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Founded in 1909 and opening in 1911, St. Clair Country Club in Belleville, IL is one of the finest golf facilities in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and has been known for many years for its challenging, beautifully maintained golf course. The 18-hole championship golf course was completed in 1927. More recently, the golf course was renovated in the fall of 2013 and reopened in May of 2014. At 6,502 yards from the championship tees the par 72 course is both challenging and enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels.

Through the years, fine amateur golfers have been Members of St. Clair Country Club. Bob Goalby won the St. Louis District championship in 1955 before turning to professional golf as a career. Bob Goalby was also Masters Champion in the year 1968. Bob's introduction to golf started in 1938, when he became a caddy at St. Clair Country Club.

Another outstanding sports figure is the very talented tennis star Jimmy Connors, who grew up in the St. Clair Country Club atmosphere and visits frequently when not busy with the Senior Tennis Tour. Other notable members include Jay Haas, who likewise developed his golfing skills at St. Clair and holds the course record of 61, which was set in 1973. Frank J. Conner, after having an outstanding record as an amateur tennis player, turned to professional golf and played the PGA tournament schedule along with Jay Haas and Jerry Haas.

To our knowledge, St. Clair Country Club is the only golf club to have three professionals in the same Masters Tournament when Bob Goalby, Jay Haas and Frank J. Conner were players in 1983.

Our present general manager and director of golf, Tom Sipula took over in 2011. In 2023, we welcomed Dennis Biedenstein as the new head golf professional at St. Clair.

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