

# Greenwoods Country Club

The First 120 Years



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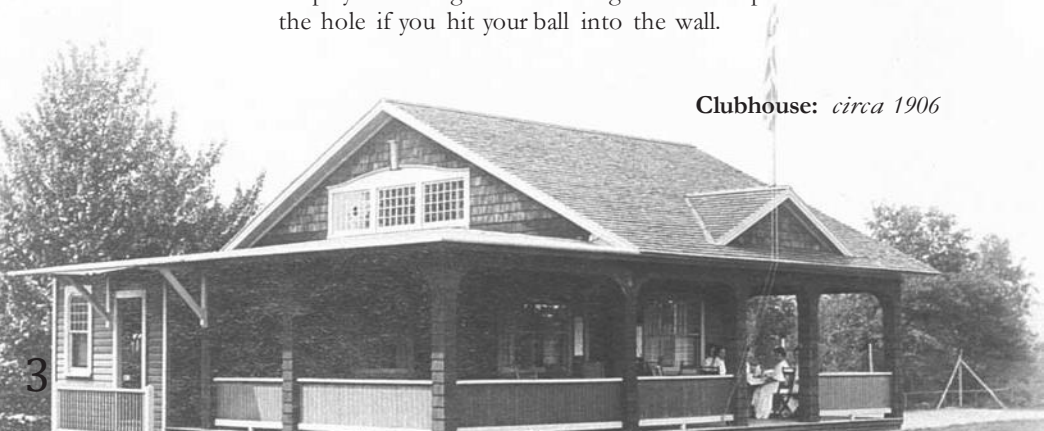
# Through the Green Woods, a Golf Course is Born

A man named Peter Graham of Lakeville came to Winsted one spring day scouting land for, of all things, a golf course. That was his dream, and he found his track for a six-hole course on some pasture off Torrington Street. A lot has happened in the last 120 years... two World Wars, the Depression, Rock 'n Roll, Arnie's Army, television, the internet and Tiger. But here in the green woods lies this little 10-hole track, that to this day remains as good a test of your short game as any course. It's been a home for generations of families, and it's been a great place for youngsters to come of age, to learn the game when that's all it is – and all it has to be.

As golf's popularity grew in the early 1900s, Greenwoods adapted to the changes. The course's first players and caddies have passed on their memories of the original course, and the changes that followed. Here's a glimpse at the course layout hole by hole, old and new:

- 1 Fairway here used to be the 7th green. The 8th green on the old course is now the area near the 1st green. And hammered to the old Maple Tree to the right of the 1st tee was a large sign with caddy rates and orders to replace all divots.
- 2 This used to be the 9th hole. In fact, the ladies' tee markers on 1 used to be the 9th green. There was a long stone wall that stretched across holes #1, 2 and 9 and a small opening let players through. You would get a free drop no closer to the hole if you hit your ball into the wall.

**Clubhouse:** *circa 1906*



## First Tee

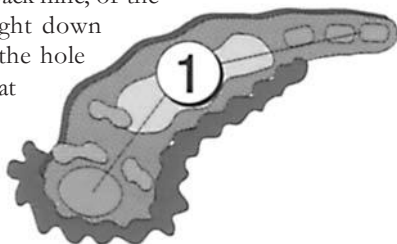
**First president:** E.B. Gaylord, Winsted

**First vice president:** Dr. Elias Pratt, Torrington

**First Treasurer, Secretary:** George F. Drake, Winsted

**Organized:** May 1, 1902

- 3 Caddies used to hide behind a stone area to the right of the 3rd hole and watch players hit down. A metal flag rested in the middle of the 3rd fairway as a guide for players to hit into the blind par-3.
- 4 The old fourth green used to be near the current 8th tee.
- 5 The fifth green was back near the current 3rd green. It was a congested area to be sure. "Fore" was more than a courtesy, it was a survival tool. Greenwoods cleared room for two new holes in 1932 (the current 4th and 5th). Dan Humphries blasted rocks that filled the woods on 4 to make room for the fairway. Two boys, Frank and Stan Staszowski, then carried leftover stone to the woods at the left and right of the fairway.
- 6 The club bought land from the LaMontange family in 1936 to construct the 6th and 7th. The original design plans for the 6th called for a more difficult dogleg. The green would have sat farther right in the woods. But wetlands issues prevented construction there.
- 7 Likewise, the 7th would have been longer and more of a dogleg. The plans called for the tee to be set down near the current 6th green. Drives would have come out of a "shoot."
- 8 The tee on the 8th was once the home of the 4th green; now it's the Greenwoods' signature hole.
- 9 Always the closing hole, but for years it was the 6th. The old 6th green used to be off to the left of the current 9th green, and much smaller.
- 10 There are only three known courses in the United States with 10 holes. Greenwoods added its 10th in 1980. It became a player's fifth hole on the back nine, or the 14th. It's one of the tougher par 5s: tight down to the final approach. The club built the hole using money from the sale of land that is now part of Route 8.





