigan (Willie Park, Jr.)  
Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, New York (Donald Ross)  
Spring Lake Country Club in Spring Lake , Michigan (Tom Bendelow)  
Sylvania Country Club in Sylvania, Ohio (Willie Park, Jr.)

## Evolution

Drew's guidance has also been instrumental at more modern venues, where he has been tasked with developing a new vision or identity, develop improved practice facilities, address playability and management issues... or to simply touch up a maturing design to endure another 30 years. Some of these include:

Audubon Country Club in Naples, Florida  
Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia  
Champion Trace In Nicholasville, Kentucky  
Country Club of Paducah in Paducah, Kentucky  
Ivanhoe Club in Ivanhoe, Illinois  
The Country Club at Mirasol in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida  
Miromar Lakes Golf Club in Miromar, Florida  
Quail West Golf and Country Club in Naples, Florida  
Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Florida  
Valencia Golf and Country Club in Naples, Florida  
Wyndemere Country Club in Naples, Florida

## Recognition

Drew's new course and restored/renovated works have gained a wide variety of accolades, attesting to the adaptability of his skills over a broad variety of course and project typologies and locales:

**Old Elm Club, Illinois** – Following a historic restoration of the revered H.S. Colt/Donald Ross design, the course entered Golfweek's "Top 100 Classic Courses" listing at #66

**Oitavos Dunes, Portugal** – Among Golf Magazine's "50 Greatest Courses of the Last 50 Years" & among the "Top 100 Courses in the World" (#55), hosted European PGA Tour's Portuguese Open

**Newport National Golf Club, Rhode Island** – "Top 20 Public Courses in the US" by Golf Digest, "Best Public Course in New England" by New England Golf Monthly & "Top 10 Links Style Courses in the US" by PGA.com

**The Country Club at Mirasol (Sunset Course), Florida** – among the "Best Communities for Golf" according to Links Magazine, hosted PGA Tour's Honda Classic

**The Club at Olde Stone, Kentucky** – "Top 10 New Private Courses" by Golf Digest, "Top 100 Modern Courses in the US" by Golfweek Magazine, hosted NCAA Golf Championships, Southern Amateur & the PGA Junior Ryder Cup



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