

Illinois Seniors Golf Association



**Celebrating A Century of
Promoting and Supporting Golf
In Chicagoland And Beyond**

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Overview



A century ago, Exmoor, Oak Park, and other leaders of golf in Illinois were at the vanguard of establishing a golfing institution – the Illinois Seniors Golf Association, which was founded in July 1923.

Prominent attorney and Exmoor member Silas Strawn drew up bylaws setting forth its mission: to conduct an annual golf tournament to promote golf and friendship among statewide golfers aged 50 and older. Organized by the many founders of the Western Golf Association and the Chicago District Golf Association, the ISGA began and has continued as a celebration of the game of golf itself.

Most current ISGA members are, or have been, leaders at their clubs and/or CDGA Board members, and strong supporters of the WGA and its wonderful Evans Scholar Program. They are an amazing collective human resource, of which we are very proud.

The ISGA holds two golf events yearly, to enjoy golf, renew inter-club friendships, and socialize. Its current membership is about 200, with members from 60+ clubs. These ISGA events are very different from league play or golf outings, because of the shared interest and efforts of its members to improve golf and its impact in Illinois.

Two Centennial Celebrations

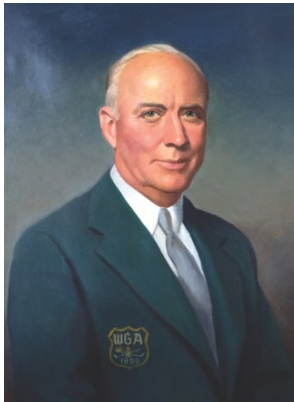
This fall, Exmoor will host the 100th Fall Tournament. The first Fall Tournament was held in September 1923. It was so successful that the ISGA decided to also host a Spring Tournament.

Next summer, Oak Park (which hosted the first Fall Championship Tournament), will host the 100th Spring Tournament.

Nearly 50 clubs have hosted ISGA tournaments, because they support the efforts of ISGA and its members regarding golf excellence in greater Chicagoland. Representative ISGA hosts in recent years include Beverly, Edgewood Valley, Elgin, Exmoor, Flossmoor, Glen View, Inverness, Knollwood, Lake Shore, Medinah, Midlothian, Northmoor, North Shore, Oak Park, Olympia Fields, Onwentsia, Park Ridge, Ridgemoor, Skokie and St. Charles.

We are tremendously grateful to Exmoor and Oak Park, and to all the other ISGA tournament hosts, for their support of the ISGA's valuable, long-standing contribution to golf.

Chick Evans and the ISGA



Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. stands among the finest American golfers. An Exmoor member beginning in 1909, he was the first to win the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur in one year (1916). Evans won the U.S.

Amateur again in 1920, finished runner-up three times, and competed in 50 consecutive U.S. Amateurs.

He claimed an amazing eight Western Amateurs. His victory in the Western Open as an amateur was a feat not accomplished by anyone else for 75 years. He learned to caddy at Chicago's Edgewater Club. He was also a member at the Glen View Club.

His most lasting achievement was establishing the Evans Scholars Foundation in 1930. More than 11,550 young men and women have

graduated from college as Evans scholars, and 1,070 are presently enrolled in 21 leading universities nationwide.

A member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, Evans received the Bobby Jones Award in 1960, the highest honor given by the United States Golf Association, in recognition of his distinguished sportsmanship in golf.

Evans turned 50 in 1940, and immediately joined the ISGA. He was an active ISGA member for the next 40 years.

What an amazing ISGA legacy!

One Example of the ISGA's Contribution to Golf

Exmoor has had a longstanding relationship with organized golf. It is a Founding Member of, and active participant in, the ISGA, CDGA, and WGA.

The first ISGA President was Exmoor member Alexander Revell. The other founding ISGA Directors included Exmoor members Irving Hartz, Ward Willits, Leroy Goddard, and Rufus Abbott. Twenty-six of Exmoor's sixty-two Presidents have been ISGA members. Nine Exmoor members have served as an ISGA President.

Two Exmoor members were CDGA Presidents. Both were ISGA members. Six Exmoor members were WGA Presidents. Five of these were ISGA members. Twelve current Exmoor members serve as WGA Directors.

