

St. Andrews

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Opened 1926: Illinois' Oldest Family
Owned and Operated Golf Course

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Overview

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- Address: 2241 Route 59, West Chicago, IL 60185
- St. Andrews Golf & Country Club is a 36-hole public daily fee golf facility that has been owned and operated by the Jemsek-Hinckley family since it was built in 1926.
- St. Andrews Mission Statement: *“To provide country club quality golf courses and exceptional banquet and dining experiences for the general public and work to enhance the quality of life for our guests, staff members, and the entire Chicagoland community”*
- Amenities include:**
 - 2 Premium Public Golf Courses – St Andrews Course 6,920 yards, Par 72 (Hole 6 has been converted to a par 5) / Joe Jemsek Course 6,770 yards, Par 72
 - 3 Banquet Rooms providing dining and event hosting space for 400+ guests
 - 80 Station Golf Practice Center With Full Golf Shop, Club Fitting Services, TopTracer Technology , Lighted And Heated Hitting Stations For 12-Month Operation
 - Open 364 Days
 - 100 years and counting - the oldest family owned & operated golf course in Illinois.

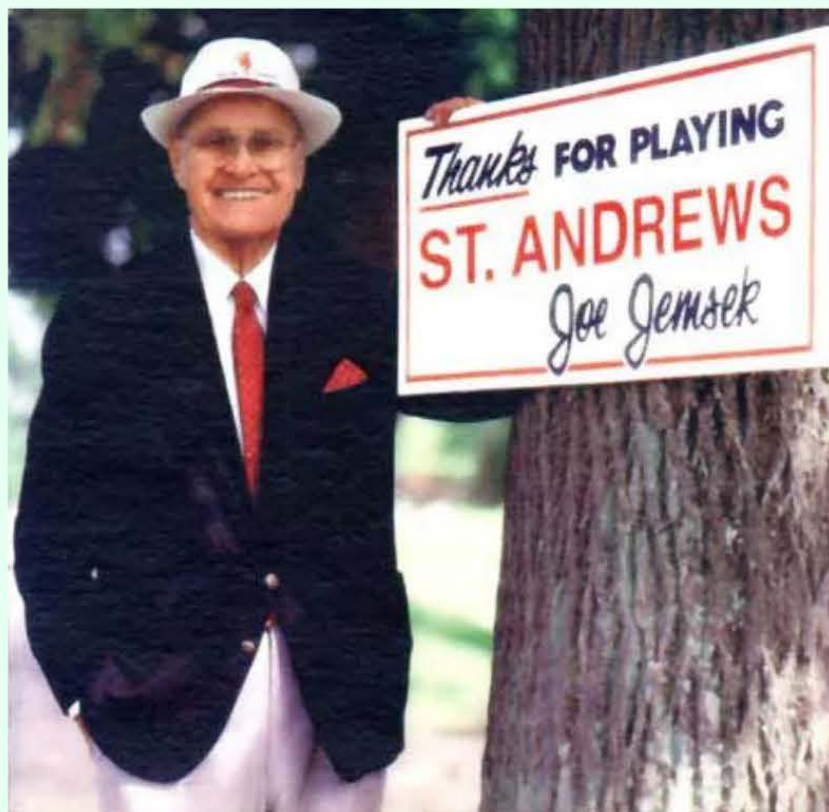
Highlights

- St. Andrews opened for business in 1926. Frank Hough, father in-law to Joe Jemsek, was an original investor. Today, St. Andrews is considered to be one of the oldest continuously family owned/operated golf facilities in the U.S.

- The first course (St. Andrews Course) was opened for play in 1926. A second course (Lakewood, now the Joe Jemsek Course) opened in 1929.

- Since opening for business, the two golf courses have played an estimated 6 million rounds of golf.

