

## Rogers brings 'old Florida' feel back to CC of Naples

The Country Club of Naples in Florida has reopened for play following a six-month renovation by JDR Golf Design.

The private course was designed by William Diddel in 1963. "Diddel fashioned a layout that is user-friendly and enjoyable," said Drew Rogers of JDR Golf Design. "Revisions have been few, with some done over the years to address the ever-evolving game and to keep the course properly updated.

"In 2020 we were asked to develop a plan for the practice facilities. Our plan had substantial impacts to adjacent holes that made the club reconsider their path. They decided to renovate their course along with the practice area."

Work has included reworking greens with classic contours, new tees, reshaping bunkers, regrassing, new irrigation, thinning vegetation and better connecting turf between holes.

"The result is a new course with an 'old Florida' character that made it distinctive in the 1960s," said Rogers. "With the classic lines and treatments, it may look older than that!"



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*Drew Rogers has reshaped bunkers to bring them closer in style to when the course first opened in 1963*