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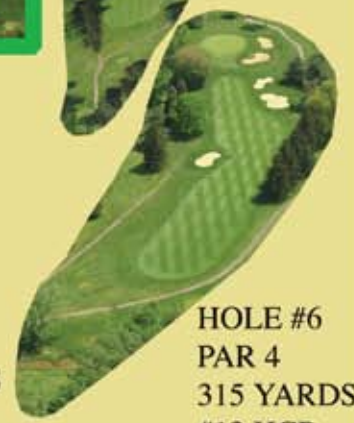
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The First 85 Years

Spring Ford Country Club The Hidden Gem

1924–2009

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Adele and Charles Lebow

Adele Lebow... Spring Ford's First Lady of Golf

Adele Lebow admitted she had to sit down after being told she was chosen to receive the U.S. Golf Association's Joe Dey Award. And even though she was to become the first woman presented the prestigious award—for meritorious service to the game of golf as a volunteer—no one but Lebow herself was surprised.

That became quite evident when she was greeted by a standing ovation during the 2004 USGA Awards Dinner in Orlando, Fla., and again when she was greeted by a standing ovation during a reception in her honor at Spring Ford Country Club.

"I don't know of anyone who has given more to our club or to the game and should be admired for it more than Adele Lebow," said one of the many guests at the reception held in her honor.

No one could debate Lebow's unwavering commitment to the game or her devotion to those who play it.

Since 1949, when she moved to Royersford and learned to play golf as a way of spending more time with her husband, no one has made such an impact on the growth of women's golf at Spring Ford C.C. and throughout the Philadelphia region ... or helped enrich its history.

She did it her way.

With inexhaustible energy.

And, most important, with class.

"Adele has taught us about the game of golf, about the rules of golf ... and how to be graceful," long-time friend and fellow Spring-Ford C.C. member Denise Jeffords said during the reception in her honor in 2004. "She has, in so many ways, inspired all of us."

Lebow has indeed been an inspiration to many.

She won 10 club championships at Spring Ford and was one of Spring Ford's most consistent and successful players in the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia annual Inter-Club Matches.

But her biggest and most significant contributions came off the course.

She is still the only woman to have served every office, including president (1976–77), on the WGAP's Executive Committee; served on various USGA committees from the inception of women's course ratings since 1983 and been the head of the course rating committee for the WGAP organization for nearly 30 years; served as president of the Pennsylvania State Women's Golf Association (1990–91)—and chair of the organization's recent 50th anniversary celebration; and has served on the Women's Regional Affairs Committee for nearly 20 years.

Lebow was also a walking scorer for seven years when the PGA teed it up at Whitemarsh Valley C.C. for the former IVB Open, and a volunteer for several LPGA's showcase events as a helper in the information tents. She has also traveled throughout the country as well as to Ireland to show her support for American women golfers in the bi-annual Curtis Cup competitions. In recent years, her passion for the game was quite evident when she helped start and develop LPGA-USGA Girls Golf, a developmental junior program for girls 7–17 years of age interested in learning to play golf.

Adele Lebow ... one of the class ambassadors of the game.

So it is altogether fitting and proper that this book be dedicated to Spring Ford Country Club's First Lady of Golf.

Don Seeley



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Preface

In 2007, I was talking with my good friend and frequent golf partner of almost 30 years, Fred Behringer. He mentioned that local country clubs have recently begun producing hard-cover club history books. Fred, a journalist, should know much about golf in the Delaware Valley as the former executive editor of Montgomery Newspapers and founder of Philadelphia Golf Magazine. A short time later, Spring Ford Country Club President Ray Clarke asked me to write a brief history of Spring Ford Country Club as part of a Media Day Event handout in October 2007. Virtually no golf archive exists at the Club. The closest thing to an archive is a two-page newspaper article from 1958 that is hanging in the Club vestibule and four boxes of past-member applications and resignations. Using the newspaper article, I added recent information from members and a few available photos to produce a document I thought might be useful to media attendees. The media handout was well received, and Ray suggested we use the document as a future marketing tool for seeking new members.

I thought at that time that perhaps Spring Ford Country Club could find use for a hard-bound history book to inform the membership, as well as serve as a marketing tool.

I presented the idea to Ray, mentioning that a nearby club recently contracted for \$75,000 to produce such a book. Ray's interest level at that point was grounded, but when I mentioned that I knew an old retired guy who loves to write, and would do the job gratis, his level of interest rocketed. Thus, this tome.

Many members contributed their time to this book including George Murray and Don Peragallo, who sat with me at the Spring-Ford Historical Society Museum for many days last winter paging through over 60 years of back copies of newspapers looking for articles about Spring Ford Country Club, all with the valuable aide of Caroline Fetterolf, the Society's president. Leon Sell, Mont Nettles, Mark Douglas, Lou Calcinore, Drew Freed, Tony DeGisi, Doc Maron, Jan Bauman, Ed Logan, and many other club members and employees, past and present, were a great assistance providing information and photographs. Without my daughter Jennifer Miller Carney's incredible editing skills and Laurie McDonald's layout skills, the book would have been almost unreadable, considering that I, along with most engineers that I am acquainted with, are lousy writers and spellers.

And of course Adele Lebow. Adele Lebow's contribution was, just like everything else she gets involved in, tireless and complete. She reminds me of a book that I recently read, *Extraordinary Golf*, written by Fred Shoemaker in which he believes that performance, character, and camaraderie share equally in the golf experience. I believe Adele could have written that book.

A special thanks to Fred Behringer who was kind enough to offer guidance and edit the manuscript, during which he wore out several red pencils.

Please accept my apology for omissions, possible factual errors, and what may be conceived as an incomplete history. I encourage those who could further contribute and improve the book's second edition to please come forward. I expect that someone (not I) will write and publish an update in 2024, our 100th anniversary.

There are a few loose ends that I wish we could have tied up. We have not been able to locate the sketches or photos of the original course layout of 1924, or photos during construction of the original layout and during the expansion to 18 holes in 1957/58. Perhaps some day these loose ends may surface as a result of club members and friends reading this book. Also, the original drawings and plans of the clubhouse cannot be located.

Bob Miller



***Ray Clarke, President
Spring Ford Country Club***

"THE FIRST 85 YEARS"

It is a great honor for me to be in the position of President, Spring Ford Country Club and be fortunate to be asked to write a brief message for this great book – Spring Ford, The First 85 Years. Our golf course is very challenging with its small greens and narrow fairways – a true test of golf. The membership recognizes this as our greatest asset and we dedicate a great deal of our annual revenue to maintaining it in the best of condition throughout the year.

Our membership is drawn from the communities that surround the local town of Royersford, Pennsylvania. What started as a 'blue collar' membership in 1924 has evolved into an assorted conglomeration of down-to-earth 'characters' that not only enjoy playing the game but enthusiastically partake in the camaraderie and sportsmanship of country club membership.

Within the pages of this book are many photographs of the course along with detailed descriptions of the play of the course. Aerial photographs dating back to 1942 through to present day can be compared to track the evolution and improvements the course has seen over the years.

We are a member-owned Club and, as such, we are governed by a member-elected

Board of Governors consisting of senior golf members. To qualify for the Board, a member must have sat on one of the many Committees of the Club for at least one year. Thanks to the foresight of previous Boards, we enjoy not just a marvelous golf course but a modern Club House, with a main dining room, a pub, the mixed grill, a large banquet facility capable of handling a 250-person wedding or other large event, fully equipped men's and ladies' locker rooms, a full-size swimming pool complete with decks and snack bar, a driving range / practice facility and many other amenities.

Our current Board is in the planning stages of many improvements to our facilities. We recognize the needs and challenges to continue to improve and expand offerings to the ever changing demands of family-oriented members and their children.

This book is due to the hard work of Bob Miller who came to me two years ago with this idea. Over those two years he and some of his associates, have spent unending hours in local libraries, historical societies and newspaper archives. Bob has interviewed a broad cross-section of our current and retired members and the families of those who were founding members of our Club.

We have been truly fortunate over the years to have a membership that cared about our Club to such an extent that they would 'fund' the coffers on months when cash was tight.

As with many others, I joined Spring Ford over 25 years ago and found a home with this membership. Even then, the members banded together when things needed to be done and worked on the golf course. I have vivid memories reconstructing the bridges around the course after a deluge washed them all out – characters like Charlie Shappell and Bill O'Brien supervising and making sure we had 'refreshments' to keep our spirits up. My good friend Lee Woodling who helped me rescue Gary Ziegler on the bridge project who came close to drowning when his waders filled with water and we couldn't stop laughing. Or working with Bill Bauman on many projects including rebuilding several tees with rail road ties that Harry Morton 'found' and Frank Venezia donated the trucks and equipment to get them to the course and placed. Lou Calcinore, one of the true 'characters' of our club who, over the years has contributed his time, money and efforts to help complete various projects. Knute Macmullen who at his 88th year still walks the course and out-plays most of us.

I am confident that our current membership will continue to grow and expand Spring Ford Country Club and, by the time our 100th anniversary comes around, we will be enthusiastically writing the second edition of this great book.

Current and past members will enjoy this walk back through history. New and future members will get a taste for the heritage and history of the Club.

To all who read it – enjoy!

Raymond J. Clarke, President, 2006-09



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WEEKLY ADVERTISER

"ROYERSFORD THE PULSE OF THE SCHUYLKILL VALLEY"

ROYERSFORD, PA., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, May 16th, 1924

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BREVITIES

The State Highway Department on Wednesday awarded another contract for the improvement of a section of the Reading Pike. The stretch thru the borough of Trappe, a distance of 682 feet, will be constructed by the McNichol Paving and Construction Company, of Philadelphia. The bid of this company was \$28,110.25.
 Fireman Klein, of Main street, now operates the Royersford Auto Laundry at Second avenue and Myrtle St. Cars washed, polished and greased in a first-class manner. Phone 427 and he will call for your car. Open 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., standard time.

The Executive and Social Committees of the Legion Aides are requested to attend an important meeting on Monday evening, May 19th, at 8 p. m., daylight saving, at the home of Mrs. U. S. G. Plinkbier.

Memory is no longer than life. A monument properly constructed lasts for ages. Better use H. E. Brandt, Royersford, marble and granite dealer—now.

Local man wanted; salary and commission. Apply to Colonial Life Insurance Co., 115 Main street, Norristown.

Cabbage and tomato plants, 12 and 15c dozen; dahlia roots—C. L. Hays.

Jimmy for hire; Sunday trips a specialty. Trumbauer's, 213 Main St. Phone—73-J.

A new concrete bridge to be erected on the site of the old wooden one, which was burned six months ago will be started at Schwenkenville as soon as the preliminary plans are drawn and approved by the Grand Jury next month. The County Commissioners, Monday, had a conference with the county engineer, who submitted drafts of two structures, one about a mile down from the old site, but the commissioners were unanimous in selecting the old site. The new bridge will be an ornamental one costing approximately \$50,000.

Ladies work at home, pleasant, easy sewing on your machine. Whole or part time. Highest possible prices paid. For full information address L. Jones, Box 2, Olney, Ill.

For that next room to be papered—call up R. H. Keeler, 415 Walnut street.

Get your flashlights and batteries at Trumbauer's.

Sunday evening the choir of the Methodist church will render selections from Gail's "Holy City." Mrs. P. M. Stover will be the soprano soloist and Mrs. H. R. Will, contralto soloist. Miss Mary Richards accom-

WHY NOT CALL IT "PROY-TRAP" COUNTRY CLUB?

The following letter has been received and the subject an appeal to the Editor that it is given to the public. We would be glad to have your views.

While traveling through New York State, I stopped for a day in a little community and was entertained at the Country Club, where we played golf. A great many were out in the evening playing tennis and enjoying social recreation. Speaking of the Country Club my friend remarked that this Club was responsible for the social life of the community during the summer and that it made the difference between a very commonplace community and a community of interest.

This week is set apart by the Nation in the interest of Better Homes. The home of the individual extends beyond his house. It embraces his community. Just as the schools and churches and theatres add to the attractiveness of a community, so does a Country Club provide a place for wholesome and refined social contact.

Every large community is building public courses. Several of our Western cities boast of six and eight public courses. Tennis courts are being built more rapidly every year. The public realize the necessity for outdoor exercise during the summer. The Twin Boroughs boast of a population of approximately six thousand inhabitants. The nearest Country Club is eight miles distant, and yet they have many members from the Twin Boroughs. Wouldn't it be splendid if a suitable location could be secured and a small but attractive Country Club with golf course, tennis courts, lunch room, etc., be secured near the Twin Boroughs? Possibly a location could be obtained near the new road which is to be built to the Trappe. This would enable us to draw from Trappe and Collogewille, adding more to the available membership.

The time was, when working men, and by that I mean mechanics, were compelled to work long hours, and had no time for social life and were really too tired to enjoy it, but this time is past and today the public links of our cities are filled with working men. They find that they can enjoy a day in the open just as much as their brother who occupies a desk in the office.

In a community like ours, where there is no upper crust-of society, but where employer and employee meet on planes of social equality, it would be wise to make provision for admitting members of varying financial income, by providing various classes of membership at different prices, so that membership would be within the financial reach of all citizens of the community. What would be finer than a Club of this kind where we could go and spend our leisure time amid healthful surroundings and good companionship.

Summer Togs

Be prepared for warm summer days with cool frocks—voiles are vogue and make most attractive dresses. We have displayed the latest summer shades in voiles unequalled at the price — 44 inches in width, pink, light blue, sand, grey, fangerine, open and apricot—50c per yard.

SILK SCARFS

A very special attraction this week are Scarfs. All the newest colors, beautiful color combinations.

Silk Scarfs complete the tailored suit or add the finish to a silk dress. They are made of crepe-de-chine, silk jersey, or knitted and novelty crepes—\$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50.



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Three-quarter Socks so much in demand, a Harding blue; grey and sand with colored tops.

Socks for tiny tots in plain colors, champagne also white with blue, black, tan and pink tops—si

Art Needle

To make the best of spare time is to make or hope-chest. We have a variety of stamped s low cases, luncheon sets, centerpieces, vanity sets erial.

MILLINE

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a su every hat in stock, both trimmed and untrimmed, quality and color are the season's very latest and just this week. Here are some of the prices.

\$2.50 Hats, special at	\$1.75	\$6.5
\$3.00 Hats, special at	\$2.00	\$7.0
\$4.25 Hats, special at	\$2.95	\$8.0
\$5.00 Hats, special at	\$3.50	\$11

NOTICE!—Beginning this week this stor ing Saturday evening at 8.30, standard time

JAMES B. RIC



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Creating an Interest

Seeds of Spring Ford Country Club: A Brief History of Royersford

In the early 1800s, the Schuylkill River was surrounded by nothing but a few scattered farms, lush fields, and forests. Long before the railroad and a golf course arrived, one could find members of the Lenni Lenape (meaning Original People) Native American Indian tribe traveling and camping along the riverbanks.

Royersford's namesakes, David and Benjamin Royer, were farmers living on the Schuylkill River's Spring City side (east side of the river). Because of the river's shallow depth between Royersford and Spring City, it was easily "forded," thus, "Royer's ford."

In 1824, the Schuylkill Navigation Canal along the river's west side was completed from Pottstown to Philadelphia. The canal boats carried freight and at times passengers who preferred the smoother travel of the river rather than that of horse and coach. The canal opened the door to business and industry, prompting the area's first paper mill, small iron foundry, and grocery and supply store for the canal boats.

By 1839, the railroad reached Royersford, and manufacturing



Early Royersford, Circa 1898

industries began to sprout up on both sides of the Schuylkill River. A number of present-day Spring Ford Country Club members are fourth- and fifth-generation relatives of the early business and community leaders of Royersford and Spring City:

- Latshaw's Royersford Iron Foundry Company
- Buckwalter and Company (stove manufacturers)
- Grander Stove Company
- Diamond Glass Company
- Fire Brick Works
- Tremont Hosiery Mill
- Snyder and Bush Planing Mill
- Royersford Machine Company
- Keystone Meter Works.

Royersford developed into a thriving small community as factory employment grew, which in turn created a need for housing, community services, infrastructure, and churches. Farming also continued to flourish as it had since the early 1800s.

By 1890, Royersford's primarily Republican community published its first weekly, four-page newspaper, the Weekly Advertiser. Founded and run by long-time resident Jacob S. Johnson, and then after his death by his son, Lloyd Earl Johnson, the paper's news and events reflected the church-centered activities of Royersford's and Spring City's residents.

Later, community members also had founded a Rotary Club and a Women's Club, which greatly expanded residents' social life. In the early 1900s, the nearest golf course or country club was eight miles away. Residents may have been ready for their own community country club in Royersford and Spring City.

At the turn of the century, the population of Royersford and Spring City numbered approximately 4,000 according to the 1900 Federal Census, (1000 in 1884). These towns adjacent to the Schuylkill River were as they are today: small, rural towns with several factories on the perimeter and many surrounding farms. Residents included medical doctors, lawyers, postal workers, newspaper editors, farmers and, manufacturing plant and small business owners and their employees.

America's presence was beginning to make its mark on the world golf community. It was 1913 when American amateur Francis Ouimet defeated Britain's reigning world champions Harry Vardon and Ted Ray in a three-way playoff for the U.S. Open Championship at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. a most unbelievable and unlikely outcome.

By 1924, the United States was crazy for golf. American golfers like Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen domi-



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nated the world golf scene. That year, Jones won his first U.S. Amateur Championship at Merion Golf Club; Walter Hagen won the British Open and PGA Championship that same year. And, the American golf team won the renowned Walker Cup for the third straight time since its inception in 1921. The Walker Cup, named after United States Golf Association (USGA) President George Herbert Walker, started as a contest between the United States and Great Britain.

Although the country club “seed” may have been planted years prior to 1924, the idea finally sprouted on Friday, May 16, 1924 at the Weekly Advertiser. Editor/owner Lloyd Earl Johnson published an anonymous “Letter to the Editor” preceded by a brief introduction by the editor himself:

“WHY NOT CALL IT “SPROY-TRAP” COUNTRY CLUB” (Sproy-Trap is an acronym for Spring City, Royersford, and Trappe.)



Bobby Jones, circa 1924

The following letter has been received and the subject so appeals to the Editor (L.E. Johnson) that it is given to the public. We would be glad to have your views. (The letter appeared on the front center page of the weekly newspaper.)

“While traveling through New York State, I stopped for a day in a little community and was entertained at the Country Club where we played golf. A great many were out in the evening playing tennis and enjoying social recreation. Speaking of the Country Club, my friend remarked that this club was responsible for the social life of the Community during the Summer and that it made the difference between a very commonplace community and a community of interest.

This week is set apart by the nation in the interest of Better Homes. The home of the individual extends beyond his house. It embraces his community. Just as the churches and the schools and the theatres add to the attractiveness of the community, so does a Country Club provide a place for wholesome and refined social contact.

Every large community is building public courses. Several of our western cities boast of six and eight public courses. Tennis courts are being built more rapidly every year. The public recognizes the necessity of outdoor exercise during the Summer. The Twin Boroughs boast of a population of approximately 6,000 inhabitants. The nearest Country Club is eight miles distant and yet they have many members from the Twin Boroughs. Wouldn't it be splendid if a suitable location could be secured and a small but attractive Country Club with golf course, tennis courts, lunch room, etc., be secured near the Twin Boroughs? Possibly a location could be obtained near the new road which is to be built to The Trappe. This would enable us to draw from Trappe and Collegeville, adding more to the available membership.

The time was, when working men, and by that I mean mechanics, were compelled to work long hours, and had no time for social life and were really too tired to enjoy it, but this time is past and today the public links of our cities are filled with working men. They find that they can enjoy a day in the open just as much as their brother who occupies a desk in the office.

In a community like ours, where there is no upper crust of society, but where employer and employee meet on planes of social equality, it would be wise to make provision for admitting members of varying financial income, by providing various classes of membership at different prices so that membership would be within the reach of all citizens of the community. What would be finer than a club of this kind where we could go and spend our leisure time amid healthful surroundings and good companionship.”

Curiously, this anonymous letter to the editor was the only letter that the author discovered after reviewing over three thousand published editions of the Weekly Advertiser. The author believes Johnson to be the de facto founder of Spring Ford Country Club, and suspects that he himself wrote the letter and published it in his own newspaper to cultivate community interest in a country club.

(Note: Much of the historical information gathered for this book came from back issues of the Weekly Advertiser, which are archived at the Spring-Ford Historical Society Museum at 526 Main Street in Royersford.)

Lloyd E. Johnson Sr. graduated from Royersford High School in 1909 and attended Pottstown Business School. He took over the publication of the newspaper upon his father's early death. He served as Republican leader for many years; was a former Royersford postmaster and former assistant sealer of weights and measures of Montgomery County; was treasurer and director of Home Water Company; served as president, vice president of Keystone Building and Loan Association; was past worshipful master of Royersford Masons; was the only Grand Tall Cedar of Spring City Forest to serve two years; was a 32nd degree Mason; was a founder and member of Spring Ford Country Club for over 40 years; was an active member of the Royersford Business Men's Association; and member of the First United Church of Christ, Royersford. Mr. Johnson's reputation included helping many people with many problems for many years.

At a meeting just about two months after the appearance of the "letter to the editor," July 18, 1924, to be exact, a group of community residents, mostly area businessmen, met to consider forming



1950 photo of Lloyd Earl Johnson Sr., Spring Ford Country Club Founder. Owner, Publisher and Editor of The Weekly Advertiser



Lloyd Earl Johnson Sr, wife Elsie and son Lloyd Jr., Circa 1924

a country club. Those in attendance were:

Charles S. Wagoner, age 54, an attorney, Spring City
Paul Youngblud (Youngblood), age 30, furniture merchant, Spring City

Morgan J. Edwards, age 41, block post officer, Spring City

Russell C. Jones, 34, sales manager for a motor company, Spring City

Frank H. Deisher, age 51, bookkeeper, Spring City

Dr. Joseph A. Buckwalter, age 45, physician, Royersford

A.L. Buckwalter, age 51, owner of stove factory

(Dr. Buckwalter's brother), Royersford

F.J. Stephenson, age 55, accountant, Royersford

Dr. E. M. Vaughan, age 63, medical doctor, Royersford

Chester C. Bush, age 29, fruit grower, Royersford

Lloyd E. Johnson, age 33, publisher and editor of the Weekly Advertiser of Royersford.

Within several months, the community's enthusiasm grew, and members chose officers as each member put up \$10 to bind the group.

Charles S. Wagoner was elected as the first president of Spring Ford Country Club. Born in Spring City in 1871, Wagoner graduated from Spring City High School and West Chester Normal School, now West Chester University. He attended law school at the University of Pennsylvania and started his own law practice, Wagoner and Wagoner in Philadelphia. He also served as treasurer of the Floyd-Wells Stove Company, trust officer of the National Bank and Trust Company of Spring City, and solicitor of the Spring City School Board and the Building and Loan Association. He was a member of the Spring City Masonic Order, Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, Phoenixville; the consistory, Bloomsburg, the Reading Shrine and Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Spring City Forest. He served as first president of the Royersford Rotary Club and a member of Spring City's Lutheran Church.

Doctor Joseph A. Buckwalter was a successful physician in Royersford. He was born in Royersford in 1880 and was well known publicly and privately throughout his life. Educated in Royersford and Norristown schools, he later attended The Hill School and then Hahnemann Medical College where he received his medical degree in 1904. He practiced medicine in New York until 1910 at which time he returned to Royersford and entered his father's business, The Buckwalter Stove Company. After a stint in WWI in the Medical Corps, he returned again to Royersford to the stove company.

In 1919 he married Dorothy Latshaw, and they had two children, Joseph A. Jr., born in 1920, and David Irvin, born in 1922. David Irvin Buckwalter later married Shirley Isenberg and had three children, Cheryl, Susan, and Jill when they joined Spring Ford Country Club in 1964. Today, Jill Buckwalter Cardamone is the third generation of Buckwalters to belong to Spring Ford Country Club. Jill's incredible golf achievements are noted throughout this book.

Once the Club was officially formed, the appointed site committee set out to find a location for the golf course. The committee inspected and recommended the Gottshall farm tract on Reifsnnyder Road. This dairy farm consisted of 114 acres, with rolling terrain and a good-sized creek winding through most of the acreage. In hindsight, the committee could not have chosen a better site. Interestingly, modern-day member Drew Freed is a relative of farm owner Samuel Gottshall.

The members adopted the committee's recommendation and made arrangements to place an option on the property. Then Club members formed a finance committee, and by the light of a kerosene lantern on the front porch of the Gottshall farmhouse late one summer evening, a deal was struck between Farmer Gottshall and Club representatives for \$11,500.



First President of Spring Ford Country Club
Charles Wagoner (1871-1938) and daughter Miriam.

Club members also appointed a committee to draw up a constitution, by-laws, and plans for immediate incorporation. The following paragraphs were extracted from the original document filed at Montgomery County Court House, chartering the Spring Ford Country Club.

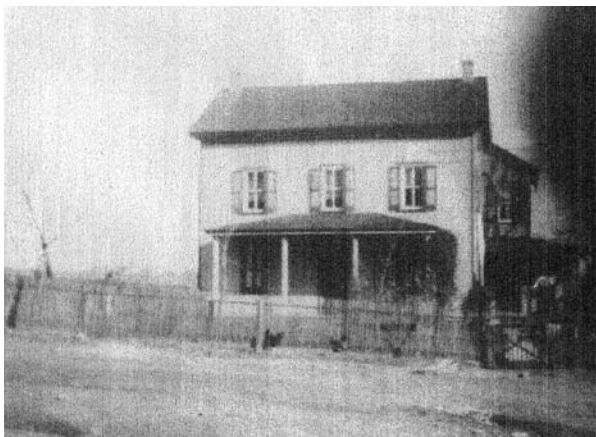
"On November 10, 1924 in the Court of Common Pleas in Montgomery County Pennsylvania the Spring Ford Country Club Formed a Corporation. The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the State of Pennsylvania have associated themselves together for the purpose of maintaining an association for social and recreative purposes and for purchasing, holding, leasing, and improving such real estate and any other property as may be necessary for such aforesaid purposes and desiring that they may be incorporated according to law did certify that

1. The name of the proposed corporation is the Spring-Ford Country Club
2. Said corporation was formed for the purpose of maintaining an association for social and recreative purposes and to purchase, hold, lease and improve such real estate and other property as may be necessary of the purposes aforesaid
3. The business of said corporation is to be transacted in Limerick Township, in the County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania
4. The said corporation is to exist perpetually
5. The number of directors or trustees of said corporation is fixed at 15 as designated as the Board of Governors, and the names and residences of those who are chosen for the first year and who are subscribers to this petition are as follows:

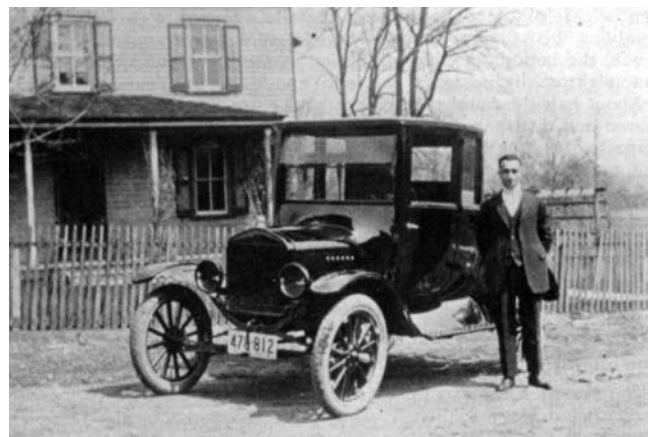
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Morgan J. Edwards	Spring City
Charles P. Floyd	Royersford
Henry Graber	Royersford
H. Fred Grander	Royersford
Lloyd Johnson	Royersford
Russell C. Jones	Spring City
Paul I. Mowrey	Spring City



Joseph. A., Dorothy, and son David Buckwalter, Circa 1940.



The original Gottshall farmhouse (circa 1920) located on Reifsnyder Road served as the first Spring Ford Country Club Clubhouse. It was partially destroyed by fire in 1927.



Henry Gottshall, son of Samuel and Lizzie, stands proudly beside his new Model T Ford Tin Lizzy, AKA "Fliver" in front of their home which later became the first Spring Ford Country Club clubhouse. Circa 1920.

Charles B. Roeller
Royersford
Frank J. Stephenson
Royersford
Charles S. Wagoner
Spring City
W. Paul Youngblood
Spring City



Samuel and Lizzie Gottshall standing at the rear of their farmhouse which was to become the first clubhouse. Circa 1920.

6. There will be no capital stock. The funds necessary for the purpose of the corporation will be raised by dues, fees and voluntary subscriptions of members, or either thereof, as shall be provided by the By-Laws of the corporation, or by voluntary subscriptions from others, or otherwise, as may be met by temporary loan, for which the assets of the corporation may be pledged.

7. The number of members shall be fixed from time to time by the By-Laws and members additional to the subscribers hereto may be elected by the Governors. Vacancies in membership arising from resignation or from any other cause may be filled by the Governors, among which shall be default in payment of dues. Whenever any person shall cease to be a member of the corporation, his or her interest in the corporation shall cease and terminate. The right to membership shall not be transferable. Membership shall be evidenced by the books of the corporation.

8. The Governors are vested with the authority to acquire, hold, manage, use, maintain, and dispose of the property of the corporation, real and personal, on behalf of the said corporation.

9. If the corporation shall be dissolved, the monies and real and personal estate it then owns not needed for the payment of its debt shall become the property of the persons who are then its members.

10. The yearly income of the corporation other than that derived from real estate will not exceed \$20,000."

With the paperwork behind them, the stage was set to start moving dirt, but, how and where was it to be moved, and who was going to move it?



Construction Begins!

Once the ball got rolling, the 50 members from Royersford, Spring City, Trappe, and Colledgeville turned their attention toward designing the club and golf course. They invited renowned golf expert J. Franklin Meehan of the Golf Engineering and Service Company to present his ideas.

Born in Philadelphia, Meehan designed golf courses by trade, and played golf voraciously for sport. Twenty years before his meeting at Spring Ford Country Club, Meehan and a group of business associates formed Edge Hill Country Club, later known as North Hills Country Club. Meehan had purchased the land on which the original nine holes were built and subsequently designed and constructed Edge Hill's course. He also served as the club's first president from 1907 to 1915. As the club expanded, Meehan designed and built North Hill's modern-day 18-hole course. He later went through the same process with Sandy Run Country Club in Oreland, Pennsylvania.

Although Meehan enjoyed creating golf courses from scratch, several clubs consulted with him in mid-process, including Ashbourne and Spring Ford Country Clubs. Though he did not own their land, he designed and constructed courses for Ashbourne in 1920, Spring Ford in 1924, and later, Brookside Country Club in Allentown in 1929. Meehan's reputation preceded him, and members of the prestigious Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey hired him to design and assist in laying out their first hole.

Meehan's love of golf extended beyond simple architecture. He worked with the Golf Association of Philadelphia to found junior boys and girls golf competitions and was thence

known as "The father of junior golf in Philadelphia." Meehan was himself an avid golfer, and he passed on his love of the game to his two daughters, Sarah and Helen. Both daughters won many champion-



J. Franklin Meehan

ships throughout the years, and represented Philadelphia in the prestigious Griscom Cup many times. The Griscom Cup is a multi-city women's competition.

In 1924, after winning over Spring Ford's members, the Club retained Meehan to blueprint the property and lay out the course's first nine holes. Meehan's specialty was in working with smaller properties and creating challenging courses with tight layouts and small greens. Spring Ford certainly fit that description with its original 9-hole layout as it does today with its modern 18-hole layout.

Even before construction started, the Club began recruiting individuals and families to join. A \$100 membership fee and \$50 in annual dues afforded excellent opportunities for men and women to enjoy the game. This amount seems like a paltry sum compared with today's rates of thousands of dollars. But if you consider that in 1924, Black's Diner in Royersford charged \$.15 for a ham sandwich and chuck roast cost 18 cents a pound, a brand new Ford truck was \$490, a pair of trousers cost \$2.95, and a matinee movie was \$.35, the fees may have been comparative to today's.

In the fall of 1924, Spring Ford sponsored a fried chicken dinner meeting in the banquet hall at the Methodist Church, attended by nearly 70 members and guests. Members delivered booster speeches, and Meehan addressed them again on the course's progress and the Club's importance to the surrounding community.

By mid-November, workers had prepared and seeded the first 9 holes of temporary greens, and they had also constructed several permanent greens. Although Meehan had designed a full 18-hole course layout, members of the Grounds Committee cajoled Meehan to have the first 9 holes in play by early 1925.



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Ads in the Weekly Advertiser in the mid 1920s.

