



Golf Digest again gives Stonewall Orchard high marks

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Stonewall Orchard Golf Club in Grayslake, the first Chicago-area course designed by famed architect Arthur Hills, has been ranked "One of the Best in State" by the editors of Golf Digest, which reports monthly circulation of 1.5 million.

Rated No. 22 overall in Illinois when taking into consideration all private and public facilities, Stonewall Orchard was rated as the fifth best public course in the Chicago area. It's the third time in as many years that the course has been elevated to such status by Golf Digest.

The rankings are part of Golf Digest's biennial America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses package that appeared in the magazine's May issue. The magazine's panel of 850 low-handicap male and female golfers nationwide played and rated the courses on criteria including shot value, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning, ambiance and walkability.

"We're thrilled to receive one of the most revered recognitions a golf course in the United States can receive," said Stonewall Orchard Director of Golf Jeff Pajula. "We've only been open since 1999, but with so many mature pine trees, oak trees and a golf experience that offers a very secluded setting, our course gives our guests the feel as if it's been around for decades."

It's no secret to the USGA or Illinois PGA of what kind of a test Stonewall Orchard brings. The course hosted U.S. Open qualifying earlier this summer and will host the IPGA Section Championship later this fall. It has also hosted past U.S. Open qualifying as well as the George Pacific Super Seniors event for the Senior PGA Tour.

Designed by renowned architect Arthur Hills, Stonewall Orchard features natural, rolling landscapes throughout its magnificent 18-hole Lake County layout and features an abundance of tranquil wetlands and wildlife. From the 4,968-yard junior short course to the 7,074-yard, par 72 championship layout, each hole provides its own identity while completely immersing the golfing public into nature.

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