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President's message

This book is dedicated to all the members of the Peninsula Golf Club and especially to Mike Mazza, Phil Sarro, Peter Vairo and Henry Fabrizio, who made all this possible.



"It is the endeavor of this organization to promote the universal sport of golf and it is our special endeavor to bring this health giving sport within the means of people in medium circumstances."

Peninsula Golf Club was founded upon the above text — we have achieved that goal and many others that were undertaken in these past 60 years.

It took a great deal of foresight, wisdom and tenacity to guide Peninsula from its first meeting in a garage in 1925 to the prosperous status we are enjoying today. The entire membership worked with untiring effort, dedication and desire to promote our ideas and ideals, and we made it work over tremendous odds.

A number of members served our country with honor and distinction, in every branch of the service, making extreme sacrifices and enduring many hardships. We are indeed proud of their records and achievements. It is a credit to all that so many were promoted and decorated — several on the field of battle — for gallantry and heroism under fire.

To the members no longer with us, but without whose contributions we could not have succeeded so well, we offer a special tribute — to name a few: George "Pop" Cantley, Carmen Catropa, Louis Trotta, Tony Fabrizio, and Joseph DeSimone.

The pictures and news stories following serve a twofold purpose, that Peninsula Golf Club has accomplished what it set out to do 60 years ago and to add a little nostalgia to our otherwise hectic lives.

I wish to thank all our members for their loyal support, their families, our many friends, who so thoughtfully helped in time of need, and the officers and Board of Directors of Peninsula Golf Club (P.G.C. Holding Corp.) for their untiring dedication to this fine organization.

CLUB CHAMPS



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| 1947 Mike Maselle | 1966 Edgar Stile |
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| 1949 Dom Pollera | 1968 Cosmo Politano |
| 1950 Joseph Varello | 1969 Edgar Stile |
| 1951 Oscar Ferraro | 1970 Joseph Giraldi |
| 1952 Charles Sprague | 1971 Nick Fabrizio |
| 1953 Frank Cittadino | 1972 Mike Casella |
| 1954 Tony Petrillo | 1973 Edgar Stile |
| 1955 Mike Sarro | 1974 Edgar Stile |
| 1956 Nick Fabrizio | 1975 Joseph Giraldi |
| 1957 Nick Fabrizio | 1976 John Fabrizio |
| 1958 Mike Sarro | 1977 Not Available |
| 1959 Joseph Giraldi | 1978 Not Available |
| 1960 Mike Sarro | 1979 Not Available |
| 1961 Nick Fabrizio | 1980 John Fabrizio |
| 1962 Tom Mazza | 1981 Anthony Capobianco |
| 1963 Oscar Ferrara | 1982 Not Available |
| 1964 Oscar Ferrara | 1983 Edgar Stile |
| 1965 Frank Cittadino | 1984 Dan Catropa |

1985 Dan Catropa



M. Mazza
P.G.C. Runnerup
1930

Fleischer Cup
1930

M. Fabrizio
Club Cramp
1930



Left to RIGHT — Thomas Mazza, Domenick Strafaci, Michael C. Mazza and Henry Fabrizio

Championship of Club Starts Qualified Sunday-Select Four to Represent Club In Fleischer Cup Match

The annual club championship of the Peninsula Golf Club, Inc., got off to a good start last Sunday at the Cedar Point course in Woodmere with over thirty members of the club starting out in quest of the title now held by Thomas Mazza.

Thirty-six holes were played for qualifying and it took a score of 166 or better to get into the lowest sixteen who will now fight it out at match play with the first and second rounds being played this Sunday, September 7th.

In conjunction with the qualifying rounds it was decided to select the four lowest scores for the day to represent the club in the Fleischer Trophy Competition which will be played on Sunday, September 21st and after the scores were all in it was found that the exact same team as last year had again qualified for places on the team — Henry Fabrizio, Michael Mazza, Domenick Strafaci and Thomas Mazza. In view of the

fact that all of the four are members of the Brooklyn and Long Island team which won the U.S. Inter-City Championship recently held in Florida, it is expected that they will bring this coveted trophy to Inwood. It is now held by the Scottish-American Golf Club of Westchester County.

Qualifying Scores

Henry Fabrizio	70	70—142
Michael Mazza	75	71—146
Domenick Strafaci	75	73—148
Thomas Mazza	76	73—149
Frank Martilotta	75	75—150
Harry Henderson	74	76—150
Peter Vairo	76	75—151
Peter De Sibio	75	76—151
Philip Sarro	78	74—152
Michael Champe	81	76—157
John Fabrizio	79	79—158
Michael Sarro	83	76—159
Adam Vilardi	76	84—160
Jack Resua	79	83—162
Vincent Sarro	83	82—165
Joseph Oliveri	83	83—166

Brooklyn-Long Island Public-Links Team at Florida



Standing: Left to Right - Thomas Mazza, Michael Champe and Michael Mazza, Seated: Left to Right - Walter Thoren, Mr. David Ross, Domenick Strafacci and Henry Fabrizio.