In early 1925, the Club hired its first full-time groundskeeper. Thirty-two-year-old Clarence M. Wood, a widely known and respected groundskeeper, had spent 14 years as assistant superintendent at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. Work was progressing and, weather permitting, the course completion was planned for early summer, 1925.

At the same time, members diligently worked to form a women's auxiliary whose purpose was to organize the women to assist in the social activities and golf program. The Club also held membership drives and informal gatherings, or "smokers," with prospective community members to introduce them to Spring Ford Country Club.

The winter months ticked by for the now-53 members. They were getting anxious to play the greens as they watched the fairways take shape and the grass seed germinate. At that time, the state-of-the-art water system consisted of a single spigot located at each green. The fairways were not watered as they are today. The Club also hired a local carpenter to upgrade the old Gottshall farmhouse into a viable clubhouse.

As the course neared completion, so did efforts to finish two tennis courts by mid-summer. Today, no one knows exactly where the courts were located or why they were demolished.

Finally, on Saturday May 8, 1925, at 1:30 p.m., Spring Ford Country Club, using 9 temporary greens, teed off the first official foursome of President Wagoner, A. L. Buckwalter, R. C. Jones, and Chester Bush. The original clubhouse, which was the Gottshall farmhouse converted to accommodate the members, was locat-

ed near the present-day equipment sheds. The first hole and ninth green were situated conveniently near today's sheds. We believe that the order of play for the original nine holes, being built conveniently near to the old farmhouse, was as explained below.

(Refer to the nearby photo.)

- Hole #1: where the present-day #6 hole is located.
- Hole #2: present #5 hole except the tee was located at the tree line on the left of the present #5 fairway about 200 yards from the present #5 tee. This hole played as a par 4.
- Hole #3: a combination of the present holes using the #3 tee and the #4 green. This played as a par 5 hole.
- Hole #4: a 100-yard, par three, for which the tee was located near the present day #14 tee, and the green located about 100 yards from the tee to the right of the fairway. The green is still visible today.
- Hole #5: tee was located beyond the #4 green, and the green was the present day #11 green.
- Hole #6: tee was located near the present #12 tee, and the green was the present day #13 green.
- Hole #7: present #9 hole.
- Hole #8: present #1 hole.
- Hole #9: present #2 hole.



The black and white Aerial Photo overlay above was taken in 1951 by the United States Geological Survey and superimposed over a present day photo. A truncated 1942 aerial photo appears in Appendix 9. The nine hole layout is essentially the same as the original except for the sequence of play. The old original clubhouse burned down in 1927 and is obviously not shown. By 1951 there were still few trees as one can only imagine how bare the course was 27 years earlier.

No country club would be complete without guidance from a golf professional. By late July 1925, the Grounds Committee hired Mr. Thompson, a golf professional from Plymouth Country Club in Norristown to work part-time.

In just one year, Spring Ford Country Club went from a 100-cow dairy farm to a 60-member golf club with a professionally managed, playable golf course, with two tennis courts, a women's auxiliary, and a clubhouse. In the years ahead, Spring Ford would become the social center of the Twin Borough area.

By July 1925, the Weekly Advertiser arranged for noted golf instructor P. J. Gaudin to publish a weekly column, "Lessons on Golf" shown on page 13. Although these printed lessons might seem antiquated, modern-day golfers will still find them worth reading.

So by August 22, 1925 there was only one word left to say.....



6—Clubs Must Fit.

Clubs should be fitted to the golf player with as much care as a suit of clothes is fitted by a tailor. An ill-fitting dress suit is no more out of place than an ill-fitting set of clubs. One might rent the dress suit and consequently be able to return it. An ill-fitting set of clubs is an absolute bar to material improvement in one's golf game.

The professional or golf supply store should be able to fit the player with the proper clubs. In the beginning—this is important—the prospective player will be properly advised to buy one club at a time, beginning with a mashie, or perhaps a putter. With the mashie as a measuring tape, it is possible to add exactly the right clubs as fast as they are needed. A difference of a half-inch in length of shaft or a half-ounce in weight is a very important matter in the choice of clubs; equally important with choosing clubs of the right lie to fit the player, or the right whiffiness of shaft.

Time-honored procedure is that the first lessons are taken with the driver. Many professionals are breaking away from this idea, believing it is far easier for the beginner to learn the mechanics of the golf swing with a lofted club. The basis for this change is that the "carry" of the ball is far more important than the roll. There are no bunkers in the air. Almost at once the beginner with the mashie learns that the loft of the club takes care of the loft of the ball. This lesson never is learned by many players who began learning the golf swing with a driver.

There is an added handicap to the player who learns the golf swing with the driver. He learns to rely on the ball's being teed up and to believe that the lofted flight of the ball comes from hitting it just as the club turns upward in the forward swing. That idea is incorrect with regard to the driver and is wholly wrong with regard to iron club shots. With the wooden clubs, the head of the club should be skimming along parallel with the ground when the ball is hit. There being little or no loft on the driver face, it is necessary for the ball to be teed up in order that it be hit just back of or below the middle. The loft of the brassie and spoon account for the loft of the ball.

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1—For the Average Golfer.

This series of articles is written in the hope that it will add somewhat to the knowledge and perhaps the golfing skill of the average player, and especially of the average beginner. This includes a good 98 per cent of all devotees of the good old game, the sport that was being legislated against when Columbus discovered America.

It is understood that some of the subjects treated will be an old story to expert golfers and even to those students of the game whose knowledge of the golf swing outruns their ability to bring in low scores. The articles will have served their purpose if they can suggest methods which can be used by the average player for the improvement of his or her game; it being doubtful if the golfer ever lived who felt no ambition to raise the general level of his skill.

With the knowledge that this ambition is universal, it seems a real pity that the majority of average golfers, the majority of golfers, in fact, began playing and are continuing along lines that make improvement almost impossible. There is nothing in all sport so delicately adjusted nor so susceptible of getting out of gear as the golf swing. The youngster, especially the ~~observed~~ caddy, picks up a good swing by imitating skillful players and anchors the ability thus obtained by constant practice.

This power of imitation is almost completely lacking in the adult. He or she must learn verbally as well as visually. There are thousands of volunteer spreaders of misinformation to be found on golf courses, but getting instruction from them is on a par with handing a broken watch for repair to a blacksmith.

The professional golf instructor should be consulted until such time as the golf student has an established swing and should continue to be consulted whenever the swing develops a fault. The average golfer, who has taken no lessons, or few of them, is more than apt to keep his handicap of a year's standing to the end of his playing days.

And this foreword to the average golfer is the suggestion that he or she begin again under competent instruction.

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2—Let the Club Do the Work.

With the first lesson from your golf teacher, preferably in the use of the mashie, should come careful consideration of the purpose of that lesson. It will not be necessary for the teacher to emphasize the difficulty of making the swing properly; the pupil will know that before the first lesson is ended. It will be necessary, however, for the pupil, if he wishes to get much benefit from the lessons, to learn the reason for the various elements of the swing and, most important of all, to learn the benefit of intelligent, thoughtful practice.

Every particle of instruction and every word written about the methods of making a golf swing center in hitting the ball properly, with the club faced properly and traveling at the right speed. As a general rule, and an invariable rule where distance is the main consideration, this means that, at the moment of impact, the club is traveling along the line of flight, parallel to the ground and with the face of the club at right angles to the line from the ball to the hole.

The beginner then should concentrate all his mental and physical energies on hitting the ball properly for distance, leaving the methods of making cut shots or hooks or slices for future consideration. The first point is to learn that the ball must be hit at or below the middle of the back and that the loft of the club and its forward motion will take care of the loft of the ball. Take the stance and grip of the club as suggested by the teacher and make the swing very slowly and only a few inches backward and forward. Do not use a ball at first. Keep your eyes glued to the slowly swinging club. Almost at once the whole idea will be plain. Let the club swing over a straight mark, keeping it at right angles all the time. A little later will be plenty of time to use a ball; a real one if the practice can be out of doors, or one of wool for indoors.

There is nothing more important for the beginner than to practice and watch this right-angled position of the club along the line of flight.

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Despite the temporary greens and unfinished clubhouse, in August 1925, the Club held its first handicap tournament for members and spectators alike. The Board of Governors donated prizes, which were awarded as follows:

First prize: low net score, eight U.S. Royal Golf Balls.

Second prize: low net score, eight Baby Dimple Golf Balls.

Third prize: low net score, one pair of golf stockings.

Fourth prize: low net score, four Baby Dimple Golf balls.

By late August, workers had made excellent progress on the Club property, including finishing installing the water system. Workers also had vegetated the permanent greens with imported creeping bent grass, recognized as the finest for golf greens.

On October 9, 1925, Spring Ford held its First Annual Club Championship with a qualifying round of 18 holes. Players qualified in foursomes, threesomes or twosomes. The first eight consisted of the eight lowest gross scores. These players then played by elimination for the Club championship. The match winner was considered the Club champion for 1925 and received the handsome silver loving cup donated by Club President Wagoner. The defeated finals player in the first eight received a second prize of six Spalding golf balls. The remaining scores were divided in eights according to the gross scores and elimination match play. The winners of each eight received a prize.

Charles Roeller, a charter member, won the tournament and became the first Club champion of Spring Ford.

On January 5, 1926, the Club held its first annual meeting in the newly remodeled clubhouse. By this time, the clubhouse structural modifications, as well as the water and electric systems, were complete. The members were awaiting the furnishings selected by the women's auxiliary to arrive.

Also at this meeting, the Club elected the following five members to the 1926 Board of Directors for three-year terms:

Dr. E. M. Vaughan, Chester Bush, H. Fred Grander, R. C. Jones, and Charles Floyd.

President Charles Wagoner formally presented the President's Silver Loving Cup to the 1925 Club champion Roeller.



Baby Dimple Golf Ball, circa 1925

By late May 1926, eight foursomes formally kicked off the permanent course's opening with a Mashie-Niblick Tournament under threatening weather. (Mashie-Niblick is an obsolete golf club used from 1903 up until about the 1940s.) Once Spalding Sporting Goods Co. introduced the standardized numbered iron set in the early 1930s, the Mashie-Niblick gradually gave way to numbered convention of 1-9 to label the iron clubs. Interestingly, the Mashie-Niblick's loft can be compared with modern clubs, although the playing characteristics can be different. Mashie-Niblicks varied greatly in loft, from approximately 40 to 50 degrees. These lofts correspond to the range of a modern 7, 8, or 9 iron or pitching wedge. The average length seems to have been about 36 inches. The head shape determined some of the playing characteristics of the club, but most Mashie-Niblick heads are roughly egg-shaped and shallower from leading-edge to topline than the Spade Mashie or Niblick. The name comes from the old golf club naming convention according to which the short-irons or "approach clubs" were known as Mashies, and the well-lofted club was called the Niblick. The Mashie-Niblick was an in-between club, hence the name, and used equally effectively for long pitches of 120-100 yards, short pitches, and short chips around the green. The name niblick comes from the Scots nib, which means "nose." This refers to the shape of the club that was very different from the longer wooden clubs. The Tournament was followed by a cafeteria dinner in the picnic grove, after which card playing and dancing were held in the clubhouse. Members also were urged to play on the two new tennis courts.

Visiting guests were charged \$1.00 for play on weekdays and \$1.50 for weekends and holidays, with caddies always available. This rate stayed the same for several years.

In early 1927, the club totaled 104 members. The Club had plans in the works to build a playground and to open a 9-hole putting green in August. Social events took place including "Bring a Friend Night." These events included professional vaudeville talent from Philadelphia, card games, "smokers," and luncheons.

It seemed that the entire country was celebrating in 1927 as Babe Ruth hit 60 homers, Charles Lindbergh made the first solo flight across the Atlantic, Al Jolson appeared in the movie "The Jazz Singer", the first full-length "talkie" was introduced, the first trans-atlantic telephone call was placed, and present club member Knute MacMullen was about three-years old.

By April, the Club held its first Tombstone Tournament. In the Tombstone Tournament, each player was given a number to shoot for, based on handicap and par for the course. The player wrote down the assigned number and carried it around during the round. Golfers teed off on the first hole and played until they reached their number. When a player's number was up, it was R.I.P. The player took a tee and pegged the paper (tombstone) in the exact spot on the course where the ball lay after the final shot. The golfer completing the most holes and any extra distance on the final hole won. If a player completed all 18 holes and had strokes left, he went back to the first tee and continued playing until reaching the number. An alternate method for scoring players who completed an entire round was to award first place to the player who finished the most strokes below his number. The final three or four holes on the back nine of a full field event would look like a golf graveyard.

More than 200 members and friends celebrated the Fourth of July with a jamboree of local and professional entertainment talent. The celebration included a grand fireworks display, a luncheon, dancing, and card games.

Spring Ford's popularity grew rapidly. The Club initiated a special membership drive in August with the goal of signing 50 new members; it surpassed the goal by bringing total membership up to 243.

That same August, the House Committee was instructed to investigate the various types of heating plants suitable for heating the clubhouse and was to report at the next meeting of the Board to be held the end of August.

The installation of the proposed new heating systems was preempted by a.....

Fire!

Almost three years from conception and nearing the end of the 1927 golf season, the Club appeared well on its way to success with a closed 240-person membership. The course construction and farmhouse conversion were nearly complete, and the Club was making a significant social impact in the community.

Then in November 1927, a chimney fire severely damaged the old converted farmhouse, causing an estimated \$9,000 in damages as the top two floors were essentially



gutted. The irony is the Club had planned to install a new heating system the following August. Club meetings and social events were moved to other facilities, such as the Legion Post House at 554 Main Street, Royersford, and the Tall Cedars Temple, Spring City.

Just one month later, a second fire destroyed a tool shed, causing another \$2,500 in damages. The shed was located in the woodland between the old #3 green and #4 tee. This time the damage was most likely caused by an overheated stove pipe. The Club immediately formed a committee to decide whether to rebuild the clubhouse or erect a new facility. Committee members R. C. Jones, Charles B. Roeller, Dr. J.A. Buckwalter, Charles P. Floyd, A. L. Buckwalter, Arthur K. Freimuth, Ferdinand Heller, Frank Walley, Luther Bush, and Abram Lewin voted to build a new facility.

On January 26, 1928 at an enthusiastic meeting of the Spring Ford Country Club in Tall Cedars Temple, the members voted to sell the balance of a bond issue outstanding of \$11,400, raze the old farmhouse, and erect a new clubhouse on the hill north of #9 (present #2) green just as the committee recommended.

Although the new \$35,000 clubhouse would not be completed until year's end, the Club's activities continued in high gear. The Club borrowed \$25,000 from the Keystone Saving and Loan Association and the Spring City Building and Loan Association for this project. Members decided on L. M. Bush to design the building, and they awarded the construction contract to the low bidder, 50-year-old building contractor Willis A. Becker of Royersford.

Despite being without a clubhouse, the golf program and social events went on as scheduled mostly in the picnic grove. More than 250 attended the second annual Jamboree, complete with a picnic lunch, a concert by the Humane Band, and a fireworks display, which capped off with an outline of Charles Lindbergh.

In November 1928, within six weeks of completion of the new building, the Club hired Mrs. Howard Emsleym, who had until recently conducted Green Gables, to take the stewardship when the clubhouse opened on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1928.

More than 200 members and guests attended the clubhouse grand opening on New Year's Eve. The evening's program included a welcoming address by President Wagoner, a short statistical club history by Paul Youngblud, and five professional vaudeville acts. At the evening's close, President Wagoner awarded the Loving Cup to Abram L. Buckwalter, Jr., the 1928 Club champion. The door prize winner, Chester Bush of Royersford, received free dues for one year.

The new brick clubhouse as shown below in a 1951 photo, included an assembly hall, dining area, small kitchen, and rest rooms located on the first floor, and sleeping apartments on the second. The building was heated by an Oil-O-Matic oil burner system.

The Club hired Mr. McGuire, the assistant professional at Whitemarsh, as the full-time head professional. By early 1929, the Club's members were anticipating.....



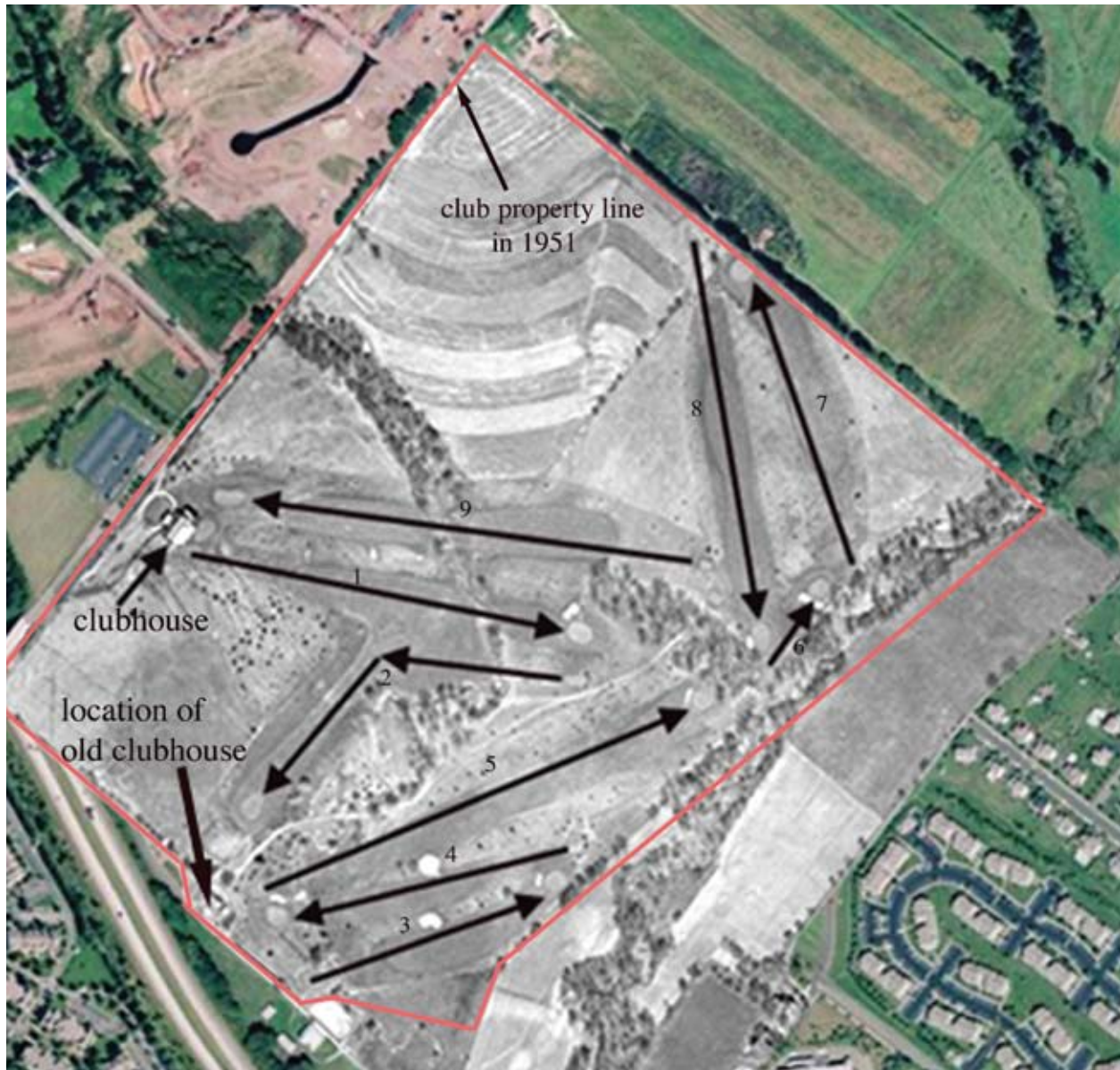
left - 1951 photo of Spring Ford's clubhouse, which dates to 1928.

below - 1954 photo showing the brick addition that replaced the corner white wood shed.



A New Beginning

With its 3,300-yard, nine-hole golf course in full swing and a brand new clubhouse in place, in 1929 the Club boasted well over 200 members. These members were mostly business and professional men from Royersford, Spring City, and several surrounding communities.



1951 USGS (U. S. Geological Survey) Aerial Photo superimposed over a modern-day photo showing order of play of holes after construction of new clubhouse. #1 and #9 holes start and end respectively near the new clubhouse. Red line is the property line at that time.

1930 OFFICERS

President Charles S. Wagoner
 Vice President Lloyd E. Johnson
 Secretary Paul Youngblud
 Treasurer Paul Mowrey

1930 BOARD MEMBERS

Charles S. Wagoner	Lloyd E. Johnson	Paul Youngblud
Paul Mowrey	Charles B. Roeller	Harry W. Maloy
U.S.G. Finkbiner	Frank H. Deisher	Charles P. Floyd
John L. Schulz	Morgan J. Edwards	E. Earl Nelson
Dr. Henry Graber	Dr. E. M. Vaughan	Dr. Robert Randall
Lester Daub	Russell C. Jones	

By summer 1930, golf's popularity was in full swing in the Philadelphia area. Bobby Jones completed his historic "Grand Slam" by winning the U.S. Amateur Championship at Merion Cricket Club September 22-27. The Merion Club generated a buzz by publishing road maps to the tournament and placing over 2,500 directional signs at every main intersection in the surrounding communities leading to the golf course. Tournament officials had plans to accommodate parking for well over 5,000 automobiles. Any travel hassles were well worth it for Jones' fans, as he went on to win the 1930 championship as part of his "Grand Slam" that year.



That same year, Charles B. Roeller, won the Spring Ford Country Club championship again. He also finished the year as low amateur in the Central Pennsylvania Tournament at Galen Hall, Pennsylvania. His 36-hole total was 74-76—150.

Club members also reached out to other area clubs, including Phoenixville, Brookside, and Plymouth, scheduling regular tournaments. These tournaments, besides the social benefits, played an important role in nurturing team competitiveness in Spring Ford golfers.

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Early scorecard after completion of the new clubhouse.

In 1931, as the depression years were taking their toll financially, the Club membership shrank to 218, down 50 members from previous years. Visiting guests were charged \$1.50 during the week and \$2.50 for weekends and holidays.

On September 19, 1931, Australian pro golfer Joseph Henry Kirkwood Sr. came to Spring Ford Country Club. Experts acknowledge him as having put Australian golf on the map. In 1920, he won the Australian Open and astounded the golfing world with a vic-

tory in the New Zealand Open that surpassed the previous tournament record score by twelve strokes.

Kirkwood's success led to his going on tour in England and Europe where, in his first competition, he defeated the great Harry Vardon. In 1923, he began playing on the U.S. professional tour, winning that year's Houston Invitational. In 1924, Kirkwood was one of the top-ranked golfers on the Tour, scoring five victories, three of which were consecutive. He was co-holder of the record for the widest winning stroke margin in PGA Tour history set at the 1924 Corpus Christi Open in Texas. That year he also teamed up with Walter Hagen to begin a global tour putting on golf and trick-shot exhibitions, newsreels of which could be seen in U.S. movie theatres. Joe Kirkwood competed in the Major Championships, his best performance coming with a third-place finish in the British Open. In 1933, he won the Canadian Open. Over his lifetime, Kirkwood is credited with scoring 29 holes-in-one, two of which came in the same round. (This feat was duplicated by our own Mont Nettles many years later.) One of Kirkwood's most remarkable feats was playing a round of golf at 10-under-par 62 at age 63.

In 1932, the Great Depression was in full swing. The Club's membership continued to decline from the previous year. At least one bank failure in Royersford, along with the drop in membership, undoubtedly had an adverse effect on the Club finances. Club President Wagoner announced the opening of a campaign headquarters at 312 Main Street, Royersford, for an intensive membership and refinancing drive. He said the Club needed \$40,000 to refinance its entire indebtedness. He trusted that once members as well as local residents were made aware of the Club's significant contribution, they would help place the Club on a sound financial footing. The plan adopted by the directors was known as the Lincoln National Life Subscription Refunding Plan. A number of U.S. country clubs and fraternal organizations have used the plan. The Club membership continued to drop and fell below 100.

Also in 1932, members extended their inter-club golfing activities to include tournaments with country clubs in Pottstown, Phoenixville, Reading, Tredyffrin (no longer exists), Plymouth, and West Chester. Spring Ford also held regular Saturday night dances.

To meet changing economic times, the Board of Governors in 1933 adopted two new membership classes. A social membership costing \$10 per year entitled the member to clubhouse privileges. An individual golfing membership cost only \$25 per year.

In February 1933, Spring Ford named Lloyd E. Johnson as Club president, succeeding Wagoner, at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

By June 1934, the membership made a recovery to 140 as the Club accepted 28 new members. The new members came in at reduced rates and as a result of the "every member gets a new member" campaign. During that same year, the Club completed renovations to the locker room and outside porch along with the purchase of steel tables, chairs, and umbrellas for the concrete patio off the rear of the building and adjacent to the first tee.

Improvements in 1935 included interior redecoration, newly sanded and finished floors, refinished walls and woodwork, a new basement shower room, and exterior painting. The Club also initiated an innovative team concept to recruit new members. Three teams competed to bring in the most new members, with the winning team receiving a banquet.

In 1935, after nearly a decade of informal tournaments with other clubs, Spring Ford established a formal league. Ten members each of four teams were selected and were as evenly matched as possible, using handicaps as a guide. Over seven weeks, each team would play the other teams twice. It was a three-point match-play tournament—one point for the front nine, one point for the back nine, and one point for the total match.

The team rosters were as follows:

The Putters: C. B. Roeller, F. J. Stephenson, Rodger Groff, J. C. Burns, J. R. Shainline, Dr. LeRoy Signor, R. S. Shaffer, Tyson Bowers, H. A. Cressman, and Howard Black.

The Brassies: Paul Davenport, R. B. Kirchoff, Dr. W. Boedde. J. D. Prosser, H. W. Maloy, A. R. Jacobs, Clyde Pinkerton, L. R. Daub, Wm. Stafford, and C. S. Wagoner.

The Drivers: Leo Saetele, L. E. Johnson, Fred Kugler, Frank Deisher, E. F. Garno, C. L. Barndt, Frank Schneider, O. H. Moyer, W. B. Haraper, and P. D. Sidley.

The Spoons: R. C. Fredrick, R. W. Bridenbach, S. W. Matthews, Fred G. Bangs, E. A. Nelson, George Bullard, D. C. Fredericks, H. M. McFadgen, H. Narvel, and Fred Heller.

By 1936, social membership was \$5.50 per year for single and \$8.25 per year for married couples. The Club added 14 new members that year.

In April 1937, Spring Ford welcomed Henry Williams, noted golf professional from Lehigh Country Club, as the new pro. He succeeded Jack Schmid, although Schmid continued to play golf at the Club.

The Club continually improved the course with minor changes. Interestingly, the drainage problems on the #2 fairway and the #9 fairway were not conditions that surfaced in the modern era. In 1937, the Club added French drains to both of these areas to alleviate the poor drainage. Also, the clubhouse exterior was repainted.

The Club held its first annual banquet with Paul Youngblud serving as toastmaster. The renowned world traveler, Sir Ernest Dupille, spoke on "An Englishman Looks At America." Dupille was an early vaudeville performer, having traveled across the United States and recorded his observations in a notebook titled, "Travels of a Troubador." Dupille's notes include facts about the places visited and his perceptions of the people. His famous photographic collections include scenic views of the United States, Dupille posing with local people, and images of Native Americans.

Through the 1930s, the Club hosted diverse social activities, including vaudeville acts, moving pictures, Saturday night dances, wrestling matches, smokers, professional floor shows, and Halloween dances (costumes required.) Worthy of note was the Flying Board Shoot. With a 325-pound pig, turkeys, geese and ducks awarded as prizes, this contest attracted many members and guests. A flying board shoot is where a 12-inch square board is tossed about 21 yards from the shooter straight up in the air. The shooter, with shot gun, tries to get a shotgun pellet to hit the center of the board. The shooter who comes closest to the center wins the grand prize.

The Club also held regularly scheduled picnics in the grove, as it had since the late 1920s.

By June, 10 new members were signed. By the end of 1937, the Club boasted 139 members.

The Club had many low-handicap golfers by 1937. Among them were R. S. Roeller, Russell W. Breidenbach, Paul Davenport, Robert S. Shafer, Joseph A. Buckwalter, Rev. Fred G. Bangs, Roger Groff, and Ralph Fredrick.

Although in 2008 there are no caddies at Spring Ford, that was not always the case. The Club used caddies from its inception in 1925 until the 1960s. The availability of golf carts may have been the major reason why they were discontinued. In September 1938, Spring Ford held its first caddie banquet, a chicken dinner, with more than 50 caddies in attendance. Caddie John Alexander was honored as the caddie golf champion and Tony DiGuiseppe as runner-up. Entertainment was provided by Paul Hunsberger's sound movies on playing golf. Some of the members in attendance were Walter Reiff, Pierre Capoferri, Adam Smith, Patsy DiGuiseppe, Lewis Alexander, J. Ortlip, Martin Dobbs, Joseph Dinnocenti, Charles Bach, Amando Signeris, Fred Capoferri, Robert Miller, John Degler, Ed Robinson, Harry Dobbs, John Alexander, Rev. Bangs, Henry Smith, Sabi DiGuiseppe, Andrew Gazzillo, Walter Faust, Jack Bowman, Francis Penny-packer, Reynolds Taney, Joe Raquet, Leon Jefferson, Earl Wein, Edgar Nettles, Eddie Custer, Max Dobbs and many others.

Henry E. Williams Sr. remained the golf professional at Spring Ford in 1941, a position he had held



since 1937. He also was the course superintendent for many of those years. There was a bunker on the upslope of hole #9 across the creek in the 1930s. Williams was the one who filled it in. As stated previously, preceding Williams was Lou Schmid from 1927 through 1936. Prior to Schmid were part-timers Maguire and Thompson.

On August 14, 1941 Harry Dobbs won the Club caddies' championship with an 84, defeating Joseph Wein. Harry was a great golfer whose golf activities were interrupted by several years of heroic service in WWII. He went on to win the Club championship seven times after the war starting in 1948. Today, his son Frank is also a great golfer, arguably one of the top three member golfers ever, who excelled regionally and nationally as is noted later.

By the start of WW II, women were well entrenched in golf at Royersford, holding inter-club tournaments with several area country clubs, such as Phoenixville and Brookside. Active women golfers included Mrs. Carl B. Merz, Mrs. R. K. Glocker, Mrs. J. Lowell Groff, Mrs. William S. Jones, Mrs. John Wasko, Mrs. Russell Roeller, Mrs. Umstead, and Mrs. Miller.

On January 15, 1942, seven members of the Club's Board of Governors were named at the annual election. Elected were R.W. Breidenbach, Lloyd E. Johnson, E. Earl Nelson, Paul Youngblud, Morgan J Edwards, Peter McLaughlin, and Leon Sell of Pottstown. Leon also served in WWII.

On January 29th, 1942, Spring Ford was designated by local writers as "A-1" as a news article stated: "The advantages that a fine country club afford to a densely populated industrial and business area cannot be too greatly emphasized with recreation a prime factor in its growth. A criterion in its field, the Spring Ford Country Club, in Limerick Township, only a five-minute drive from town, has an impressive membership list which makes it of intrinsic value to the area. Mr. C. C. Beideman has been steward of the club for the past five years and has, since that time, won the praise of all members and their friends for the hospitality and courtesy shown by Mr. Beideman and the capable staff of employees. The club's 250 members enjoy a spacious clubhouse, which is the scene of many social activities. The well-kept nine-hole golf course offers added pleasure to many members for friendly games and tournaments. The club, which specializes in catering to parties, is greatly valued by the community for the great prestige it has brought to this area."

It was in 1942 when 70-year-old Franklin H. Deisher defeated young Joe Raquet for the President's Cup, which was, as it is today, a handicap tournament.

On January 14, 1943, the Board of Governors decided to cooperate to the fullest extent with the present government wartime regulations for conservation by opening the Club on a minimum basis necessary to protect the valuable investment built up over the past 18 years. Plans were made to convert the oil heating system to coal, and the clubhouse was kept open on a reduced basis in order to reduce energy expenses and prevent damage to the property. The staff was reduced and work on the golf course was curtailed, but it was still hoped that the grounds remained in good-enough condition to allow the members to play golf.

In June 1943, mid-way through the war, Spring Ford continued to schedule golf tournaments albeit without some of the younger golfers who were off serving their country. The most high-profile tournament, the Club Championship, took place in mid June. The 1942 club champion, Joe Raquet, being denied the chance to serve his country because of inner ear problems, was one of Spring Ford's "truly dominant" golfers, according to friend and fellow golfer Leon Sell. Raquet led the tournament with a 79 after the qualifying round but despite his valiant effort, he lost to Harry Schaffer. It would be four years before Joe lost another club championship, recapturing the crown in 1944 and holding it through 1947.

