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Quarry Oaks Golf Club Prepares for Grand Reopening in Spring 2025

ASHLAND, Neb.—Quarry Oaks Golf Club is nearing the completion of an extensive multimillion dollar renovation that includes significant upgrades to both the golf course and clubhouse. Originally designed by award-winning golf course architect John LaFoy, Quarry Oaks' course renovation and the clubhouse redesign, led by Clark & Enersen, aim to elevate the golfing experience and modernize amenities while preserving the club's timeless appeal.

"We're in the final stages of a transformative renovation that will enhance both the golfing experience and the clubhouse atmosphere," says Joe Sutter, PGA, the club's general manager. "Our vision is to maintain Quarry Oaks as one of the finest public golf courses in the Midwest, and these improvements will position us as one of the top golfing destinations in the country."

Golf Course Renovation

The renovation is being led by original course designer John LaFoy and Landscapes Unlimited. The updates include all-new bent grass surfaces on tees, fairways, and greens, along with 12 new tee box locations. The updated course will now play from 4,700 to 7,215 yards, offering a range of challenges for golfers of all skill levels.

Additionally, all bunkers were rebuilt and reshaped using porous concrete as the base, with Pro/Angle sand and dragon tooth edging, adding both strategic complexity and visual appeal. In total, fifteen new bunkers were added; four near greens and 11 in fairways.

"The new and rebuilt fairway bunkers will have the biggest impact on strategy," said LaFoy. "We have had the luxury of seeing where golfers hit their balls for the last 20-plus years, so we were able to locate them to have maximum impact. Like most of my work, I try and keep them from impacting the average or high handicap players too much." To accentuate the natural beauty, tree clearing was completed to reveal picturesque views of the Platte River from holes 12 to 17, and highlight the property's majestic oak trees.

"Golf courses must evolve over time to remain both challenging and visually stunning," says LaFoy. "This renovation does exactly that, making the course even more enjoyable while showcasing its natural beauty."

Clubhouse Transformation

The clubhouse renovation, designed by Clark & Enersen and PHX Architecture, takes inspiration from Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic designs while offering modern amenities that elevate Quarry Oaks as a premier event destination. The redesigned facility features a larger footprint with versatile spaces that can accommodate multiple events simultaneously alongside regular golf activities. Whether hosting a wedding, corporate meeting, or social gathering, the clubhouse is equipped to provide a seamless experience with event-ready facilities, including a private bridal suite and dedicated spaces for ceremonies and receptions.

Large windows throughout the venue offer stunning views of the 18th hole, while the expanded patio includes fire pits, shaded seating, and beautifully landscaped areas ideal for cocktail hours and socializing. The renovation also introduces a new restaurant as well as an upgraded merchandise area.

"Our vision was to create a destination where golfers can not only challenge themselves on a beautifully renovated course but also relax and connect in a world-class environment. The redesigned clubhouse enhances the guest experience, providing the perfect setting for events, weddings, and more," said Tim Ripp, Senior Principal at Clark & Enersen.

About Quarry Oaks Golf Club

Nestled atop the western walls of the scenic Platte River Valley near Ashland, Nebraska, Quarry Oaks Golf Club is consistently recognized as one of the top golf courses in the state and the Midwest. This 18-hole, par-72 championship course, designed by award-winning architect John LaFoy, offers a unique and challenging layout spread across 7,215 yards. Quarry Oaks opened in 1996 on the site of a former limestone aggregate mine, with the natural valleys, ridges, and striking elevation changes preserved to enhance the course's design. Quarry Oaks has earned recognition from Golf Digest and other prestigious publications, underscoring its status as one of Nebraska's premier golf destinations. Quarry Oaks is owned by NEBCO, Inc.

About Clark & Enersen

Clark & Enersen is a leading, full-service design firm serving clients across the nation from its offices in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City, Missouri; Fairway, Kansas; Fort Collins, Colorado; Portland, Oregon; and Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1946, they offer a comprehensive in-house team with design professionals in the primary disciplines of architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, planning, and mechanical, electrical, structural, and civil engineering, as well as experts in commissioning, community and stakeholder engagement, construction administration, digital experience design, energy modeling, grant assistance, laboratory planning, land development, and sustainable and human-centered design.

About Landscapes Unlimited

Forty-seven years young and family owned and operated, Landscapes Unlimited is the recognized leader in golf course development, construction and renovation. Its regional experts leverage contemporary best practices, fiscal prudency and a culture promoting unwavering success. Projects include famous courses and revered local layouts of various shapes, sizes and budgets. The company's Project Development Group leads capital strategies, master planning, pre-construction, total project design-build and fully integrated management solutions. Landscapes Unlimited also excels at building sports fields for professional teams, colleges and municipalities. Sister company Landscapes Golf Management boasts a portfolio of more than 60 golf courses, country clubs and resorts nationwide, in addition to an unparalleled spectrum of consulting and advisory services.