**Joe Jemsek pictured below: Member Illinois Golf Hall of Fame, USGA Board Member, PGA Professional of the Year 1991 - founder of Jemsek Golf Company.*



Business History

- St. Andrews has had notable professional golfer affiliations – Patty Berg, Founding member of the Ladies Professional Golfer Association (LPGA) and Women's US Open and PGA Championship winner, served as Head Golf Professional at St. Andrews for 50 years. Ray Floyd, winner of the Masters, US Open, and PGA Championship represented St. Andrews early in his career as his home course.
- Joe Jemsek (b.1913-d.2002) owner/manager of St. Andrews is credited as inventing private club golf service for public players at St. Andrews by providing golf handicaps, locker rooms, full restaurants and bar service, exceptional course maintenance and caddie service for a public green fee. Joe is recognized as creating the “country club for the day” business model to serve anyone who wants to play a great course. National Golf Course Owners Association's Top Public Course award for quality and service is named after Joe Jemsek - The Jemsek Award: Past winners include Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, and Cog Hill.
- St. Andrews is Illinois' oldest family owned & operated golf course (5 generations). The family has received numerous awards for its dedication to the golf industry and its guests, including: National Golf Foundation Jack Nicklaus Golf Family of the Year winner and Loyola University Family Business of Year Award. In 2024 St. Andrews was the Daily Herald Readers Choice Award winner for Best Public Golf Course and the Driving Range was a Top Pick. In 2025 we were awarded a Top Pick for Public Golf Courses and won Best Driving Range. In 2026 St. Andrews was the Daily Herald Readers Choice Award winner for Best Public Golf Course and Best Driving Range.

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Fact Sheet:

- Golf business founded – 1926 (Frank Hough and Partners)
- St. Andrews located in West Chicago, Illinois – 30 miles west of the Chicago Loop
- St. Andrews is a public golf facility serving golfers of all ages and backgrounds
- St. Andrews features 2 Championship style golf courses
- St. Andrews features Chicagoland's best practice center with TopTracer Technology
- At peak summer operations, St. Andrews employs approximately 200 people
- Since 1926, nearly 6 million rounds of golf have been played at St. Andrews
- St. Andrews' Chairperson is Marianne Jemsek Hinckley, granddaughter of founder Frank Hough and daughter of Joe and Grace Jemsek.
- St. Andrews annually hosts dozens of charity events and provides several high school golf teams with golf tournament and practice facilities for events
- St. Andrews voted 2026 Daily Herald Best Public Golf Course & Best Driving Range, Golf Digest Top Places to Play, 4.5 star google/GolfNow review ranking, GRAA Top 50 Driving Range in U.S.A., The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame winner
- 100 years in business and counting – It is Illinois' oldest family owned & operated golf course. – 5 generations of family members have continuously owned and worked at St. Andrews.

#1. St. Andrews Course Profile



- Opened in 1926
- Architect John McGregor
 - Par 72 / 6,920 Yards
- 4.4/5 Rating Google Reviews
- 4.2/5 Rating GolfPass
 - Greens- Bentgrass
 - Tees – Bentgrass
 - Fairways-Bentgrass
- Roughs – Bluegrass/Fescue

#2. Joe Jemsek Course Profile



- Opened in 1929
- Architect: E.B. Dearie Jr.
- Par 72 / 6,770 Yards
- 4.4/5 Rating Google Reviews
- 4.2/5 Rating GolfPass
- Greens- Bentgrass
- Tees – Bentgrass
- Fairways-Bentgrass
- Roughs – Bluegrass/Fescue

St. Andrews Practice Center Profile



- Opened in 1990
- Architect: Joe Lee
- Ranked GRAA Top 50 Public Practice Center in US
- 2026 Daily Herald Readers Choice Best Driving Range
 - Top Tracer Stations Provided
 - 3 Practice Greens
 - Grass tee – Bluegrass
 - 20 Heated, Covered Stations



Jemsek-Hinckley Family 3rd and 4th Generation Owners



- St. Andrews Owners 2002- present
- 2026 Daily Herald Best Public Course Award
- 2026 Daily Herald Best Driving Range
- 2025 GRAA Top 50 Public Driving Range
- The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame
- Loyola University Family Business Award Winner
- National Golf Foundation Family Golf Award Winner
- Jemsek-Hinckley Family Pictured Left-Right: Jerry Sr., Marianne, Michael, Jim, Jerry, Rob

