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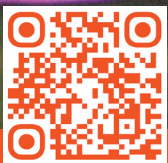
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Sunset Golf Course was founded in 1937 by the Kable brothers and other prominent figures in the Mount Morris township.

Sunset Golf Course approaching 90 years

MT. MORRIS — Sunset Golf Course was founded in 1937 by the Kable brothers and other prominent figures in the Mount Morris township.

In 1990, the course layout changed with the addition of four holes which

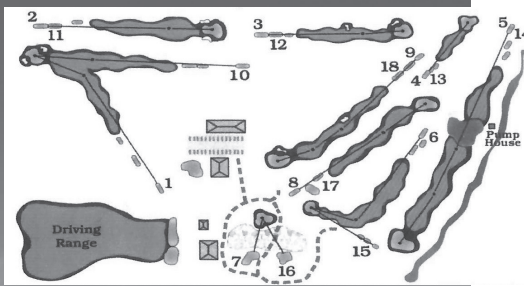
now play as Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 8. The course's most well know attraction is the seventh hole which is a 100-yard par 3 that requires golfers to hit their shot over a giant ravine known by locals as the Pit.

On the original course

layout this played as the final hole, but today it is the seventh. What seems like such a simple hole has played mind games with golfers for years. Even the best golfers have managed to ruin their rounds after challenging this hole.

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Silver Ridge presents one-of-a-kind course layout

OREGON — Located just off of Illinois Route 2 between Byron and Oregon, Silver Ridge Golf Course is a one-of-a-kind layout designed to test all abilities.



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The course is located at 3069 N. Hill Road, Oregon. For more information, go to <http://www.silverridgegolf.com>.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Shady Oaks Country Club is one of Lee County's true hidden gems.

Shady Oaks carved out of the countryside

SUBLETTE — Shady Oaks Country Club is one of Lee County's true hidden gems.

Carved out of the surrounding countryside, the tight tree lined fairways and small sloped greens can take a toll on even the most patient golfers. Don't be fooled. At only 6,212 yards from the tips, it may not appear challenging, but this unique

18-hole layout certainly requires accuracy off the tee and on any approach shot.

They also offer four sets of tees for varying skill levels. Once your round is complete, don't forget to stop by their full bar for a tasty sandwich, snack or beverage. Shady Oaks also offers banquet space with breathtaking views overlooking

the course, perfect for your special event. Large group outings are also welcome.

To book a tee time or learn more about memberships, rates, event space availability or to schedule an outing, call the clubhouse at 815-849-5424. You can also visit their website and book your tee time online at ShadyOaksCC.com.



Membership Rates

BASE RATES

(All memberships include cart unless otherwise stated)

COUPLE - \$1,259
(Family add \$25 per child under 18)

SINGLE > 35 - \$916

SINGLE < 35 - \$687

JR WITH CART - \$393
(Age 18 - College grad)

JR NO CART - \$169
(Age 18 - College grad)

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Summer Rates

May 1st-Sept. 5th
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9 holes w/cart \$20
18 holes w/cart \$32
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9 holes w/cart \$32
18 holes w/cart \$43

Spring Rates

Through April 30th
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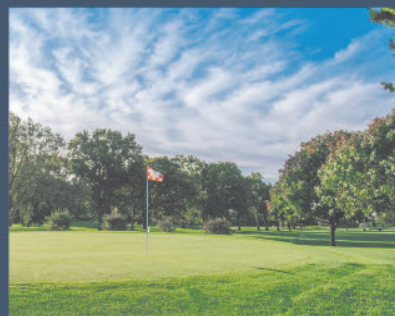
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18 Holes | 6,107 Yards | Par 71
Established in 1929



Sinnissippi GOLF COURSE

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Established in 1912

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Weekends - **\$32** for 18 Holes with Cart

Summer Rates

Weekdays - **\$30** for 18 Holes with Cart

Weekends - **\$38** for 18 Holes with Cart



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Park Hills built on 300 acres of Illinois countryside

FREERPORT — There's no question about it: golf season has officially come to the Midwest. The sun is shining, temperatures are comfortably above 50 degrees, and golfers like you are deciding where their next great round should take place. With today's feature, you've got the opportunity to start the summer off the right way by enjoying one of the premier golf courses in Northern Illinois. Don't miss today's featured course: Park Hills Golf Club in beautiful Freeport.

Built on 300 acres of picturesque and scenic rolling Illinois countryside, Park Hills offers all who

come to visit not one, but two, exceptional rounds of 18-holes that feature the best of what Midwestern golf has to offer. The first course, known as the East Course, plays both shorter and easier than its neighboring West. Measuring just over 6,400 yards from the back set of tees and rated a course/slope of 69.9/116, East offers golfers the chance to test their skill on many dog legs, tree-lined fairways, and tightly lined holes with plenty of opportunity to accidentally hit your ball out of bounds.

