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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Medinah, IL. – Medinah Country Club is a preeminent private country club located in the suburbs, located approximately 25 miles west of Chicago. The club was established in 1924 and boasts the challenging Course #3, which was designed by Tom Bendelow and redesigned by Rees Jones. Medinah, ranked in the top 35 Platinum Clubs of the World, in the top 15 Platinum Clubs of America, founding member of America's Healthiest Clubs, and awarded the prestigious Distinguished Club award by Distinguished Clubs of the World, is excited to announce their partnership with OCM Golf, golf course architects and leaders in international golf course design and architecture.

### **Medinah Country Club Retains Golf Course Architect Ogilvy, Cocking, and Mead (OCM) to Develop Course #3 Master Plan**

Medinah Country Club announces the retention of an Australian golf course architecture firm OCM Golf (OCM), led by Geoff Ogilvy, Mike Cocking, and Ashley Mead, to assist Medinah Country Club in developing its Course #3 Master Plan. In November 2019, Club President Joseph Gattone initiated an ad hoc committee to begin working on a plan to address Medinah's current and future needs for world renowned Course #3, (7,657 yards, par 72). The committee includes Past Presidents Bruce D'Angelo and Michael Scimo, Director Ryan Potts, General Manager Robert Sereci, Director of Golf Marty DeAngelo, Director of Golf Course Operations Steve Cook, and Course #3 Superintendent Peter Schmidt. Club President Joseph Gattone said, *"I am excited to embark on a plan that leverages Course #3's current routing, while developing opportunities to strengthen the overall golf experience of our members and guests."* A master plan will guide future capital spend, including all course infrastructure needs that drive ideal playing conditions, ensure an enjoyable playing experience for all levels of member play, as well as creating a more challenging layout for professional tournament play, and provide a long-term infrastructure and operational footprint for major professional tournaments and other important events. Medinah's Course #3 has enjoyed a rich heritage of championship golf, having hosted an impressive slate of amateur, professional and Chicago District Golf Association events.

**BMW Championship**

Justin Thomas – 2019

**Ryder Cup**

Europe – 2012

**PGA Championship**

Tiger Woods – 1999, 2006

**U.S. Open**

Cary Middlecoff – 1949

Lou Graham – 1975

Hale Irwin – 1990

**U.S. Senior Open**

Gary Player – 1988

**Western Open**

Billy Casper – 1966

Jacky Cupit – 1962

Byron Nelson – 1939

**Chicago Victory**

Byron Nelson – 1946

**Medinah Open**

Harry “Lighthorse” Cooper – 1935, 1930

**Chicago Open**

Gene Sarazen – 19

**About OCM:** Born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, Geoff, Ashley, and Mike were heavily influenced by playing and studying the sand-belt courses, and they count many of them as our clients today. OCM was heavily influenced by Alistair Mackenzie on his famous visit to the Australia in 1926, these courses are the epitome of strategic design, using width and brilliant green complexes to create angles and interest that appeal to everyone from the high handicapper to tournament professional. OCM works with many high-profile courses in Australia and Asia. Clients include Kingston Heath, Victoria, Peninsula Kingswood, The Lakes, Royal Queensland, Lake Karrinyup, Yangtze Dunes (Shanghai), and Lonsdale. In 2020, OCM completed their first project in America with the re-design of Shady Oaks, in Fort Worth, Texas. Geoff Ogilvy was the 2006 U.S. Open Champion at Winged Foot and is the preeminent PGA TOUR golf architecture voice in the game today. Geoff said, *“We feel incredibly humbled and excited to be working with Medinah on the redevelopment of Course #3.”* Additional information about OCM may be found at <https://www.ocm.golf/>

**About Medinah Country Club:** Located in Medinah, Illinois, the club has hosted a BMW Championship, Ryder Cup, PGA Championships, U.S. Opens, U.S. Senior Open, and Western Opens. The property includes 54 holes of golf on 640 acres, an iconic 120,000 square foot Byzantine style clubhouse, Golf Learning Center and Practice Facility, Racquet Center, Golf Shop, Lodge, and Pool. Additional information about Medinah Country Club may be found at [www.medinahcc.org](http://www.medinahcc.org) | Facebook: [www.facebook.com/medinahcc](https://www.facebook.com/medinahcc) | Twitter: [www.twitter.com/medinahcc](https://www.twitter.com/medinahcc) | Instagram: [www.instagram.com/medinahcountryclub](https://www.instagram.com/medinahcountryclub)