Marianne Jemsek-Hinckley Profile



- Chairperson – St. Andrews Golf & Country Club
- Born and raised in West Chicago at St. Andrews
 - Attended Marquette University
- Directs Strategic Planning and Customer Service efforts
 - Volunteered and Worked as a Senior Memory Care Activities Coordinator in Nursing Homes for 20 Years

Frank Jemsek Profile



- Board Advisor– St. Andrews Golf & Country Club
- Born and raised in West Chicago at St. Andrews
 - Attended Loyola University New Orleans
 - Illinois Golf Hall of Fame Member
 - Winner 2023 Donald Ross Golf Award
- Created No Embarrassment Beginners Golf Schools

Joe Jemsek Profile



- Joe Jemsek – Center / Sam Snead Right, Cary Middlecoff Left
 - St. Andrews Owner 1938-until his passing in 2002
 - Son-in-law of Frank Hough
 - Husband of Grace Hough Jemsek
 - Illinois Hall of Fame Member
 - World Long Drive Champion 1933
 - Co-founded Pars Birdies Eagles – first golf television show
- Founded All Star Golf – Later became Shells Wonderful World of Golf television series
- First PGA Professional to serve on USGA Executive Committee
 - Named to 100 Hero's List of American Golf by Golf Magazine
 - PGA Professional of the Year 1991

Patty Berg Profile

50 Years Head Professional at St. Andrews



- St. Andrews Head Golf Professional for 50 Years
 - World Golf Hall of Fame Member
 - US Open and PGA Championship winner
 - Won 67 Golf Tournaments
 - Founding member of LPGA
- Provided golf clinics around the world promoting the game of golf

Long-Term Employees

St. Andrews is blessed with employees that have worked at St. Andrews for many years. In some cases, multi-generational family members have worked at St. Andrews alongside of the Jemsek and Hinckley families. These include:

- Dave Erickson – Current Head professional, his family has worked at a Jemsek golf property since 1950. Dave received the Illinois PGA Senior Master Professional Award in 2023.
- Michelle Bockrath – Current Pro Shop and Marketing Mgr. Michelle has worked at St. Andrews since 1984 along with her mother “Jackie” who worked at the Halfway House for years. Michelle’s son, Jack, has worked summers in the St. Andrews Pro Shop since 2024.
- Butch Hanson – Current Starter began working summers at St. Andrews in 1952 as a Caddie.

Dennis Maher – Current Head Ranger began working summers as a Fore Caddie in 1964.

- Bill Crouse – General Manager since 2010 and is a member of the Club Managers Association

Both the Baker and York families have 2nd/3rd and 4th generations currently working for St. Andrews.