Though East does feature plenty of challenges, it's the 6,600-yard West course that is Park

Hills' largest and longest test. Known for its risk-vs-reward opportunities and lengthy par-5s, West is truly a shotmakers course that will require every weapon in your arsenal to master. Though the East and West layouts do sport some significant differences, they are united by beautifully watered fairways and greens, newly designed sand bunkers, and gorgeous landscapes that take full advantage of everything the Midwestern countryside has to offer.

The two great courses at Park Hills are only part of the story; the clubhouse and grounds offer a full set of amenities and features



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you'll want to experience. There's a 300-yard driving range and two putting greens for pre-round warmups, as well as a fully stocked pro shop for all equipment and apparel

needs. When your round is done, enjoy a bite in the fully renovated clubhouse, Legacy Pub, and toast your scores.

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is sure to offer you a great round of golf. Don't wait and miss your chance - reserve your round online at <https://www.parkhillsgolfcourse.com/> or by calling 815.235.3611.

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Rockford Park District offers four unique courses

ROCKFORD — At the Rockford Park District, we've been growing the game of golf for more than 100 years. Come experience our five exceptional courses, and you'll see why we've earned a national reputation for having high quality courses at a great value.

Aldeen

Ranked as one of the "Thrifty 50" by Golf Magazine, Aldeen is considered one of the 50 best courses in the U.S. with greens fees under \$50. Aldeen Golf Club has received multiple 4-1/2 star ratings by Golf Digest's Places to Play Guide, and has hosted five state

championship competitions.

Ingersoll

Ingersoll Golf Course was designed by Thomas Bendelow, and named in honor of Lt. Clayton C. Ingersoll, an Army Air Corps pilot who died in a training exercise over France. Lt. Ingersoll's family donated money to purchase the land, and later to build the striking brick clubhouse. Ingersoll is known for its narrow, tree-lined fairways, and gently undulating terrain.

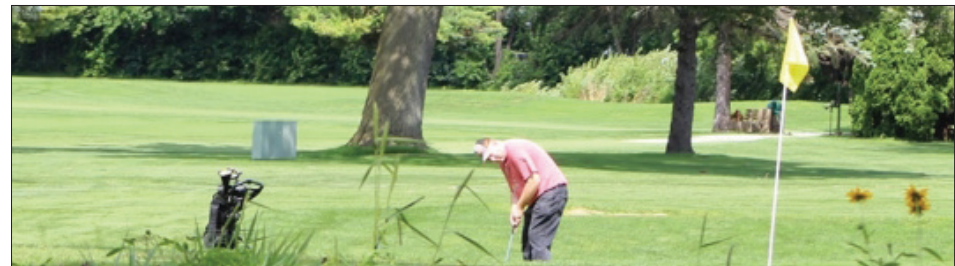
Sandy Hollow

Sandy Hollow Golf Course features sand bunkers, swales, and a water

hazard. The slate-roofed, ivy-covered brick clubhouse is one of Sandy Hollow's most defining elements. Sandy Hollow received a three-star rating from Golf Digest. Sandy Hollow has been a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary since 2000.

Sinnissippi

Sinnissippi Golf Course, Rockford's first public course does not have sand bunkers or water hazards, but uses natural elements such as large trees and rolling hills to make it challenging. Sinnissippi has been a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary since 2011.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Sycamore Golf Club, a facility of the Sycamore Park District, is known as one of the finest manicured courses in Northern Illinois.

Sycamore Golf Club offering more to local and regional golfers

SYCAMORE — The Sycamore Golf Club, a facility of the Sycamore Park District, is known as one of the finest manicured courses in Northern Illinois and is now open for the 2024 season.