Financial pressure was not the Club's main concern during World War II. Many young men from Royersford and Spring City were fighting overseas, including several members and member's sons. Most every week the local papers displayed pictures of local servicemen killed or wounded in the line of duty.

Among the soldiers serving from Royersford and Spring City who were killed in action during WWII was Clifton W. Strunk.

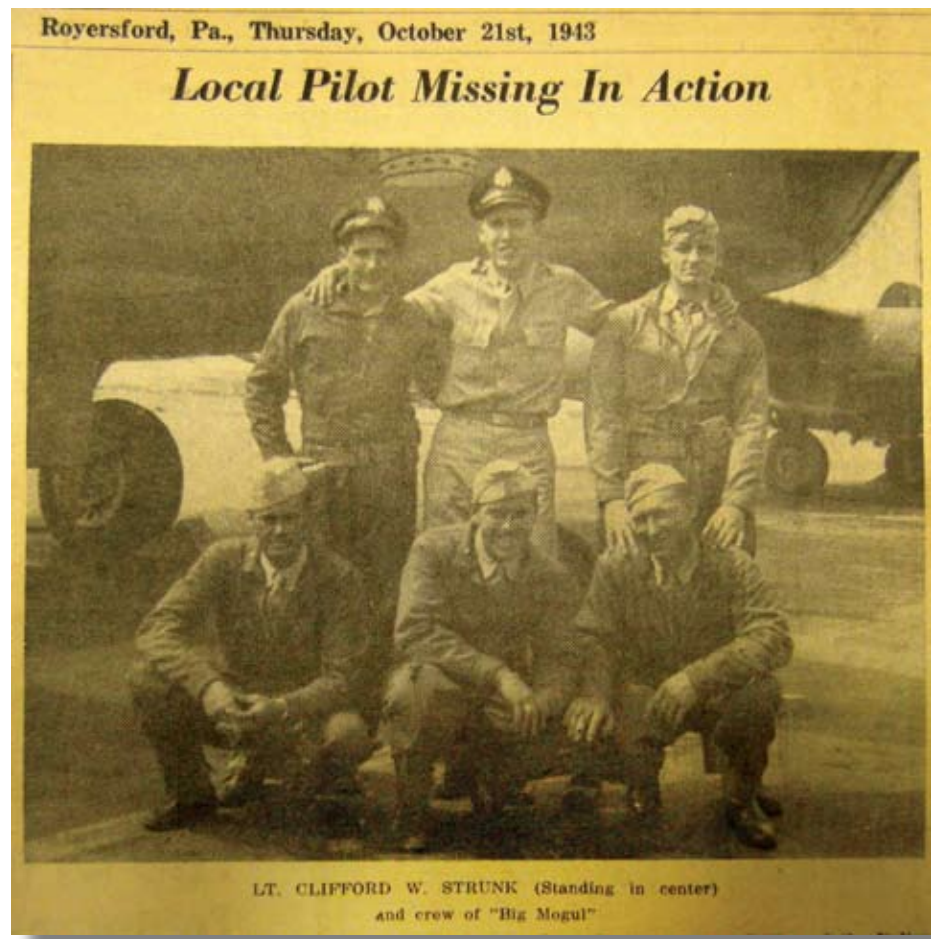
Lieutenant Clifton W. Strunk

Twenty-three-year-old U.S. Army Air Force Lieutenant Clifton W. Strunk, Serial Number 0-794718, was born and raised in Royersford, where he lived with his father William and mother Caroline. His father was a councilman for Royersford Borough and a local business leader and Spring Ford Country Club member.

It was reported by the German government through the International Red Cross that on September 29, 1943, Lieutenant Clifton Strunk, the pilot of a Mitchell medium bomber named "The Big Mogul," was killed in action on the North African front near Sicily. This was his 22nd mission. In a recent letter to his parents Lieutenant Strunk, just completing his 18th successful mission, wrote that he was due to be promoted to first lieutenant.

Clifton graduated from Royersford High School in 1937 and took post-graduate work at Valley Forge Military Academy and Lehigh University. He graduated from Lehigh and received his wings on December 12, 1942. Prior to departing for overseas duty, Lieutenant Strunk took the opportunity with a twin-motor B25 bomber to "buzz" the twin-borough area en route from Philadelphia to Columbia, S. C, circling the area twice. Several older members still remember that "buzz." Specifically, Mont Nettles, today at age 86, remembers that day. "He was really a nice guy, I remember him from high school. I remember when he buzzed the town," Mont stated.

After his death in 1944, the Club initiated a memorial three-day 54-hole handicap golf tournament in Clifton's honor. The tournament was held through 1960. Clifton's parents, William and Caroline, as members of Spring Ford donated a sterling silver cup on a green marble base, and rounded with a chased Greek border and handles to serve as the tro-



phy. Lieutenant Strunk's silver pilot wings were affixed on the top with an inscription. The cup was placed in annual competition for several years, and the winners' names were engraved on it.

Today, the tarnished cup, missing the air force wings and green marble base, is still on display in the clubhouse trophy case to the left of the Pub fireplace. The last tournament in Clifton's honor, according to the engravings, was held 48 years ago, but the cup still serves as another reminder of the sacrifices that were made by young Americans in WWII.



Clifton W. Strunk Memorial Trophy located in the trophy case in the Pub

In January 1945 R. W. Breidenbach was reelected as president of the club. Other officers and committee members were Clarence Scheuren, Otto H. Moyer, E. Earl Nelson, Edward I. Dames, M. A. Freed, John B. Hartenstine, William Russell, Paul Youngblud, L. E. Johnson, Russell Freed and William M. Strunk, Clifton's father. During that year Mr. Strunk served on at least three committees. The membership for the year showed an increase of 15 percent as five new members were admitted at the January meeting. By August 1946 the Club was feeling the benefits of post-war expansion. Many applications for membership were received and placed on file since the membership was closed until early 1947. Minor improvements started to be made on the course.

Budgets also allowed for several improvements to the clubhouse. The locker room was redecorated, fluorescent lights were installed, and a fan was placed in the shower room. New storm doors were installed, and the entire exterior was painted again. Inter-club matches with Phoenixville and Brookside were held. The clambake in August 1946 was attended by over 300 members and guests, the most successful ever. Monthly dances with a live orchestra were again scheduled in September.

So the Club, like the country, survived a turbulent period through the depression years and through the war years, up to the end of 1945, as all but fourteen of Royersford's brave soldiers returned from battle.

Today at Spring Ford Country Club we are still blessed to have in our presence WWII veterans Carl Kahn, Lou Calcinore, Mont Nettles, Alex "Knut" MacMullen, Bob Heslip, Jack and Audrey Corrison, and Alex Zenker.



Post-War Era

The post-WWII years at Spring Ford Country Club saw an increase in membership to 338 members. The quality of play of the men in regional tournaments was improving, and the additional members added a degree of financial stability to the Club.

We believe that Meehan's original 1924 course layout remained virtually the same by 1951 as shown on the aerial photograph on page 28 taken by the U. S. Geological Survey in 1951 and superimposed over a recent satellite photo. The red outline roughly represents the Club property lines at the time the



photo was taken. Note the position of the old clubhouse. The original practice green was located to the left of the first tee adjacent to the rear of the clubhouse. Interestingly there were few trees on the course except those along the Mingo Creek or in the grove.

1951 ERA HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

Hole #1—410 yards

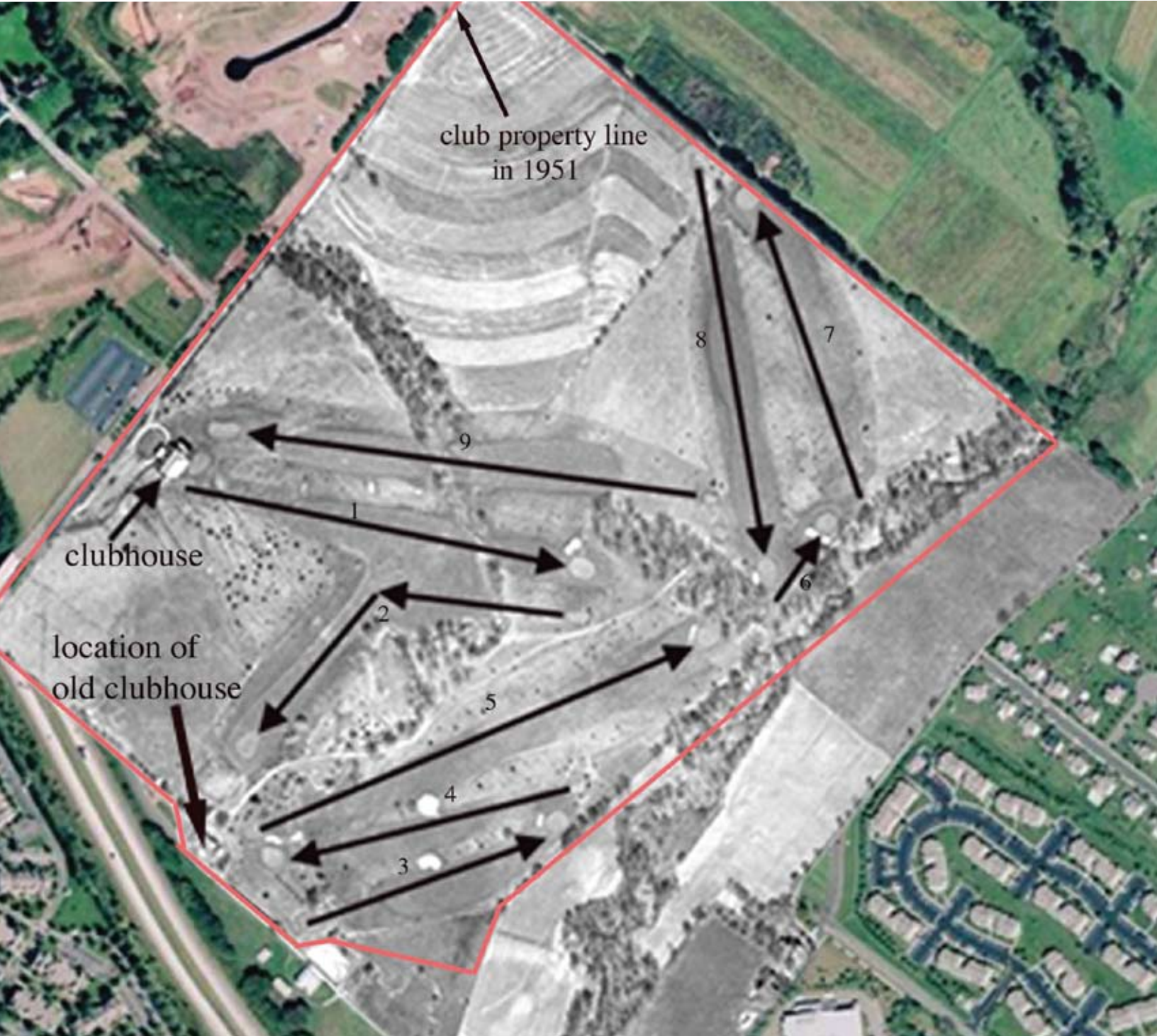
The first tee was located about where some of the carts are stored today underneath the patio deck. The fairway was clear all the way to Mingo Creek. A bunker was located between the first and the ninth fairways about 180 yards from the tee but more toward the ninth fairway than toward the first. The fairway on the right side before Mingo Creek meshed with the adjoining fairway on #2 hole to create one big treeless open area. Just beyond the creek on the right there was a very small clump of trees. The green was located in the exact same position as today albeit the bunker was farther left and much smaller than the present bunker.

Hole #2—430 yards

The tee was located same as it is today. There were a few trees along the left side of the fairway with two larger trees at the inside of the knee at the bend. There was no lake on the left, but the creek did come into play for hooked tee shots. The green was in the same spot as the present #2 green albeit there were no bunkers around the green. In fact, there were no bunkers on this hole.

Hole #3—320 yards

This hole is the present hole #6. Getting to the tee required a walk of about 100 yards from the second green. The tee was located about where it is today. There was a large bunker on the left side of the fairway in the rough located just about halfway to the green, short and to the left of the present bunker. This bunker was in play for both the third and fourth holes although it was closer to the fourth fairway. The bunker no longer



1951 aerial view (black and white) superimposed over the present day tract. Red border outlines the property line before the 1955 Kulp tract purchase. See chapter 18 for sequence of land purchases.

exists but the location is evidenced by contoured rough in that area today. There were very small trees along the left of the fairway between the bunker and the green. There was a small bunker to the left of the green. Along the right side of the fairway was farmland and out of bounds. That property was not part of the club at the time.

Hole #4—330 yards

This hole was the present hole #5 except it played as a par 4. The tee was located beyond the third green to the left. There is presently a flat spot under the large trees in an area that was the tee. The fairway was bunkered on either side of the fairway about halfway to the hole. The bunker on the left was shared with hole #3 as stated above. The bunker on the right was very large and shared with hole #5. Mingo Creek meandered in front of the green as it does today, and there was a bunker on the right of the green.

Hole #5—500 yards

The tee for hole #5 was located near the gold tee at the present hole #3. The green was the present fourth green. The hole played as a par 5. There was a large bunker on the right side of the fairway as mentioned above, about 150 yards from the tee, and a small bunker guarded the left side of the green. They were the only bunkers on this hole. There were no trees on either side of the fairway along the entire length of the fairway. The present lake in front of the tee was not there.

Hole #6—105 yards

This hole was a short 105-yard par 3. This was the only par 3 hole on the course. The tee was located just beyond and to the right of the present eighth green close to the existing cart path. A short walk on a path through a wooded area (grove) at the rear of hole #5 led to this tee. The green was located about 50 yards short of the present #14 green. The old green location is still visible as a raised flat parcel of ground in the rough near the fourteenth fairway just beyond the large trees. The green was guarded by two bunkers along the front with a very narrow grassy area between the bunkers leading to the green.

Hole #7—360 yards

The tee for this hole was located near the creek to the right of the present fourteenth green and right green-side bunker. The fairway was treeless and bent slightly right to left up the hill toward the present #11 green. In fact the present #11 green was the #7 green. There were no bunkers on the entire hole.

Hole #8—420 yards

The #8 tee was located in the fairway of the present hole #11 about 30 yards in front of the present #11 green. The fairway led straight down the hill to the present #13 green. Again, there were no trees on the hole. There was a single small bunker on the right of the green which is close to the present bunker at the rear of what is now green #13.

Hole #9

The tee for the ninth hole was located to the left of the present ninth tee and closer to the fourteenth tee, which effectively required a draw tee shot to stay in the fairway, according to Mont Nettles. The fairway before the creek was twice as wide as the present fairway bulging to the right side where the three pine trees are presently located. There were trees on the left of the fairway along the same contour as today from the tee to halfway to Mingo Creek, but no trees from there to the green save one—on the far side of Mingo Creek to the left of the fairway. The ninth green, which is the present ninth green, was located in the same spot but there were no bunkers around the green. A small bunker was located on the left of the fairway about 100

yards from Mingo Creek.

Community Outreach



On July 16, 1953 the Lions Club came to Spring Ford Country Club. Twenty-eight years prior, in 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions Clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired. The golfers that the Lions sponsored were blind, belonging to the Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association. The story of the Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association (MABGA) starts with sight-challenged Robert Allman's desire to share the joys of golf with other blind friends and his plan to organize competitive golf within the blind community. During the 1948 golf season, MABGA evolved from the idea stage into the reality of a small group of blind golfers playing rounds of golf each Sunday, with the help of Joe Hunsberger, the head golf professional and his assistants, at the Juniata Golf Club in Philadelphia. Besides Bob Allman, the group included: Ben Pearlman, Phil Tuso and Dr. Simon Van Wagenen. They turned obstacles into opportunities through practice and effort. More information on this organization may be found at

<http://www.mabga.org/History.htm>.

When Spring Ford hosted the Lions Club tournament in association with the MABGA, persons with normal vision marveled at the fine golf played by the blind golfers that afternoon. The Club donated a complete

set of golf clubs and bag to the association for a blind golfer. The sightless players were also guests of the club during the semi-monthly dinner meeting where "Red" McCarthy, sports editor of the Norristown Times Herald and secretary of the Blind Golfers Association, served as toastmaster.

Bob Allman, pictured nearby, and Art Smith teamed up with John Kelly, Spring Ford club professional, and George Fazio, Conshohocken, who placed fourth in this year's U.S. Open Championship. Dr. S. B. Van-Wagenmen (blind) and Lee Woodling of Spring Ford were matched with Bill Tusco (blind) and Charles Lebow of Spring Ford. George McKissic played with Ben Pearlman (blind). Large galleries followed all the matches. This outing was yet another example of Spring Ford Country Club's efforts to extend the golf experience to the community.

The facilities at Spring Ford Country Club since 1928 remained virtually the same into the early 1950s as it became obvious that a new direction would be required to meet future needs of the growing surrounding communities and ever-changing membership.

Bricks and Mortar

CLUBHOUSE BUILDING HISTORY

As stated in previous chapters, Spring Ford Country Club modified the existing Gottshall farmhouse in 1925 that was purchased along with the rest of the 114-acre property in 1924 for \$11,500. The farmhouse was located about where the existing equipment sheds are located today. The building was partially destroyed by fire in 1927. The Board later voted that instead of repairing the converted farmhouse, a new facility would be erected and the old farmhouse demolished. There is no mention of the demise of the barn. The new clubhouse would be built on a hill that overlooked almost the entire property and would thus offer a scenic view of the entire course as indeed it does to this day.



Gottshall barn (circa 1920)



The original Gottshall farmhouse (circa 1920) located on Reifsnyder Road served as the first Spring Ford clubhouse. It was destroyed by fire in 1927.

In 1928 the new brick clubhouse was constructed at a cost of \$35,000, and it opened on December 31, 1928 with a New Year's celebration party.

The original brick structure constructed in 1928 was approximately a rectangle 40 feet by 80 feet. All future clubhouse expansions were additions to this original building. The main floor consisted of an "assembly hall, dining rooms, rest rooms on the first floor, and sleeping apartments on the second," according to the Weekly Advertiser, January 4, 1929 issue. The main entrance was canopied as it is today and led to a small vestibule. Photos taken in the 1950s depict certain features of the interior as it was then. To the immediate left in the main



The clubhouse original facade remains basically unchanged. The double doors shown above were "bricked in" and three middle dormers were removed in 1994.



1951 photo of rear of Clubhouse which was built in 1928.

entrance vestibule was a small cloakroom and to the right a doorway leading to a stair system that led to the ground floor (today these stairs lead to the ladies locker room). Exiting the vestibule, to the left was the entrance to the bar, which extended to the left end of the building. A set of folding doors at the entrance to the bar was used to isolate the bar from the rest of the facility. At the far end of the bar was a personnel door that led to an awning-covered raised deck overlooking the ninth green. Located in the bar was an alcove housing several slot machines that could be hidden on a moment's notice by a set of sliding doors. To the right as you exit the vestibule into the assembly area were rest rooms. The assembly area was decorated with leather sofas and chairs centered around the fireplace. There were card tables, a television, a juke box and a piano. For larger dinners, the furniture was moved aside and replaced with tables and chairs. The assembly area could also be entered through a set of double doors in the front of the building that are no longer there as they were "bricked in" during the extensive 1994 renovations and additions. The old location of the doors is still visible because the brick is a different texture compared to the original.

An apartment was located in the attic as well as a few offices and meeting rooms. Members could access the apartment through an exterior door under the canopy to the right of the main entrance, which is still there today. Access to the meeting rooms was by a set of steps in the kitchen area. Today most of the attic is unfinished and unused.



Dining and Assembly Room circa 1950s. The door on the left led downstairs. The door with the lamp in the background leads to the vestibule. The bar entrance is in the back-



Rear corner of clubhouse depicting the original wood-frame kitchen exterior. The corner was later replaced with a brick addition. (addition #2)



Bar circa 1950s. Cabinet in the background on the left housed the slot machines. Door on the right led to the raised outdoor patio.



Dining area/lounge

The ground floor housed the golf shop, a small shower and rest room, and a boiler room and lockers. The golf shop entrance was at the rear of the building, at the far right. Off the rear was a 20-foot-wide concrete slab (ground floor patio) that ran the full length of the building upon which were metal tables and chairs.

Several minor modifications were made to the interior from 1928 to the early 1950s such as the addition of a business office within the assembly room.

FIRST ADDITION—Circa Early 1930s

Sometime before 1942, we believe the first addition to the building was constructed. It was an oblong, 60 feet long and 12 feet wide section that extended the rear of the building by 12 feet, providing an additional dining area. This flat-roofed additional area could be entered from the assembly room, which was also used for dining, through three sets of double doors. At both ends of the new dining room were sets of exterior double doors that led to very small exterior decks with wooden stairs to ground level. The new addition was windowed on three sides. Since the roof was flat, the original attic area was unchanged. Today, the din-

ing room doors on the pro shop side of the building have been removed and “bricked in” with a noticeably different texture brick just above the men’s locker room entrance. Of course the wood deck has long since been removed. The new enclosed ground floor area was partially used as a new pro shop and club storage area. The pro shop



Building Addition #1 in background.



Interior of Building Addition #1, a sixty-foot-long dining area.

was entered through a rear exterior door between the kitchen wood-frame structure and the new addition. It should be noted that although construction evidence leads to the conclusion that this was an addition to the original building, there is no written record to prove it.

SECOND ADDITION—Circa 1953–1956

A small second addition of 12 feet by 20 feet was added to the end of the first addition. It replaced the wooden frame section and basically “squared off” the rear of the brick building envelope and doubled the size of the kitchen. The pro shop, or golf shop as it was called, was still entered through the same door. In 1953 there was an awning-covered deck along the left side of the building as you faced the front of the building. An exit from the bar led to this deck. Later the deck was screened in, and then even later, about 1984, the screening and awning were removed since a newer larger deck was constructed off the rear of the building. In 1956 part of the attic was converted to an air-conditioned women’s locker room. An exterior stair and door were installed on the far side of the clubhouse that led to another set of steps inside the clubhouse that led up to the attic. Women would use this room until their new locker area was installed on the ground floor in 1984.



Building Addition #2. The Golf Shop Entrance is shown in the background. Note the sign above the entrance that says “Golf Shop, Jack Robinson, Professional.” (1954)

THIRD ADDITION—1958

The third addition extended the rear of the building by 35 feet and ran the length of the building plus an additional 20 feet for a total of 100 feet. The first floor additional area was used to extend the kitchen, and add a new cocktail area, dining area and banquet room. (The wall was removed between the new addition and the existing building, which ultimately expanded what is now the banquet room to its present size.) Again, since the roof was flat the attic was unchanged. Later, the ground floor area was enclosed as the pro shop was moved and expanded to what is now the first three rows of lockers in the men’s locker room as well as the bag storage area, which was directly adjacent to the pro shop. New larger bathroom facilities and shower facilities were also added on the ground floor and were modernized over the years. Additional space for lockers



Another view of wood shed which was removed and replaced with brick for addition #2.

was provided. A swimming pool was also added in 1958 and later upgraded in the 1980s.

Charles Shappell was a long-time member of Spring Ford Country Club and a driving force for many of the improvements made to the Club over the 35 years that he was a member. There wasn't much going on at Spring Ford Country Club that Charles wasn't

involved in. His firm built the 1957/8 addition and made many other improvements and modifications to the clubhouse. The Member/Member two-day handicap tournament is named in his honor. When he was alive, it was the tradition that Charles would award the winners of the tournament with sports jackets, similar to The Masters tradition although the jackets were of a different color. During the major additions to the clubhouse in 1994 Charles worked tirelessly along with Ed Logan, Bill Horrocks, and Bill Bauman over-seeing the work. Charles was born in



1963—Club Pro Don Fairman and Wife Outside new Pro Shop entrance. Note the deck above the new pro shop entrance.

Reading in 1925, the only child of Harry and Mamie Reppert Shappell. By 1930 they were living at 217 Seventh Avenue in Royersford. His father Harry worked for the railroad. In 1942 Charles graduated from Royersford High School and shortly after went into the Army, serving in WWII. He came out of the service and became an architect/builder. He was a member of the Epiphany Episcopal Church in Royersford and very active in the community, serving as vice president of Phoenixville Bank and Trust Company, a member of the Spring Ford Country Club board of directors, and member of the Royersford Lodge #535 Free and Accepted Masons. Charles died in 2005. He is missed sorely at Spring Ford Country Club, but the tournament in his name remains one of the most popular activities at the club.



1958 Building Addition #3



Charles Shappell 2003

FOURTH ADDITION—1966

The fourth addition consisted of a large one-story structure with a railed deck above, that wrapped around the rear and side of the banquet and cocktail/dining rooms (the third addition). The area below the deck was enclosed to further expand the ground floor to allow for the construction of the grill room, card room, and cart repair/storage area. The grand deck added outside dining options and served as a central point for other social activities while also offering an incredible view of the golf course. The grill room became the center of the men's member activities and also served as a conve-



1966 Building Addition #4

nient source of food and drink at the ninth hole.

FIFTH ADDITION—1984

Detached Pro Shop and Bag Room

In 1984, a new detached pro shop was constructed, allowing locker room expansion to include the areas where the old pro shop and bag rooms were located. The pro shop has changed locations four times. The original location accessed at the rear of the building through a rear door. After the third addition was constructed, it was moved to the side where the men's locker entrance is located. In fact, access to the pro shop was through the same door. Then it moved to where the first three rows of lockers are located today. The bag storage was adjacent. Finally in 1984 it settled at its present location.

In 1986 the new ground floor women's lounge and locker room were finished, and the original pool that was constructed in 1957/8 was replaced by a new larger and modern unit.



Building Addition #5—Pro Shop.



1984 Swimming Pool Upgrade

SIXTH ADDITION—1994

The sixth addition in 1994 more than doubled the size of the clubhouse. The board room, dining room, new extended kitchen, large entrance vestibule to the restaurant, marble-walled rest rooms, and pub were added to the main floor. Also a wrap-around deck was added on the exterior of the restaurant and part of the pub. The business offices, pool lockers, and spare rooms were added on the ground floor. Since the pub became the new cocktail lounge, the old bar in the banquet area was removed and replaced by a small service bar near the fireplace. The construction of this large addition was complicated by weather and design problems and further exacerbated by a simultaneous failure of the Club's existing septic system. The weather would eventually cooperate and the design problems could be solved, but the septic system offered a real challenge since the township insisted that the Club be attached to the township sewer system. Route 422 stood in the way of the hook-up. Under normal conditions in such a case it would have been required for the Club to pay for digging a connection under Route 422, but an alert engineer suggested that, at great savings, the Club could run a pipe underneath the existing Country Club Road bridge over Route 422 that leads to Lewis Road.



Bill Bauman,
1932-2007

Bill Bauman labored during the construction process of this major addition to the Club through all the major problems, helping solve them one at a time. Bill was

born in Norristown on December 2, 1932. He and his wife Jan joined the Club in 1976 and lived in Collegeville. Bill was a fixture at the Club as he oversaw not only the major addition construction but many, many other projects over the years on a day-to-day basis. He even helped the Club during tournaments as it would not be unusual to see Bill sitting in a golf cart on the right side of #13 fairway helping to spot balls and speed up play for the members. He is missed.



1994 Addition #6

SEVENTH ADDITION—1997

The seventh and last addition included enclosing the deck outside the restaurant, which resulted in additional seating in the main dining room. It should be called the Bauman addition because it was Bill's idea. After completion of the sixth addition it appeared that the dining room seating area was not large enough. Bill suggested that the dining room be extended to include the adjacent open deck. The additional seating capacity resulted in a significant change in the appearance and function of the area.

Several years later the grill room and the banquet room were remodeled.

There have been many, many other minor changes and renovations to the clubhouse besides those listed above. For example the rest rooms were updated from time to time as was the kitchen system. Interiors of various rooms were totally renovated, some several times.



Addition #7 New roof structure being installed over the open deck as part of the Bauman addition.



Additional seating in restaurant as a result of the Bauman addition.



Modern aerial view of facility envelope. The various additions are outlined in separate colors as indexed right.

HOLE #1

PAR 4

457 YARDS

3 HANDICAP

From the tee it is slightly downhill. This starting hole calls for a very accurate first tee shot of the day. A deep bunker guards the left side about 260 yards off the tee, with trees lining the right side. The fairway terrain slopes from left to right, making this fairway difficult to hit. The approach shot is slightly up hill over Mingo Creek running across the width of the fairway to a green with a bunker guarding the left side and a collection area on the right. The downhill, side hill lie makes this second shot arguably the most difficult shot of the day. The green slopes from back to front with a left-to-right break. Par is a good score. This hole was chosen one of the most difficult starting holes in the Delaware Valley by local newspapers.



Hole #1

HOLE #2

PAR 4

420 YARDS

1 HANDICAP



Hole #2

This 90-degree dog-leg left is partially over water with two deep bunkers at 260 yards off the tee. The golfer chooses between going over the bunkers for a shorter second shot or bailing out to the right, which leaves a long iron shot to a very small false front green protected by two deep bunkers on the right and a steep sloping hill on the left. Missing this green will take a well-executed third shot to save par.

HOLE #3

PAR 4

386 YARDS

11 HANDICAP

This picturesque straight away hole starts with an elevated tee shot over water. The right side features two large deep bunkers at 225 to 245 yards off the tee as trees line the entire length of the fairway. The left side slopes toward the lake that runs along the left rough, with a well-placed pot bunker about 270 yards from the tee. The green is protected with a large bunker on the right and a deep bunker on the left. Once on the green par is not a sure thing. The difficult putting surface has a severe slope from back to front. Par is possible with two good shots.



Hole #3

HOLE #4

PAR 3

148 YARDS

17 HANDICAP



Hole #4

This first par three is short but dangerous. The green is surrounded by a small deep pot bunker in front right and two more deep bunkers on either side of the green. A grass mound is to the left just off the green. A grove of trees frames the entire green that has a steep slope back to front and left to right. Miss this green and par may not be on your card.

HOLE #5

PAR 5

520 YARDS

9 HANDICAP

The dog-leg first par five of the front nine requires an accurate tee shot. The fairway is lined with two large bunkers on the right and tall pine trees on the left, leaving only a 30-yard-wide landing area. The second shot is a lay up with a mid iron to a small narrow fairway guarded by trees on both sides. If you choose to go for this green with your second shot, you're faced with tall trees, a lake to the right,

and a wide creek in front of the green, making going for this green a great risk. If you choose to lay up, you still have a difficult shot to this green because it is well protected with a large oak tree on the left side and water and bunker in front. The green is two-tiered, which makes two putts most difficult if you land on the opposite tier from where the hole is located. Going long makes for an almost impossible par. Birdie is possible, and par is a good score.



Hole #5

HOLE #6

315 YARDS

PAR 4

13 HANDICAP

You need to keep the ball in play on this short par four dog-leg left, with a very narrow landing area. Two fairway bunkers guarding the right side and another on the left of the fairway call for caution off the tee, especially since trees block the left side and line the right side. A long iron or a metal fairway wood off the tee is advised to keep the ball in play. The second shot is short to a small, fairly flat green guarded by two deep bunkers on the right and small mounding on the left with a deep depression in front. Hitting this green will give you a birdie opportunity.



Hole #6

HOLE #7

205 YARDS

PAR 3

15 HANDICAP



Accuracy is needed on this well protected green. A long bunker guards part of the front and right of the green with another on the left side. Mingo Creek runs along the left side of the entire hole. In back of the green is a steep slope that makes a very challenging second shot if you are over. The small undulated green slopes from back to front, and the right side slopes from right to left. Par is a good score.