Honors & Awards



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Public Golf Course

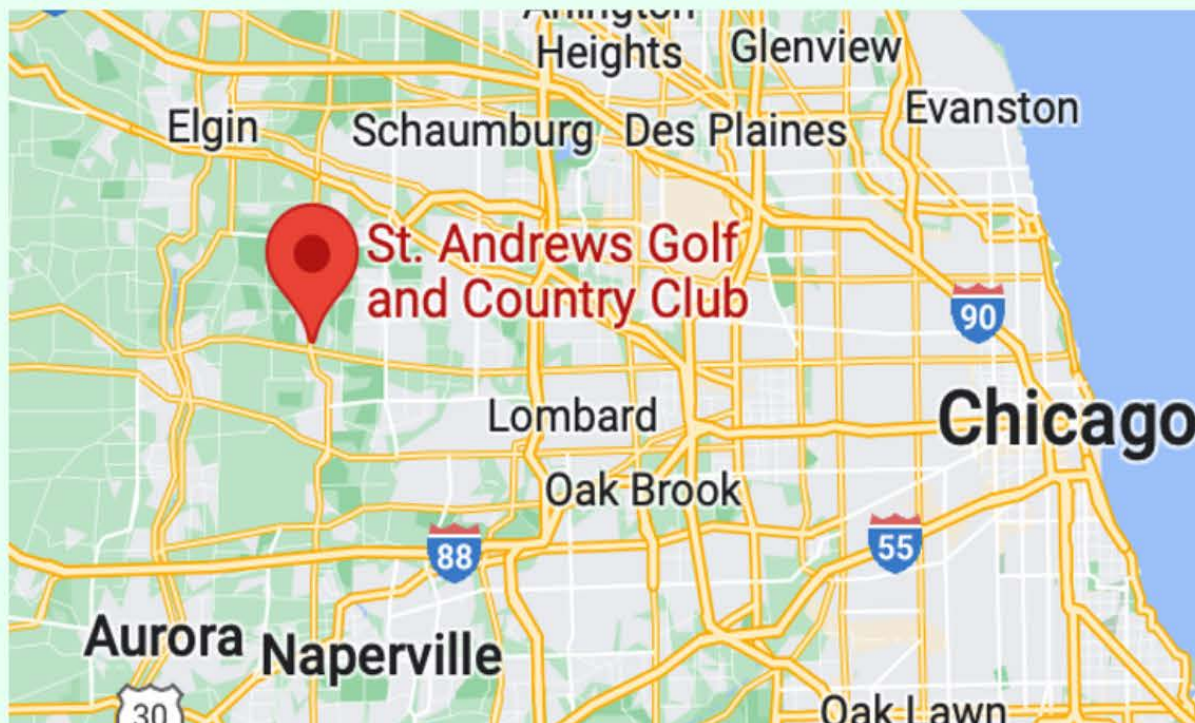


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Driving Range



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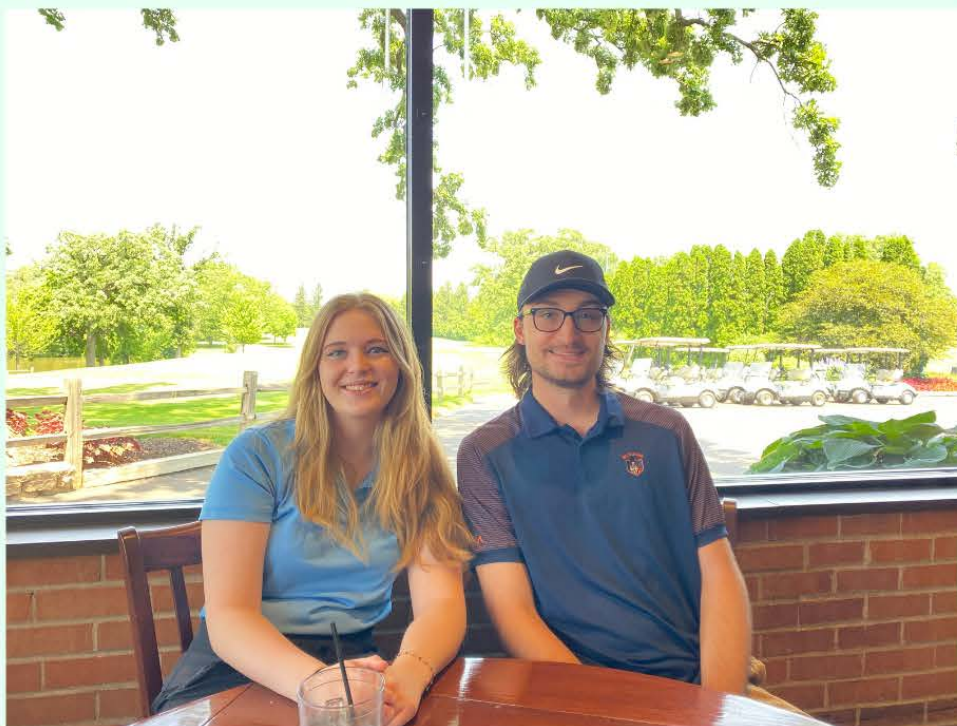


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**The 5th Generation of Family
Working at St. Andrews**