



# The WADSWORD



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NEWSLETTER

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## COMPANY UPDATE

Greetings to our friends in the golf industry!

As we begin our 58<sup>th</sup> year in the golf business, we would like to reacquaint many of you with our Company and bring you up to date with the happenings at the Wadsworth Company over the past several years. In that effort, we have re-established our former newsletter with this first edition in a new electronic format.

Like many of you in the golf industry, in spite of the economic challenges we have all faced over the past several years, we kept our nose to the grindstone and are fortunate to have weathered the downturn in golf course construction with a positive outlook for the future. We were guided through those challenging years by the past experience and leadership of Brent Wadsworth and John Cotter, who formed our Company and led us through the economic challenges of the 70's, 80's and 90's to become the leader in the golf course construction industry. Through all of these challenges, the Wadsworth Company remains as one of the leading Employee-Owned golf course construction companies.

In response to the severe decline in the planning, development and construction of new golf courses and golf facilities across the country, the Wadsworth Company made a conscious decision to meet the challenges ahead of us and become a streamlined and scaled down version of our former Company. Our focus remained on golf construction and renovation, the type of work that led to our position in the golf industry. Our goal of providing the highest level of quality golf course construction at a fair price has never waned. We sold off much of our Company owned heavy earthmoving equipment and have replaced it with smaller shaping dozers, excavators and other specialty equipment to serve the growing golf course renovation market and meet the needs of our clients. We have completed dozens of major renovation projects and complete golf course makeovers during the past seven to eight years. Our solid financial resources and substantial bonding capacities have remained intact, allowing our company to continue in its role as the prime contractor for projects of significant size, cost and complexity.

In the coming months, we plan to visit many of you personally to re-introduce ourselves and hopefully have an opportunity to learn what has been happening in each of your professional and personal lives. We understand that we are not the only company that has evolved and changed over the past several years. We continue to feel the rising tide of the golf industry and believe there will be many opportunities to work together and create on-going industry and personal relationships.

We have compiled a select list of notable projects that we have either completed or have been working on to provide you with an update of our current work. We have been fortunate to work with many of you on some of these projects and look forward to working with many of you in the future.

We wish you all luck in the year ahead and look forward to seeing you soon. If there is ever anything we can do to assist you in any way, or if you just want to say hello, please feel free to contact me directly.

Best Wishes,

Patrick Karnick  
President



Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club (Copperhead Course) - Palm Harbor, FL

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## RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS



### *Rockwind Community Links*

This unique project was the first of what promises to be a potential trend in resource utilization for municipalities. The City of Hobbs, NM, led by City Manager JJ Murphy, made a significant investment in their community through the redevelopment of their existing Ocotillo Park Golf Course. The project, designed and spearheaded by golf course architect Andy Staples, included a complete reconstruction of the existing course through the building of a new irrigation pond, rerouting of several golf holes, the addition of a driving range and nine-hole short course, new modified greens, tees and bunkers, a complete HDPE irrigation system and pump stations, concrete cart paths, sand capping and complete re-grassing of the site.

Owner:	City of Hobbs
Golf Course Architect:	Staples Golf Design (Andy Staples, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Matt Hughes
Location:	Hobbs, NM

### *Desert Rose Golf Course*

The complete renovation of Desert Rose Golf Course was part of an overall reconstruction of the Las Vegas Wash, a major storm water management project for Clark County, Nevada. The Wadsworth Company was a subcontractor to Las Vegas Paving (LVP), the prime contractor for the project. LVP completed a massive earth-moving and storm water collection project, which ran through the middle of the golf course. The Wadsworth Company was contracted to complete the construction of a new golf course including USGA greens, tees and bunkers, a full HDPE irrigation system, concrete cart paths and complete sodding of the entire site.

Owner:	Clark County, NV Public Works
Golf Course Architect:	Heckenkemper Golf Course Design
Golf Course Sup't:	Scott Sutton
Location:	Las Vegas, NV



### *Mt. Prospect Golf Club*

Subsequent to the completion of a major clubhouse renovation, the City of Mount Prospect, located in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, employed the services of David Esler to redesign their course originally built in the early 1900's. The result was truly a historic throwback to the golf course feature styling of that period. Several of the existing holes were rerouted to make accommodations for a new practice facility. All of the greens were built to USGA specs, new tees and bunkers were constructed, a full irrigation system installed, and a new asphalt cart path system and full re-grassing of the course was also completed.