Hole #7

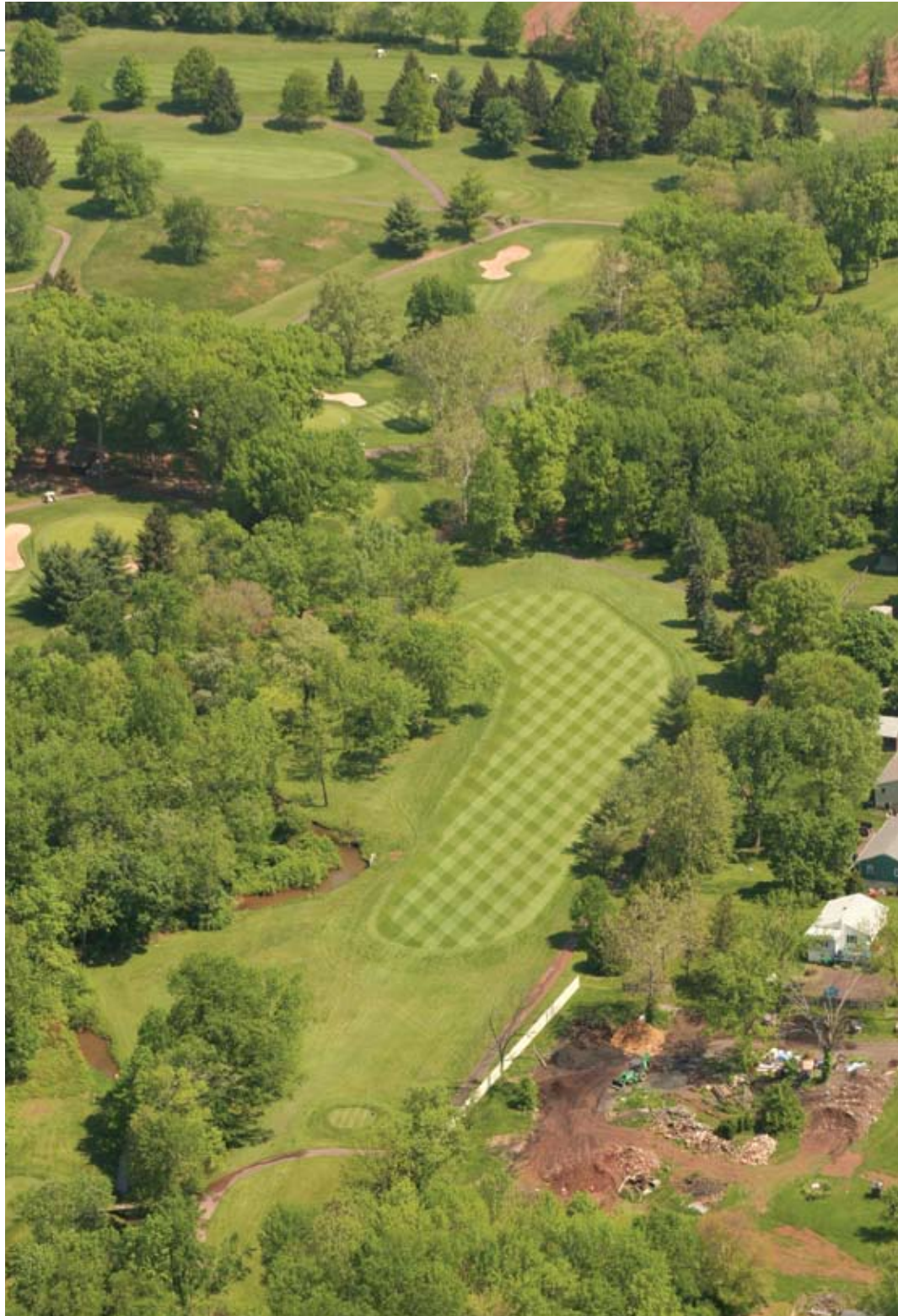
HOLE #8

374 YARDS

PAR 4

5 HANDICAP

This hole is a short but very difficult dog-leg left. It calls for an accurate shot off the tee, about 235 to 250 yards to clear the dogleg. Trees and out-of-bounds are on the right. Your approach shot will also be difficult with water in front and a large tree protecting the right side of the green. The left is also protected by a number of large trees and severe sloping mounds. This small, very sloping false-front green that falls from back to front with a severe undulated left side makes a hard two-putt. Par may be difficult on this third-hardest hole on the front nine.



Hole #8—In this aerial view the green is hidden by the trees.



HOLE #9

538 YARDS

PAR 5

7 HANDICAP

This second par five on the front nine is the longest and toughest par five that you'll ever play. Trees line the right and left off the tee as Mingo Creek runs across the fairway about 295 yards off the tee. An accurate tee shot is needed. Your second shot will be from a down-hill lie with a steep slope in front of you, to an uphill shot with 65 feet elevation change. Not many players have ever reached this green in two. The third shot is uphill to a blind, small and narrow green, which is protected by two deep bunkers on the left, a steep slope on the right and out-of-bounds in the rear of the green. The green slopes from back to front. Par is a good score.

Hole #9

HOLE #10

420 YARDS

PAR 4

2 HANDICAP

The second-hardest hole on the course requires a very accurate tee shot from an elevated tee. The shot needs to carry Mingo Creek that runs across the entire length of the narrow fairway. Out-of-bounds is on the left along the entire length of the hole. The right side is framed with two deep fairway bunkers about 250 to 266 yards off the tee. The second shot is uphill with a 75-foot elevation change. The green has a severe slope from back to front. The front half of this green is so severe that pin placement is impossible. The green is also protected with two deep bunkers on the right and a grass bunker on the left. You will need four great shots to par this hole.

On Tuesday September 13 1994, 69-year-old William (Billy) Austin Meehan, noted Republican party leader in the Delaware Valley played this hole as his "finishing hole." He teed off on the 10th hole at Spring Ford with three of his friends and associates. As his tee shot dribbled past the ladies tee Billy fell to the ground while walking off the tee toward his golf cart. That was the last golf ball that Billy would ever hit as he died on the way to the Phoenixville Hospital.

Several years ago on this same hole, member Gene Dinnocenti guested ex-Senator Schweiker. After teeing off they jumped in the cart and headed down the path towards Mingo Creek at the bottom of the hill. As Gene attempted to negotiate his way over the wooden bridge somehow he lost control and drove off the bridge into the creek. The only injury fortunately, was to Gene's pride.



Hole #10



HOLE #11

354 YARDS

PAR 4

14 HANDICAP

Accuracy is a “must” on this short but very difficult hole.

A fairway metal club or a long iron off the tee takes trouble out of play. From an elevated tee to a very narrow hitting area, out-of-bounds runs the entire length of the left side.

The left side is also lined with three bunkers between 200 and 248 yards from the tee. The right side is lined with large trees. The second shot is to a small, well-protected elevated green with two deep bunkers in front.

Two good shots will give you a birdie opportunity.

Hole #11

HOLE #12

387 YARDS

PAR 4

12 HANDICAP

This downhill slight dog-leg right, with a severely sloped fairway from left to right, makes it difficult to keep the ball in the fairway. Out-of-bounds runs along the left side, and trees line the right rough. The second shot is from a downhill sidehill lie to a small, well guarded green. A deep bunker is in front and another is on the left of the green. If over the green you will find a steep slope that runs into Mingo Creek.



Hole #12



HOLE #13

356 YARDS

PAR 4

10 HANDICAP

This short dog-leg right is a difficult driving hole with out-of-bounds on the left. The fairway is sloping to the right with trees and Mingo Creek running along the right side. This hole calls for a 200-yard shot off the tee to keep the ball from going through the fairway. The second shot is to a small green, which is well guarded by a large tree to the left, a bunker to the right and one behind. Mingo Creek runs in front.

Hole #13

HOLE #14

172 YARDS

PAR 3

18 HANDICAP



Hole #14

This first par 3 of the back nine is well guarded by two deep bunkers, one on the left and one on the right. Mingo Creek runs laterally on the right. The green is long and slopes from back to front.



HOLE #15

513 YARDS

PAR 5

4 HANDICAP

This narrow, difficult driving hole requires a tee shot to be in the fairway, if you're thinking of going for the green in two. The fairway is only 26 yards wide and gently slopes from right to left with trees along both sides. The second shot is a difficult and challenging choice with an uphill 60-foot elevation change to a very narrow opening and a deep fairway bunker 25 yards in front of the green on the right. The small green is protected with two deep bunkers on the left and one in front right, with a severe slope from back to front making three-putting easy to come by.

Hole #15

HOLE #16

210 YARDS

PAR 3

16 HANDICAP

This longest par three on the course features a downhill 70-foot drop to a small green. Two deep bunkers are on the left and a steep slope is on the right and back with Mingo Creek at the bottom of the slope. The right to left prevailing wind makes it difficult to hit this green as par is a good score.



Hole #16

HOLE #17

413 YARDS

PAR 4

8 HANDICAP



Hole #17

This dog-leg right hole has a narrow landing area with trees tight to the right. A long drive off the tee may end up in the left rough. The second shot is to a well-protected green with a bunker on the left and two deep bunkers on the right. The narrow green slopes from back to front.



HOLE #18

518 YARDS

PAR 5

6 HANDICAP

The par 5 finishing hole is a dog-leg left. Off the tee you are facing a narrow landing area. A fairway bunker on the left about 225 yards and large bunker on the right at 245 yards are in play off the tee. You need to find the fairway between the bunkers or attempt to fly the left bunker in order to navigate your second shot. Two large trees provide for a narrow opening over Mingo Creek, which crosses the fairway at about 140 yards from the green. A lay up in front of Mingo Creek could leave you with a difficult downhill lie to an uphill third shot. The green is protected with a bunker short left and two deep bunkers on the right. This is a risk-reward hole. Hit two good shots and a birdie is possible .

Hole #18

Women's Club Champions

As early as 1928, women began actively golfing at Spring Ford Country Club. The Women's scratch Club Championship Tournaments have been held since 1944. Since that time, seventeen women have shared the Championship over a 54-year period. A complete list of the champions is in Appendix #2.

Fay Wilson Freed

Club Champion 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956

Fay was the women's club champion nine years. She totally dominated play at Spring Ford Country Club from 1946 through 1956, winning the club championship all but two years. Fay Wilson was single when she won her first four championships, then, as Mrs. Russell Freed, won an additional five championships. She was a school



Fay Wilson and Caroline Sell, 1953.



Russell and Fay Wilson Freed. circa 1960

teacher. She was born in Coatesville to John and Flora Hipple on June 15, 1918. Her father, like most men in Coatesville at that time, worked in a steel mill. By 1930 they were living in South Coventry, Chester County. Fay died on March 20, 2006 in Pottstown.

Mrs. Caroline Sell

Club Champion 1950, 1953

Born Caroline Badman in Royersford in 1915 to Harry and Gertrude Badman. Harry was a molder in a stove factory in Royersford. Caroline grew up in Royersford and graduated from Royersford High School. She started working in the stove factory. She traveled to Fresno, California to marry Leon, who was stationed there in the Army. After the war she took a job as secretary at the



Caroline Sell, 1953



Mrs. Raquet, 1961

Lower Providence Township Building, where she worked for many years. Caroline loved to play bridge and, taught to play golf by her husband Leon, became one of the best woman golfers at Spring Ford. In the late 1940s and through the 1950s Caroline and Leon were fixtures at Spring Ford Country Club as they played almost every evening and weekend. Caroline won the club championship in 1950 and 1953. 1953 was also a year that her husband Leon won the club championship. This is the only time in the club's history that husband and wife won club championships in the same year. It was a great loss to the club when the Sells left Spring Ford in the early 1960s. Caroline died in 1991.

Peg Raquet

Club Champion 1962

Peg (Margaret Bennett) Raquet won the Women's Club Championship in 1962. She also won the President's Cup in 1960, 1966, and 1973. She was born in Allentown on 8 February 1920 to James H. Bennett and Jeanne E. Verlinden Bennett. Peg's first husband was a pilot in WWII who was shot down and killed. She met Joe Raquet, her future husband through Louise and Henry Williams who was a long-time pro at Spring Ford. She died in Royersford in 2005.

Adele Lebow

Club Champion 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1974, 1979

Adele Lebow was born June 5, 1923 near Harrisburg. She met her future husband Charles at Penn State in the early 1940s. After college Adele taught physical education in Selinsgrove and Easton. Adele and her husband (Chick) moved to Royersford in 1949, opening a furniture store on Main Street. That store is still there and is operated by her son although at any given time you may also see Adele there. In 1953 Adele joined Spring Ford Country Club with her husband. She was not unfamiliar with the game of golf, having played at Penn State in the early 1940s with her then soon-to-be husband. Less than five years after joining the club Adele won her first of ten club championships. In 1956 she won her first President's Cup, repeating this feat in 1959, 1965, and 1974. It did not take Adele long to branch out from Spring Ford. She became secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia (1976/77), becoming the Women's Golf Association Centennial Honoree. She was also the 1990/91 President of the Pennsylvania State Women's Golf Association. She became the Course Rating Chair for the Golf Association of Philadelphia, and today, after approximately 40 years, still takes an active roll in that organization. She founded the LP-GA-USGA Girls Golf of Valley Forge, whose mission is to teach young women the importance of golf as a lifetime sport. And, on December 12, 2000 she was the first woman recipient of the prestigious USGA Joe Dey award for "meritorious service to the game of golf as a volunteer." This award is named in honor of Joe Dey, who served the USGA as executive director for 35 years from 1934



Adele Lebow, 1982



Great shot!

Adele Lebow, Spring-Ford Country Club golfer, practices on the greens. She's just been elected vice president of the Philadelphia Women's Golf Association.



Jill Buckwalter Cardamone, 2008

Jill is without a doubt the best woman golfer ever to belong to Spring Ford. She has been winning tournaments ever since she was a teenager. In fact her play was so outstanding that as a student she played on the boys' golf team at Spring-Ford High School in 1969 and 1970. She later graduated from the University of Maryland. She taught chemistry at Spring-Ford High School and was the department head. She retired in 2008. Her family has been associated with Spring Ford Country Club since its inception as her grandfather, Joseph Buckwalter, M.D. in 1924 was one of the 14 founding members along with her grandfather's brother A.L. Buckwalter. Her mother and father, Mr and Mrs David Buckwalter, were also past members. She has won five President's cups and twenty-two club championships over a five-decade period. This record most likely will never be topped. In 1965 as an eighth grade pupil she, and club pro Don Fairman won the annual Pro-Junior Tournament at Riverton Country Club. At 17 she was selected as one of five girls to play in the Philadelphia-Boston-New York Intercity Junior Girls Tournament. The Philadelphia team won as Jill scored all six of a possible six points. In 1969 she was runner-up at the age of 17 in the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia Junior Girls Championship. She was runner-up in the Philadelphia Women's Amateur golf championship in 1985. During the 1980s she finished in the top six in match play of the Philadelphia Women's Amateur Championship. She presently holds the women's record low score at Spring Ford—70. Not bad for someone who has been

to 1969 and was later commissioner of the PGA Tour. She rightly deserves the title "Golf's Greatest Friend."

Patty Lebow

Club Champion 1995, 1997

Patty Plotts was born and raised in Royersford. She was



Patty and Roger Lebow, 2008

active in sports in high school and college, playing basketball and lacrosse. After marrying Roger, Adele introduced Patty to golf and by 1979 she had broken 100. She started playing on the team matches in 1981 and has been ever since. She was captain of the first team for many years and has won numerous awards. Patty coaches the Spring-Ford High School women's golf team.

Jill Buckwalter Cardamone

Club Champion 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006

quoted as saying, "I like to play and like to win just like everybody else. But there are more important things in life than golf." Her husband Greg may be indicating what some of the more important things in golf are for Jill as he is quoted as saying, "Jill is a wonderful mother, wife and human being."

Bev Brennan

Club Champion 2005, 2008

Bev was born in Hackettstown, New Jersey to Mr. and Mrs William Eyre. Bev and her husband William joined Spring Ford Country Club in 1973. Their son John was born in 1979. John's outstanding golf achievements are discussed in chapter 12. Bev won the club championship in 2005 and 2008. She also won the Fox Cup in 2002 and the club President's Cup in 1988 and 2007. Bev has been a member of the women's first team in the Philadelphia Team Matches for many years.



Bev Brennan, 2008

Judith Wynn Cooke

Club Champion 1981, 2002



William F. Jr. and Judy Cooke

Judy was born and raised in Norristown, graduating from Eisenhower High School, where she received the Outstanding Female Sports Award. She did her undergraduate and graduate studies at West Chester University, holding an MA and CCC in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She was inducted into the Norristown Area Hall of Fame in 1996 for education and athletics. Judy holds a national rating as an official for swimming and diving. She was founder of the Kiwanis Pre-School for Handicapped Children in Stroudsburg.

Judy was the director, treasurer, vice president, president, and ex-officio of the Pennsylvania State Women's Golf Association and held many chairs at Spring Ford Country Club. She also was a member of the USGA Senior Women's Championship Committee and she is a certified USGA Rules Official. Judy also serves on the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia Course Rating Committee.

Judy and her husband William, an accomplished golfer at Spring Ford in his own right, were married in 1964 and joined Spring Ford in the early 1970s.

Mrs. Susan Tall

Club Champion 1988, 1992, 1993

She also won the President's cup in 1990.

Shawn Carre

Club Champion 1994, 2001

Lisa Klein

Club Champion 2004, 2007

Men's Club Champions

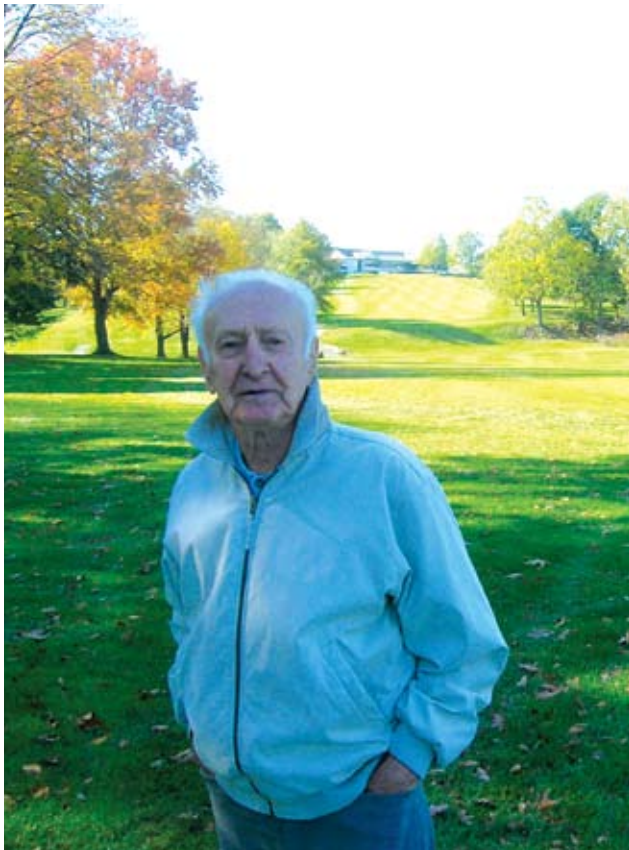
Who would be the better player, Bobby Jones or Tiger Woods? We may never know since variables such as career length, equipment differences, the courses, and many other factors enter into the equation. We face the same situation at Spring Ford Country Club when attempting to determine the best amateur player from 1924 to the present era. But we can note those golfers who excelled to a higher level by winning the Club Championship tournament. Those below fit that description.

Harold Montgomery (Mont) Nettles, The Barber

Club Champion 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1990

Mont was born in Royersford on February 6, 1922. His family on both sides were no strangers to the area since their parents and grandparents and great grandparents were from Royersford and Limerick since before the Revolutionary War. He is a true Montgomery County native in every sense of the word. He fought in WWII aboard the Destroyer USS Nelson as a torpedoman, making 20 crossings of the Atlantic during the war and taking part in the Gela, Sicily and Normandy, France invasions. He married Ruth Giles in 1943 during a furlough and celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary recently. Mont was a barber for 35 years. His shop was on Main Street in Royersford from where he retired in 1980. His father was also a barber. In 1950 he joined Spring Ford Country Club, playing four times a week on average. It wasn't until 1963 that he won his first of fifteen championships at Spring Ford. During the 1960s he absolutely dominated play at Spring Ford by winning six out of the

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Mont Nettles 2007 on the ninth fairway.



Mont (left) and friends, circa 1954

next ten years. He also placed second nine times in his career. Mont's golfing career was topped by qualifying for the 1977 USGA Senior Amateur Tournament held in Massachusetts at the Salem course. Once Mont beat noted golf amateur and pro Jay Sigel in a home-and-home heads-up tournament. Other notable moments were having five holes-in-one. And probably the most unique golf experience for any golfer was when he made two holes-in-one at Phoenixville Country Club—both on the same hole with the same ball on the same day! (Phoenixville is a nine-hole course.) Also, it is worthy of note that he is the only male golfer in the history of Spring Ford Country Club to date to win the club championship over a four-decade period.

Joe Raquet

Club Champion 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1956, 1960, 1961

Joe was born on November 29 1920 in Royersford to Philip and Irene Raquet. Philip was a needle worker in a local factory. Joe's association with Spring Ford Country Club began as a caddy in 1932 at the age of 11. He joined the club in April 1940 and resigned in 1993 being a member for over 53 years. Joe won eight club championships and dominated play in the 1940s. He failed his physical for induction into the Army because of ear problems. Joe married Margaret Bennett, who was also an excellent golfer, as noted in the previous chapter. Joe played in many events locally and nationally including the USGA Amateur twice, once at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. That year he qualified for match play but lost in the first round. The winner of the tournament was a golfer from Columbus, Ohio named Jack Nicklaus. Many times Joe would tell Drew Freed, his nephew,



Joe Raquet, 1920-2006



Joe Raquet Circa, 1945



just how far and how well Nicklaus hit the ball back then at that tournament. Joe also played in a USGA Senior Amateur Championship in 1982. Joe died in 2007 at the age of 86 at the Manatawnry Manor Nursing Home, East Coventry, Pennsylvania.

H. Leon Sell

Club Champion 1950, 1955, 1957, 1958

Leon was born in Pottstown in 1917. His father John A. Sell was a blacksmith. Leon's American ancestry predates the American Revolution. As a youngster Leon caddied at Brookside Country Club in Pottstown for 25 cents a round. Leon graduated from Pottstown High School. He joined Spring Ford Country Club in 1937 at the age of 20. He served in WWII for three years as a mechanical draftsman and saw duty in England and France. After the war he took up the game in earnest. In his "spare



Leon Sell, 2008 at his home on Twin Ponds Golf Course

time" he worked as a quality control supervisor at Doehler-Jarvis in Pottstown for many years. This sturdily-built man of slightly below average height in the 1950s won four club championships and one President's Cup with the aid of his "deadly Ben Hogan putter." During those years if you were to ask "Who is the best amateur golfer at Spring Ford?" chances are good the that answer would be "Leon

Sell," although Sell himself would say "Joe Raquet." 1950 was a particularly good year for Leon as he won the Spring Ford Club Championship, and with over 100 members attending his awards ceremony watched as Mr. Fred G. Bangs presented him the trophy. He defeated Harry Schaefer for the crown. It was at this ceremony that the new club professional at Spring Ford, Mr. John Kelly, was introduced. Also, Joseph Valentine, greenskeeper at Merion Golf Club, retained as a consultant at Spring Ford, spoke on the care of the course and how valuable member cooperation was in keeping the course in top shape. In 1957, following the William Gordon design specifications, albeit with severe financial restrictions, Leon, along with Paul Tyson, directed the physical effort of

converting Spring Ford Country Club from a nine-hole to an eighteen-hole course as described in Chapter 10. Leon left the club and several years later designed and built Twin Ponds public golf course, of which he takes great pride. Today at ninety-one years old, Leon lives in a ranch house on the sixth green at Twin Ponds suffering with a bad hip. As you approach the sixth green if you look to the left toward his ranch home you may see him peering out the sliding glass kitchen door, surely having thoughts about golf. And if you are lucky enough to meet him and shake his hand, be prepared for a vice-like grip and an intense discussion about the game of golf.



Adele Lebow and Leon Sell



Paul Tyson and Leon Sell, 1956

Harry J. Dobbs

Club Champion 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1959

Harry was born in Perkiomanville on February 12, 1925. In his teens he caddied at Spring Ford Country Club. At the age of 18, after three years of high school, he enlisted in the army on May 1, 1943. He fought with the 36th Infantry Division in Italy in the battle for the Benedictine Monastery



Harry Dobbs, circa 1951
(Silver Star inset)

on Monte Cassino. Harry was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action

while in combat. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for bravery, acts of merit and meritorious service. He was also awarded several other medals. Harry was a true American hero. After the war he became a medic photographer working at the Valley Forge Army Hospital, where at the same time he fine-tuned his golf game on their nine-hole golf course. Harry married Jean Hoffert in 1951. He joined Spring Ford Country Club in the late 1940s and from 1948 through 1954 he dominated play at the club by winning all but one club championship. He won again in 1959. Harry later retired to Port Saint Lucie, Florida with his family and passed away in 2003. Harry was the father of Frank Dobbs, who was assistant pro at Spring Ford Country Club. Between 1942 and 1972, Nettles, Raquet, Sell, and Dobbs dominated play at Spring Ford Country Club by winning all the club championships during those years except two. Dobbs won seven of those years. He also won the President's Cup four times during that time period.



A very rare photo of the fearsome foursome, left to right, Harry Dobbs, Joe Raquet, Leon Sell, and Mont Nettles on the fifth hole at Spring Ford Country Club in 1953. They won the Club Championship 34 times between them.

Mark Douglas

Club Champion 1988, 1989, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2003

Mark was born in Phoenixville in 1954 and graduated from Spring-Ford High in 1972 and from The University of Tampa in 1976. During his sophomore year at Spring-Ford High he was on the golf team (Jill Buckwalter Cardamone's senior year.) That team was: #1 Scott Yeagley, #2 Bruce Nichol, #3 Jill Cardamone, #4 Rick Custer, #5 Rick Smith, #6 Mark Douglas. The coach was Leroy Hallman, and during the rest of his high school years the coach was Connie Eliff, who was also a Spring Ford Country Club member. He and Shelley were married in 1986 and have two daughters Rachel and Maggie. Mark joined Spring Ford Country Club in 1982 but was familiar with the course for many years before that as a caddie as early as 1968. He was a junior member for two years as his dad Ben was a member through the 1970s until he passed away in 1981. His mother Shirley Fisher Douglas grew up in Royersford, graduating in 1945 from Royersford High. Mark won the club championship seven times between 1988 and 2003. Also, he won the Philadelphia Golf Association Mid Amateur Championship in 1991 which happened to be held at Spring Ford, carding a 70, and qualified twice for the USGA Mid-Amateur, in 1997 and 1998, taking him to Dayton, Ohio and Dallas, Texas.



Mark Douglas 2007

John Brennan

Club Champion 2004, 2007, 2008

John was born in Norristown on January 18, 1979 to William and Beverly Brennan. The Brennan family have been members of Spring Ford Country Club for a long time. The family moved to Royersford and John graduated from Spring-Ford High School in 1997, lettering in golf, basketball and tennis. He went on to graduate from Lebanon Valley College (Annville, Pennsylvania) in 2001, where he was a four-year letter winner in golf. John has a B.S. in History/Education. He continued his education at Temple University, where he received a Masters in Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in 2006. John Married Beth Light in 2005. He presently teaches social studies at Spring-Ford High School and coaches varsity tennis, and is assistant coach of the JV basketball team. John is a three-time club champion at



John Brennan and Bob Frankil, 2008



Future Club Champion John Brennan with future Club Champion mom Bev in 1980.

participant in first ever PGA McGladrey Team Championship in 2007—11th place finish, WGAP's Boyle Cup winner with his mom Bev Brennan in 2005, WGAP's Husband and Wife "D" Flight Champion in 2006 with wife Beth, 2001 Collegiate All-American in golf, and three-time golf MVP at Lebanon Valley College. At 29 years old John is surely to excel at Spring Ford for many years to come. Considering the fact that Mont Nettles won his first of fifteen record-breaking club championships at the age of 39, it is conceivable that John could surpass this mark.

Spring Ford Country Club. His other golf achievements to date are: two-time Montgomery Nettles Stroke Play Champion, 2007 Lynnewood Hall Invitational Champion (Huntingdon Valley CC), two-time top ten finisher in GAP Mid-Am (2006 and 2007), 2007 GAP Four-Ball champion with Rob Dziak,



John and Beth Brennan at Pinehurst in 2007

Rich Steinmetz

Club Champion 1991, 1993

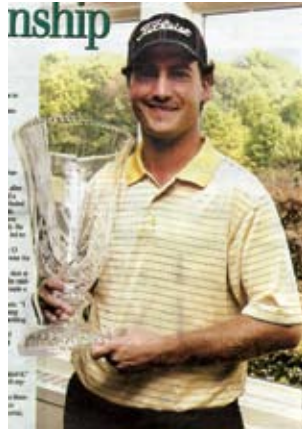
Rich Steinmetz was born in 1971 in Norristown. Rich attended Perkiomen Valley High School, graduating in 1990. He began playing golf at the age of 11, and competitively at the age of 14. As a junior golfer, Rich won the Philadelphia Junior PGA twice. He won the local qualifier and competed in the Optimist Junior World Championship. In high school he was a two-time PAC 10 Champion and qualified three times for the PIAA State Championship. Rich received a full golf scholarship to Temple University, and was a four-year letterman. He qualified for the NCAA Regionals his junior and senior year. Upon graduating from Temple, Rich was hired as

the second Assistant Pro at Blue Bell Country Club. He worked at Blue Bell for two years before being hired at Spring Ford Country Club as the first Assistant Pro. After serving 10 years as Assistant, Rich was named Head Golf Professional at Spring Ford in 2007.

At the 2007 Philadelphia Section PGA Championship at Concord Country Club, Rich birdied 13, 14, 15, and 17 to win the tournament by three shots.

Rich has won 64 professional golf events in the Philadelphia area to date. Highlights of his career include qualifying for the 2005 PGA Championship at Baltusrol Golf Club; twice winning the DeBaufre Trophy for low-stroke average in the Philadelphia PGA Section; being named Philadelphia Section PGA Player of the Year in 2006; and his recent victory in the 2007 Philadelphia Section PGA Championship.

Rich and his wife Heather are blessed with three children - Olivia (9), Drew (7) and Lucas (2).



Rich winning the Philadelphia Section Championship, 2007



Rich, Drew, Olivia, Heather and Lucas Steinmetz, 2007



Frank Dobbs and friend, August 1997

Frank Dobbs

Club Champion 1980

Frank was born March 27, 1961 to Harry and Jean Dobbs. In 1984 he won the GAP Philadelphia Open, the first of three times and was runner-up in the Pennsylvania Open to Roy Vucinich of Allegheny CC. In 1991 he won his second GAP Philadelphia Open at Cedarbrook CC by two strokes. That year he went on to win the Pennsylvania Open at Butler CC. In the GAP Philadelphia Open at Eagle Lodge, he placed second to Miguel Biamon from Waynesborough CC, who eagled the last hole for the win. Frank also won the Philadelphia Assistant Pro tournament that year. In 1989 he was runner-up in the GAP Philadelphia Open held at Spring Ford Country Club as he lost by two strokes to Pete Oakley from Shawnee CC. In 1992 he won the GAP Philadelphia Open the third time, this time in a playoff with Jay Sigel, Chris Lange, and Harold Perry. Frank won the playoff with a birdie on the last hole. In 1994 as assistant pro at Blue Bell CC he won the Philadelphia Section PGA Qualifier with a birdie on the final hole

to beat Michael Mack of Burlington CC by a stroke. Between 1990 and 1996 Frank Dobbs stood out as one of the top professionals in the region. In 2000 he competed in the National PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club, Louisville, Ky. Frank Dobbs was the only club professional to make the cut but struggled with an 88 Saturday and 78 Sunday, which left him at 25-over 313.

"A 78 is still awful, but it looks a lot better than 88. I mean, I could have shot 68 — heck, I could have shot 58 — and it still wasn't going to improve my position on the scoreboard," Dobbs said after the tournament.

Frank presently is the head professional at Eagle Marsh Golf Club at Jensen Beach Florida.

Robert Frankil

Club Champion 2006

Bob was born 1962 in Philadelphia to Marvin and Barbara Frankil. He graduated from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and later, from Temple University School of Pharmacy with a B.Sc. degree. He joined his father in business in 1985 as co-owner of Skippack Pharmacy. In 1988, they opened the Sellersville Pharmacy. Bob joined Spring Ford Country Club in the winter of 1980, during his senior year of high school as a junior member. He was sponsored by Sid Tarlow, a business associate of his father. In high school, Bob played varsity golf for four years, leading Plymouth Whitemarsh to four consecutive conference championships. They were undefeated in league play for three straight years. As a junior golfer, he finished in top 10 in several tournaments, including the North-South Junior at Pinehurst in 1979. While at Spring Ford Country Club, Bob played in GAP team matches for over 25 consecutive years, lately helping the club to reach the finals. Individually, Bob reached the finals of the Club Championship in 1986, losing to Kurt Choutka, but won it in 2006, defeating defending champion Rob Dziak in the first round, seven-time champ Mark Douglas in the second round, and Rick Custer in the finals. The match with Rick was back and forth all day, with Rick jumping out to a 2-up lead, then Bob went up by 3, then Rick going up by 2 with 9 to play. Bob then shot 35 on the last 9 holes to win 2 up. This was, in Bob's opinion, by far his most outstanding golf achievement. In 2007, he reached the finals and lost 6 and 5 to John Brennan. Bob considers his twenty seven-years at Spring Ford Country Club a very big part of his life and is proud of the club and the people who make it up.



