



Langford's Original Design for Wakonda Club as printed in the Des Moines Register, December 1921.



William Langford
Original Architect



Theodore Moreau
Original Builder



Tyler Rae
Restoration Architect

WILLIAM LANGFORD, ORIGINAL GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT

William Boice Langford hailed from Austin, Illinois was born in 1887 and died in 1977. He took up golf prescribed as part of a rehabilitation program from polio he had as a child. He attended Yale University and was a member of three NCAA championship golf teams from 1906-1908. Langford earned a master's degree in Mining Engineering at Columbia University. He owned and operated several golf courses in the Chicago area and was an avid supporter of the golf industry. In 1917, he began designing golf courses. He later formed a partnership with Theodore J. Moreau, together designing numerous courses.

TYLER RAE, RESTORATION GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT

Tyler Rae, a University of Kentucky graduate of Landscape Architecture, has been immersed in the game of golf and its playing fields since a very young age. Prior to operating his own firm, Tyler worked with noted Golf Architect and Golden Age restoration expert Ron Prichard for eight years, in the design office with Golf Architect Keith Foster for three years, as well as out in the field with Coore & Crenshaw. Tyler and his architectural team faithfully followed the original design intent of Langford & Moreau in their restoration of Wakonda Club.



MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED AT WAKONDA CLUB

United States Amateur – 1963

Americas Cup – 1963

NCAA Championship – 1939

Western Amateur – 1947

Women's Western Open – 1946 & 1956

Western Junior Amateur – 2007

Trans Mississippi Amateur – 1928, 1935, 1955, 2008

Iowa Amateur – 1926, 1951, 1960, 1995, 2005, 2021

Principal Charity Classic on PGA Tour Champions – since 2013

CLUBHOUSE (515) 285-4962

GOLF SHOP (515) 285-1934

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GENERAL MANAGER - RHEANNE KINNEY, CCM

GROUND'S SUPERINTENDENT - DANE WILSON, GCSAA

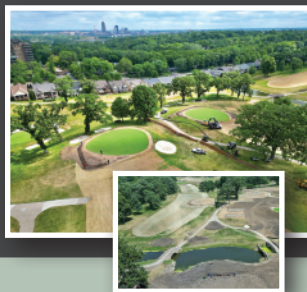
DIRECTOR OF GOLF - AARON KRUEGER, PGA

WAKONDA'S MASTER PLAN DESIGN BY TYLER RAE, 2023



OVERVIEW OF WAKONDA CLUB'S RESTORATION

The 2023 restoration of Wakonda Club was led by Golf Course Architect, Tyler Rae and his Lead Design Associate, Jim Ryan, Jr. Wakonda's Grounds Superintendent, Dane Wilson and his staff tirelessly worked to coordinate contractors and ensure the project was on-time and on-budget. This restoration focused on addressing a combination of architecture and infrastructure.



Yardages and Course Ratings			
Tee	Yardage	Par	Ratings
L&M	7,160	72	M: 75.0 / 143
I	6,662	72	M: 72.6 / 138 / W: 79.1 / 143
II	6,305	72	M: 71.1 / 131 / W: 77.2 / 139
III	5,671	72	M: 68.1 / 124 / W: 73.6 / 130
IV	5,079	72	M: 65.1 / 120 / W: 70.2 / 122
V	4,378	72	M: 62.4 / 112 / W: 65.9 / 113

Restoration Details

TEE BOXES

- Every tee box rebuilt with 6 tee placements per hole
- L&M Championship tees stretch to 7,160 yards while forward V tees play at 4,378 yards

FAIRWAYS

- Added 10 acres of fairways for a total of 34 fairway acres
- Joined the fairways on holes 8 & 10 and holes 11 & 15

GREENS

- Rebuilt five existing USGA greens to brand-new push-up construction greens using some of Langford's best designs
 - Hole 2 – a redan style modeled after hole 2 at Culver Academies
 - Hole 5 – modeled after hole 6 at Lawsonia Links
 - Hole 9 – modeled after Wakonda's original 9th green
 - Hole 15 – modeled after hole 12 at Lawsonia Links
 - Hole 17 – modeled after hole 9 at West Bend Country Club
- Expanded the existing 13 push-up greens by more than 22,000 ft² bringing back lost green shapes and exciting new hole locations
- Added 2" slit subsurface drainage to all greens

BUNKERS

- Rebuilt every bunker to match Langford & Moreau's style of flat bottoms with steep grassed faces and Pro Angle Sand
- Increased from 38 bunkers at 70,000 ft² before the restoration to 54 bunkers at 160,000 ft² after the restoration
- Increased from 3 fairway bunkers to 31 fairway bunkers

TURFGRASS

- Planted Dominant X-Treme 7 bent grass on every tee and fairway
- This "Super-Bent" is more drought tolerant, disease resistant, fights against poa-annua invasion, has rapid divot recovery and requires less inputs
- Regressed all green surrounds with average of 15,000 ft² bluegrass rough sod per green complex

IRRIGATION

- Installed triple-row Toro irrigation system with a brand-new pumphouse installed near the range
- Increased irrigation coverage across property while adding 30% more irrigation heads for a total of 1,272 heads

FESCUE / NATIVE GRASS

- Planted 6 acres of native fescue in out of play areas with another 16 acres planned in the near future

TREES

- Conducted full tree management plan under Certified Arborist
- Purposefully removed 190 trees with plans to replant 140 trees throughout 2024

POND WORK / DREDGING

- Moved the 18th tee complex to west side of pond for new angle to the tee shot, while improving the flow for both golf traffic and water in the ponds

SHORT GAME PRACTICE AREA

- Rebuilt the short game area to match the on-course bunker style and recreate on-course shots