European Institute of Golf Course Architects

Recommended Reading

Golf Course Architecture

*Those essential elements in a golf course without which the game would be tame and uninteresting.*

*Historic writings on golf course architecture.*

*First published as ‘The Golf Course’ it contains a very good coverage of the history of golf course architecture and some elements of modern design.* (This is a reference book but entries for individual architects can be photocopied.)

*Leading golf architects from around the world present their ideas, providing a much-needed international assessment of the principles and practice of golf architecture.*

*This book captures and explains the passion surrounding the playing of golf on links land, exploring the history, characteristics and future of links golf.*

*Some good thoughts on modern golf course design, explaining the strategies behind a golf architect’s decisions.*

*An illustrated book of courses designed by Fazio.*
Covers all of the major historic, aesthetic, business and technical issues of the subject – from course layout, hole design, drainage, irrigation and turfgrass selection to planning, financing, construction and environmental considerations.

A collection of historic writings on golf course architecture.

Hawtree, F W: The golf course, planning, design, construction and maintenance. Spon, 1983.
A general textbook on golf course design.

Good general textbook on the theory and practice of golf course design from the basic criteria though to golf and the environment, with chapters on economics and the use of computers.

The author’s insights into the various design factors that influence play, with lavish illustrations.

Jones, Robert Trent: Golf by design, how to lower your score by reading the features of a course. Little, Brown, 1993.
Golf course design from the American viewpoint.

A timeless masterpiece written in 1933 containing the author’s thoughts on golf course architecture.

Comprehensive guide presenting strategies for creating a golf course routing plan, with coverage of site evaluation, terrain, natural settings, sunlight, wind, finances, psychology, golf strategy and environmental conditions.

The lost commentaries of the legendary golf architect.

A collection of essays on golf course architecture by some well-known architects throughout history.

Reviews and analyses the original work of the master architects.

A collection of original articles and photographs on golf course design.
Agronomy and Green Keeping


*A comprehensive basic text and reference source on turfgrass culture for use throughout the world.*

**Lilly, Sharon:** Golf course tree management. Ann Arbor Press, 1999.

*A technical resource for those who manage golf courses and shoulder the responsibility of caring for trees.*

**Perris, J & Evans, R D C (editors):** The care of the golf course. 2nd ed. STRI, 1996.

*General maintenance guide with chapters on turf pests and weeds, ecology and the use of pesticides.*


*Focuses on the vital techniques and methods professionals need to create a healthy, high quality golf course.*

Environmental Issues


*A comprehensive assessment and summary into the environmental effects of turfgrass construction and maintenance. An introduction into the environmental impacts of turfgrass management, including pesticides, the role of water resources and wildlife.*

**Muirhead, Desmond and Rando, Guy L:** Golf course development and real estate. Urban Land Institute, 1994.

*Includes detailed how-to information about designing and building a golf course and the surrounding residential area. Full colour illustrations, examples, and case studies offer insights and ideas.*

**Cory, Gregory L and Garl, Ronald M:** Golf course development in residential communities. Urban Land Institute, 2001.

*This book explains the role of each player on the development team and covers best practices and techniques to use for market analysis, land planning, development approvals, golf course design, business operations and legal issues.*


*A comprehensive work on ecological turf management, aimed at anyone concerned with reducing or eliminating chemical pesticide use.*

Irrigation


*A guidebook for engineers, architects, landscape architects, designers and contractors.*


*A useful reference book to help golf course superintendents and students to attain the requisite knowledge to oversee the installation and maintenance of irrigation systems that fit the needs of their particular course.*