Bob Frankil (forefront) and friends, 2008

Robert Dziak

Club Champion 1999, 2005

Bob was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on March 3, 1972 to Dennis and Lorraine Dziak. His home town is Cokeburg, Pennsylvania which is in the western part of the state. He attended Ave Maria grade school and Bentley High School, graduating in 1990. He then enrolled in the University of Akron. He came to this area in 1992, employed by Worthington Steel in Malvern Pennsylvania until it closed in 2004. Since that time he has been employed by OmegaFlex as production manager. In 1989 Bob finished ninth in the Pennsylvania State championships while in 1990 he



Bob Dziak,



Jim Prendergast and Tony DeGisi, 2008

ship in 1994 and 1995, and the Senior Club Championship in 2007. Jim lives in Limerick Pennsylvania with his wife Lorraine. They have five children: Sheri Lynn, Lorri Ann, James Jr., Michael, and Brian. Jim and Lorraine have at present six grandchildren. Jim worked for P. E. for 18 years, owned a 7-11 franchise for many years and presently is affiliated with Allstate Insurance Company.



Blake Slawecki and wife Christine, daughters Kendall and Riley

Champion in 2001 and 2002. He also won the President's Cup in 2003.

finished 17th. Since joining Spring Ford Country Club in 1998 Bob has won two club championships, 1999 and 2005. He has been one of the first team players for Spring Ford Country Club in the GAP team matches since he joined the club and has represented Spring Ford in many other GAP events over the years, including the Four-Ball and Mid Am championships.

Jim Prendergast

Club Champion 1994, 1995

Jim was born in 1951 and raised in Norristown. He was on the Norristown High School golf team for four years from 1966 thru 1969. He won the Jeffersonville Golf Club Championship in 1978 and 1979 and the Mc-Call Golf and Country Club Championship in 1980.

After joining Spring Ford he won the Club Championship in 1994 and 1995, and the Senior Club Championship in 2007. Jim lives in Limerick Pennsylvania with his wife Lorraine. They have five children: Sheri Lynn, Lorri Ann, James Jr., Michael, and Brian. Jim and Lorraine have at present six grandchildren. Jim worked for P. E. for 18 years, owned a 7-11 franchise for many years and presently is affiliated with Allstate Insurance Company.

R. Blake Slawecki

Club Champion 2002

Blake was born in Pottstown in 1968 and grew up in Royersford. His mother and father are from Royersford and Spring City. Blake has a B.A. degree from Alvernia College in Reading and an MBA from St. Joseph's University. Blake has 10 years' sales, marketing and management experience in the medical and pharmaceutical fields. He is presently employed as a manager by Graceway Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Collegeville with his wife Chris and two daughters, Kendall and Riley. Blake was the club champion in 2000 and won the Mont Nettles Low Qualifier for Club



William Cooke 1982

William Cooke

Club Champion 1973, 1977, 1978

Bill graduated from East Stroudsburg High School and then from East Stroudsburg University with a B.A. degree in mathematics. He was high school teacher up to the time that he was called to serve his country in the military.

He entered industry as a consultant and designer of industrial heating systems. Bill was Low Amateur twice in the PGA Sectional Jack Cuttle Invitational, Low Amateur in the Shawnee Invitational. He participated in the Philadelphia Open, Philadelphia Amateur, and Philadelphia Senior Amateur where he was a two-time age class winner. He also, along with Jill Cardamone won the Powell Cup Gross Championship, and tied for low gross with Frank Dobbs in the Philadelphia Better Ball Tournament. Bill also won the President's Cup in 1997 at Spring Ford and presently competes in the GAP Team Matches.



Tom Fuhs 1982

Tom Fuhs

Club Champion 1982

Kurt Choutka

Club Champion 1986

Ken Opielski

Club Champion 1987

Chris Sakella

Club Champion 2000, 2001

Lee Woodling

Club Champion 1965

Lee joined the Club as a student in 1938 at the age of 14 using his milk and egg route money to pay his dues. While he was a junior golfer and social member he performed odd jobs for the pro to gain lessons and equipment, according to Denise Jeffords. Lee was born in 1924 to George and Sarah Woodling. He was a welder before he enlisted in the Army in 1943. Lee died in 2000.



Lee Woodling, 1953

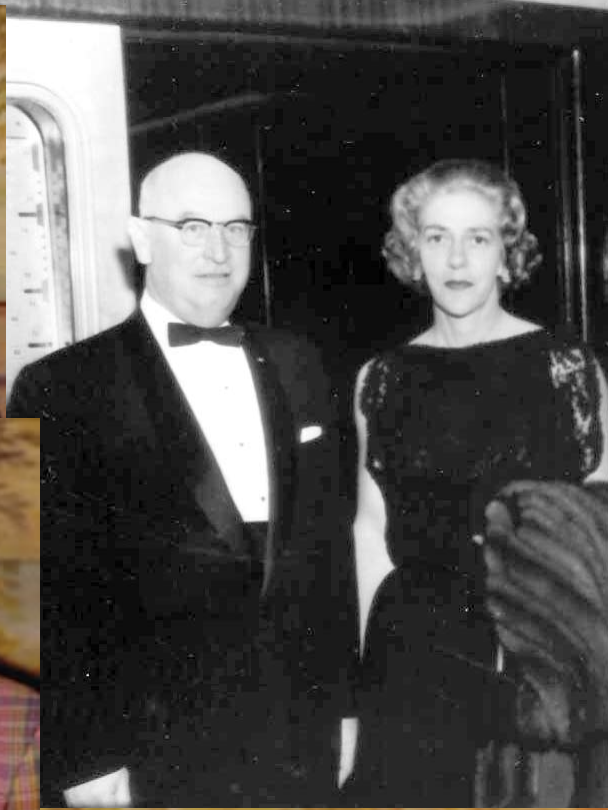
CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Faces Past and Present



—Inter-Borough Press Photo
LEON SELL







SFCC Pro Shop
Golf pro Tony DeGisi displays golf clubs on the recently expanded Spring-Ford Country Club Pro Shop. The expansion is part of a \$200,000 renovation project underway at the club.



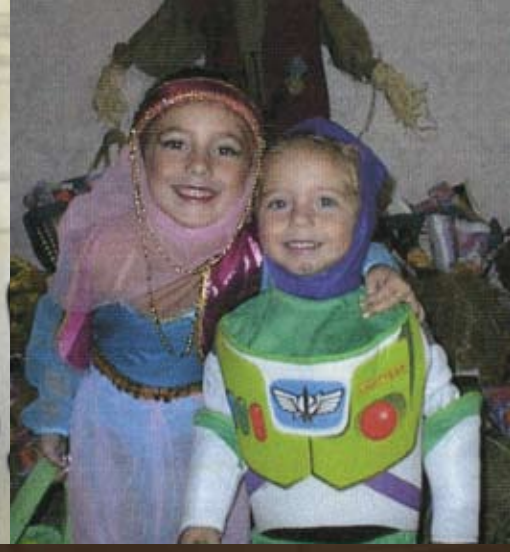
Leon Sell, Golf Champion, Receives Trophy



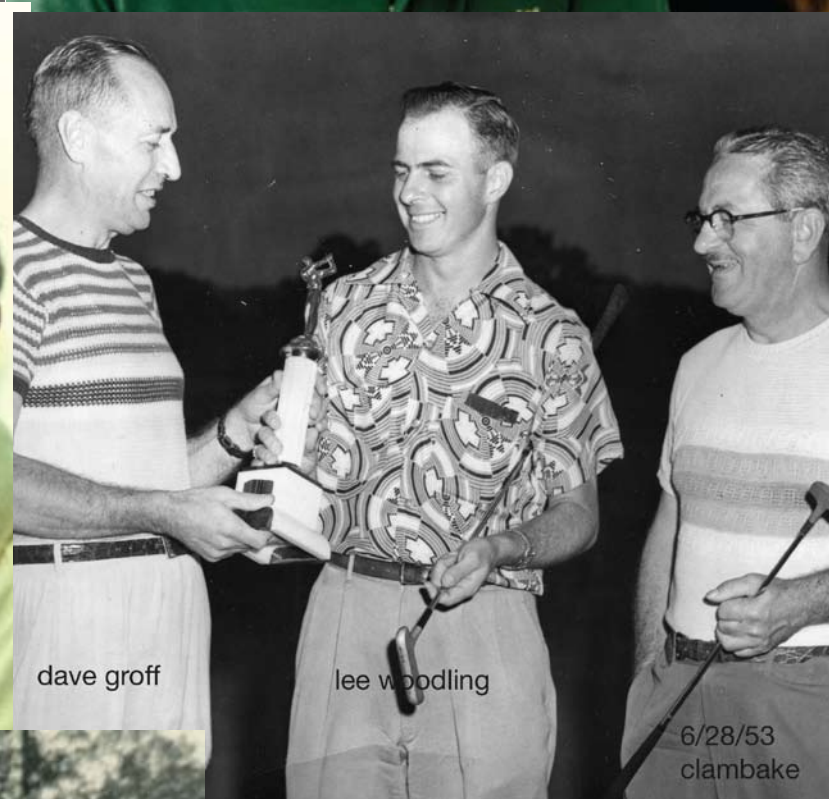
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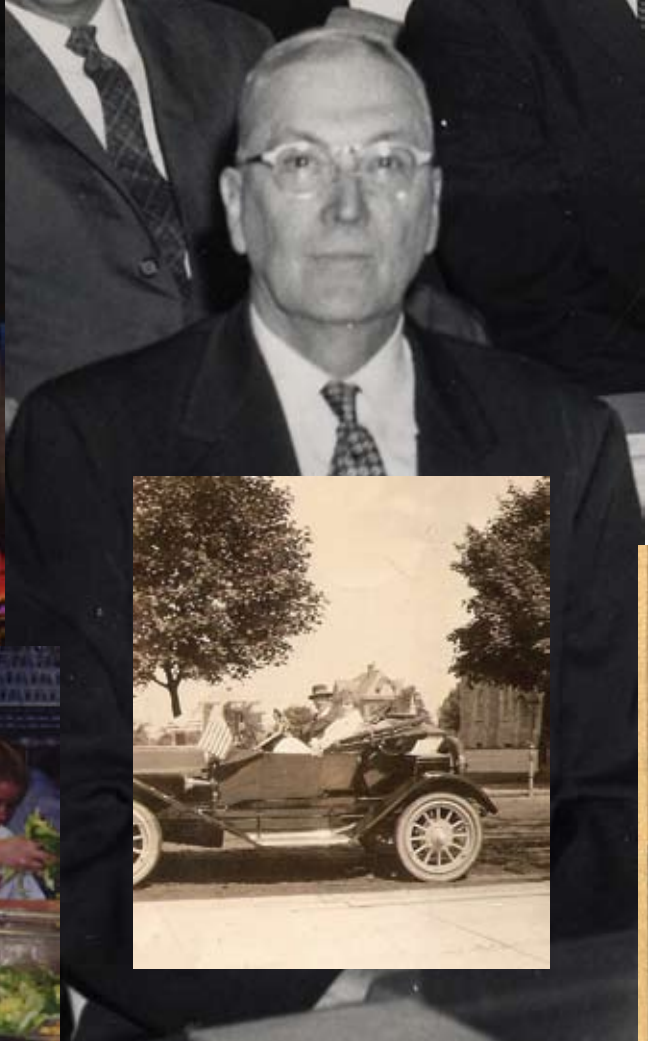


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HONORED AT BANQUET — The first annual golf award dinner at Spring-Ford Country Club Saturday night attracted 150 people. Charles Lebow, left, is showing

to Steve Bolger, center, and Charles S right. Bolger was runnerup to Harry unable to be present, and Shappell rece President's Cup. (Photo by Ar























Spring Ford Today —The Hidden Gem

The mission of the Spring Ford Country Club is:

To provide a golf and social environment that focuses on the family and provides value and a sense of pride for our members and employees.

Spring Ford Country Club in 2009 celebrates 85 years of tradition. Today's Club leaders continue to improve the Club's facilities and activities to compete successfully in the rapidly growing Montgomery County suburbs. In 2009, member-owned Spring Ford Country Club is re-emphasizing an all-inclusive, family-oriented program, offering activities on and off the golf course tailored for all ages from toddlers to seniors. Prospective members, seeking opportunity for the entire family to learn and enjoy golf and other social activities, will discover Spring Ford Country Club suits their needs better than any other area club.

JUNIORS

Juniors are kept busy at Spring Ford Country Club developing both social and golf skills. Some of the social functions include: swimming pool activities, "Etiquette Night" where children are taught dining skills by a professional, and "Kids in the Kitchen" where kids take part in the preparation of a meal that they are given the opportunity to serve to their parents. Some of the other





activities tailored toward the kids are: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Brunch, Christmas Brunch including gifts and a visit by Santa, Movie Night, and "Out of Sight Night"

where the kids are entertained by a DJ while the parents dine in a separate area. Most kid-oriented dinner functions feature self-serve buffet tables that are lowered for easy access for the youngsters.

When not occupied with the swimming program or clubhouse activities the kids can.....play golf. The Club designed an extensive junior golf program in the 1970s to get youngsters interested in golf at an early age. Today this program is implemented by our resident pro Rich Steinmetz and his staff.

The Family Golf Program is held twice a month during golf season. Members are welcome to bring children of any



age for a fun afternoon, which includes a golf clinic and playing a few holes from 150 yards.

The Little Junior Golf Camp for ages 6-9 consists of two days' instruction on the basic golf swing followed by a few "games."

The Junior Golf Camp for ages 10-18 features four days of golf instruction and playing time. Juniors with established handicaps may play in the Club's regular tournaments. The Club has sponsored the junior golf program for many years under the leadership of Tony DeGisi, the head professional at Spring Ford for over 35 years.

New in 2008 at Spring Ford Country Club is the Summer-Long Junior Golf Program. Junior members can hone their golf skills while meeting other junior members along the way. The program combines instructional clinics and playing time on the golf course. This program runs along side of the junior camps. The Club believes that junior golf is the key to ensuring future golfers.





Great deck off the Banquet Hall is an excellent location to view golf action on the ninth and eighteenth holes.

WOMEN

Golf privileges for women at Spring Ford are no different than for the men as the tees are always open for the women except on Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 PM and Saturday morning before 10 AM.

Women's golf has played an integral role at Spring Ford for over 80 years. The women have displayed outstanding golf accomplishments in regional play in Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia tournaments and other regional associations for many years. The Spring Ford women's team is among the top six of 96 golf clubs participating in the traditional WGAP Team Matches as explained in Chapter 16.

Many inner-club women's golf tournaments are held throughout the golfing season from Ladies Opening Brunch in early April to Closing Brunch in mid-October and include "Ladies Climb the Ladder," the Club Championship, the President's Cup, Member/Member, Member/Guest, and many other tournaments.

Inter-club tournaments supplement the inner-club activities so that a full schedule of competitive golfing is available throughout the golf season at all skill levels. There is also a women's nine-hole outing held each week in the evening. These outings, along with lessons offered by the excellent teaching staff, provide an opportunity for novice golfers and high handicappers to improve their game. Below are photos of the women's teams that compete in the Color Wars Tournament.





Part of the 2008 champion Spring Ford Country Club Seniors team with our great league manager, Captain Al Cavallo (second from left).

GAP Men's team matches are held early in the season. Spring Ford sends four teams whose handicaps increase as the team designation increases. Team #1 consists of the very best Spring Ford golfers. Spring Ford men are playing at the highest level of competition in these matches and have been for many years as they are presently among the top 16 of 136 clubs participating in the region. There are many other GAP tournaments held throughout the year for golfers of all skill levels in which the men are encouraged to participate. Details of these tournaments are listed in Chapter 15.

The senior men's (55 years or older) golf program cannot be ignored. Besides the scratch Senior Club Championship mentioned above, inter-club matches with Cedarbrook, Coatesville, Meadowlands, Blue Bell, and Plymouth Country Clubs are held monthly. Within the last 10 years, Spring Ford has won the championship in this league no less than 7 times, placing second several times. Senior 12-member teams compete for top honors. This tournament gives the seniors an opportunity to play five other courses in the area, and may be expanding to as many as ten clubs soon.

MEN

Spring Ford is a golfers' paradise for men of all skill levels. The scratch tournament for the Club Championship and Senior Club Championship is stiff competition for the better golfers. The President's Cup, Member/Member, Member/Guest, and monthly Stag Day, when a member may host up to three guests for a round of golf and dinner following, are handicap tournaments open to all golfers. Many other inner-club tournaments are held almost every week throughout the golf season.

There are several mixed-couple golf tournaments held throughout the year, including the Sadie Hawkins, Labor Day Mixed Couples, and Mixed Couples Member/Guest.





CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse facility offers a host of social activities and is the focal point for all Spring Ford Country Club activities.

GRILL ROOM

The recently remodeled Grill Room, located just off the ninth green at ground level, is an informal bar and restaurant. Golfers stop at the Grill Room after completing the ninth hole for snacks and drinks. Breakfast is served on weekend mornings and lunch or dinner almost anytime. Buffets are available during most club tournaments, outings, and Wednesday nights during the golf season. The Grill Room is a social gathering place for golfers to meet before playing golf or enjoy a snack or beverage together after the round. There is a spacious, convenient card room in the rear of the Grill Room. The Grill Room is also a good place to sit and just read the paper or watch your favorite golf tournament on one of the several High Definition televisions.



THE PUB

The Pub, located on the second level, is a panelled, secluded upscale bar with a lounge and dining area and open-hearth fire place. Members can enjoy viewing the golf course through large picture-frame windows.





DINING ROOM

The formal two-tiered dining area, entered through an opulent vestibule, is part of the newest addition to the clubhouse facility. The player piano provides soft background music. A coat room and marble-walled rest rooms are off the side of the restaurant in the vestibule convenient to both the Dining Room and the Pub.



BOARD ROOM

Directly adjoining the Dining Room is a more private opulent dining area that seats 40, overlooking the golf course through large picture windows. The Board Room offers small dinner parties more privacy. Private business meetings, birthday parties, and other small social gatherings are held by the members in the Board Room.



The Great Deck

OUTSIDE DINING

An outside dining location is off the Banquet Hall and is a very large wrap-around deck providing a panoramic view of the golf course. This "Great Deck" is used for the many club barbecues during the season. It is also used during wedding

banquets as an extension to the indoor facility. Spring Ford has a second outside awning-covered dining location located off the Main Dining Room and overlooks the pool facility and the golf course. Weather permitting, lunch and dinner are served at this location.

BANQUET HALL

The Banquet Hall is used for larger parties and events such as weddings and can accommodate up to 300 guests. The dance floor is portable, allowing a variety of different arrangements to suit the client's tastes. The Hall has a separate serving bar and fireplace.

There is a separate exterior canopied drive-up entrance to the Banquet hall through a Vestibule.



THE PRO SHOP

The detached Pro Shop, well equipped and well staffed, offers quality equipment and clothing and just about everything a golfer may need.

Rich Steinmetz, Club Professional is in charge. The entire family may take lessons from the resident professional Rich Steinmetz and his staff. Steinmetz is among the best professional golfers in the region as judged by his performance in 2006 and 2007 in regional tournaments. Rich's accomplishments and resume are listed in Chapter 12.



Rich Steinmetz

General Manager Craig Komatz



General Manager
Craig Komatz, 2008

Craig Komatz was born in 1965 in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Growing up close to the famed Oakmont Country Club, Craig worked various staff positions at Oakmont throughout his high school and college years.

Craig attended Michigan State University and received his B.A. from the School of Business, majoring in Hotel, Restaurant Management. Upon graduation Craig began working at Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville, Tennessee. He moved back to Pittsburgh to assume the Assistant Manager position at Fox Chapel Golf Club, then

moved on to the Assistant General Manager's position at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During his time at Southern Hills, the club hosted the 1993 PGA Championship. Craig moved back to Pittsburgh to assume the Club Manager's position at Edgewood Country Club. He was at that position for five years before moving on to his first General Manager's position at Rolling Hills Country Club. After five years in that position, Craig moved on to his current position of General Manager at Spring Ford Country Club. At age 26, Craig earned his Club Management Certification (CCM), becoming at that time the country's youngest CCM. He has since been re-certified twice and is close to achieving the acclaimed honorary status in the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). Craig has served on the Board of Directors of both the Pittsburgh and Oklahoma/Kansas Chapters of CMAA..

Golf Course Superintendent Mark Rubbo

No one approaches his job with more enthusiasm than Mark as he keeps the course in excellent shape by daily observation and analysis of the conditions. Mark graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Agronomy. After graduation and up to 1995 Mark worked at Whitford Country Club and Timber Trails Golf Club, where he was the course superintendent. In 1995 he was employed by Spring Ford as assistant golf course superintendent and in 1998 was elevated to golf course superintendent, a position that he has held



ever since. In the 10 years as superintendent at Spring Ford, Mark has renovated all the course bunkers and supervised the addition of 30 bunkers and new tees. The third fairway was re-aligned to create a better buffer between that hole and the fifth hole. He supervised the dredging of the pond to increase water-holding capacity. He oversaw the paving of over 25,000 feet of cart paths and replaced five bridges over Mingo Creek. He has supervised the installation of a sub-surface drainage system under four greens and several fairways. Most recently Mark is supervising the removal of over 300 trees and the planting of several that should be completed by the end of the year. Arguably the most important task handed to Mark has been the complete removal of the old sprinkler system and installation of the new state-of-the-art irrigation system. This system, which only a few clubs in the region have installed, consists of over 1,200 separate heads (compared to the 500 of the old system) delivering water to a much larger percentage of the property. It is computer controlled as the fertilizer can be distributed automatically through the heads. Mark can control the system with a hand-held radio controller so as he walks the course, which he does most every day, he can take corrective action remotely and immediately. The system also gauges the pH of the water and injects necessary chemicals to keep the pH at optimum levels and the turf healthy. Also, Mark has a weather station that monitors temperature, sunlight intensity and wind velocity that helps him determine the optimum quantity of water to be used over a given time period.

The irrigation system is cost effective as expenses have been flat with larger percentage of coverage. Few will argue that the Spring Ford Country Club golf course is anything but in the best of condition.

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE BRING?

Even though the club is well managed and cared for by the staff of employees and the elected Board of Governors, there may always be room for improvement.

Unlike corporate-owned clubs, members at Spring Ford Country Club are part owners and are encouraged to present new ideas and participate in the decision-making process of the club on a level that is comfortable for them. As a member-owned country club, member-generated ideas may be implemented if presented and approved by the Board of Directors and members. The tournament and golf course schedules and other activities are determined by the membership only. The financial activities and restraints are determined by the membership only. The future of the Club is determined by the membership only.

Men's GAP Participants

The Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP), The Pennsylvania Golf Association, United States Golf Association (USGA), and the Philadelphia Section of the PGA of America are the four main regional golf associations in the area. These four groups organize golf tournaments for various individuals. Spring Ford Country Club participates at various levels in each of these association's tournaments.



THE GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA (GAP)

The GAP was founded in 1897 by Belmont Golf Association (now Aronimink Golf Club), Merion Cricket Club (now Merion Golf Club), Philadelphia Country Club and Philadelphia Cricket Club. Today, the club membership has grown to 136 clubs that are spread over Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Spring Ford Country Club has been an active member of GAP since 1939.

The purpose of GAP is simply to promote the game of golf in the region by organizing and holding golf tournaments of all sorts and at every age and every skill level. All tournaments are open to members of GAP member clubs. The following is a compilation of many of these tournaments and the Spring Ford Country Club members who have participated since 2002, including those who won tournaments prior to that date.

GAP TEAM MATCHES—Men's GAP team matches were started in 1897 and except for two periods have competed annually. During the war years of 1943-1945 there were no matches, and in 1994 the matches were cancelled due to extensive damage caused to the area courses from the ice storm of that year.

The GAP team matches have expanded into seven divisions: AA, A, B, C, D, E, and F. The AA division is divided into four groups of four teams each for a total of sixteen teams. The A division has eight sections of four teams each. The B, C, D, and E divisions have sixteen sections, again with four teams in each section. The F section has five sections of four teams each. Today, 126 different clubs field 328 separate teams, as each team consists of twelve players. An incredible total of over 12,000 golfers compete in each of three tournament weeks plus the round robin championships and the challenge matches.

The teams in each division and each section play round robin tournaments to determine the best team of each section. Then the winners of each section play another round robin tournament to determine the best team in the division. In Division AA, for example, with four sections competing, only one round robin is

played among the four section winners. Division A, however, with eight teams requires two levels of round robins to determine the division winner. The lower divisions, with sixteen teams each, require three levels of round robins. The winner of the AA Division round robin wins the GAP Team Championship.

Teams move up by challenging. Challenge matches are held between the bottom two teams in each section of the AA division and the top teams in each section of the A division. Likewise, the bottom two teams in each section of the A division play the top teams in the B division. Match-ups are determined by point counts. There are no challenges below the B division. The teams below the B division move up by point count totals only.

The member teams have twelve players: six are designated the home team and six are designated the away team. The twelve-member teams are divided in half and play on the same day at both courses. That is, six from each team play host at home to six of the opponents while six designated as “away players” are hosted by their opponent. The twelve-member team that scores the most points wins the match. Points are gained by single matches and two-man better-ball matches. Better ball being that of a pair of players in each of six matches, three at home and three away. One point is scored for:

1. a single, or a better-ball pair, front nine winner
2. a single, or better-ball pair, back nine winner
3. a single, or better-ball, match winner

A quarter point is scored for each hole that a single or better-ball team is “up” at the conclusion of eighteen holes played.

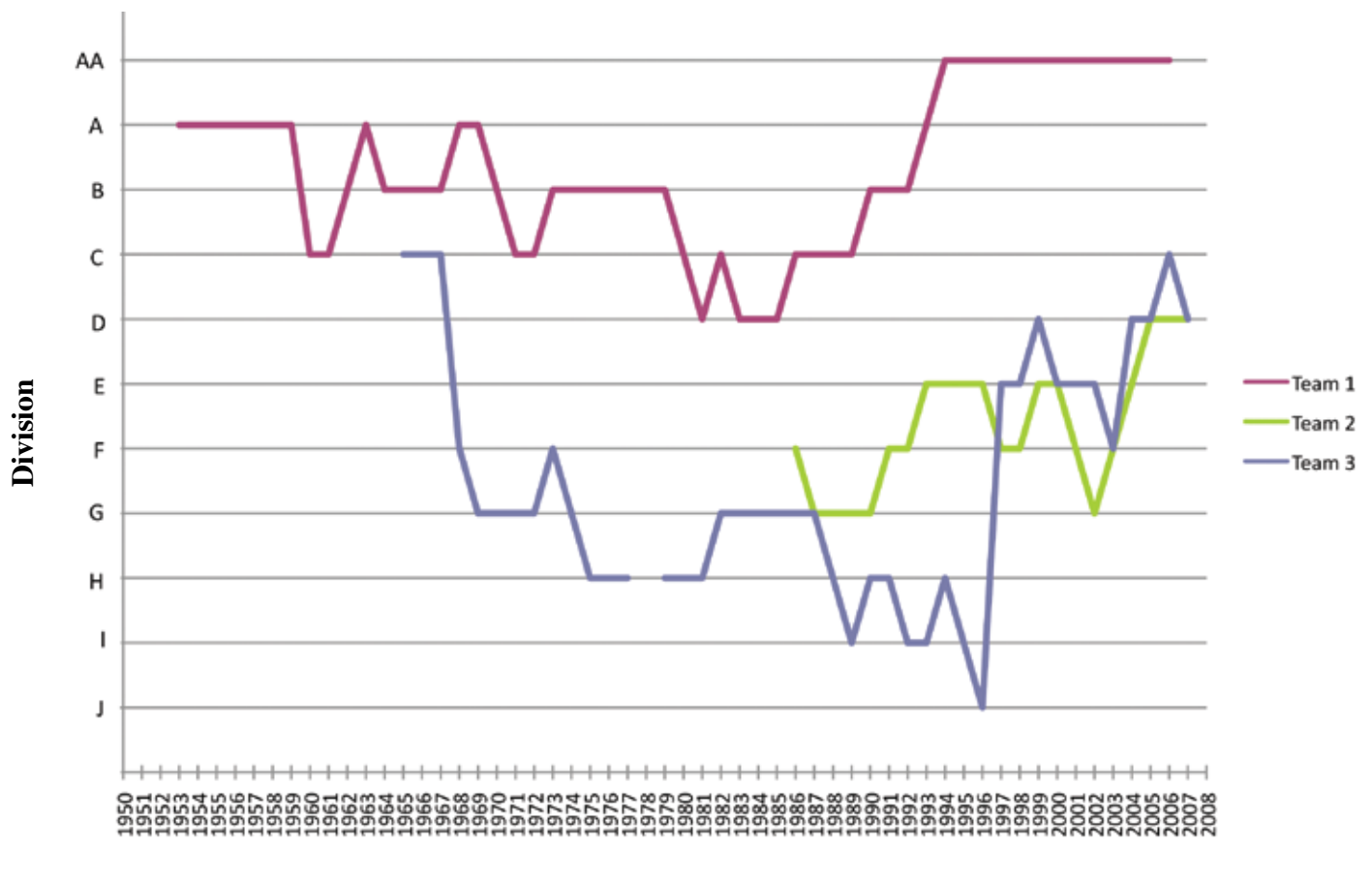


Chart of history of men's standings in the GAP Team Matches. Fourth Spring Ford team not shown. 1952-2008. The red line represents Spring Ford's first team which has been playing at the highest level since 1993.

Divisional groupings for the next year are determined by the results of the challenges made between divisions, or the point count. The top sixteen teams in the AA Division are grouped in sections that are not related to the points achieved the previous year but rather redistributed so that teams get to play as many different teams as possible. Travel distance is a factor.

Spring Ford Country Club men's GAP teams have been competing for many years in this competition. Presently the Club fields four teams designated team 1, 2, 3, and 4. Refer to the nearby chart.

Team 1 at Spring Ford Country Club has been in the AA Division (Top Division) since 1993, which simply means that it is among the top sixteen teams out of the participating clubs for that length of time. At least one year it was in the top four and competed for the Gap Championship round robin tournament.

Among the Team 1 players are Bob Dziak, John Brennan, Tom Fuhs, Rick Custer, Jim Prendergast, Greg Verde, Bob Frankil, Doug Zelner, Michael Ridgeway, Julian Brown, Bob Kershner, Pete Zellers and Tony Verde.

2007 AA 1 Spring Ford won a challenge by A 1 Running Deer

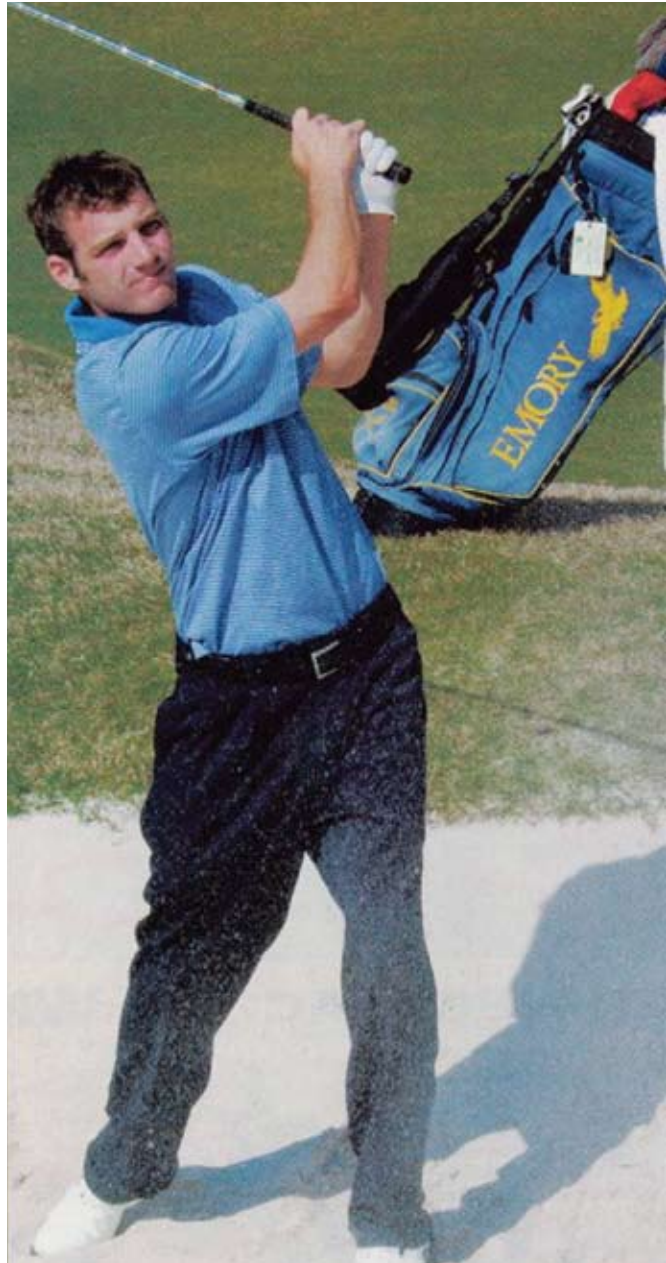
2006 AA 1 Spring Ford won a challenge by A 1 Manufacturers

2005 AA 1 Spring Ford won a challenge by A 1 Woodbury

2004 AA 1 Spring Ford placed second in Division AA playoff

2002 AA 1 Spring Ford placed fourth in Division AA playoff

The GAP AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP— First held in 1897, this event began as a 36-hole qualifier followed by the low sixteen competing in match play. This format lasted nearly 60 years, until 1956 when the low 32 qualifiers competed in match play for the title. From 1951 until 1959 the winners received the C. Buxton Memorial Cup, named in honor of the 1916 and 1917 champion. In 1960 the Buxton Cup was replaced with the J. Wood Platt Trophy, named after the famous holder of seven Amateur Championships, a record that stands to this day. Platt won his first title in 1920 and captured his seventh 22 years later in 1942.



