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Quarry Oaks Golf Club's Extensive Course Renovation Nears Completion

ASHLAND, Neb.—Quarry Oaks Golf Club is entering the final stages of its comprehensive golf course renovation, preparing to reopen in Spring 2025. The course updates, led by original course architect John LaFoy, aim to modernize the playing experience while preserving the natural beauty that has made Quarry Oaks a top destination for golfers.

“Our goal has always been to maintain the course’s original charm while enhancing its playability and visual appeal,” says Joe Sutter, PGA, the club’s general manager. “With new tee box locations, refreshed bunkers, and enhanced views, we’re confident that both returning and new players will be impressed.”

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, 15 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.”

Renovation Highlights

- **Expanded Playability:** With 12 new tee box locations, the course will now offer a range of distances from 4,700 to 7,215 yards, accommodating golfers of all skill levels.
- **Course Conditions:** Newly seeded bent grass covers all tees, fairways, and greens, ensuring top-tier conditions throughout the year. Also, a new irrigation system was installed.
- **Enhanced Aesthetics:** The renovation introduced uniquely shaped bunkers filled with imported Pro/Angle sand and dragon tooth edging. 15 new bunkers; four near greens and 11 in fairways.
- **Panoramic Views of the Platte River:** Tree clearing has revealed picturesque views of the Platte River, particularly from holes 12 through 17.
- **Hole 15:** A new 'Dynamite' tee atop an abandoned Dynamite shack overlooks the Platte River.
- **Hole 9:** Converted from a par four to a five features a widened fairway to over 80 yards as well as lowered eight feet.

The course renovation was managed by Landscapes Unlimited, a world-renowned course builder based in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is set to debut in Spring 2025.

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 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 prudence 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.