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### **Architect Chris Wilczynski to renovate bunkers at Dayton's Community Golf Club**

DAYTON, OH. – Saline, Michigan golf course architect Chris Wilczynski, ASGCA has been selected to design and implement the renovation of the bunkers on the Hills and Dales Courses at Dayton's Community Golf Club.

Nestled in the rolling hills south of the city, Community Golf Club, Dayton's first municipal golf course dating back to the 1930's is the gem of the city's public golf system. Featuring over 120 feet of topographic relief and several elevated tees, the 18-hole Hills Course is the more challenging of the two courses, but the shorter 18-hole Dales Course is fun and playable for golfers of all skill levels.

The prevalence of degraded and poorly drainage bunkers on the 36-hole layout prompted the need to renovate the bunkers at the club. "The bunkers have deteriorated over the years and have come to hold a lot of water," noted Course Superintendent Bob Bajek. "Aesthetically they are not pleasant at all and at times they are not playable."

"We selected C.W. Golf Architecture for this project because he has an excellent resume with improving golf facilities, he is very experienced and he met all of our needs," Bajek continued. "He fits very well with this project and the improvements we need to make to the courses."

Wilczynski plans to implement the Community Golf Club bunker renovation project in the late summer and early autumn months this year. "The bunkers are not performing well, and they are often full of water when it rains," Wilczynski noted. "We will improve the condition of the bunkers and enhance their playability by limiting the number and modifying their locations."

"On the Hills Courses we will add a few fairway bunkers to enhance the challenge and the aesthetics of the course," he added. "Some bunkers will be eliminated, and others will be moved. The Dales Course is the shorter of the two courses and there we will limit the number of bunkers."

Dayton's Community Golf Club also features a driving range, well-stocked pro shop and the club's restaurant, the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. "A couple of years ago we took a public survey and asked specifically about the golf facility," said Andy Marks, a senior engineer in Dayton's Department of Public Works. "The #1 issue people had was the condition of the bunkers, so that was obvious, and we knew we needed to make improvements."

"They turn into mini lakes when it rains, Marks said. "They don't drain well, so that is why we initiated the project to renovate the bunkers on both courses. Some of the locations of the bunkers are not good, so some will be moved or eliminated entirely."

"Our goal with the project is to enhance the courses bunkers from a functionality, maintenance, playability, and aesthetic perspective," stated Wilczynski. Community Golf Club has a storied history, and it serves hundred of golfers on an annual basis. "Golf Courses like this are so important to the growth of the game and for the much needed social and health benefits that they provide to people".