Mike Lebow, Adele and Charles' grandson playing at Emory. Mike graduated with honors from Spring-Ford High School. He placed third in the Philadelphia Amateur Championship in 2004. Mike was named to the first team-All America at Emory placing fifth at the NCAA Championship Tournament in 2006.

2002 Mike Lebow placed 5th in the qualifying round
2004 Mike Lebow placed 3rd in the Amateur Championship held at The Philadelphia Cricket Club
2005 R. Blake Slawewski, John Mullins, Robert Dziak, and Shane Dooley qualified. Shane made the round of 32.
2006 Robert Dziak, R. Blake Slawewski, and Billy March qualified
2007 John Mullins, R. Blake Slawewski competed

GAP PATTERSON CUP—The Joseph H. Patterson Memorial Cup is considered the stroke play championship of the Golf Association of Philadelphia. It is a one-day, 36-hole event played over two courses. In the event of a tie an 18-hole play-off determines the champion. The first Patterson Cup was played in 1900 and since that time has been one of the most sought after trophies in amateur golf in Philadelphia. William Hyndman, III has won the tournament a record-setting ten times. Sigel won five times.

1998 Chris Sakella placed 2nd, losing in a playoff
2002 Robert Dziak placed 21st. John Brennan, Mike Lebow, John Mullins participated
2003 John Mullins placed 25th. Robert Dziak, John Brennan, Keith Olinick, Rick Custer, and R. Blake Slawewski participated
2005 John Mullins placed 16th. Robert Dziak and Shane Dooley participated
2006 John Mullins placed 25th, John Brennan 41st, Shane Dooley 57th
2007 Stephen Dressel, John Brennan, John Mullins competed

The GAP OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP—1903 marked the first Philadelphia Open at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. A 72-hole stroke play event, it originally contained 23 professionals and three amateurs. From 1904 through 1909, the format was match play. In the next few years, various formats were used. The final format change occurred in 1924 when the event was shortened to 36 holes of stroke play. Over the years, the size of the Open field has grown to 45 professionals and 15 amateurs competing for a purse of over \$18,000. Through the years there have been many repeat champions. R. Jay Sigel won the event six times, being low amateur nine times. William Hyndman was low amateur six times.

1946—Henry Williams Jr. placed 6th
1956—Jack Robinson placed 9th
1972—Andy Thompson won
1976—Jim Spagnola placed 16th
1983—Frank Dobbs placed 24th
1984—Frank Dobbs won
1987—Frank Dobbs placed 8th
1988—Frank Dobbs placed 4th
1989—Frank Dobbs placed 10th
1991—Frank Dobbs won
1992—Frank Dobbs won
1993—Frank Dobbs placed 15th
1997—Frank Dobbs placed 8th
1998—Rich Steinmetz placed 14th
2002—Rich Steinmetz placed 10th
2003—Rich Steinmetz 5th
2004—Bobby Kershner 13th
2005—Rich Steinmetz 5th

2006—Rich Steinmetz tied for 5th

2007—Rich Steinmetz 12th

The GAP MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—For golfers who are 25 years and older. Stroke-play qualifier tournaments to determine the 132 players. The players then compete in 36 holes of stroke play over two days.

1991—Mark Douglas won at Spring Ford Country Club

1998—Chris Sakella was runner-up

2002—Rick Custer competed

2003—John Mullins competed

2004—Raymond B. Slawecki, Robert Dziak, Mark Douglas competed

2005—Robert Dziak, R. Blake Slawecki, Rick Custer, and Mark Douglas competed

2006—John Brennan placed 7th, Robert Dziak placed 13th, R. Blake Slawecki placed 62nd. Also participating were Bobby Kershner, Mark Douglas and Bobby Frankil

2007—John Brennan placed 9th. Robert Dziak, Bobby Keshner, Rick Custer, John Mullins competed

The SILVER CROSS—The Silver Cross is awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the Joseph H. Patterson Memorial Cup and the qualifying rounds of the Amateur Championship.

2002—John Mullins placed

2003—Robert Dziak and Rick Custer placed

2004—Mike Lebow placed 10th, Robert Dziak placed

2005—John Mullins placed 21st

2007—James Prendergast placed

The GAP FATHER AND SON—For fathers with sons age 13 and under (junior junior), 14-17 (junior), 18-29 (middle), and 30 or over (older). One team member must be a member of a GAP member club with a valid handicap Index.

The Older tournament is split into two divisions, Championship (fathers 64 years of age or younger) and Super-Senior (fathers 65 years or older).

2002 —William Penney Sr. and William Penney Jr. competed

2006—Rick Coroniti and Sam Coroniti participated in the older group

2006 —Tony Verde and Greg Verde Participated in the junior group

2003— Dan and Steve Dressel won the Father and Son, 13 and under junior-junior group

2005—William and Billy March won the Father and Son, 14-17 junior group

GAP FALL AND SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS—Maximum USGA Handicap of 36. Field divided into four handicap classes. Prizes for the winner of each class including a prize for the lowest senior in each class.

SPRING

1951—Dr. R. Christy Jr. won the Class A Group



Tony Verde shown with his two sons Greg age 5 and Steve age 7 taken during their first round of golf. Spring Ford Country Club on Christmas day 1996.

L. W. Woodling won the Class B Group
1957—Frank Becker Jr. won the Class B Group
1961—Dr. Thomas Tucker won the Class B Group
1984—Ray Clark Jr. won the Class A Group
2006—Rick Coroniti placed 7th

FALL

1951—Alfred R Gotta won the Class C Group
1954—Bernard Sandquist won the Class B Group
1955—Frank Beckeer won the Class C Group
1961—L.A. Horning won the Class B Group
1982—Paul Houck won the Class C Group

GAP PHILADELPHIA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - This tournament is open to one team per club for member clubs. The qualifying round is played on one course with teams of six players each. Scoring is the lowest four individual players. The low four qualifying teams compete in match play at a second venue. Teams are composed of eight players. The morning matches consist of 18 holes of match play for four-somes. The afternoon matches consist of 18 holes of individual match play.

1998— Spring Ford Country Club placed second
2000 —Spring Ford Country Club placed third
2003 —Spring Ford Country Club placed third
2006—Spring Ford Country Club placed fourth with team members John Brennan, John Mullins, Rick Custer, Keith Olinick, Bobby Kershner, Eric Olinick, Bob Frankil, and Jim Prendergast

GAP FOUR-MAN TEAM—Four players using two best balls of the four scoring on each hole. Prizes for both gross and net categories.

2006—Spring Ford team of Jim Begg, Bruce Bernstiel, James Della Guardia, and Pete Zollers placed 8th Gross and 11th net
2006—Spring Ford team of Thomas Ciotti, Rick Custer, Dennis Perna, and Shane Dooley placed 9th Gross and 32nd net

GAP MARSTON CUP—An 18-hole individual stroke play event for players ages 40-54. Players must have USGA Handicap of 10.0 or less.

2006— Rick Custer placed 21st (4 or less handicap group)

GAP FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - Players must have a USGA Handicap Index of 7.4 or lower. The field is the lowest 80 pairs based on aggregate handicap. Winners of tournament are low gross.

2006—John Mullins/Robert Dziak placed 28th
2007 —Robert Dziak and John Brennan won

GAP TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS AMATEUR DIVISION

2006—Bobby Frankil placed 36th

GAP SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—The Senior Amateur Championship is a 36-hole stroke play event, on one course over two days. The event is open to amateur golfers 55 years of age and older with a USGA Handicap Index of 7.0 or less. In the event of a tie, an 18-hole play-off determines the winner. The tournament started in 1971 at St. Davids Golf Club. Divisional breakdown: 55 to 59, 60 and over, and super-super senior 65 and over.

2006—Senior Amateur Championship—Dennis Perna placed 29th

2006—Super Senior Amateur Tournament—Ralph Coscia placed 11th

GAP SENIOR FRANCIS B. WARNER CUP—Gross and net stroke play. Players must have a USGA Handicap of 7.0 or less for gross tournament and 7.1 or less for the net tournament. Also a super senior competition for ages 65 or older for players with USGA Handicap of 12.0 or lower.

2006—Dennis Perna and Frank Blanche participated

GAP SENIOR FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY TOURNAMENT—For players with handicap of 18.0 or less. Low gross and low net prizes.

1981—Dominick Aquilante and Charles LaPella placed 2nd

1999—Carman Caruso and Rick Coroniti won

GAP SENIOR FOUR-MAN TEAM—Four players with handicap 18.0 or less compete with two best of four balls on each hole.

2006—Dennis Perna, Frank Kunze, William Penney and William Brennan placed 18th

GAP SENIOR FRANK H. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL CUP—Gross and net tournament

1951—Clarence Scheuren won

1958—Kenneth B. Nace won

GAP JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP—The first Junior Boys Championship was won in 1914 by Meredith M. Jack. He victoriously defended his title in 1915 and 1916. Other past champions include J. Wood Platt and William Hyndman III. The Junior Boys Championship is open to any male golfer who is under the age of 18 up until midnight of the night of the championship final. The event involves an eighteen hole qualifier followed by the low sixteen golfers competing in match play. In 1950 the executive committee agreed to give the number one seed to the defending champion if he still met the age criteria. Because she always took a special interest in this event, the Junior Boys Championship Trophy is named after Peg Burnett, who served as Executive Secretary of the Women's and Men's Associations for many years.

2006—Matt Van Ostenbridge, Greg Verde, C.J. Van Ostenbridge, and Steven Verde competed

2006—In the junior-junior bracket Mitch Van Ostenbridge won the third flight

GAP JUNIOR FRANCIS X. HUSSEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT—An 18 hole better-ball format.

2006—Greg Verde, Nicholas Bellisario, C. J. Van Ostenbridge, and Peter Gerolamo competed.

GAP JUNIOR JOCK MACKENZIE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT—Boys and girls compete in 9-and-18-hole stroke play format.

2006—Matt Van Ostenbridge, Steven Verde, and Greg Verde competed

GAP JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1977—James Spagnola won the tournament at Hershey G.C.
2001—Steve Dressel competed
2002—Steve Dressel competed
2003—Steve Dressel competed
2004—Steve Dressel competed
2005—Steve Dressel was runner-up
2005—Billy Marsh competed
2006—Steve Dressel was 18th

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION (USGA)

The foundation of the United States Golf Association (USGA) on December 22, 1894 marked the formal organization of American golf, establishing a centralized body to write the Rules, conduct national championships and establish a national system of handicapping. The USGA conducts the United States' national championships. These include the U.S. Open, the U.S. Women's Open, the U.S. Senior Open, 10 national amateur championships and the State Team Championships.

The USGA also helps conduct three biennial international competitions—the Walker Cup Match, the Curtis Cup Match and the Men's and Women's World Amateur Team Championships.

The U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—The U.S. Amateur, the oldest USGA championship, was first played in 1895 at Newport Golf Club in Rhode Island. The event, which has no age restriction, is open to those with a Handicap Index of 2.4 or lower.

1959—Joe Raquet, U.S. Amateur, 129 qualified (Jack Nicklaus won)

The U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—The inaugural USGA Senior Amateur was held in 1955 at Belle Meade Country Club in Nashville, Tenn. The event, for those who are 55 or older on or before the day the championship begins, is open to those with a USGA Handicap Index of 7.4 or lower.

1982 —Joe Raquet FQ (failed to qualify)

1992 —Joe Raquet won the Senior Amateur Qualifier

The U.S. MIDDLE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—The U.S. Mid-Amateur originated in 1981 for the amateur golfer of at least 25 years of age, the purpose of which is to provide a formal national championship for the post-college player. The event is open to those with a USGA Handicap Index of 3.4 or lower.

Mark Douglas qualified twice

12006—at Mercer Oaks Golf Club John Brennan qualified for the USGA Middle-Amateur Championship

PHILADELPHIA SECTION OF THE PGA OF AMERICA

The PGA of America is the world's largest working sports organization, consisting of 28,000 men and women golf professionals who are the recognized experts in growing, teaching, and managing the game of golf, while serving millions of people throughout its 41 PGA Sections nationwide. The Philadelphia section is one of

those sections.

The PGA of America sponsors a sectional golf qualifying tournament for club professionals in the PGA Philadelphia Section. The top 10 golfers in this tournament qualify to play in the PGA Club Championship Tournament with the winning pros from the other 40 sections in the United States. The top 20 of the players in that tournament qualify to play in the PGA National Tournament with the touring pros.

PGA OF AMERICA PHILADELPHIA SECTION QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

2005— Rich Steinmetz qualified to play in the National Club Professional Championship

2007— Rich Steinmetz won the Qualifier Tournament

1994 —Frank Dobbs won the Philadelphia Region Qualifier Tournament. Frank then went to the PGA Club Championship Tournament and qualified to play in the national PGA Tournament. Frank also played in the 2000 PGA Championship and was the only club professional to make the cut.

PENNSYLVANIA GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Pennsylvania Golf Association is the authoritative body of amateur golf in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not to be confused with the PGA of America. The Pennsylvania Golf Association was started in 1909 to promote the interests of golf throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and establish state championship tournaments. These tournaments include the Amateur, Amateur Match Play, Amateur Public Links, Better-Ball, Hemlock, Junior, Middle-Amateur, Open, Senior Amateur, Senior Better-Ball and Senior Team championships. Other tournaments are listed at www.pagolf.org.

PENNSYLVANIA GOLF ASSOCIATION OPEN SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

2007 — Dennis Perna placed 5th

Jim Prendergast competed

Frank Kunze competed

PENNSYLVANIA GOLF ASSOCIATION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1977 —James Spagnola won scoring 289 at Hershey Golf Club

PENNSYLVANIA GOLF ASSOCIATION MIDDLE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1998 —Chris Sakella was runner-up at Saucon Valley

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Women's GAP Participants

Spring Ford Country Club has participated since 1950 in many of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia (WGAP) Tournaments. The WGAP website (www.wgapgolf.org) has a complete listing of their tournaments.

WGAP TEAM MATCHES—THE PHILADELPHIA CUP

In 1951 the ladies entered the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia Inter-Club Team Matches. The matches were started in the mid 1890s by the four original clubs of the Association. As more teams entered the Association, additional levels of play, or as they called it "cups," had to be added. A cup consists of a specific group of six teams. In 1946 for example, a 14th cup was added, which meant that 84 (14 times 6) teams were competing. Over the following 55 years cups have been added until the year 2001 when the 26th cup



Women's Team, Circa 1975

was added. The tournament has therefore grown to over 156 teams with ninety clubs represented. Many clubs provide several teams of seven members each. An individual club may enter no more than four teams in this competition. Spring Ford has four teams entered. It is a match-play tournament. The clubs are divided into groups of six teams as stated above, and these teams play each other in a round robin. The winner of the six teams holds the cup for that group of teams. The first cup is called the Philadelphia Cup and is physically held by the best team in the first cup.

When the Spring Ford ladies entered the race for the cup in 1951, they competed in the 16th cup, the lowest cup at the time. The club's best woman golfers, Fay Freed, Caroline Sell, Amy Groff, Jo Painter, Grace Furhman, Gladys Glocker, Peg Raquet, and Sara Yerger participated.

In order to move up in the matches, the winner of the six team matches for each cup challenges the lowest-ranked team in the next highest cup. If it wins that match the team is elevated to the next-highest cup and the following year gets to compete at that level. Today, if a team starts out in the 26th cup it would take many years of excellent play to advance to the 1st



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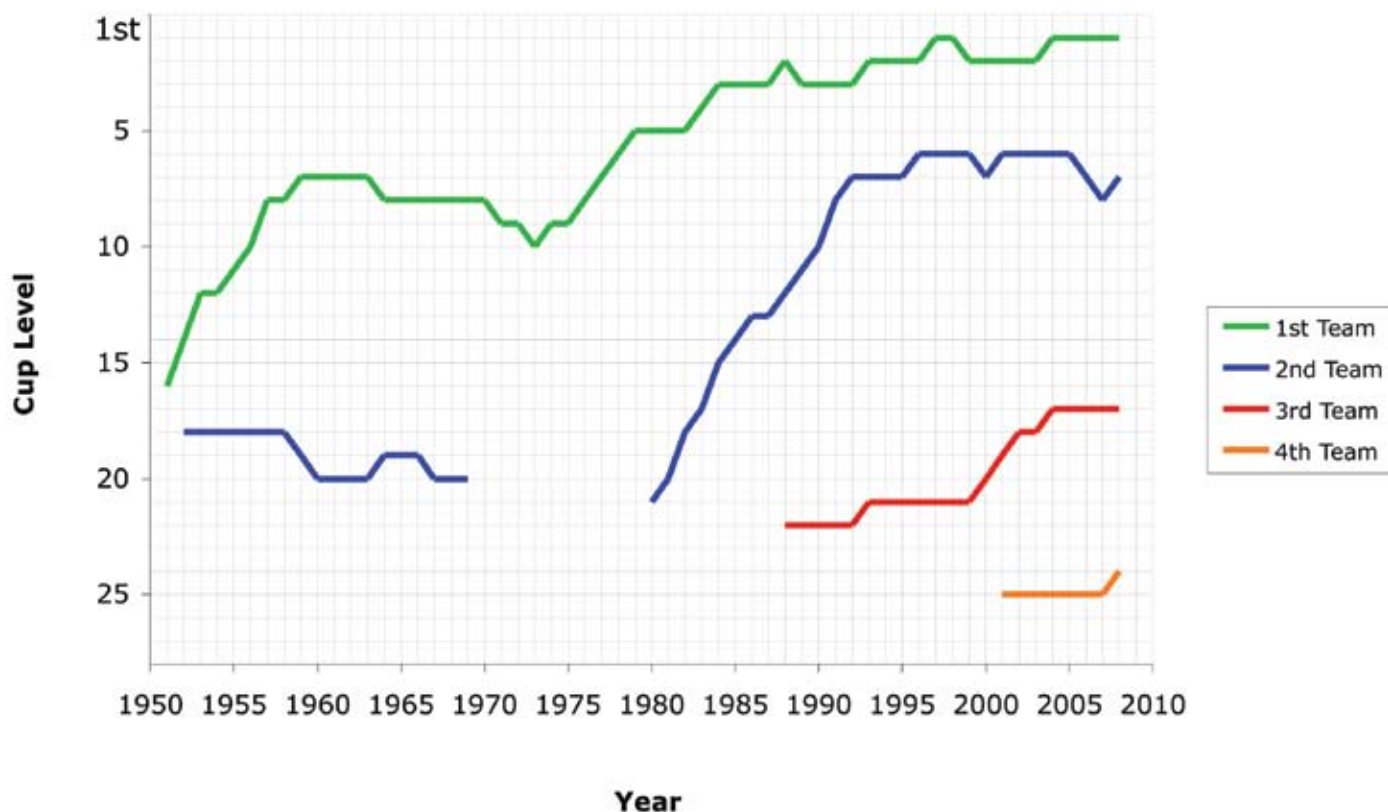
Spring-Ford Country Club women's golf team won the seventh cup of Philadelphia Golf Association's Inter-Club matches for the third time in the past four years. Yesterday the locals lost its third challenge round to Merion's third team in the sixth cup, 5 and 2.

Spring-Ford's winners were Mrs. J. Lowell Groff and Mrs. Leon Sell.

Front row — Mrs. Charles Lebow, Mrs. John Dering, Mrs. Anthony Dressler and Mrs. Dominic DiCesare. Back row — Mrs. Frank Becker, Mrs. Samuel DiMeo, Mrs. Leon Sell, Mrs. J. Lowell Groff and Mrs. R. K. Glocker.

Women's Team, 1953

Ladies Team Matches - The Philadelphia Cup



The above chart represents the progression of the four Spring Ford Country Club Women's teams in the WGAP Team matches. The first team represented by the green line is competing in the elite first cup group, or Philadelphia Cup, and has been since 2003.

cup. It is possible for a team to "double jump" cup levels by winning all five matches with 30 individual wins, at their level, defeating the loser of the cup above them, and defeating the fifth team in the next level above by a score of at least 5-2.

The first team of women golfers at Spring Ford advanced to the 2nd cup in 1993 and in 2004 challenged successfully for a position in the 1st cup, where today, 2008, it remains. Since 2001, Spring Ford has four teams competing in this tournament. Being in the 1st cup, competing with Merion, Philadelphia Cricket, Huntington Valley, Gulph Mills, and Sunnybrook, places Spring Ford in an elite category. Please refer to the above chart that depicts the progress over the years of the Spring Ford teams in the WGAP Ladies Team matches.

MARGARET CROZER FOX CUP

Interestingly, women golfers who individually excel in The WGAP Team Match Play Tournament qualify for individual recognition through the Margaret Crozer Fox Cup. This cup, which is a permanent trophy, is held by the winner's club for a period of one year. The cup is awarded to the individual player in the top 11 cups of WGAP Team matches, as explained above, who wins the greatest number of holes in her five matches. She must have participated in and won all five matches in her cup level.

2008 SPRING FORD COUNTRY CLUB WGAP TEAMS



First Team
 Back row: Judith Cook, Patty Lebow, Lynne Zelner
 Front row: Bev Brennan, Carrie Eaton, Lisa Klein, Sarah March, Shawn Carre



Second Team
 Back Row: Judith Cook, Donna Kelly, Lisa Van Ostrenbridge, Jan Greenlee
 Front row: Denise Jeffords, Jamie Jacobs, Penny Olinick
 Missing - Susan Tall



Third Team
 Fran Tepper, Meda Maron, Andrea Constantine, Joann O'Brien, Helen Moyer, Kathy Wolfgang, Patty Levering, Helen Dinnocenti
 Missing - Paula McLaughlin



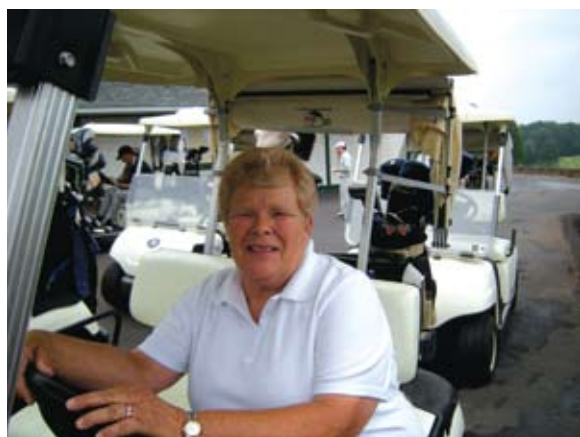
Fourth Team:
 Lynn Broadwater, Lori Hasler, Lynn Minnich, Linda Tessier, Joann O'Brien, Bev Miller, Rhonda Clifford, Cheryl Davis, Paulette Gibbons, and Diane Dooley
 Missing - Doreen Hindo, Louise Yocum, Kathy Minges

Mrs. Fox, the person for whom this tournament was named, was a beloved WGAP member. At the Annual Meeting of the Association in December, 1929, the year that this tournament was started, Mrs. William S. Hilles, of the Wilmington Country Club, read the following tribute, which says exactly what every woman golfer at the time felt about their pioneer of golf who had passed on:

"Just a few words as a tribute to Margaret Crozier Fox. How all we women of this Association rejoiced last spring when, having recovered from the effects of a serious operation, Mrs. Fox came back from Florida and began again to play golf, and, like her old self, to play good golf. How little any of us thought that so soon we would have her no more among us. I do not believe that any player ever approached Mrs. Fox that she was not only met with in a kind way but was also sure of just dealing. To us of this Association, she was always the synonym of the spirit of sport and fair play. She radiated kindness, generosity and good nature. She had wide interests and it is well for us to know how broad were her sympathies and how much kindness and care and consideration she bestowed on those who were less fortunate in this world's affairs. In her death, the golfing world lost a rare good player and a character that has been an example to us all. While we miss her and mourn her loss, we must also rejoice that we have been privileged to have had the association of so good a friend and the example of so elevated a character, and, in all senses of the word, so rare a sport."

The following Spring Ford Country Club women have won the Margaret Crozer Fox Cup:

- 1953 Mrs. Russell Freed—38 points
- 1956 Mrs. Russell Freed—38 points
- 1957 Mrs. Russell Freed—39 points
- 1960 Mrs. Charles (Adele) Lebow—38 points
- 1961 Mrs. Charles (Adele) Lebow—33 points
- 1976 Mrs. Jill Cardamone—40 points
- 1996 Mrs. Kenneth Olinick—40 points
- 2002 Mrs. William Brennan—32 points



Mrs. William (Bev) Brennan, 2008



Mrs. Russell Freed, second from left.
Also Harry Dobbs, Caroline Sell, and
Robert Bender, 1953

THE SILVER CROSS

Two engraved Silver Crosses were purchased from J. E. Caldwell & Company in 1903 at a cost of \$6.00 each. The Golf Association of Philadelphia presented this award annually to a man and a woman from 1903 to 1928. In 1929, Mrs. E. Gillig Betz of the Philadelphia Country Club donated the prize for the Association. Mrs. Betz was Secretary/Treasurer of the Association from 1928 to 1931 and President from 1932 to 1936 inclusive.



Jill Cardamone, 2007



Adele LeBow, circa 1955

She continued to give the Silver Cross until her death in 1960. Since that time the Association has presented this award in her memory. The Silver Cross is awarded to the player who scores the low gross aggregate score in the qualifying round of the Women's Individual Match Play Championship and the 36-hole stroke play of the Mary Thayer Farnum Cup. The award is made at the conclusion of Farnum Cup play which is a two-day 36-hole stroke play tournament.

1988 Jill Cardamone won the Silver Cross.

THE FRANCES BIDDLE GRISCOM CUP

The Frances Biddle Griscom Cup was played from 1926 to 1942 inclusive at Merion Golf Club as their invitation event. In 1950, The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia and the Golf Association of Philadelphia joined in reviving this tournament to be played under the jurisdiction of both Associations, prizes to be presented by both Associations. Miss Frances Griscom and her brother Rodman presented the Cup to the two Associations in memory of their mother. They requested the rules be kept as nearly as possible to the original plans. (Stroke Play - selective drives and alternate shots. Three age classes - 18 years and over, 14 to 17 years and under 14 years.) In 1952, two small replicas of the Cup were given by Miss Griscom. Those with the large trophy are awarded to the clubs of the winners of each age group for one year. Silver plates with an etching of the Cup were awarded to the winning pairs in each class. Partners in this tournament must be members of the same family but of different generations and opposite sex. Cousins are ineligible, but aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and in-laws are eligible. The tournament is played the following year at the club of the low-gross winners of the field. Beginning in 1991, this tournament has been conducted and financed solely by The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia. Low-gross prizes are given for top three in each class plus low net in Class A only. The tournament was started in 1950.



Jill Cardamone

1997 Shawn Carre & Brad won Class A.

1998 Jill Cardamone and Greg won Class B.

1999 Patricia Lebow and Michael won Class B.

Penny Olinick and Keith won Class A.

2001 Carol Dressel and Steve won Class C.

2002 Carol Dressel and Steve won Class C.
2003 Lisa and C.J. Van Ostenbridge won Class C.
2005 Lisa and C.J. Van Ostenbridge won Class C.

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT

Inaugurated in 1952 for Class A players, the first Husband & Wife Tournament was held at Gulph Mills Golf Club and won by Mr. & Mrs. Mark A. Porter of Riverton. In the alternate-drive, alternate-shot format, their 75 was best in a field of 69 pairs. A sterling silver pitcher was donated by Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin to be used as a permanent trophy for Class A. In 1956, the growing popularity of this event made it necessary for the Executive Committee to divide the tournament into Classes A and B based on the women's handicaps, and two courses were used to accommodate the players. The format was changed to the Chapman system of play, and in 1959, 40% of combined handicaps were allowed with no limit other than class specification. The fields were limited to 80 pairs in 1964. As interest and Association membership grew, Class C was added in 1970 and Class D in 1978. Pitchers as permanent trophies were purchased for all classes.

This tournament uses the Chapman system of play. This two-person team competition format is named after Dick Chapman, a great amateur golfer who played in The Masters seventeen consecutive years. He

"invented" the format at Pinehurst Resort, hence it is alternately called Chapman or Pinehurst. And, for good measure, it is less frequently referred to as American Foursomes. In the Chapman System, both players on a side tee off, then they switch balls. Player A plays Player B's drive, and vice-versa. Each player hits his or her second shot. They then select the best of the second shots, and from that point until the ball is holed they play only one ball in an alternate shot format. Players receive strokes as specified in the USGA Handicap System Manual. The husband must



An active golfing family—the Olinicks: Keith, Eric, Ken, and Penny. Ken was the Senior Club Champion in 2008: Penny won the President's Cup in 1998, the Fox Cup in 1996 and the Griscom Cup in 1999: Eric won many tournaments and in 1990 and 1992 was a PAC 10 champion: Keith was also a PAC 10 champion in 1995 and played in many district and regional tournaments. He was a medalist in the Philadelphia Amateur in 2000.

belong to GAP with a valid USGA Handicap. Prizes are for gross and net.

Class A

1978 Greg and Jill Cardamone won

Class B

1972 Judy and Bill Cooke won

1975 Judy and Bill Cooke won
 1976 Ruth and Mont Nettles won
 1977 Ruth and Mont Nettles won
 1980 Ruth and Mont Nettles won
 1981 Ruth and Mont Nettles won
 1982 Ruth and Mont Nettles won

Class C

2003 Patricia and Bill Levering won
 2007 Mary Louise and Ralph Yocum won

Class D

1994 Barbara and Thomas Coffey won
 2005 Cherlyn and Bill Davis won
 2006 Beth and John Brennan won



John and Beth Brennan at Pinehurst in 2007



Bill, Cherlyn Davis and family



Judy Cooke

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

(From 1947 Executive Committee Notes) "It was suggested by Helen Raynor in 1947 that a Philadelphia Women's Senior one-day tournament be inaugurated, to be included in the Association events. The Powell System of scoring to be used if advisable. It was moved by Mrs. Flippin, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, that this tournament be started in 1948 provided there were adequate funds for prizes. Motion carried." (From 1948 Annual Report) "One of the most popular Association tournaments inaugurated in recent years was the Philadelphia Seniors' Championship which was held at Old York Road Country Club. Ninety-eight entries were received from the seniors willing to admit their ages." The Championship was a one-day stroke-play event, open to players 50 years and over, with 1st and 2nd low gross and 1st, 2nd and 3rd high points using the Powell System. There was also a putting prize and a prize for grandmothers (step-grandmothers were ineligible). The grandmother's prize was also based on Powell scoring. (September 15, 1948 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes) "A silver tray was purchased by our Association in the amount of \$66.00 to be played for annually and to be known as the Philadelphia Women's Senior Championship. Mrs. Helen B. Stetson won the Champi-

onship with a score of 86." In 1965, due to the size of the field, this event was changed to 36-hole stroke play at two different courses on two consecutive days. This format continued until 1968 when the tournament was returned to the original one-day event. In 1974 it was changed back to two courses on two days with half the field playing one course one day and the other course the second day. Due to the increasing size of the field, in 1984 this event was divided into two tournaments with Classes A and B on two courses on two days and Classes C and D on two other courses on two other days. In 1989 Super-Senior categories for Classes A, B, C and D were added for players 65 years and over. Played on two courses starting in 1998, Classes A & B play on the same course the first day then switch to the second course the second day. The same format is used for Classes C and D. Each Class is limited to 50 players. This tournament is for players who are 50 years and older. Gross and net prizes are awarded for different classes.