Owner:	Mt. Prospect Park District
Golf Course Architect:	Esler Golf Designs
Golf Course Sup't:	Darin Douglas
Location:	Mount Prospect, IL

### *Glenview Park Golf Club*

Through a collaboration between the Village of Glenview, Illinois and the Glenview Park District, this almost ninety (90) year old public course underwent a major renovation that included significant storm water management elements. Local golf course architect Rick Jacobson was hired by the park district to implement the storm water holding requirements within the envelope of the existing golf course. Under Rick's supervision, substantial re-working of fairways and repositioning/reshaping of all bunker complexes was completed in an effort to return the course to the styles of an earlier era. Major irrigation adjustments were completed to allow for the grading and re-grassing of the entire course, which re-opened in July of 2015.

Owner:	Glenview Park District
Golf Course Architect:	Jacobson Golf Course Design (Rick Jacobson, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Rick Wilson
Location:	Glenview, IL



## CURRENT PROJECTS



### *Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club (Copperhead Course)*

The Copperhead Course is one of four championship 18-hole courses on the property of Innisbrook Resort (owned by Salamander Resorts) in Palm Harbor, FL near Tampa. All four courses were originally built by the Wadsworth Company in the late 1960's and early 1970's, and the property was formerly owned by Brent Wadsworth. The Copperhead Course has been the annual host of the PGA Tour event now known as the Valspar Championship held in early March of each year. In an effort to minimize disruption to play at the course and the associated revenue to the resort, Salamander Resorts hired the Wadsworth Company to undertake a complete makeover of the aging course with a goal of returning it to its original condition. In eighteen (18) weeks, the course received a complete set of USGA greens, re-leveled and re-constructed tee complexes (including the addition of forward tees), reshaped and reconstructed bunkers, a complete HDPE irrigation system, and an entirely re-grassed golf course. Look for us at the Valspar Championship in March this year!



Owner: Salamander Resorts  
 Golf Course Architect: Larry Packard, Steve Dana (Jerry Pate), Steve Wenzloff (PGA Tour)  
 Golf Course Sup't: Ryan Berger & Rob Koehler  
 Location: Palm Harbor, FL

### *Bacon Park Golf Course*

The Wadsworth Company was hired by Savannah native OC Welch, the owner/operator of Bacon Park Golf Course. A very successful local businessman who grew up playing the course as a youngster, Mr. Welch took over operation of the course several years ago with the goal of restoring this aging gem to its former Donald Ross glory, as he remembered! Bacon Park is a 27-hole facility, with the front nine golf holes recently renovated. Working closely with golf course architect and Donald Ross enthusiast Richard Mandell, the Wadsworth Company renovated the back nine golf holes of the Donald Ross course. The work included reshaping and rebuilding the greens using the modified USGA method. Tees and bunkers were strategically relocated and reshaped to bring back the feel that Donald Ross created when the course was originally built. A new irrigation system was installed and the entire course was re-grassed using Celebration Bermudagrass. The persistence and passion OC Welch has for this course was evident throughout the project, and the results clearly reflect this passion in the most positive of ways.

Owner: O.C. Welch Golf Properties  
 Golf Course Architect: Richard Mandell Golf Architecture (Richard Mandell, ASGCA)  
 Golf Course Sup't: Don Hemmerle  
 Location: Savannah, GA

### *Plantation Lakes Golf Course*

Lennar Homes contracted with the Wadsworth Company to complete this eighteen hole housing development golf course in 2005. Five of the holes were completed in late 2006, just prior to the collapse of the housing industry, and the project was essentially put on hold. Since that time, Wadsworth has been overseeing and managing the maintenance of the completed holes, as well as the public areas of the community. A sixth hole and the practice facility were completed in 2012 and 2013 respectively, and the remaining three holes of the first nine hole loop were completed this Fall in anticipation of opening the nine holes and practice facility for public play in the Spring/Summer of 2016. The Wadsworth Company will continue managing the golf course maintenance for the project.