Oak Park and many other Illinois clubs have a similar legacy.

This multi-organizational involvement of clubs, and their members, and organized golf is very beneficial. The ISGA is proud of its demonstrated ability to support golf in Illinois.

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Tournament Site History

Spring		Fall/championship	Spring		Fall/Championship	Spring		Fall/Championship
1923		Oak Park	1958	Evanston	Exmoor	1993	Midlothian	Rolling Green
1924	Peoria	Oak Park	1959	Knollwood	Exmoor	1994	Inverness	Butterfield
1925	Unknown	Olympia Fields	1960	Aurora	Exmoor	1995	Beverly	Barrington Hills
1926	Unknown	Midlothian	1961	Flossmoor	Exmoor	1996	Riverside	Lake Shore
1927	Unknown	Unknown	1962	Westmoreland	Exmoor	1997	North Shore	Shoreacres
1928	Unknown	Unknown	1963	Barrington Hills	Exmoor	1998	Skokie	Knollwood
1929	Unknown	Exmoor	1964	Bob O'Link	Exmoor	1999	Flossmoor	Butler National
1930	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1965	North Shore	Exmoor	2000	River Forest	Glen View
1931	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1966	Sunset Ridge	Exmoor	2001	Midlothian	Evanston
1932	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1967	Knollwood	Exmoor	2002	Sunset Ridge	Barrington Hills
1933	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1968	Bob O'Link	Exmoor	2003	Biltmore	Aurora
1934	Illini	Exmoor	1969	Evanston	Exmoor	2004	North Shore	Crystal Lake
1935	Rockford	Exmoor	1970	Barrington Hills	Exmoor	2005	Knollwood	Midlothian
1936	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1971	Skokie	Exmoor	2006	Ivanhoe	Lake Shore
1937	Illini	Exmoor	1972	Westmoreland	Exmoor	2007	McHenry	North Shore
1938	Beverly	Exmoor	1973	Park Ridge	Sunset Ridge	2008	Northmoor	Medinah
1939	Rockford	Exmoor	1974	Glen View	Sunset Ridge	2009	Boulder Ridge	Glen View
1940	Flossmoor	Exmoor	1975	Knollwood	Exmoor	2010	Elgin	Lake Shore
1941	Bob O'Link	Exmoor	1976	Skokie	Exmoor	2011	Olympia Fields	Oak Park
1942	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1977	Oak Park	Exmoor	2012	Rolling Green	Ridgemoor
1943	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1978	Barrington Hills	Exmoor	2013	Twin Orchard	Park Ridge
1944	Oak Park	Exmoor	1979	Sunset Ridge	Exmoor	2014	Exmoor	Midlothian
1945	Westmoreland	Exmoor	1980	Bob O'Link	Exmoor	2015	St. Charles	Beverly
1946	Beverly	Exmoor	1981	Oak Park	Exmoor	2016	Kemper Lakes	Inverness
1947	Oak Park	Exmoor	1982	Evanston	Exmoor	2017	Boulder Ridge	Onwentsia
1948	Flossmoor	Exmoor	1983	Oak Park	Exmoor	2018	Twin Orchard	Flossmoor
1949	Olympia Fields	Exmoor	1984	Lake Shore	North Shore	2019	Elgin	Northmoor
1950	Edgewater	Exmoor	1985	Butterfield	Oak Park	2020	Not Held	Not Held
1951	Park Ridge	Exmoor	1986	Hinsdale	Knollwood	2021	Edgewood Valley	Skokie
1952	Evanston	Exmoor	1987	Northmoor	Olympia Fields	2022	Medinah	Exmoor
1953	Skokie	Exmoor	1988	Skokie	Westmoreland	2023	Oak Park	Park Ridge
1954	Forest Hills	Exmoor	1989	Glen View	Ravisloe	2024	Exmoor	Inverness
1955	Bob O'Link	Exmoor	1990	Crystal Lake	Oak Park	2025	Conway Farms	River Forest
1956	Sunset Ridge	Exmoor	1991	Lake Shore	Exmoor			
1957	Oak Park	Exmoor	1992	St. Charles	Hinsdale			