Class B

- 1977 Ruth Nettles won
- 1983 Peg Raquet won
- 2006 Patricia Levering won

Class C

- 1970 Thola Horning won

Class D

- 1981 Hazel Rath won
- 1985 Marian Beebe won
- 1994 Mildred Heslip won



Ruth Nettles and Mary Procopio 1962



Marian Beebe, 1982



Husband, Larry Beebe

SUPER SENIOR TOURNAMENT

This tournament is for players who are 65 years and older. Gross and net prizes are awarded for different classes.

Class B

1994 Ruth Nettles won

Class C

1993 Audrey Corrison won



Audrey Corrison on left. Mili Heslip, husbands Jack Corrison and and Bob Heslip.

BETTER BALL-OF-PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

1938 was the first year of "Medal" Play Tournaments for Class B and C WGAP Members. From 1952 through 1955 three events for each class were conducted each year. It went to two per class from 1956 through 1968 and back to three from 1969 through 1983. Class D was added in 1978. Due to small fields in the third stroke play, in 1984 it was changed to a Better-Ball-of-Partners with a shotgun start, followed by lunch and prizes. Each player receives 95% of her course handicap. Gross and net prizes are awarded.

Class C

1995 Barbara Coffey and Andrea Constantine won

2005 Helen Moyer and Mary Louise Yocum won

2007 Madeleine Tierney and Mary Louise Yocum won –Record score of 82

The Mary Thayer Farnum Cup Tournament Class A

The annual Spring Cup was established in 1903. It was later renamed the Mary Thayer Farnum Cup in honor of Mrs. Charles Farnum from the Merion Cricket Club, who served as the first president of the Association in 1897 and 1898. The tournament was originally open to Class A and Class B golfers, but due to the large number of entries, Class B was eliminated in 1956. It has always been a two-day, 36-hole stroke-play event. In 1981 it was renamed the Philadelphia Stroke Play Championship for the Mary Thayer Farnum Cup.

The Boyle Cup Mixed Foursome Tournament

Established in 1928, the Cup was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Boyle of Ambler, Pennsylvania. The tournament is a mixed foursome for Class A and Class B players and is played at the club of the winners the following year. The Qualifying Round originally began at 12:00 noon, and all match play was set up at the convenience of the players. The number of flights of eight depended on the number of entries. The tournament was first played at alternate drive and alternate shot, but the Executive Committee has the prerogative of changing this if it so desires. In 1971 the tournament format was changed to the Chapman System. In 1956

play was limited to five flights of eight pairs and match-play times were fixed. In 1958 it was decided that sixteen pairs should comprise the first or championship flight and all other flights should be made up of eight pairs. Qualifying rounds are played to determine sixteen pairs in the championship flight and eight pairs in the remaining four flights. Match play will determine winners. Men must belong to GAP with a valid handicap. Prizes are for gross.

2005 Beverly and John Brennan won

The Ida Dixon Cup Tournament

Mrs. Henry P. Dixon was President of The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia from 1911 until her death in 1916. In 1903 when the present Wallingford property for The Springhaven Club was purchased and an 18-hole course laid out, according to The Architects of Golf, by Geoffrey Cornish and Ronald E. Whitten, it was Ida Dixon who was responsible for the design of the course, making her the first female golf architect in America and probably in the world. Her son, Clayton G. Dixon, presented the Ida E. Dixon Cup in her memory in 1917. The tournament was played at Springhaven the first year, then at Wilmington and thereafter at Springhaven. Since 1956, this event has been conducted by The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia. The tournament is for Class A and B players with handicaps of 18.4 or less. 120 players compete for low net and low gross prizes.

1982 Hakie Elliott won

1984 Peg Raquet won

Junior Girls' Championship

The first Junior Girls' Championship, established by J. Franklin Meehan, the "father of Junior Golf in Philadelphia," was held in June of 1924 at Cedarbrook Country Club. A Nine-Hole Junior-Junior Division was added in 1928. As stated in previous chapters J. Franklin Meehan designed the first nine holes of Spring Ford Country Club in 1924. Mr. Meehan died in December, 1938, and the event was taken over by the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia in 1940. The Cup is now marked "Junior Girls' Championship in honor of J. Franklin Meehan," A cup for the Junior-Juniors was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Morton Pearlstine, Philmont Country Club. This cup was stolen from the winner's club in 1990. Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin (Edith), Honorary Association Member (originally from Huntingdon Valley, later Merion and Moselem Springs), donated a sterling silver bowl that she won. This is used as the new Junior-Junior Trophy and has an engraved base purchased by the Association. This cup was named in honor of Janice Lacko Valente, former Executive Member and Junior Chairman who passed away in February 1999.

Junior girls eligible to enter this tournament must not have reached their 18th birthday by midnight of the finals. Girls under 14 years of age play nine holes but may elect to play eighteen holes with the older group. Players carry their own bags. Carts are not allowed. There are prizes for low gross in qualifying rounds and finalists in all flights. This is a four-day tournament.

1988 Loraine Connolly won

Junior Girls Inter-City Tournament

Organized in 1934 by Mrs. Robert Ackerman, a dedicated golfer from New York, the first Junior Inter-City Matches were held at Englewood Country Club, Englewood, New Jersey. Modeled after the Women's Griscom Cup Matches, teams of seven girls from Philadelphia and New York compete for a cup presented

by Mrs. Frank Enos, who started junior tournaments for the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association. From 1934 through 1941, one point was scored for each match. No matches were held from 1942 through 1948, and when they resumed in 1949, the format was changed to Nassau Scoring. Massachusetts joined the matches in 1955, when an age limit of under 18 was set. Since the matches began, Philadelphia was won 31 times, Massachusetts 17 times and New York 11 times. One year (1953) resulted in a tie between Philadelphia and New York.

1969 Jill Buckwalter Cardamone participated.

1988 Loraine Connolly participated.

Inter-City Matches—The Griscom Cup

The Inter-City Team Matches began with a match played between teams of six players from New York and Philadelphia at Merion Golf Club on June 9, 1898. In 1900, Frances C. Griscom gave the Clement A. Griscom Cup on behalf of her father. Massachusetts entered a team in 1902. 1903 was the start of rotating the matches among clubs in the Philadelphia, New York and Boston areas. Inter-City Centennial Matches were held at Merion Golf Club in 1998 with the format changed to two days of competition—foursomes and singles.

1978 Jill Cardamone, Adele Lebow participated

2008 Lisa Klein won

Sabino Pasquale Antonio DeGisi

A modern-day book written about Spring Ford Country Club would not be complete without a chapter about our long-time club professional Tony DeGisi.

In southern Italy, in the region of Campania, Avellino Province, there is a small town which today has a population of about 11,500. The town has reeked of history for over 2,000 years. It was in this town that Maria Bocella and Pasquale DeGisi were married in the early 1930s. To seek a better life from post-war Italy, in 1958 Pasquale, Maria and their five children, Joseph, Susan, Helen, Leo, and Antonio, emigrated to the United States of America.



Young Tony DeGisi

(A sixth child, Lucia, was born in America). In April 1958, as the ocean liner settled at the New York dock, the American dream began for this immigrant family. After a brief stay in Bridgeport Pennsylvania with relations, this eight-member family moved to Norristown and settled at Main and Lafayette Street in a small house. Pasquale worked at a car wash but eventually became a metal worker in Swedeland as the family was learning the language and melding into American society. Tony, born in 1946, now at the age of 12, attended Holy Savior catholic school in Norristown, at first not speaking a word of English. But after a short while he “caught up” to his American school mates, eventually attending Bishop Kenrick High School and playing on the golf team for two years.

In 1960, at the age of 14, Tony started caddying at Gulph Mills Golf Club in order to earn some money to help support his family. It was a short time after he started working, that the club professional at the time, Al Keeping, recognized Tony’s work ethic as he was given the job of shagging balls during Keeping’s lessons to the members. Tony was paying close attention to Keeping’s instructions.

In 1966, Tony was drafted into the Army and proudly served for two years honorably in a tank battalion as Sergeant E5 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Knox, Kentucky. During this time, he married Phyllis and shortly thereafter Christina (Crissy) and Laurie were born. (Tony can still fit into his uniform as he demonstrates every year during the Patriot’s Day Tournament as he sits on the first tee , dressed in that same uniform, collecting donations from the members for the children of American soldiers serving in Iraq.)



Tony and Phyllis



Tony with several of his "bosses."

After serving his two years, Tony was accepted back at Gulph Mills as assistant to the pro for the next five years. Since the resident professional was sick, Tony assumed a larger role in the pro shop. This level of effort continued after the new professional, Willard (Willie) Scholl, was hired, since Willie was still spending some time on tour.

In 1972, with the aid of a friend, Tony was introduced to the Spring Ford Country Club Board of Directors and shortly thereafter was hired as the club professional.

Today, 2008, after serving as head professional at Spring Ford Country Club for 36 years (almost half of the total time that the Club has existed), Tony has retired, albeit he continues as professional emeritus and honorary member of the Club. At the age of 62, he has spent well over half his life at Spring Ford Country Club—a task in itself worthy of note considering the difficulties that head professionals face at private clubs over extended periods of time. It is hard to imagine the extent of the difficulties but consider that a normal job exposes employees to a single boss at a time in most instances. A club professional, however, may have 300 bosses at the same time, some of which change every year. Tony, over the 36-year span of his employment at the Club, has had in effect perhaps over 1,000 bosses!

Tony lived in Audubon when he started his employment at the club, which, without the new 422 bypass, was about a 20-minute commute. But in later years he moved to Royersford, less than a mile from the club. The end result wasn't more free time. Tony simply used this extra "free time" to spend at the Club.

Tony's care for the members, although his top priority, wasn't his only job at Spring Ford Country Club. Almost



Juniors from the past.



Camp gets kids hooked on game

By DON SEELEY
Mercury Sports Writer

Golf

ROYERSFORD — Hayley Jeffords plays field hockey in the Phoenixville Marion Youth Club, swims at the neighborhood YMCA, and swings the tennis racket on occasion.

But there's no question golf could soon be cutting into her bustling schedule.

"Golf's my favorite sport," the personable 10-year-old said. "My mother is going to take me out (on a regulation 18-hole course) some night to play a couple of holes. I'm really anxious to do that and to see how I'll do."

Jeffords may surprise mom — and anyone else in their foursome — after participating in the Junior Golf Camp at Spring-Ford Country Club this past week.

Fifty-five youngsters, from 6-18 years of age, took part in the five-day camp, now in its

took the youngsters through a four-step program every day. They learned the fundamentals of the swing and practiced it from the tee, just off the green and out of sand traps. They also learned about putting and, which many discovered to be just as interesting, golf etiquette.

"This is only my second year of playing golf," Jeffords said. "But this (camp) helps a lot. I've gotten a lot better already."

Mike McCarthy, a 13-year-old resident of Strafford, has made significant strides in his game in recent summers. And he feels DeGisi's camp has had a lot to do with the improvement.

"This camp really does help because they help you with your swing," said McCarthy.



Mercury Photo by John Strickler
Spring-Ford assistant pro Craig Frank helps 14-year-old Jenay Boyd with her putting on Friday.

every one of the many changes to the golf course were made with Tony's approval. The pro shop was well presented and well managed by Tony albeit through several changes in location. Even the club logo design with the hand water pump was Tony's idea.

JUNIOR GOLF

Thanks to Tony, Spring Ford Country Club takes pride in its reputation for fostering the growth of the game of golf through junior golf. The club has an extensive junior golf program instituted by Tony as described in previous chapters of this book. "It was a great privilege for me to see countless numbers of kids go through these programs as some of the kids later became members of Spring Ford Country Club and a great asset to society. I hope I played a part in their life," said Tony DeGisi as he completed his final year as head professional at Spring Ford Country Club. By 1992 the program had grown. "The numbers have grown from about 30 kids to the point where we had to turn



some of the kids away because there were simply too many. We like to stay around 50 kids. It's a good number because I want to stay with a ten-to-one ratio of kids to staff. That way everyone benefits because the staff can work with them....they don't get lost in the numbers. When we first started we didn't have many girls, but more and more want to play," Tony stated.

The kids find Tony's camp different from most camps. They get the opportunity to sit and listen to Tony and his staff talk about the golf swing and to see how well they can drive, chip, and putt. They also get to see themselves on film as each youngster is recorded. The practice sessions culminate in contests to see who drives, chips, and putts the best.





Rich Steinmetz and the juniors 2008



Tony and the juniors 2008

The Club and past and present members of the junior golf program can thank Tony for his major contributions to this program, which he has been active in for over 20 years. Five of those years he served as Chairman of the Philadelphia PGA Junior Golf Committee. In 1991 he was also awarded the Philadelphia Section PGA Junior Golf Leader Award for his contributions to Junior golf. Working with juniors is a large part of the job that Tony will miss as he handed the reins to Steinmetz. "It was a smooth transition," said Tony. "And that's what I wanted to do, was to make sure there would be a nice easy transition, and I think the members felt that we did that."

"Tony's work ethic," Steinmetz said, "is the trait that I will remember the most about Tony. He puts in so many hours. He is not too good for any job. He'll do whatever task it takes to get the job done and keep the members happy."

Keeping members happy at Spring Ford Country Club and overseeing his other responsibilities at the club were not the only concern in Tony's life. Tony has been married to his wife Phyllis for over 40 years. Their daughters Crissy and Laurie have given them four grandchildren, Laurie, Sara, Katherine, and Daniel. Phyllis and Crissy have been mainstays in the pro shop, assisting Tony in the everyday tasks and tournament activities at the Club.

Over the years, besides his wife and family, Tony has surrounded himself



Crissy at work.



A familiar sight at Spring Ford



Tony readying the club for another tournament

with an excellent staff and talented assistant professionals. Tony's successor, Rich Steinmetz, whose impressive accomplishments in the Philadelphia PGA Section are noted in Chapter 12, tops the list, followed by Frank Dobbs, arguably among the best club professionals in the region during his time here. Also Greg Templeton, Bobby Kershner, Frank Craig, Fred Purdy, Rich Faison, Jim Flynn, and William Biesel, several of whom today are professionals at other clubs.

Pat Nugent, a former employee of Tony's and presently the principal of Spring-Ford Senior High School, summed up his 23 years of employment under Tony. "I've spent my high school, college, and professional career working for Tony and can think of no one more dedicated to his job. A career as golf professional may look like an enviable position but considering that Tony averaged more than a 70-hour work week, its not that cushy. Tony's work ethic was second to none as his top priority always remained service to the members. Few can remember a time when Tony wasn't there entering scores at a tournament, opening the pro shop early each morning, and inspecting the condition of members' clubs and golf carts. When conditions were not up to his standard, he made sure his staff corrected the situation, even in cases as minor as replacing a broken or damaged name tag." He continued, "I wouldn't trade the experience, not one moment if I had to do over again, and would still be working there part-time if it wasn't for my work at the school and my family."

Long-time member and past president of Spring Ford Country Club Bill O'Brien said, "We should all be pleased that some 25 years ago Tony made the decision to remain head pro at Spring Ford rather than move on to what may or may not have been greener pastures. We came to know and respect each other well during the 11 years I served as president of the club. While a bit of a tough businessman, Tony always had the best long-term interests of Spring Ford at heart. From back in the days when the Pro Shop was in the front of the men's locker room, Tony always has run an attractive, clean and well stocked operation while maintaining tight control over the guys who worked in the bag room. I am pleased to call Tony my friend and believe that Spring Ford is a better club for having had Tony as its head pro for almost four decades."

Tony's career and life could have easily ended in the Fall of 1991 at the age of 45. He was planning to leave for Pebble Beach in a few days to play golf. While raking leaves at his home, he experienced sharp pains in his chest that was later diagnosed as clogged heart arteries, one at least 90% blocked. After a visit to his doctor, a catheterization, and a stress test shortly thereafter, he was immediately rushed to the hospital by ambulance and underwent heart bypass surgery. Needless to say he did not make it to Pebble Beach. Tony was out for only several weeks, and by the time the club opened the following Spring he was back on the job full-time.

The membership as a whole is grateful for Tony's dedication for all those years of service. As one token of display of gratitude, Spring Ford Country Club has initiated, at member Rob Dziak's suggestion, an annual Tony DeGisi Pro-Am Scratch Invitational Golf Tournament. The inaugural tournament held the



Tony, Bill McGlocklin and the Shappells



Greg Norman with Tony

spring of 2008 was a great success. "It was a great day," said Tony. "It was definitely a memorable day for me. The members here are so great. I knew that they wanted to honor me for being here close to 36 years, but I never imagined they would go to this length. It says a lot about what kind of membership that we have here at Spring Ford." He added "They're already talking about me doing something. They offered me an honorary membership so I'll be around, playing with the members, which I enjoy a lot. And if they want me to help out here and there, I'll be willing and anxious."



Tony teeing off on the third hole at the first annual Tony DeGisi Scratch Invitational Tournament, 2008



From left, Spring Ford Country Club Golf Professional Emeritus Tony DeGisi, DeGisi Pro-Am Scratch Invitational Individual Gross winner Jamie Komaneck of RiverCrest GC and Spring Ford CC head pro Rich Steinmetz pose at the awards dinner at the event to honor DeGisi.



Sabino Pasquale Antonio DeGisi and wife Phyllis.

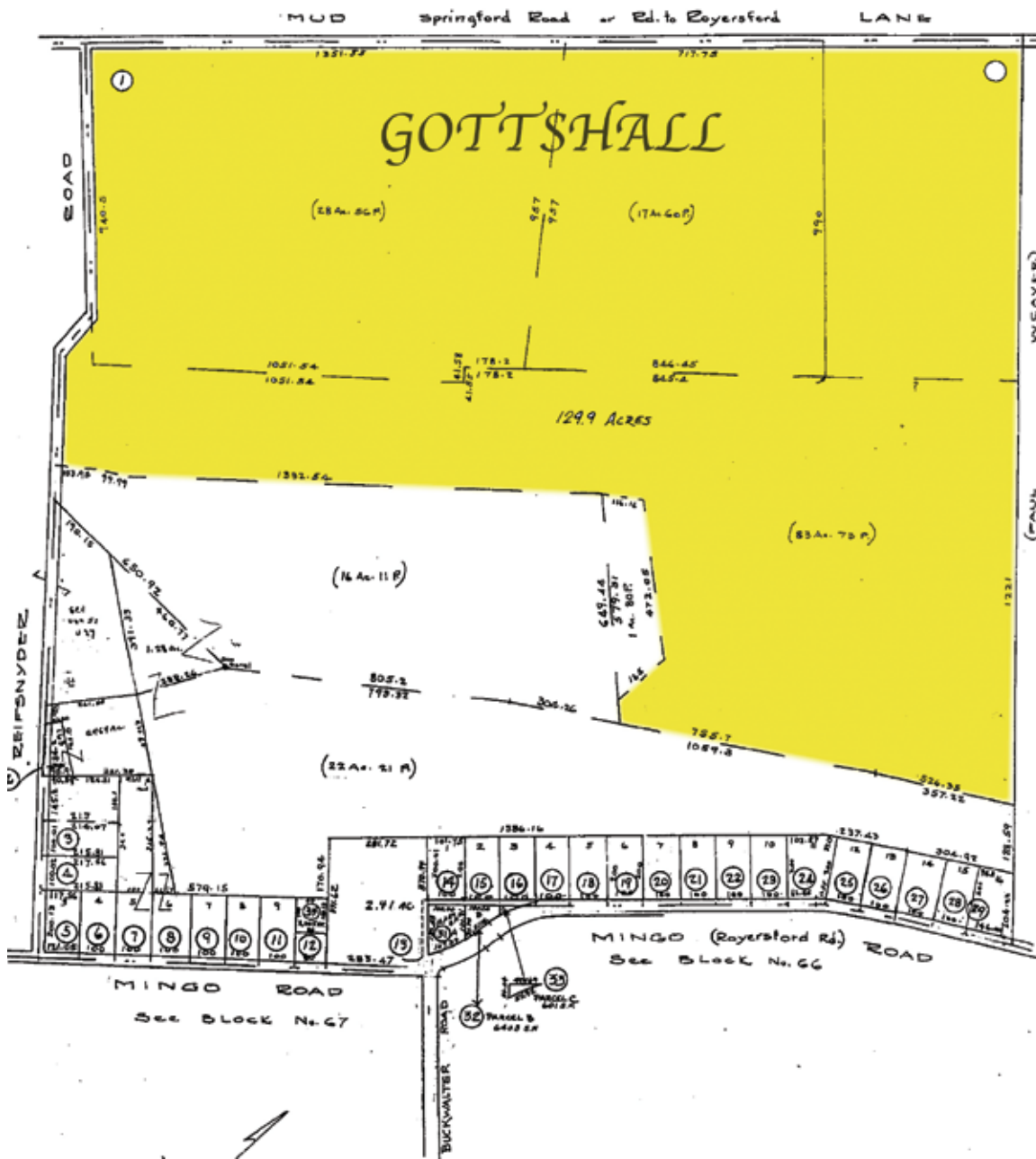
Acquiring the Land

In 1893 a large part of the property upon which the Spring Ford Country Club sits belonged to Mr. Harrison Bean (112 acres), Mr. Charles Johnson (38 acres), and Mrs. Elmira Daub (part of 109 acres). A smaller parcel belonged to Mr. John C. Lynch (approximately 5 of 93 acres). By 1924 the properties in question were owned by Samuel F. and Lizzie Jane Gottshall, Harry W. and Elmira M. Riefsneider, William H. and Katherine R. Kulp, along with Paul W. and Florence H. Weaver.

On March 5, 1925 Samuel F. and Lizzie Jane Gottshall sold their farm to Spring Ford Country Club. The farm consisted of 114 acres, 29 perches. (160 area perches equals one acre. One defined area perch equals 272.25 square feet. One acre equals 43,560 square feet. A perch is also defined linearly as 16.5 feet in length.)



1893 photo of Atlas from the Montgomery County Courthouse of future site of Spring Ford Country Club. The black squares at the bend in Reifsnnyder Road indicate the location of the original farmhouse and barn. Note the third black square above the word "Harrison." This was most likely another farmhouse or building (between the present ninth and eighteenth fairway on the clubhouse side of Mingo Creek).



1924 Gottshall farm purchase (yellow area) of 114 acres.

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the above Indenture to be their act and deed, and desired the same might be recorded as such:

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal the day and year aforesaid:

Mary L. Dressman (N.P.)
Notary Public (seal)

My commission expires March 6, 1927.

Recorded March 5,-1925

W. S. F.

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DEED This Indenture, made the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty five (1925):
SAUEL P. GOTTSHALL Et ux between Samuel P. Gottshall and Lizzie Jane Gottshall, his wife,
TO both of the township of Limerick, county of Montgomery and state of
SPRING-FORD COUNTRY CLUB Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called the grantors), of the one part,
and Spring-Ford Country Club, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called the grantees), of the other part.

WITNESSETH, that the said grantors for and in consideration of the sum of One dollar lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said grantees at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said grantees, its successors and assigns,

ALL that certain messuage and two tracts of land situate in the township of Limerick, county of Montgomery and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:-

Tract No. 1 BEGINNING at a stone in a line of now or late Henry S. Daub's land; thence byland now or late of George H. Plank and other land of the estate of William Bean, dec'd., the four following courses and distances south fifty four and a half degrees west thirty one and ninety hundredths perches and south fifty four and a half degrees west forty five and eighty hundredths perches to a tree and south fifty four and a half degrees west eighteen and forty four hundredths perches and south fifty and a half degrees west forty eight and eight tenths perches to a gun barrel set for a corner of Henry A. Cole's land; thence by said Cole's land the following courses and distances south seventy four and a half degrees west six and four tenths perches and north seventy degrees and forty minutes west five and two tenths perches and north fifty five and a quarter degrees west six and sixty five hundredths perches and north forty nine and a quarter degrees west three and ninety two hundredths perches and north forty one and a quarter degrees west two and sixty four hundredths perches and north thirty six and a half degrees west four perches and south fifty five and a half degrees west seventeen perches and south forty eight and a half degrees west forty and thirty hundredths perches to a corner of now or late James Hilborn's land; thence by the same north forty six degrees and thirty five minutes west seventy three and four tenths perches to a public road; thence along the middle of said road north forty one and a half degrees east thirty nine and nine tenths perches to a corner of Tract No. 2; thence along the same the following courses and distances south forty seven and a half degrees east fifty seven perches to a corner; thence north forty five and a quarter degrees east sixty three and seventy three hundredths perches to a corner; thence

north forty eight and a half degrees west two and fifty two hundredths perches to a corner; thence north forty two and three quarters degrees east ten and eighttenths perches; thence by land now or late of Evan Lewis north forty three degrees east fifty one and twenty four hundredths perches to a corner in a line now or late Henry S. Daub's land; thence by the same south forty seven degrees east seventy four perches to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING eighty three acres and seventy three perches of land, more or less:

Tract No. 2 Beginning at a corner of Tract No. 1 in the middle of a public road; thence along the middle of said road north forty two and three quarters degrees east eighty one and ninety hundredths perches to a corner of Evan Lewis land; thence by the same south thirty nine and a half degrees east fifty eight perches to a corner in a line of Tract No. 1; thence by the same the four following courses and distances north forty two and a half degrees west ten and eight tenths perches to a corner; thence south forty eight and a half degrees east two and fifty two hundredths perches to a corner; thence south forty five and a quarter degrees west sixty three and seventy three hundredths perches to a corner; thence north forty seven and a half degrees west fifty seven perches to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING twenty eight acres and fifty six perches of land more or less:

AND also all that certain tract or piece of land situate in Limerick Township, Montgomery County aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:-

BEGINNING at a marble stone in line of Henry Daub's land; thence by the same north forty five degrees west sixty perches to stake in Public Road leading from Lewis's Road to Reading Turnpike; thence along the same and lands of said Evan Lewis and Levi Miller south forty one degrees and a half west forty three perches and five tenths to a stake a corner of Jacob Brant, deceased, land; thence by the same and other lands of said William Beam south thirty eight degrees east fifty eight perches to a stake; and thence by Beam's land north forty four degrees east fifty one perches and three tenths to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING seventeen acres and sixty perches of land, more or less.

The first two above described premises BEING the same premises, (excepting, however, ALL that certain tract of fourteen acres and one hundred and seventy two one hundredths perches, granted and conveyed by Samuel P. Gottshall and wife by Indenture bearing date the first day of April, A. D. 1908, and recorded in the office for the Recording of Deeds in and for the county of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 592 page 168 &c., to Harry W. Reifshneider) which David Hiestand by Indenture bearing date the first day of April A. D. 1908, and recorded in the office for the Recording of Deeds in and for the county of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 591, page 98 &c., granted and conveyed unto the said Samuel P. Gottshall, in fee.

The third above described premises BEING the same premises which Martha E. Lewis by Indenture bearing date the first day of April A. D. 1896 and recorded in the office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the county of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 412 page 192, &c., granted and conveyed unto the said Samuel P. Gottshall, in fee.

TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises belonging, or in any wise apper-

aining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said grantors as well at law as in equity, of, in, and to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lots or pieces of ground above described together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances, unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

The first two described tracts Under and Subject, nevertheless, to an appor- tioned dower charge of \$1,524.08 with interest at 5%.

AND the said grantors, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said grantee, its successors and assigns, by these presents, that they, the said grantors and their heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances, unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns, against them, the said grantors, and their heirs, and against all and every person and persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under her, him, them or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written:

Sealed and delivered
in the presence
of us:
H. P. Grandner
Charles S. Wagner
(\$10.00)
(cancelled stamp)
Samuel P. Gottshall (seal)
Lizzie Jane Gottshall (seal)

RECEIVED on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named grantee the full consideration hereinabove mentioned:

Samuel P. Gottshall

On the third day of March Anno Domini 1925, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the Borough of Royersford, personally appeared the abovesigned Samuel P. Gottshall and Lizzie Jane Gottshall, his wife, and in due form of law acknowledged the above Indenture to be their and each of their act and deed, and desired the same might be recorded as such.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal the day and year aforesaid:

Bertha M. Wright (N.P.)
Notary Public (seal)

My commission expires at end of next session of Senate.

Recorded March 5, -1925

W. S. F.

DREED POLL KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

WILLIAM H. FOX That I, William H. Fox, sheriff of the county of Montgomery, in the
sheriff state of Pennsylvania, for and in consideration of the sum of
FO Seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars, to me in hand paid, do hereby grant
VINCENT CHANKO and convey to Vincent Chanko, his heirs and assigns.

ALL that certain messuage and plantation situate in Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

DEED
HARRY W. REIFSEIDER
BY W. . .
TO
SPRING-FORD COUNTRY
CLUB.

This Indenture, made the Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (1925),
Between Harry W. Reifseider and Elmira M., his wife, both of the Township of Limerick, County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called the Grantors), of the one part, and Spring-Ford Country Club, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called the Grantee), of the other part.

Witnesseth, that the said Grantors for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Grantee, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns.

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All that certain piece of land consisting of two tracts, situated in Limerick Township, County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, being bounded and described as follows:-

Tract No. 1 Beginning at an iron pin in the center of a Public Road leading into Freyresford, a corner of this and other lands of Harry W. Reifseider and also other lands of the Spring-Ford Country Club; thence along lands of the Spring-Ford Country Club North forty-eight and one-half degrees East six and three-tenths perches to a stake, and North fifty-seven and one-quarter degrees East six and six one-hundredths perches to a stake, and North forty-one and three-quarters degrees East eighty and seventy-six one-hundredths perches to a stone, a corner of Tract No. 2, a wood lot hereinafter described; thence along Tract No. 2 and other land of the Spring-Ford Country Club South fifty-one and one-quarter degrees East thirty-nine and thirty-six one-hundredths perches to a stake in line of lands of Sara Johnson; thence along the same South fifty-four and one-half degrees West eighteen and forty-four one-hundredths perches to an iron pin, and South fifty and one-half degrees West forty-eight and eight-tenths perches to a Gun Farrell, a corner of this and lands of the aforesaid Sara Johnson and Harry W. Reifseider; thence along said Reifseider's land South eighty-two degrees West thirty-nine and forty-five one-hundredths perches to an iron pin in the aforesaid Public Road; thence along in the said Public Road North forty-six degrees West four and fifty-seven one-hundredths perches to the place of beginning.

Containing sixteen acres eleven perches of land, more or less.

Being all that certain tract or piece of land which Samuel P. Gottshall and wife, by Indenture bearing date the First day of April A.D. 1908, and recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds in and for the County of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 520 page 188, granted and conveyed unto the said Harry W. Reifseider, in fee, and a small part of Tract No. 1, which E. L. Hallman and Jennie V. Cole, by Indenture bearing date the Sixth day of March A.D. 1908, and recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, in and for the County of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 520 page 141, granted and conveyed unto the said Harry W. Reifseider, in fee.

hundredths perches to a stake, and South one-half degree West ten perches to the place of beginning. Containing one acre eighty perches of land, more or less.

Being Tract No. 3 of land which E. L. Hallman and Jennie F. Cole by Indenture bearing date the Sixth day of March, A.D. 1908, and Recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds in and for the County of Montgomery in Deed Book No. 590 page 141, granted and conveyed unto the said Harry W. Reifsneider, in fee.

Together with all and singular the improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever unto the hereby granted.

And the said Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, by these presents, that they, the said Grantors, and their heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, against them, the said Grantors, and their heirs, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under her, him, it, them, or any of them, shall and will, warrant and forever defend.

In witness whereof, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of us:

W. F. Rogers	(2.00)	Harry W. Reifsneider	(Seal)
Lillie B. Wagener	(Canceled stamps)	Elmira M. Reifsneider	(Seal)

Received, on the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above-named Grantee, the full consideration hereinabove mentioned.