Owner: Lennar Homes  
 Golf Course Architect: Hills & Forrest Int'l Golf Course Architects  
 Golf Course Sup't: Barry Zeigler  
 Location: Millsboro, DE

**CURRENT PROJECTS**



***Riverview Golf Course***

Our work at the Riverview Golf Course was completed this past year. This project marks our fourth major course renovation working with Recreation Centers of Sun City and golf course architect Tripp Davis and Associates (TDA). The work included a complete renovation of all the greens, tees, and bunkers, as well as the rebuilding of an existing lake and installation of a PVC liner. A complete irrigation system was installed with approximately 200,000 linear feet of pipe. The system was designed by irrigation consultant Marvin Mills and the project management was handled by TDA senior designer Gary Brawley. Subsequent to the completion of this project, Gary, a former Wadsworth employee and Phoenix area native, hung out his own shingle and we wish him well.



Owner:	Recreation Centers of Sun City
Golf Course Architect:	Tripp Davis and Associates / Gary Brawley Golf Design (Gary Brawley, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Rick Stoffel
Location:	Sun City, AZ

***Winstar Golf Course***

The Wadsworth Company was hired by The Chickasaw Nation to complete the fourth nine holes at Winstar World Casino & Resort in Thackerville, near the Oklahoma/Texas border. We completed the existing, original eighteen hole golf course in 2005, and added the third nine holes in 2010. This fourth nine, built under the direction of D.A. Weibring and Steve Wolfard, the architects for each of the courses, is intended to give the resort increased flexibility in routing the four nine hole courses together for a variety of golf experiences.

Owner:	The Chickasaw Nation
Golf Course Architect:	Weibring-Wolfard Golf Design
Golf Course Sup't:	Charles Wise
Location:	Thackerville, OK

***The Ken Lanning Golf Center***

This unique nine-hole par-3 facility may prove to be the model for short course facilities around the country. The property, currently leased by the Missouri Golf Association, is adjacent to the existing Turkey Creek Golf Center outside of Jefferson City. Designed by Kansas City native Todd Clark, the course consists of nine par three holes intended to be used by persons with disabilities and as a training course to introduce young people to the game of golf. The artificial greens were constructed to mimic the playing surface of a USGA green related to shot reception and roll. Each hole includes substantial zoysia grass teeing areas and one artificial tee area built into the cart path to allow for ease of access for wheelchair golfers. Check out our website for a drone video preview of the course.



Owner:	Missouri Golf Association
Golf Course Architect:	CE Golf Design (Todd Clark, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Dan Baumgartner
Location:	Jefferson City, MO

## UPCOMING PROJECTS



### *Medinah Country Club (Course No. 2)*

The third and final course for the Wadsworth Company to work on for Medinah Country Club is Course No. 2. Working with Curtis Tyrrell, Director of Golf Course Maintenance for all three courses at Medinah, and golf course architect Rees Jones, all greens will be rebuilt to USGA specs, bunkers will be retooled and most of the tee complexes will receive some adjustments. The project, started this past Fall and scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2016, will also receive upgrades to the existing drainage and irrigation systems, as well as being completely re-grassed. This project will mark our ninth straight year of working with the great people of Medinah Country Club.

Owner:	Medinah Country Club
Golf Course Architect:	Rees Jones, Inc. (Rees Jones, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS
Location:	Medinah, IL

### *Oak Meadows Golf Club*

This massive project represents an environmental overhaul and retrofit of a golf course with a famed history in the western suburbs of Chicago. Originally, the twenty-seven hole Elmhurst Country Club was a playground for many of Chicagoland's famous and infamous personalities of the 1950's & 60's. The property, bisected by the Salt Creek waterway, will be transformed into an eighteen hole park-style golf course surrounded by multiple "created" natural areas adjacent to the existing creek. The entire existing creek is being rerouted through a mile plus long diversion channel, which will be built adjacent to the existing channel. While the creek is diverted, the existing channel will be realigned and buttressed with several hundred enormous tree root balls, stone spillways, high-tensile erosion mat and thousands of native plants, all intended to preserve the quality of the creek and wildlife within and around it. In addition to the environmental work, Greg Martin, ASGCA, has routed a spectacular 18-hole course through the remainder of the existing site. Several of the existing golf corridors will remain, utilizing the remarkable existing oak trees, while other sections will be completely new. Look for this course to be completed in the Fall of 2016 and opened for golf play in the Spring/Summer of 2017.

