A nod to the past

A vision toward the future
History of Westwood Country Club

In 1908, a group of businessmen calling themselves "The Westwood Club" grew dissatisfied with the uninteresting golf course they had been playing. They longed for a more challenging course and also recognized the need for a true country club on Cleveland's west side where they could "put on our comfortable togs and play a round of golf, or, when we like, put on our best clothes and have a real party". This group of founding fathers included John Zangerle, Mortimer J. Weber, John Crider, John Hinz, Robert Reid, and John Kerlin.

Early in 1913 John Zangerle took an option to purchase 86-1/2 acres of farm land on Detroit Road. Later Mort Weber took over the option which now totaled over 100 acres and presented it to the board of directors of the Westwood Club. The necessary funds were pledged and today's Westwood was incorporated as the Ridge View Land Company. On January 27, 1914 it purchased the land for $300 per acre.

By the end of 1914, the original 9-hole course, designed by Bertie Way, golf pro at Mayfield Country Club was completed. John Kerlin was appointed president of the original 75 members, who paid a membership fee of $100 and annual dues of $35. The farmhouse on the land was remodeled and served as a clubhouse. Play began in the spring of 1915.

In 1916, The Keswick Club, a 9-hole course on the west bank of the Rocky River was abandoned in favor of real estate development. Most of these members came to Westwood increasing membership to 125. It was time to build an 18-hole course to accommodate all the golfers. In 1917 the club acquired an additional 24 acres of land along the south boundary and completed the 18-hole course.

A new clubhouse was built in 1918 at a cost of $75,000. More land was acquired in 1923 and the course was completely redesigned by Major Charles Hugh Alison, one of the foremost golf course architects of the day and a partner of the prestigious international firm, McKenzie, Colt, & Alsion. The Westwood golf course is regarded by members and others who have been fortunate enough to play it, as one of the foremost tests of skill in Northeast Ohio. Many of golf's greatest names have enjoyed playing Westwood over the years including legends Bobby Jones and Arnold Palmer, who holds the professional course record of 64. In 1950 a championship pool, wading pool, bathhouse and refreshment facility were added. Tennis courts, a pro-shop, locker rooms, restaurant and beverage facilities all followed.

Over Westwood's impressive history, the Club has weathered the great depression, several fires, and many renovations. In 2007, the membership made a bold decision to tear down the clubhouse and rebuild a new, state-of-the-art facility. Westwood Country Club opened a luxurious, colonial revival style building in March 2009. Many improvements were also made to the golf course in 2008, which showcase the natural beauty of the challenging course including the addition of natural stone bridges, water features, full cart paths, and a new green drainage system. What began as a dream among a handful of golfers over 100 years ago is today, perhaps, the finest country club in northeast Ohio.
Westwood's highly renowned golf course is known to be both beautiful and challenging. The historic course features:

- Scenic 18-hole golf course designed by Major C.H. Alison
- 6,648 yards from the Championship tees
- Beautiful natural stone bridges
- Water features including cascading pools, creeks, lakes
- 3 putting greens and 2 short game practice areas
- Driving Range with 5 target greens (up to 280 yards)
- Luxurious locker rooms with shoe shine services
- Tournaments, invitationals, events for all playing levels: Juniors, Mens & Women’s Golf Associations, Mixed, Mens & Ladies 9 Holers
- Certified PGA Professional Golf Staff
- Professional Instruction Program including Private lessons, Ladies Clinics and more
- Junior Golf Program
- Prestigious Caddie Program
- Golf Shop with a variety of merchandise and services including professional club fitting, golf club repair and bag storage
- Newly renovated greens, full cart paths, new electric cart fleet
Tennis

• 4, Har-tru® Tennis Courts
• Spectator balcony overlooking all courts with shaded seating areas
• Group and Private Lessons
• Ladies & Mens Invitationals, Drills, Singles and Doubles Tournaments
• Junior Tennis:
  Little Tennis Grades K-2
  Junior Beginners Grades 3-5
• Match Sign ups and partnership pairing
• USTA Certified Tennis Professionals
Aquatics

• Olympic-size Swimming Pool
• Renovated in 1999
• Gated Kiddie Pool with gentle cascading umbrella fountain
• 2 Diving boards
• Poolside Cafe with full menu and beverage service
• Shaded Gazebo eating area
• Pool Cabana including Men’s & Ladies’ Locker Rooms and Showers
• Individual Swim Lessons from Certified Instructors
• Pool-side events
• Dolphins Swim Team
• Certified Life Guards
Clubhouse Features

Westwood’s brand new, colonial revival Clubhouse features state-of-the-art amenities in a warm and luxurious environment.