1930 Harding Cup Champions



Left to Right - Walter Thoren, Henry Fabrizio, Domenick Strafacci and Michael Mazza.



By James Sullivan

Four Inwood and two Brooklyn youths, winners of the Warren G. Harding trophy at the National Public Links Golf Tournament held last week, returned, yesterday aboard the S.S. Seminole. The returning victorious golfers thoroughly sunburned and happy included Henry Fabrizio, Michael Champe, Michael and Thomas Mazza, all of Inwood and Walter Thoren and Domenick Strafacci of Brooklyn.

The players comprised the Brooklyn and Long island team and brought the championship to Brooklyn for the first time in the history of the tournament.

They had no trouble in winning the inter-city championship, the team completely spread eagled the field winning by a 16 stroke margin over Louisville, KY., who finished in second place. The 16 stroke margin is the largest that any team has scored in a National public links tournament. In addition to obtaining the Warren G. Harding trophy, the boys each received a beautiful solid gold medal from the United States Golf Association in addition to a set each of pajamas from the City of Jacksonville.

In addition to winning the Warren G. Harding Trophy the team made a splendid showing in the individual championship, with Domenick Strafacci reaching the semi-finals.

Arrangements are being made by the Peninsula Golf Club Inc. of Inwood, of which five of the boys are members to unite with civic groups in the district to tender the golfers a reception.

Four Inwood golfers, members of the six man team that will represent Brooklyn and Long island at the National Public Links Championship to be held at Jacksonville, Florida from August 4th to 9th, were honored last evening at a reception given by the Peninsula Golf Club, Inc., at their headquarters, 17 Bay-view avenue, Lawrence.

All four are members of the club and over a hundred members and friends were present to wish the boys success. David Ross, Sr. president of the Brooklyn and Long island Municipal Golf Association was present and in a short address felicitated the four and complimented the club on having such a fine representation in the national tournament. "It is certainly a distinction for your club to be able to send four men to the national championship and I extend my warmest congratulations," Mr. Ross declared.

At the same time he presented Michael Mazza, one of the members of the team with a silver loving cup emblematic of the Brooklyn Open Golf Championship which he won Sunday in the tournament held by the association at the Forest Park Golf Club, Glendale, L.I.

The four boys who sail today on the S.S. Seminole for Jacksonville are Michael Mazza, Henry Fabrizio, Michael Champe and Thomas Mazza. The two Mazza brothers and Henry Fabrizio competed in the national championship last year in St. Louis while in 1926 Michael Mazza represented this section at the tournament at Buffalo.



Letter to the Membership -1946

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April 23, 1946

THIS IS OUR ATOM BOMB!!!

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PENINSULA GOLF CLUB, INC.

Dear Member—

A Special Meeting of our Club will be held this Friday evening, April 26th, 1946, at 8:30 sharp, at the Free Towns Community House, Lawrence Ave., Lawrence.

Our Club is negotiating for the **PURCHASE OF ITS OWN GOLF COURSE**, and we want every member to know all of the details and what your Board of Directors has done and is planning to do.

As part of the financing arrangements of the Course, your Board feels that a voluntary loan of \$100.00 from every member of the Club will help us complete all the details and give us a good working capital to carry us along and make a success of this venture. This is a golden opportunity and we must grab it **IMMEDIATELY!**

Won't you help by doing your part? We need the support of every member now. Come to the meeting this Friday night and if you haven't already done so, try to bring your money to this meeting so we can get started promptly. Everything is going just fine so far and we don't want to fall down on the job at this point. Make checks payable to Henry Chimenti and mail it to him or bring it to this meeting if possible.

Don't forget our Victory Dinner Dance to our returning Service Men on Thursday, May 2nd at the White Oaks Inn, Hewlett. The tickets are here waiting for you. We must know how many reservations to make, so if you cannot come to the meeting call up the Secretary or Philip Sarto and make your reservation before May 16th — Reservations close that night and we must know how many to arrange for. Please do it right away.

We will also have a golf tournament at Salisbury this Sunday, April 28th. Big doings at your Club — We are really going places and doing things — come to the meeting and find out for yourself!

CARMEN J. CATROPA,
President

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Secretary



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Caddies Build L.I. Club Into Money-Making Links



This is the story of a golf course: Twenty-eight years ago a group of Long Island caddies formed what they called the Peninsula Golf Club. The only thing they had was organization. They met in the home of Mike Mazza, at twenty-one the oldest, and they rode busses and trams to play on public courses in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Years passed. The boys grew into men, fought a war and entered business. Mazza became a printer.

But the club—although there was no course or clubhouse—held fast. From a dozen charter members, the list grew to more than 100, all ex-Long Island caddies.

In 1946 one of the group noted a want ad which listed an abandoned nine-hole golf course on Long Island for sale. It was to be cut up into real estate.

