



3600 Excelsior Boulevard
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

PRACTICE RANGE RENOVATION

Project Profile

The Minikahda Club is one of Minnesota’s oldest and most prestigious golf courses. The course was originally designed by Willie Watson, who also designed Interlachen Country Club, and Robert Foulis. The course has since undergone numerous renovations including work by Thomas Bendelow and Donald Ross. Improvements have included repositioning of greens, lengthening of holes and, more recently, the extensive removal of trees and complete the reconstruction of over 100 sand bunkers.

In the fall of 2010, the Club hired Herfort Norby to assess and redesign the existing practice facilities and driving range. The existing range was too narrow, too short and had insufficient teeing area. Proposed recommendations included incorporating the reconstruction of the existing tennis course area and parking lot in order to balance soil requirements, address Minnehaha Creek Watershed requirements and to minimize construction costs. The new range includes a 40,000 square foot practice tee, artificial turf teeing area, target greens, new state of the art irrigation system, short game practice facility and two practice sand bunkers. The project was completed in October of 2011 and opened in the summer of 2012.



Responsibilities

Herfort Norby was responsible for all aspects of the project including preparation of detailed plans, watershed and City permitting, bidding, contractor selection and construction administration.



References

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