• Dining terrace overlooking the 18th Hole
• Natural blue stone outdoor lounge patio with firepit
• Full banquet facility with private entrance
• Ballroom (accommodates 300) overlooking 8th Hole
• Pre-function room adjacent to the ballroom
• Bridal room
• Elegant Gazebo for entertaining and photo opportunities
• Meeting and conference areas featuring all modern audio visual conveniences
• Wireless computer connectivity
• Member Business Center
• 1,500 square foot state-of-the-art fitness facility
• Dining, bar, meeting and event spaces to suit any occasion
• Foyer, parlor, and dining area fireplaces
• Wine Cellar & Tasting Room
• Valet Services
• Gratuity Free
**Dining**

Westwood has an extensive menu created by Executive Chef Greg Kapel suited for everyone’s tastes. The entire culinary team will delight your palate and satisfy all your expectations.

The foundation of Chef Greg’s menu is based on fresh, seasonal products. He works with local farmers, features organic ingredients, and has an extensive fresh seafood program. Menus offer the best Mac’ & Cheese for the kids to perfectly grilled Angus and Kobe steaks. Members enjoy family-style dining, ordering a la carte, or the elite ‘Chef’s Table’.

**Banquet, Events, Meetings**

Westwood can host large and small celebrations from birthdays to weddings, business meetings, or any special event that requires a beautiful venue and impeccable service. Menus will be personalized for each event to create a truly unique experience.

Please contact Charles Sandru, Clubhouse Manager to request a Banquet Package and to discuss your special event.
Events & Activities

Westwood hosts a variety of events for those of all ages and interests. Below are examples of some member-favorites:

**Entertainment Events & Activities**
- Dinner Dances
- Sunset Socials
- Play & Stays, Nine & Dines
- Fall Harvest Festival
- The Country Store
- Oktoberfest
- Chips & Sips
- Cooking Classes
- Halloween Party
- Ballroom Dancing
- Speaker Luncheons
- Bridge, Mah Jong, Gin Rummy
- Wine Tastings & Dinners

**Children's Events & Activities**
- Independence Day Festival
- July 4th Pool Activities
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Kids Cooking Classes
- Dive In Movie Night
- Brunch with Santa
- Winter Carnival
Membership

Westood Country Club is conveniently located by State Route 90, near Route 480, and just 8 miles west of downtown Cleveland in Rocky River. Directions are available at www.westwoodcountryclub.org.

Classifications

Active
Full privileges including the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Fitness Facility, Driving Range, and Golf Course as provided in the by-laws and playing rules. Spouse is eligible to become an Associate Member with golfing privileges for an additional fee.

Couples Active
Available to any legally married couple. Full privileges including the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Fitness Facility, Driving Range, and Golf Course (Active privileges for both member and spouse) as provided in the by-laws and playing rules.

Junior
Available to nominees 21 through 39 years of age. Privileges include use of the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Fitness Facility, Driving Range and Golf Course as provided in the by-laws and playing rules. Spouse is eligible to become an Associate Member with golfing privileges for an additional fee.

Fitness/Social
Privileges include use of the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, and Fitness Facility. No Golf. Golf course practice facility privileges are available upon payment of the applicable fee.

Non-Resident
Any person who has no home or business within 50 miles of the Clubhouse and does not regularly reside for 20 or more consecutive days or 40 nonconsecutive days total in any calendar year. Privileges include use of the Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Driving Range, and Golf Course as provided in the by-laws and playing rules. Spouse is eligible to become an Associate Member with golfing privileges for an additional fee. Sister Club Reciprocal privileges are not available for this membership category.

Westwood members also enjoy membership privileges at Shaker Heights Country Club and The Kahkwa Club.

* Please contact Heather Ferguson, Membership & Marketing Director for all membership classifications, detailed information and to set up a tour: (440) 730-9010, hferguson@westwoodcountryclub.org.
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