



The Journey!

June 30, 2020, marked the start of the transformation of Stone Creek Golf Club into Atkins Golf Club at the University of Illinois! The University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) made the announcement that The Atkins Group (TAG) had donated more than 300 acres of real estate in southeast Urbana, including Stone Creek Golf Club. Upon the finalization of the gift, the DIA started the renovation process by hiring an architect and construction company and finalizing the renovation scope during the winter of 2020. During that time another generous donor pledged \$5 million to fund the golf course and pro shop improvements. Once the weather broke in spring of 2021, architect Drew Rogers and the Wadsworth Golf Construction team officially began the transformation. The most noticeable renovations include the full bunker renovations, regrassing of the greens, creation of new tee boxes which lengthened the golf course to over 7,500 yards, tighter fairways in certain areas, improved lakes and bridges and upgrades to the irrigation system. The bunkers were repositioned to present different angles and more decision making by golfers. Industry leading Better Billy bunkers were installed, a difference that will be immediately noticeable for golfers, especially after rain, as such bunkers drain much more effectively. Additionally, the premier pro angle sand will be enjoyed, not only for its playability, but also its aesthetic enhancement.

Final touches are currently underway as we prepare for the grand opening of Atkins Golf Club early next month. We can't wait to welcome you and other guests to Atkins Golf Club for a fantastic experience!

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Mark Your Calendar!

June 3, 2022 - The DIA will host the official dedication, which will include a ribbon cutting ceremony and ceremonial first tee shot off Hole 1. All Stone Creek residents are invited to share in this special event as we celebrate the dedication of the newly redesigned championship golf course. The schedule of events for June 3rd is as follows:

- 9:30 - 11 a.m. - Light refreshments available on the driving range
- 10 -11 a.m. - Dedication ceremony on the driving range, ribbon cutting, and ceremonial first tee shot on Hole 1

(As a note, due to other DIA functions being held at the facility on June 3rd, Homegrown restaurant will be closed.)

June 4, 2022 - Golf course grand opening for the general public. Tee times will begin at 7 a.m. Friday-Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday-Thursday, and will be available 30 days in advance. To book your tee time, please click here or call the pro shop at 217-481-8150. For inquiries regarding rates, outings, instruction, etc., please visit atkinsgolfclub.com or call the pro shop.

Practice Areas

The main practice green is now open for putting only. The driving range is also open for practice from the new artificial teeing area as weather and turf conditions allow. Range practice packages are available, so please ask the pro shop for more info if interested. Current pro shop hours are 10am-6pm.

Golf Cart Policy

For starters, we are excited to report that the new fleet of EZ Go Golf Carts are rolling into Atkins Golf Club. The carts are equipped with GPS, two USB ports and other features to ensure a great experience!

Privately owned golf carts are not allowed on the golf course. If a private cart is used as a means of transportation to the clubhouse, please utilize areas along Stone Creek Blvd that allow such vehicles as opposed to driving on the golf course.

Club Fittings

We already had Callaway on site earlier this spring and next we are offering a Titleist club fitting on Friday, May 13th. To book an appointment with the Titleist fitting representative please click here, <https://surefithub.titleist.com/book-event/33913>.

Homegrown

A FARM TO TABLE RESTAURANT

Homegrown Update

by Ryan & Abbie Rogiers

Spring is here! We are excited to roll out our new seasonal menu this week. We have a new breakfast menu featuring steak and eggs and dinner menu featuring a pan roasted duck breast.

We are breaking ground next week on the Homegrown gardens, which will enable us to provide a true farm to fork experience.

Please keep us in mind for your catering and banquet needs as our Homegrown catering team is getting ramped up for the season.

The restaurant is now open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. so come see us!

To book a [reservation please click here.](#)

Special Events

The DIA rents out special event space at Atkins Golf Club. If interested in hosting an event in the small private dining room or a large banquet space, [please click here to learn more.](#) Homegrown serves as the exclusive food and beverage provider for all events hosted at Atkins Golf Club.



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