

THE ARCHITECTS GOLF CLUB WHO WE ARE

The Architects Golf Club (Architects), located in Lopatcong, NJ, is a semi-private facility designed for corporate or social occasions and only legacy golf course—meaning it honors the legacy of golf by celebrating the great architects of the past (1885-1955)—in New Jersey.

Concept To Reality – “70 Years of Great Design Styles”

Architect Stephen Kay and Golf Digest Architecture Editor Ron Whitten, along with Lawrence and Dennis Turco of Turco Golf Inc.—one of the most recognized names in golf course construction in the Northeast with over 25 golf courses in its portfolio—and its parent company Grasskeepers Landscaping, created this unique course. It opened for business in 2001 and pays tribute to the design styles of many of the most prolific architects in golf history. Kay and Whitten handpicked prominent architects and created a course with 18 totally different holes. They patterned the shapes of tees, contours of greens, bunkering and how the holes were strategically laid out. Kay and Whitten utilized architects from the time period 1885-1955. This concept made for what they called “70 Years of Great Design Styles.”

A History Lesson For All Skill Levels

Architects challenges players of all skill levels and provides a look into the history of the game. The history lesson begins with Old Tom Morris, who designed Carnoustie and Muirfield in Scotland and the New Course and Jubilee at St. Andrews. The second hole reflects C.B. MacDonal, the founding father of American golf course architecture, who laid out America’s first 18-holes of golf at The Chicago Golf Club in 1895, and later created the masterpiece known as National Golf Links of America on Long Island, New York.

Architects is a 6863-yard par 71 course, featuring holes patterned after other greats, including Walter Travis, A.W. Tillinghast, William Flynn and Donald Ross to mention a few. The final chapter was reserved for Robert Trent Jones, commonly regarded as the most influential architect in the history of golf.

Distinct Design and New Practice Facility

Broad landing areas and generous tees impart to the course a strong visual character. Green sizes range from 4,500 to 11,000 square feet and are made from top-quality bent grass. Each distinctly different hole offers a variety of manicured tees, allowing golfers to select the course most suitable to their skill level—from just over 5,000 yards to nearly 7,000 yards. A practice facility with 30,000 square feet of natural turf, fairway bunker and short-game green for chipping and sand play was recently added.

Expanded Hospitality Business and New Clubhouse

Another of Architects' newest additions includes a 16,000 square foot state-of-the-art clubhouse distinctly designed for corporate or social occasions. In addition to Thyme Restaurant and Bar—which offers French-inspired cuisine and upscale dining with indoor and outdoor seating—the clubhouse features banquet facilities for golf events, weddings, corporate or social functions; men's and women's locker rooms; private member lounge and a pro-shop.

Whether a wedding, bar mitzvah, cocktail reception, dinner or corporate event, Architects offers the following:

- Competitive and comprehensive packages to meet budgetary requirements without unexpected add-ons
- Complementary full menu tasting with booked weddings
- Scenic golf course backdrop and views
- Homemade cuisine prepared on the premises
- Array of menu choices
- White glove service

Now that Architects has established itself as the nation's premier history lesson in golf course architecture, it is placing a greater emphasis on expanding its hospitality business. The new offerings will provide clients with additional, upscale amenities—while Architects will benefit from the year-round business.

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