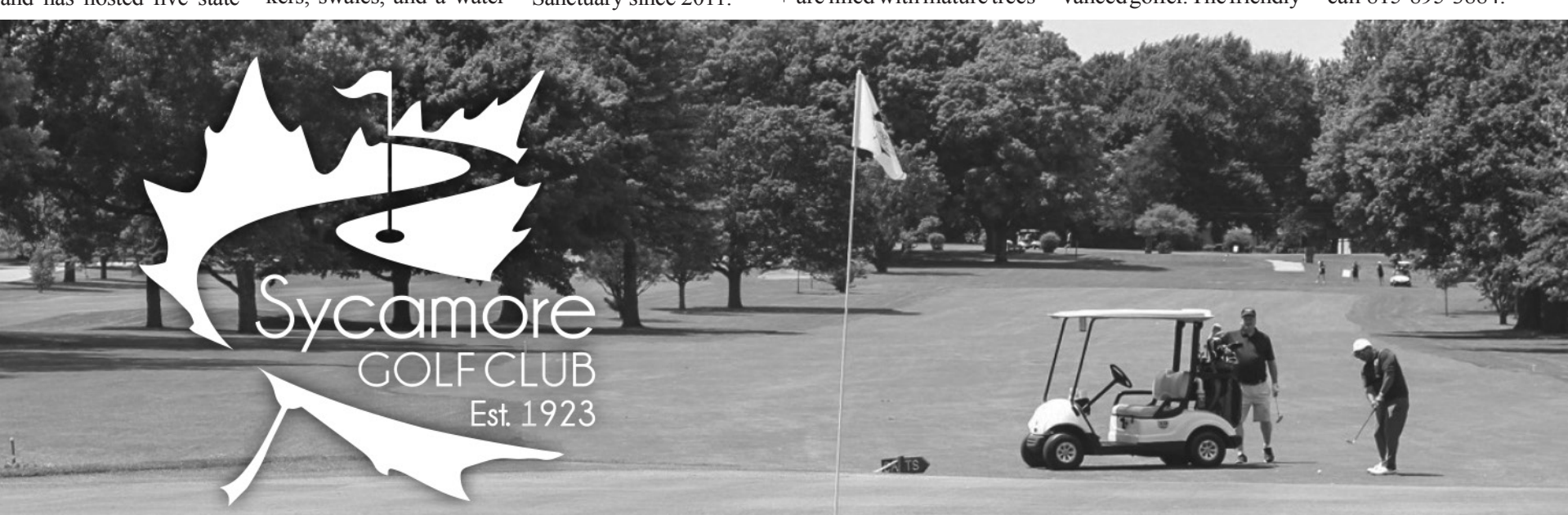
The bent-grass fairways are lined with mature trees

and play meanders through ponds, streams and native plantings. Built in 1923, it continually offers more to local and regional golfers.

Play is fair for novice and intermediate players alike while remaining a true test of golf for the advanced golfer. The friendly

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Fairways Golf Course and Skare Park ready for season

ROCHELLE — Fairways Golf Course is now open for the 2024 season.

Fairways is a unique par-66 course designed by Perry Maxwell of the ASGCA. The 18-hole course has been open since 1929 and offers mature tree-lined fairways with country club course conditioning and an average round time of three-and-a-half hours.

To book a tee time, call 815-562-6666 or visit online at <http://www.fairwaysgolfcourse.com>.

Season pass rates include \$500 for adults, \$300 for college students, \$100 for high-schoolers and \$50 for middle-schoolers.

Grade-schoolers golf for free when accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Fairways Golf Course on Facebook, visit online, or call the pro shop.

Skare Park

Open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., the range fees include \$5 (one token) for a small bucket of balls and \$10 (three tokens) for a large bucket. Bulk tokens are available for purchase at The REC Center at the following rates: 10 tokens for \$30 and 15 tokens for \$40. Don't forget All-Inclusive REC members receive 50 percent off driving range

tokens. The Skare Woods Disc Golf Course is open from sunrise to sunset. The course is free to the public.

All REC members receive 50 percent golf cart rentals on Mondays all season long. Fairways Family Fun Sundays are back, beginning May 1. \$25 gets a family of four 9 holes of golf plus two carts every Sunday after 4 p.m. (free club rentals available).

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with golf this year through the Rochelle Park District and Fairways Golf Course. Call 815-562-7813 for more information.

DeKalb Park District presents Buena Vista and River Heights Golf Courses

DEKALB — An affordable yet challenging golf is closer than you think.

The DeKalb Park District is proud to offer two excellent golf courses for golfers of all skill levels. River Heights Golf Course is an 18-hole (par-72), and Buena Vista is a nine-hole (par-32) course with a Driving Range and Pitch & Putt Junior Course.

Enjoy golf as it should be at River Heights Golf Course in DeKalb. River Heights offers 18 holes of scenic golf along the Kishwaukee River, located on the south side of DeKalb off Annie Glidden Road—a mix

of traditional and links-style holes challenge weekend golfers and the more serious player. The friendly, professional staff provides first-rate golf and excellent service for an enjoyable golfing experience.

