

 **BEST U.S. PRIVATE RENOVATION** 

**Medinah
Country Club
(Course One)**

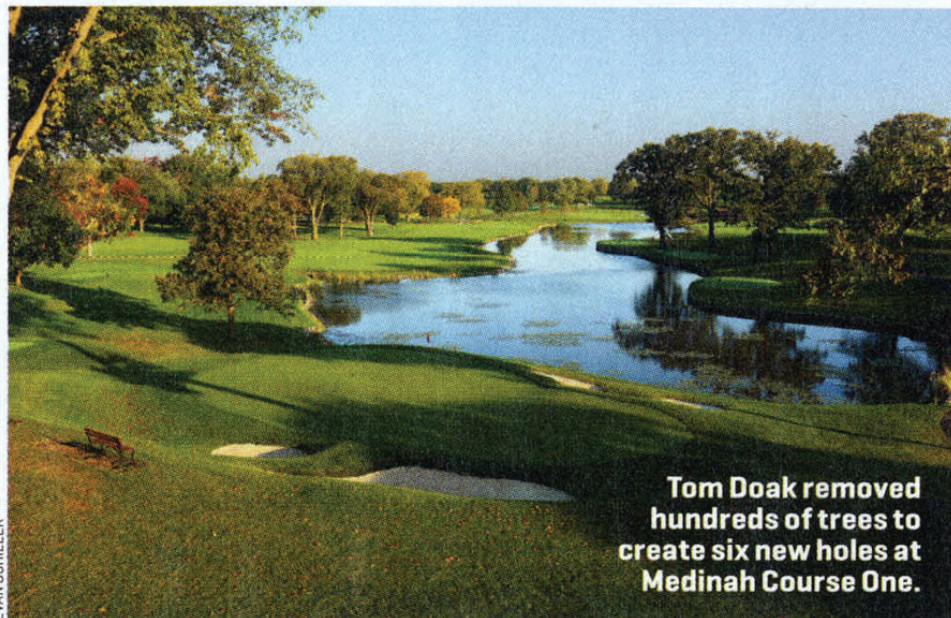
MEDINAH, ILL.

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Always well respected but never in the same league as Medinah Course Three (its brawnier, Ryder Cup- and major championship-holding sibling), Course One has emerged from the shadows thanks to an inspired renovation by Tom Doak. With an original mandate to address flooding issues, Doak started work 13 hours after the Ryder Cup ended. He removed 770 trees and opened up the middle of the property for new holes that could be routed diagonally through the old corridors. That portion of the course is now open, in contrast to the previous narrow back-and-forth routing

between the trees. Twelve of the 18 holes remain in the existing footprint, although they sport a completely new character and sequencing. What's more, the club elected to add a

mix of bluegrass rough and fescues, providing a more natural look to frame the fairways. Course Three will always be the torchbearer, but Course One is now a very worthy alternative.



Tom Doak removed hundreds of trees to create six new holes at Medinah Course One.

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