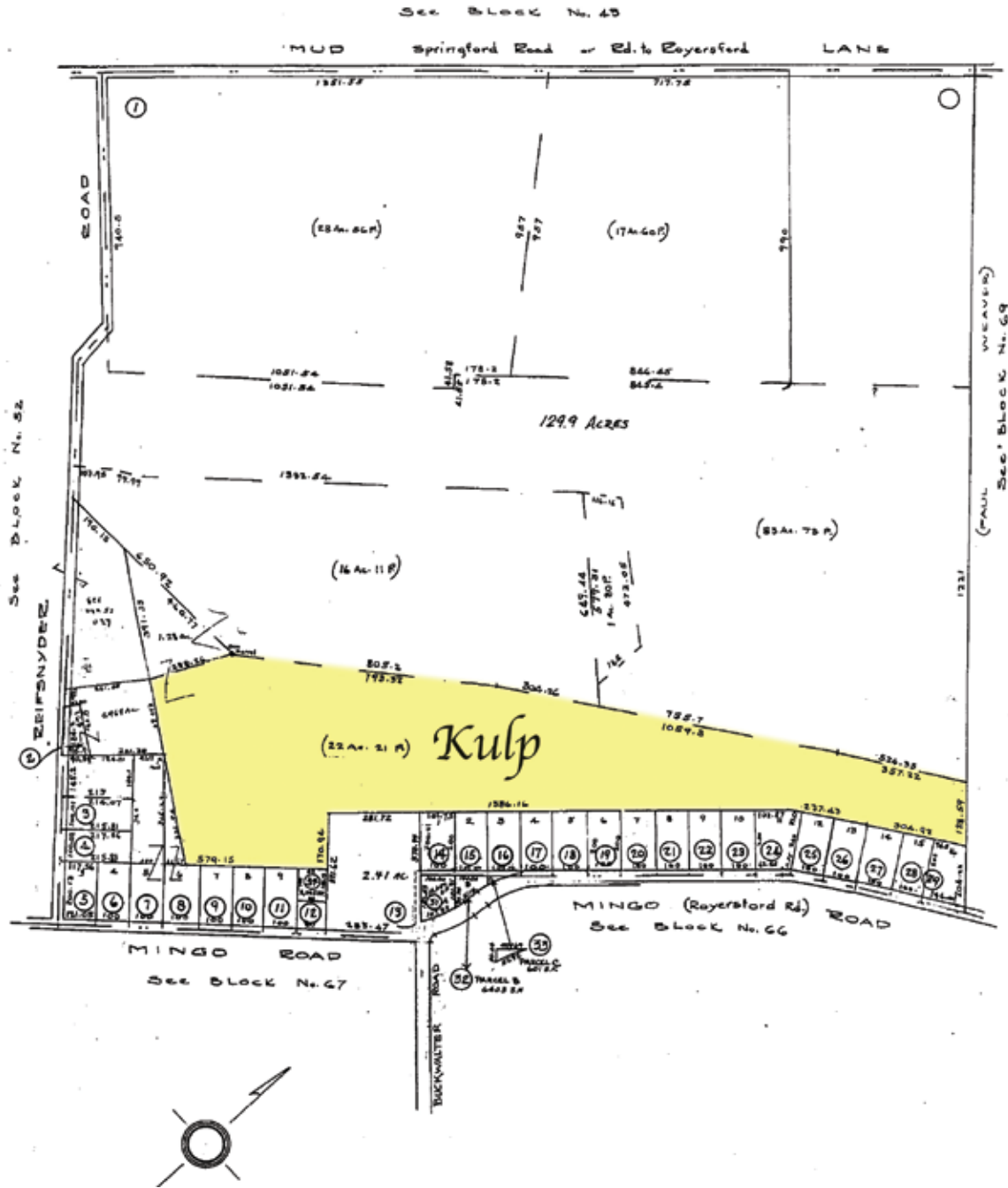
Harry W. Reifsneider

On the Seventh day of May Anno Domini 1925, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the Borough of Spring City, personally appeared the above-named Harry W. Reifsneider, and Elmira M., his wife, and in due form of law acknowledged, the above Indenture to be their and each of their act and deed, and desired the same might be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

My commission expires Jan. 25, 1927.	W. H. Rogers	(N.P.)
	Notary Public	(Seal)

Recorded April 28th, 1926. (J.W.G.)



1955 Kulp farm purchase (yellow area) of 22 acres.

On May 12, 1955 the club purchased, at a price of \$3,500, 22 acres and 21 perches from William H. and Katherine R. Kulp. This strip of land is the present site of holes 7, 8, and 13 that abut the private residences on Mingo and Reifsnyder Roads. Most of the homes along Reifsnyder and Royersford Roads were built between 1951 and 1957.

This Indenture

Made the ^{#7} 12th

day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five (1955) Between WILLIAM H. KULP and

MATHERINE R. KULP, his wife,

(hereinafter called the Grantors), of the one part; and

SPRING-FORD COUNTRY CLUB

(hereinafter called the Grantee), of the other part:

Witnesseth, That the said Grantors for and in consideration of the sum of --
Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (3,500.00) -- lawful
money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said
Grantee at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and
confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and
confirm unto the said Grantee, its successors and Assigns,

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND situate in the Township of
Limerick, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded,
limited, and described in accordance with a survey made by George F.
Shaner, Reg. Prof. Engineer dated May, 1955, as follows, to wit:-

BEGINNING at a stake in line of lands of Paul Weaver, the
by the same South forty-seven degrees forty minutes East eleven
and forty-three hundredths perches to a corner of other lands of
William H. Kulp; thence by lands now or formerly of William H. Kulp
the following seven courses and distances:- South fifty-five degrees
West, eighteen and forty-eight hundredths perches, South fifty-four
degrees West, fourteen and thirty-nine hundredths perches, South
forty-two degrees thirty minutes West eighty-four and one hundredths
perches, South forty-seven degrees forty-five minutes East ten and
thirty-six hundredths perches South forty-two degrees thirty minutes
West, thirty-five and ten hundredths perches, North forty-seven
degrees thirty minutes West twelve and twelve hundredths perches,
South forty-two degrees thirty minutes West twelve and ninety-seven
hundredths perches to a corner in line of lands now or formerly
of Elsie and Beale Wilborn in a public road leading from Mingo Road
to Mud Lane Road, known as Reifsnyder Road; thence along the said
public road North forty-six degrees thirty minutes West, eight and
eighty hundredths perches to a corner of lands of K. Eisenhauer;
thence by the same and partly along a small stream North forty-five
degrees forty-two minutes East five and twenty-four hundredths perches
to an iron pin; thence continuing by the same North fifty-three
degrees thirty minutes West nine and eighty-eight hundredths perches
to a corner in line of lands now or formerly of Henry A. Cole; thence
by lands of said Henry A. Cole, North twenty-four degrees East
twenty-nine and eighty-five hundredths perches to an iron pipe, a
corner in line of lands of the Spring-Ford Country Club, formerly
Harrison Dean estate; thence by the same the following three courses
and distances:- North fifty-one degrees East forty-eight and eight
hundredths perches, North fifty-four degrees forty-five minutes East
sixty-four and twenty hundredths perches, and North fifty-three
degrees fifty-six minutes East, twenty-one and sixty-five hundredths
perches to the point and place of beginning.

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CONTAINING twenty-two acres and twenty-one perches of land
more or less.

BEING a portion of the same premises which William B. Johnson, wife Stanley Johnson, his wife, and Laura B. Johnson, singlewoman by deed dated December 10, 1951 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Montgomery County in Deed Book 2242, page 426, granted and conveyed unto William H. Kulp and Katherine K. Kulp, his wife, in fee.

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Together with all and singular _____ improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Grantors, in law, equity, or otherwise howsoever, of, in, and to the same and every part thereof.

To have and to hold the said lot or piece of ground above described _____

_____ hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors _____ and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, its successors _____ and Assigns forever.



And the said Grantors, they _____

Heirs, Executors, and Administrators do by these presents covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said Grantee, its successors _____ and Assigns, that _____ the said Grantors, their _____

_____ Heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors _____ and Assigns, against _____ the said Grantors, their _____

Heirs, and against all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under _____ or any of them, Shall and Will _____

WARRENT and forever DEFEND.

In Witness Whereof the said part 100 _____ of the first part to these presents _____ have hereunto set their hand and seal. Dated the day and year first above written. _____ the State stamps affixed represents full consideration including liens and encumbrances.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
IN THE PRESENCE OF US
Clerk Wesley
Becky Strand

By
William H. Kulp
William H. Kulp
Katherine S. Kulp
Katherine S. Kulp



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RECEIVED on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above-named Grantor

WITNESS AT SIGNING: }

ON THE 14th day of May Anno Domini 1955, before me, the subscriber, residing in said State personally appeared the above-named William H. Kulp and Katherine R. Kulp, his wife

and in due form of law acknowledged the above Indenture to be their and each of their act and deed, and desired the same might be recorded as such.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

Anna J. Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission expires
February 1, 1958

The residence of the within named Grantor is West Lane, Limerick Twp. Pa.
Clark Wesley On behalf of said Grantor

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DEED

WILLIAM H. KULP and KATHERINE

WILLIAMS, his wife,

T O 651

SPRING-FIELD COUNTRY CLUB

Premises: Limerick Township,
Montgomery County, Penna.

No. 100
Tax of Limerick Co., 11 N. 13th St. and 718 Williams St., Phila.

Clark Wesley, Esq.
40 E. Airy Street
Norristown, Pa.

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RECORDED in the Office for Recording of Deeds in and for Montgomery County

in Deed Book No. 2572 page 85 &c.

WITNESS my hand and seal of Office this 13th

day of May Anno Domini 1955

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SEP-18-73 000403 DEEDS • 785 — A
17th day of September 1973

This Deed,

made this

between, Paul W. Weaver and Florence H. Weaver, his wife

(hereinafter called the "Grantors"),

of the one part, and Spring Ford Country Club

(hereinafter called the "Grantee"), of the other part.

Witnesseth. That in consideration of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two and Fifty Cents (\$180,732.50) Dollars, in hand paid to the Grantors whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantors do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee and assigns,

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land situated in the Township of Limerick, County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania bounded and described in accordance with a survey and plan dated August 16, 1973 as prepared by George C. Heilman, Registered Surveyor:

BEGINNING at a point a corner the center line of Mud Road (33.0' wide) said point being at the distance of 622.33' measured South-westerly from the point of intersection of the center line of Mud Road and Linfield Road; thence from said beginning point and along lands of Paul W. Weaver S 47°-00"E 2606.51' to a point a corner the center line of Mingo Road (33.0')wide) thence along the center line of Mingo Road S 41°-47'-30" W 450.00' to a point a corner; thence N 47° 00' W along lands of the SpringFord Country Club 2616.00' to a point a corner the center line of Mud Road aforesaid; thence along the center line of Mud Road N 43°-00' E 450.00' to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 26.975 acres of land be the same more or less.

BEING a portion of the premises which Jesse M. Ebst and Kathryn W. Ebst, his wife, by Deed dated August 17, 1950 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County in Deed Book 2109

and 231, et seq. granted and conveyed unto Paul W. Weaver and Florence H. Weaver, his wife, in fee.



And the said Grantors do hereby covenant to and with the said Grantee that they, the said Grantor, SHALL and WILL by these presents, Warrant and forever Defend the herein above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, their heirs and assigns, against the said Grantor and against every other person lawfully claiming or who shall hereafter claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under him, her them or any of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantors have caused these presents to be duly executed, the day and year first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED In the Presence of:

_____ Paul W. Weaver (SEAL)
 _____ Florence H. Weaver (SEAL)
 _____ Florence H. Weaver (SEAL)
 _____ (SEAL)

State of Pennsylvania County of Montgomery
 On this 17th day of September 1973, before me the undersigned officer, personally appeared Paul W. Weaver and Florence H. Weaver

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Edward J. Slattery
 Notary Public
 2-11-77

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Paul W. Weaver
Florence H. Weaver
Spring Ford Country Club

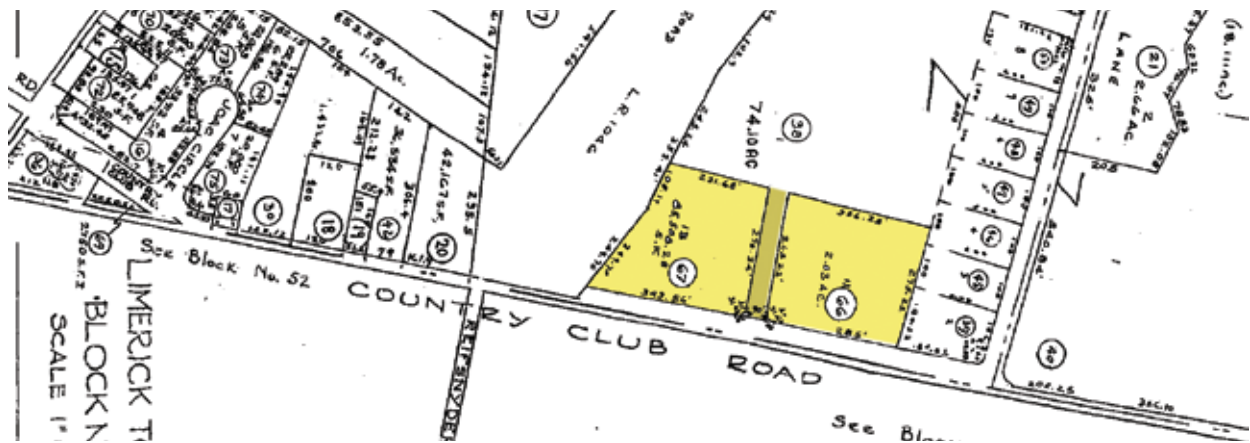
The address of the Grantee is
P.O. Box 84
Royersford, Pa. 19468

Montgomery Co. 9-18-73
 RECORDED in Deed Book 388 page 109
 GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the said office, the date above written.

Sullivan J. Slattery
 Recorder of Deeds

BOOK 388 109

In 1986 the club purchased for \$180,000 three tracts of land totaling 4.33 acres from Springford Estates. This land, across from the clubhouse on Country Club Road, is presently utilized for parking.



1986 land purchase (yellow area) for parking. The clubhouse is located opposite the parking area on the other side of Country Club Road.

The total acreage for Spring Ford Country Club, according to Montgomery County records and drawings peaked at 204.478 acres. We believe that approximately three acres were taken in the early 1970s by the state when Route 422 was constructed, bringing the present total acreage to approximately 201.478 acres more or less.



Above is a 2008 aerial view of Spring Ford Country Club. Route 422 that truncated the southwest corner of the club is shown on the right. The unused 29-acre Weaver tract is shown on the left, adjoining the course along holes 11 and 12.



APPENDIX #1: MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS

1925	CHARLES ROELLER	1967	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1926		1968	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1927	ABRAM L. BUCKWALTER	1969	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1928	ABRAM L. BUCKWALTER	1970	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1929	T.B. MACAVOY	1971	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1930	C.B. ROELLER	1972	CHESTER MOSTELLER
1931		1973	WILLIAM COOKE
1932	C.B. ROELLER	1974	CHESTER MOSTELLER
1933		1975	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1934		1976	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1935	R.C, FREDRICK	1977	WILLIAM COOKE
1936	R.C. FREDRICK	1978	WILLIAM COOKE
1937	JACK .ROELLER	1979	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1938	C.B.ROELLER	1980	FRANK DOBBS
1939	REV. BANGS	1981	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1940	REV. BANGS	1982	TOM FUHS
1941	JACK SCHMID	1983	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1942	JOE RAQUET	1984	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1943	HARRY SCHAFFER	1985	WILLIAM A. GLASS
1944	JOE RAQUET	1986	KURT CHOUTKA
1945	JOE RAQUET	1987	KEN OPIELSKI
1946	JOE RAQUET	1988	MARK DOUGLAS
1947	JOE RAQUET	1989	MARK DOUGLAS
1948	HARRY DOBBS	1990	MONTGOMERY NETTLES
1949	HARRY DOBBS	1991	RICH STEINMETZ
1950	LEON SELL	1992	MARK DOUGLAS
1951	HARRY DOBBS	1993	RICH STEINMETZ
1952	HARRY DOBBS	1994	JIM PRENDERGAST
1953	HARRY DOBBS	1995	JIM PRENDERGAST
1954	HARRY DOBBS	1996	MARK DOUGLAS
1955	LEON SELL	1997	MARK DOUGLAS
1956	JOE RAQUET	1998	MARK DOUGLAS
1957	LEON SELL	1999	ROBERT DZIAK
1958	LEON SELL	2000	CHRIS SEKELLA
1959	HARRY DOBBS	2001	CHRIS SEKELLA
1960	JOE RAQUET	2002	BLAKE SLAWECKI
1961	JOE RAQUET	2003	MARK DOUGLAS
1962	GEORGE COOPER	2004	JOHN BRENNAN
1963	MONTGOMERY NETTLES	2005	ROBERT DZIAK
1964	MONTGOMERY NETTLES	2006	BOBBY FRANKIL
1965	LEE WOODLING	2007	JOHN BRENNAN
1966	MONTGOMERY NETTLES	2008	JOHN BRENNAN

APPENDIX #2: WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS

1944	MRS. CARL ESPINSHIP	1986	*JILL CARDAMONE
1945	MRS. ROBERT PAINTER	1987	*JILL CARDAMONE
1946	FAY WILSON	1988	SUSAN TALL
1947	FAY WILSON	1989	*JILL CARDAMONE
1948	FAY WILSON	1990	*JILL CARDAMONE
1949	FAY WILSON	1991	LORRAINE CONNOLY
1950	MRS. LEON SELL	1992	SUSAN TALL
1951	**MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1993	SUSAN TALL
1952	**MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1994	SHAWN CARRE
1953	MRS. LEON SELL	1995	PATTY LEBOW
1954	**MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1996	*JILL CARDAMONE
1955	**MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1997	PATTY LEBOW
1956	**MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1998	*JILL CARDAMONE
1957	MRS. ANTHONY DRESSLER	1999	*JILL CARDAMONE
1958	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2000	*JILL CARDAMONE
1959	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2001	SHAWN CARRE
1960	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2002	JUDY COOKE
1961	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2003	*JILL CARDAMONE
1962	MRS. JOSEPH RAQUET	2004	LISA KLEIN
1963	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2005	BEVERLY BRENNAN
1964	MRS. DOMINIC DICESARE	2006	*JILL CARDAMONE
1965	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2007	LISA KLEIN
1966	MRS DOMINIC DICESARE	2008	BEVERLY BRENNAN
1967	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW		
1968	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW		
1969	JILL BUCKWALTER		
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1974	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW		
1975	*JILL CARDAMONE		
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1979	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW		
1980	*JILL CARDAMONE		
1981	JUDY COOKE		
1982	PHYLLIS PAGE	**FORMERLY FAY WILSON	
1983	HAKIE ELLIOT		
1984	*JILL CARDAMONE		
1985	*JILL CARDAMONE	* FORMERLY JILL BUCKWALTER	

APPENDIX #3: MEN'S PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONS

1940	ERNEST H. HETRICK	1981	JAN VISSER
1941	JOHN H. LINCOLN	1982	JOE SABESTINAS
1942	FRANKLIN H. DEISHER	1983	MERRITT MOFFIT
1943	DR. E. A. FIDLER	1984	RONALD HINCHLIFFE
1944	DR. JOHN J. WASKO	1985	RICK KATZENMOYER
1945	JOHN H. SAYLOR	1986	JIM VAUGHN
1946	M. ROBERT FAUST	1987	KIRBY BLOOMQUIST
1947	CHARLES ENGLE	1988	BOB GIBBONS
1948	DR. JOHN J. WASKO	1989	EUGENE BERNSTEIL
1949	CHARLES TORNABENE	1990	FRED HANSON
1950	HARRY J. DOBBS	1991	BILL NOLAN
1951	ELMER KEHS	1992	CHARLES SHAPPELL
1952	HARRY J. DOBBS	1993	RON STATMORE
1953	HARRY J. DOBBS	1994	ED SAGER
1954	HARRY J. DOBBS	1995	BRUCE BERNSTEIL
1955	JOE RAQUET	1996	JOHN JACOBS
1956	LEON SELL	1997	RICHARD HEMLER
1957	MONTGOMERY NETTLES	1998	EARL WAGNER
1958	JOE WEIN	1999	BILL BAUMAN
1959	CHARLES SHAPPELL	2000	FRANK KUNZE
1960	STEVEN BOLGER	2001	RON HINCHLIFFE
1961	AL PALM	2002	RON STATMORE
1962	LAWRENCE RATH	2003	BLAKE SLAWECKI
1963	JAMES MELLON	2004	DOUG KENT
1964	ROBERT H. MCFARLAND	2005	MIKE RIDGEWAY
1965	ROBERT H. MCFARLAND	2006	DENNIS PERNA
1966	HUGH FALVEY	2007	RON STATMORE
1967	SEVERN DIBIASO	2008	GEORGE MURRAY
1968	JOHN FERENCHAK		
1969	HUGH FALVEY		
1970	PAUL ROUSSEL		
1971	ED GANNON		
1972	PHIL SMITH		
1973	BOB TAMCHO		
1974	PAT BADZIK		
1975	RON HINCHLIFFE		
1976	MICHAEL DOYLE		
1977	DICK TANCINI		
1978	PAUL HOUCK		
1979	RONALD ZOLLERS		
1980	GEORGE DENGLER		

APPENDIX 4: WOMEN'S PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONS

1950	MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1991	RUTH NETTLES
1951	MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1992	BETTY SUYDAM
1952	MRS. ROBERT ENDY	1993	RUTH NETTLES
1953	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	1994	JOAN MATIOLA
1954	MRS. FOSTER YERGER	1995	NANCY PERNA
1955	MRS. RUSSELL FREED	1996	MADELEINE TIERNEY
1956	MRS. GERALD REICHELDERT	1997	MADELEINE TIERNEY
1957	MRS. HARRY MILLER	1998	PENNY OLINICK
1958	MRS. RUSSELL SARAULT	1999	CAROL DRESSEL
1959	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2000	MADELEINE TIERNEY
1960	MRS. JOSEPH RAQUET	2001	HELEN MOYER
1961	MRS. T.W. TUCKER	2002	PATTY LEVERING
1962	MRS. MAURICE HAMPTON	2003	DIANA MCGLOCKLIN
1963	MRS. THOMAS TUCKER	2004	NANCY KLINE
1964	MRS. HARRY MILLER	2005	NANCY KLINE
1965	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW	2006	DIANA DOOLEY
1966	MRS. JOSEPH RAQUET	2007	BEV BRENNAN
1967	MRS. HAROLD NETTLES	2008	DOREEN HINDO
1968	JILL BUCKWALTER		
1969	RUTH TUCKER		
1970	MRS. JOSEPH PRECOPIO		
1971	MRS. JOHN DERING		
1972	JILL BUCKWALTER		
1973	MRS. JOSEPH RAQUET		
1974	MRS. CHARLES LEBOW		
1975	*JILL CARDAMONE		
1976	THOLA HORNING		
1977	MRS. R. CALCINORE		
1978	P BUTERA		
1979	RUTH NETTLES		
1980	RUTH NETTLES		
1981	RUTH DERING		
1982	RUTH NETTLES		
1983	HELEN NAMIOTKIEWICZ		
1984	HELEN NAMIOTKIEWICZ		
1985	*JILL CARDAMONE		
1986	HELEN NAMIOTKIEWICZ		
1987	*JILL CARDAMONE		
1988	BEV BRENNAN		
1989			
1990	SUSAN TALL		

* FORMERLY JILL BUCKWALTER

APPENDIX 5: CLUB PRESIDENTS

CHARLES S. WAGONER	1924–1932	ROBERT MCFARLAND	1964–1970
LLOYD E. JOHNSON	1933	EARL WAGNER	1971–1972
CHARLES ROELLER	1934–1935	ANTHONY GAETO	1973–1974
R. W. BREIDENBACH	1936–1938	EARL WAGNER	1975
PAUL YOUNGBLUD		HERMAN PUNDT	1976–1977
WILLIAM JONES		ANTHONY GAETO	1978
CHARLES ROELLER		JOSEPH MCINTYRE	1979–1982
R. W. BRENDENBACH	1944–1947	WILLIAM J. OBRIEN	1983–1990
LLOYD E. JOHNSON		ANTHONY GAETO	1991–1992
C. WILLIAM SCHINDLER	1950–1952	WILLIAM J. OBRIEN	1993–1994
RUSSELL FREED	1954	ALBERT GIBBONS	1995–1996
LESTER HORNING	1955–1956	JOSEPH MCINTYRE	1997–2001
THOMAS TUCKER M.D.	1956 –1958	WILLIAM MCGLOKLIN	2002–2003
JOHN SHOTT		RALPH HENRY	2004
JAMES SUTTON		MIKE COSTELLO	2005
HARRY WELLENS		RAY CLARKE	2006–

APPENDIX 6: SPRING FORD HEAD CLUB PROFESSIONALS

1924–1925	MR. THOMPSON
1926	MR. MAGUIRE
1927–1936	MR. JOHN SCHMID
1937–1943	HENRY E. WILLIAMS
1945–1946	HENRY E. WILLIAMS SR
1950	HARRY R. BAUMAN
1951–1953	JOHN J. KELLY
1954–1962	JOHN F. (JACK) ROBINSON
1963–1965	DONALD B. FAIRMAN
1966	CHARLES (CHUCK) JENNINGS
1967	BARRY BRACKENBERRY
1968–1970	GEORGE (SKIP) JURIS
1971–1972	DALE BELLVILLE
1973–2006	TONY DEGISI
2007–	RICH STEINMETZ

APPENDIX 7: JOHN SHAPPELL MEMORIAL MEMBER/MEMBER CHAMPIONS

BOB MCFARLAND
GENE BLOOMQUIST
1988

DOUG KENT
DAN DRESSEL
1998

DICK DUBIEL
LEE WOODLING
1989

KIRBY BLOOMQUIST
TOM MORRIS
1999

STEVE CRANER
GENE KRUMENAKER
1990

JIM DELLAGUARDIA
DIRK STRIBRNY
2000

ANDY MARON
MIKE CROUSE
1991

RICH CAPASSO
RICH HUFFMAN
2001

BILL BAUMAN
WALLY LANDES
1992

RALPH COSCIA
PETE ZOLLERS
2002

GENE KRUMENAKER
TOM HOLIAN
1993

JOE VARGO
RICK CORONITI
2003

KEN SUYDAM
TOM GRAF
1994

DOUG SPOTS
MIKE KOZELSKY
2004

CHARLES WOCHOLE
MIKE KELLY
1995

DAN DRESSEL
DOUG KENT
2005

MIKE COSTELLO
BILL TIERNEY
1996

JAY CONSTANTINE
ERIC DIRKS
2006

TOM LEWIS
JOHN PATANIA
1997

FRED LUCK
RON MINGES
2007

STEVE CONNOR
SHANE CONNOR
2008

APPENDIX 8: SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS

RON HINCHLIFFE	1996
BILL COOKE	1997
DOC GONZALEZ	1998
MONT NETTLES	1990
RON HINCHLIFFE	2000
FRANK KUNZE	2001
JOHN RIESER	2002
PAT MCCARTHY	2004
PAT MCCARTHY	2005
PAT MCCARTHY	2006
JIM PRENDERGAST	2007
KEN OLINICK	2008

APPENDIX 9



1942 USGS Aerial Photo

Earliest known aerial photo of Spring Ford Country Club. This photo does not show part of the north section of the course where the seventh green and eighth tee were located at that time. Also, no sign of the tennis courts that were erected in 1928.



1951 USGS Aerial Photo



1957 USGS Aerial Photo



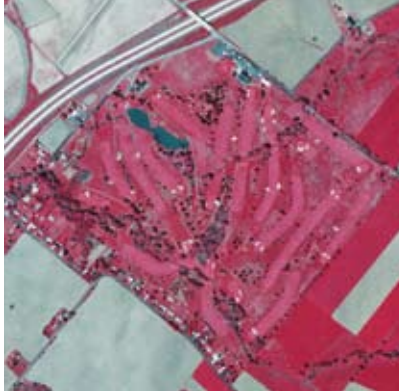
1959 USGS Aerial Photo



1965 USGS Aerial Photo



1968 USGS Aerial Photo



1981 USGS Aerial Photo



1992 USGS Aerial Photo



1999 USGS Aerial Photo



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Feliciani, Donald Ferreri, John Ferenchak, Anthony Ferdinand, John Ferenchal Jr., Matthew Ferenchak, George Ferragut, Robert
Fiorito, William Fitzgerald, Robert Flannery, David Flynn, Louis and Adelaide Folding, Eric Fogel, Ginger Ford, Francis Foresto
Charles Fornarol, Frank Foster, Franklin Featheringham, Earl Fox, William Fozard, Robert Francis, Bruce Frank, Ronald Frazier
Harold French, Gary Friel, Charles Fry, Ray Clark Jr. Theresa Ecker, John Eliff, Donald Eash, Edward Eicholtz, Cornelius Eliff
Francis Eliff, John Elvin, Walter Elliott, Raymond Emerson, Russell Emrich Sr., Robert Endy, Robert Engle, Michael English
Michael Evangelist, Julie Evans, Franklin Evans, Ken Evans, Michael Evelock, Frank Exley, Paul Exley, James exley, Jeffrey Far
Thomas Flatley, Joseph Ford, Dr. Richard Funk, Dan Flynn, Thomas Freeman, Jim Freeman, Robert and Wendy Fisher, Brian
Turley, Lamont Tibbitts, John Thomas. Robert J. Talamo, Damien Thomas, Lynne Taylor, Dennis Taylor, Talal Tadros, Jay Tol
Theresa Trojansky, John Talone, George Tancini, Anthony Taormina, Jerry Tarlecki, Roy Taylor, Sinney Tarlow, Virgil Templeton
Lloyd Thatcher, Melvin and Diana Thomason, Steven Thurn, Edward Tighe, Andy Timko, Elizabeth Tobin, Robert Tomche
George Trout, Thomas Tucker, John Tyson, William Turner, Lee Woodling, Paul Woodmen, Michael Waudey, David Votto, John
Wasko, Richard Weisz, Geraldine Wardle, William Watkinson, Diane Watson, Joseph Wherley, Charles Wochele, Al Gibbons
Ted Wills, Hansell Wade, James Waddington, Jo-Ann Wagner, William Wacker, James Warble, Robert Wagner, Irvin Walker
Joseph and Maureen Wall, Joseph Walsh, Gene Walsh, Robert Walters, Howard Walz, Paul Wandrer, Lee Wanner, Curti
Wanner, John Ward, Paul and Eileen Widner, Robert and Darlene Wargo, Charles Webb, Gale Weber, Ronald Webber, Jame
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Donald Wenzel, Frank Wilmer, Stephen Wilson, Winfield Westley, Denys Whitehead, Joseph Wien, Charles Wisner, Charle
Wittenmyer, Kurt Wohlgemuth, Thomas Wolk, Lawrence Worden, William Warley, Hamilton Wright, James Wright, Dougl
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Ed Schremp, Grant Stallknect, Eric Schneider, Ron Santoro, Marie Santoro, Ed Sweeney, John Strassburger, Thomas Swaney
David Specht, Janer Signora, Carl Sadler, Michael Schaff, Garry and Kimberly Smith, G.W. Smith, Michael Skalamera, Josep
Sclaroff, Laura Stearly, Kenneth Styer, Ronald Stranix, William Sweeney, Mark Stewart, Carolyn Sabestinas, Bruce Sanft, Har
Santangelo, James Santangelo, Wayne Sargent, Joseph Savastana, Kristin and Scott Shappeell, Stanly Schlichter, Ernest Schmitt
Daniel Schmidt, William and Renee Schultz, James Shultz, Lawrence Schultz, Robert Schultz Jr., Leon and Irene Schwartz
Veronica Scott, William Seal, William Seavey, Carl Seiscio, Dennis Selfinger, Joseph Seufer, James Serago, Ernest Settann
Daneil Sheehan, Robert Shaver, William Sheppard, Michael Sheridan, Robert Shoemaker, Kelly Showers, Philip Shupe, William
Shutt, Gary Sigler, James Sigourney, David Simon, Charles Sithens, Charles Silverman, James Slevin, Bruce Slifer, Irvin Slife
Joseph Slobodian, Robert Smee, Carl Smith, Neal Smith, Philip Smith, John Smithson, Anthony Smolinski, Thomas Smyth
Stephen Smith, Terrance Snyder, Jim Spagnola, Lester Spangenberg, William Spahr, Timoth Specht, Richard Staas, Alber
Stagliano, Robert and Colleen Stanley, John Stasik, Brian and Desiree Stratton, Steve Stavrou, Thomas Stawecki, Richar
Stehman, Martin Steel, William Stepansky, Ed Stephenson, Robert Stone, Robert Stevenson, Richard Stoudt, Edward Streleck
A. Stipa, Leroy Strock, T.B. Strusi, William Soufflas, Ross Stumpf, John Swartley, Kenneth Suydam, Linda Swenson, John
Sweisford, Paul Sylvester, Michael Roman, William Spaeder, Terrance Rinda, John Rittenhouse, Brian Regan, Ivar Rademake
John C. Rafferty, Deis Rees, John Rio, John Raines, Stephe Rakoczy, Robert Ries, John Reiser, Charles and Patricia Rimme
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Robinson, Sam Rogers, Stephen Roggs, Nancy Rohn, Thomas Romano, Kenneth Rookstool, Steve Rosenblum, Jerome Roth
William Royce, Kenneth Rung, Armand and Vera Ruocco, George RussellJohn and Lisa Russell, Daneil Russo, Charles Rutte

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