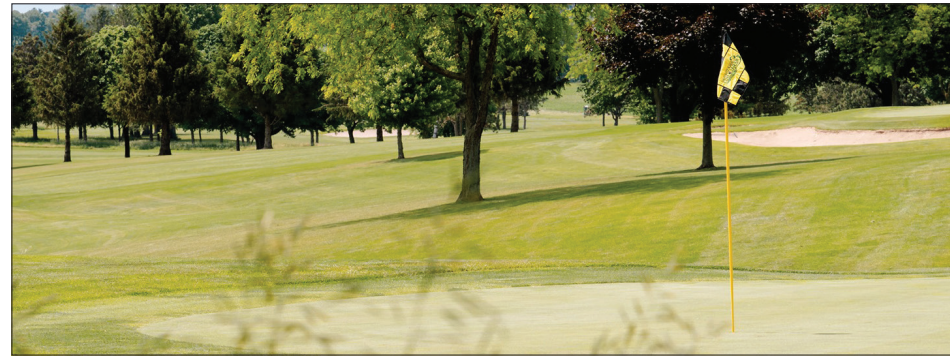
Refreshments on the Clubhouse deck with scenic golf views are a must! River Heights is also home to such 2024 special golf outings/events as the Father's Day Birdie Brunch, Golf Fore the Kids Scholarship Golf Outing, Club Championship, and the Labor Day Weekend Best Ball Tournament.

Located off North First Street in DeKalb,

Buena Vista is a nine-hole (par-32) golf course with areas like the Driving Range and practice greens. With all these amenities, Buena Vista is an excellent place for golfers of ages and skill levels to play.

The popular junior golf program practice is at Buena Vista, with matches at River Heights. Golfers also participate in leagues, tournaments, and special events all season.

For more information about the DeKalb Park District golf facilities and to book a tee time at one of the courses, visit <http://www.golfdkalb.com>.



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Looking for a quality golf course at a great price, then look no further than the Emerald Hill Golf Course in Sterling, Illinois.

Emerald Hill Golf Course provides relaxing and picturesque backdrop

STERLING — Looking for a quality golf course at a great price, then look no further than the Emerald Hill Golf Course in Sterling, Illinois.

The course will challenge you, while providing a relaxing and picturesque backdrop. Emerald Hill features 18-holes of bent-grass greens and Kentucky Bluegrass tees, fairways and rough. To sharpen your skills, Emerald Hill also offers a driving range, practice chipping area and three practice putting greens.

To sharpen your skill

even further or to learn the game of golf, Emerald Hill is one of the few golf courses in the area that offers golf lessons with Golf Pro Chip Staebell. Group and private lessons are available throughout the summer.

The 101-year-old golf course was purchased by the Sterling Park District in 1994. Since that time; the course, clubhouse, driving range have all had significant renovations. Hundreds of trees have been added, cart paths asphalted, drainage improvements, pond

improvements, sand trap improvements, etc. All this while keeping memberships and daily green fees reasonable.

You may book your tee time online: <https://emeraldhillgolf.com> or call 815-622-6204 to let Emerald Hill's friendly Pro Shop staff assist you. There is also an excellent selection of golf balls, hats and accessories in the pro shop along with drinks and snacks.

Great History...Great Course...Great Value... Emerald Hill!

Wolf Hollow Golf Course nearing 100 years

LENA — Founded in 1928, the Wolf Hollow Golf Course has prided itself in offering a quality golf experience for everyone.

Our Wolf Hollow 18-Hole Championship course provides just the variety of course layouts to suit every level of golfer. Set among the rolling hills of Northwest Illinois, just 3 1/2 miles North of Route 20, near the Village of

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When your round is over you can relax in our comfortable lounge and take advantage of our short-order menu while watching television from virtually any seating location. Our banquet hall is available for wedding parties, reunions, lunch meetings, dances, and more. Simply contact the Wolf Hollow Clubhouse at 815-369-5513 to book your event.

2024 DAILY RATES

SPRING SHOULDER SEASON

• Opening Day - May 23

FALL SHOULDER SEASON

• September 3 - Closing Day

18 holes w/half cart.....	\$26
9 holes w/half cart.....	\$21
18 holes walking.....	\$21
9 holes walking.....	\$18
Junior 9/18 holes walking.....	\$18

SUMMER SEASON WEEKDAYS

• May 24 - August 29

18 holes w/half cart.....	\$29
9 holes w/half cart.....	\$24
18 holes walking.....	\$24
9 holes walking.....	\$19
Junior 9/18 holes walking.....	\$18

SUMMER SEASON WEEKENDS

• June 2 - August 27

18 holes w/half cart.....	\$31
9 holes w/half cart.....	\$26
18 holes walking.....	\$28
9 holes walking.....	\$23
Junior 9/18 holes walking.....	\$18

HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

• May 24 - 27, July 4 - 7 & Aug. 30 - Sep. 2

18 holes w/half cart.....	\$36
9 holes w/half cart.....	\$31
18 holes walking.....	\$33
9 holes walking.....	\$29
Junior 9/18 holes walking.....	\$21

2024 PASS FEES

Adult Couple.....	\$1750
Adult Single.....	\$1275
Adult Couple Military.....	\$1500
Adult Single Military.....	\$1100
College (18-25 w/half cart).....	\$650
Intermediate (13-17).....	\$270
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