The ex-caddies got together, hocked bonds and insurance policies and bought the property for \$16,500. There were 152 in on the deal.

But they found their worries had just begun. The course was choked with grass and weeds. There was no equipment. The layout was a wasteland, unused for years.

Another \$15,000 was needed to put it into shape. Each of the ex-caddies was nicked for another \$100. In cases where some couldn't afford it, others made up the slack.

The course was manicured. One of the former bag-toters, Freddie Catropa, became the pro. Another, Henry Fabrizio, became greens-keeper. Others took odd jobs around the place.

The 152 shareholders decided the course was too good to keep for

themselves, so they opened it to the public. Formerly the old Nassau Shores course at Massapequa, L.I., the layout was renamed the Peninsula Club, after the caddies' first organization. At a buck a head for weekdays and \$2.50 on weekends, the public flocked to the sporty, 3,600-yard, par-37 (for nine holes) spread.

In three years all the original investors were paid back in full. Improvements were added yearly and today the club had \$50,000 in the bank.

With this new prosperity, the club decided to go bigtime in a large way and applied for membership in the United States Golf Association.

The U.S.G.A. said "nix," the Peninsula club was a public course.

Turned Down Again

So the boys applied for admission to the Public Link Association. Another nix. It was a private course.

Discouraged, Mazza and his associates took their case again to executive director Joe Dey, of the U.S.G.A.

Dey, stumped, consulted the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, birthplace of the sport, but the British fathers were equally befuddled. They said they'd never heard the like.

Finally Dey relented. The Peninsula club, bought and run by ex-caddies, recently was formally admitted to the Long Island Association, a full-fledged member of the U.S.G.A.

Today the property, costing \$200 each for the original investors, would bring probably half a million.

But it's not for sale.

off the fairway

Peninsula's Early Days

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By JOHN M. BRENNAN

Back in 1924, caddies were earning 75 cents a round and there were no doubles. Without union leaders, bag-toters carrying doubles can earn \$20 a round in these days of inflation.

But a half-century ago, the frugal caddies saved their money and used it to advantage. Such a group organized the Peninsula GC, the majority of whose members were residents of the Five Towns area.

Peninsula GC members, at a dinner-dance held last week at Occochee Golf Club, recalled the origin of the Club and the purchase of its golf course for a mere pittance, a tract with millions in today's market.

John Fabrizio, the current prexy, spoke of Peninsula being an offshoot of the N.Y. Municipal Golf Association, which had a membership of 5,700 and used to be based at Van Corlandt Park in the Bronx. "Actually, the idea of forming Peninsula originated on a trainride from Inwood to Manhattan."

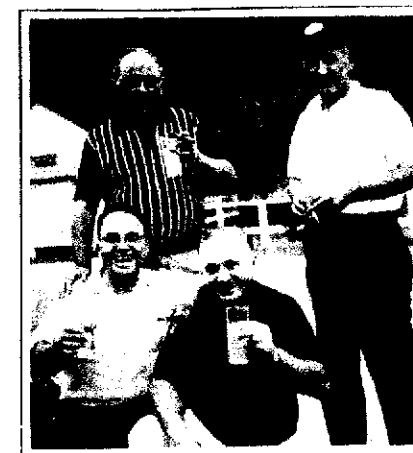
Mike Mazza suggested the formation of Peninsula to Phil Sarro and Peter Vairo, two close friends, who immediately launched the organization. Graziano Zara, the super contractor who built Cedar Brook CC at Old Bethpage entirely on his own, Henry Fabrizio, Lou Trotta, Henry Chimenti, Nick Fabrizio, Mike Sarro, Tom Mazza, Vin and Pete Provenzano and Pete De Sibio, to name a few, elected Phil Sarro as the first president.

It was a quarter-century later that Peninsula acquired the Biltmore Shores CC in Massapequa. Each member contributed \$100 in 1946 to negotiate the purchase of the course, sufficient money to give the members good working capital.

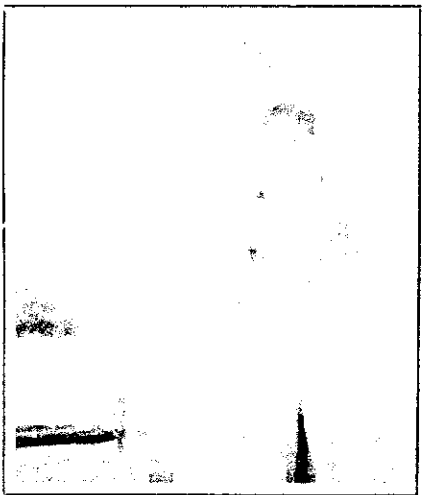
Peninsula has flourished through

the years and the members, who spent thousands, now own a piece of real estate worth millions.

THE PRESIDENT COUNCIL of the influential Metropolitan Golf Association of which Mike Caprise of Wheatley Hills GC is a member, will inaugurate its annual fall conference Tuesday at Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck.











PENINSULA Theme

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