Owner:	DuPage County Forest Preserve
Golf Course Architect:	Martin Design Partnership (Greg Martin, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Eric Ensign
Location:	Addison, IL

### *Indian Trails Golf Course*

Golf Course Architect Chris Wilczynski, working with the City of Grand Rapids, has reconfigured several holes on this existing eighteen hole golf course to make room for a much needed short game area and practice facility. Work began late this past Fall and is scheduled to be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2016.

Owner:	City of Grand Rapids
Golf Course Architect:	C.W. Golf Architecture (Chris Wilczynski, ASGCA)
Golf Course Sup't:	Craig Kooienga
Location:	Grand Rapids, MI

### *Torrey Pines (North Course)*

The Wadsworth Company has been awarded a Design/Build Contract to complete a major renovation of the famed Torrey Pines North Course. While the actual construction will not begin until after the Farmers Insurance Open, which takes place the last week of January 2016, the planning and design are well underway. Working with legendary golf course architect and PGA professional Tom Weiskopf, we have compiled a project team of irrigation designers, engineers and environmental specialists to develop the plans for this very high profile renovation project. Work is scheduled to begin in February and be completed in August.

Owner:	City of San Diego
Golf Course Architect:	Tom Weiskopf Designs
Golf Course Sup't:	Wayne Carpenter
Location:	San Diego, CA



## THE WADSWORTH GOLF CHARITIES FOUNDATION

The Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Wadsworth Golf Construction Company, was established in 1997. The Foundation grew from the original Wadsworth Social Responsibility Program, which was founded by Brent Wadsworth in 1980. Since its creation, the Foundation has contributed in excess of five (5) million dollars to organizations that embody its mission:

*To make golf and the character-building attributes of the game more accessible to more people, with the ultimate goal of helping the world become a more honorable, gentler and friendlier place.*

The values of the Wadsworth Foundation are reflected in the mission of the organization and other foundations selected to receive funding. The Wadsworth Foundation funds programs and projects throughout the country for youth and adults that have embodied the mission of the Foundation. The Wadsworth Foundation seeks to support worthy efforts utilizing golf to:

1. Provide golf programs for juniors, adults and families.
2. Benefit facility development.
3. Encourage youth development and participation in positive activities.
4. Contribute to the development of skills and respectful conduct in sports, appreciation of the arts and refinement of manners, taste and thought.
5. Benefit the disadvantaged and disabled persons and provide therapeutic programs.

One of the major efforts initiated by the Wadsworth Foundation is the Links Across America (LAA) program, which was started in 2009. The primary goal of the LAA program was to provide golf facility access to youth and beginner golfers at a time when the golf industry was losing many of those types of facilities to the hardship of the economic collapse. Since its inception, the Foundation has partially funded the construction of over twenty (20) active LAA facilities across the country. Three (3) additional facilities are currently under construction, including The Ken Lanning Golf Center previously highlighted, with several more in the planning stages.

The Wadsworth Foundation is currently exploring other avenues to pursue its mission, including the funding of school programs targeting youth introduction and involvement with the game of golf. For more information on the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, please contact our office or visit our website at [www.wadsworthgolf.com](http://www.wadsworthgolf.com).

### A W A R D S

#### Golf Digest

#### Best New Courses - Year 2015

07. Rockwind Community Links - Hobbs, NM

#### Best New Courses - Year 2014

21. Medinah Country Club (Course No. 1) - Medinah, IL

#### Golf Inc. Magazine

#### Renovation of the Year 2014

#### Private - Over \$1 Million

3rd Place - Columbia Country Club - Columbia, MO

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