## 1903

Seventeen new member applications are submitted in the spring, as golf popularity spreads in the first full year at the club. Twenty club members present a plan on April 5 to build the clubhouse. Ladies, according to the *Winsted Evening Citizen*, will furnish the club. E.E. Benedict is named to design the building. On April 17th, members approve \$800 for clubhouse construction. Local builder N.J. Thibault says he will finish by May 1. The clubhouse opens June 13th.

## 1913

Brooklyn's John Spense, who summers at Highland Lake, donates trophies for four tournaments, including the Rexford Cup on August 30th matching Mr. Charles Davis and Mr. Cann.

## 1916

Dr. Elias Pratt is the only member to vote against a plan to increase dues. The annual men's fees jumps 25 percent to \$10, women's fees to \$6. Members double initiation fees to \$10. By the way, families needed about \$3 a month to pay for milk in 1916. Henry Smith, who played Greenwoods for years, told a newspaper reporter that if he had to choose between a meal and golf, he'd choose golf.

## 1917

New president Harry Burgess approves a plan to cultivate potatoes on one acre of club-owned land.

## 1918

Membership continues to rise, up to 150 by spring, according to treasurer John Seaton.

# The Greenwoods Country Club.

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## TOURNAMENT 1911

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### July 4th, "Graveyard Tournament"

Handicap.  
Men and Women.

### July 8th. Handicap Tournament

Rexford Cup. First eight to qualify.  
Qualifying rounds July 8th. Preliminaries to be finished by  
July 14. Semi-finals to be finished by July 21. Finals July 22.

### Pratt Cup

First eight to qualify.  
Qualifying rounds July 22. Preliminaries to be finished by  
July 28. Semi-finals to be finished by Aug. 4. Finals Aug. 5.  
On same dates second eight will play for a cup.

### Aug. 5 & 19. Handicap Golf Ball Tournament

Entrance fee one golf ball.

### President's Cup

Qualifying rounds Aug. 12. Preliminaries to be finished by  
Aug. 18. Semi-finals to be finished by Aug. 25.  
Finals Aug. 26.

### Mixed Foursome

Qualifying rounds Aug. 26. Semi-finals to be finished by  
Sept. 2. Finals Sept. 9.

### July, August, September and October

Ringer Tournaments for Men and Women.

### Chapin Cup

Handicap  
Qualifying rounds July 8. First four to qualify. Semi-finals  
to be finished by July 12. Finals July 15.

### Vice-Presidents Cup

Handicap  
Qualifying rounds Aug. 19. Semi-finals to be finished by  
Aug. 23. Finals Aug. 26.

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All contestants not playing on schedule will be defaulted. No postponements on account of rain.

## 1924: By the Numbers

- \$3,019** Total receipts at Greenwoods from golf dues
- \$167** Total sales of golf balls
- \$0.35** Price of a gallon of Grade A pasteurized milk



## First Known Ace

There wasn't a single hole-in-one recorded at Greenwoods in the first two decades of play, at least none on record. But on the 20th anniversary in 1922, golfer A.W. Burg popped one in on the 149-yard 3rd hole. Burg's feat set off a bit of a tear of aces, as two golfers—F.N. Hesse of Torrington and an unknown player who was visiting from Dallas, Tex.—posted aces two years later.

## Tee Shank Luck

Jiggs Burwell, who owned a local lumber company in Winsted, whistled his tee shot left on the par-3 third one day back in the 1920s. The ball took dead aim at a telephone pole across Torrington Street. It ricocheted off the pole, bounced high off the hard road and, wouldn't you know, the ball rolled down and into the cup.



# Green Woods Country Club

DATE 19 *1955*

Hole	Yards	Par	Hnd	<i>Babe</i>	<i>Stan</i>
1	295	4	13	3	4
2	484	5	5	7	6
3	178	3	15	4	3
4	410	4	3	5	5
5	440	4	1	3	7
6	370	4	7	4	4
7	350	4	9	5	4
8	157	3	17	3	4
9	320	4	11	6	5
<b>Out</b>	3004	35		40	42

10	295	4	14	4	3
11	484	5	6	6	8
12	178	3	16	3	3
13	410	4	4	4	4
14	440	4	2	5	5
15	370	4	8	5	4
16	350	4	10	4	4
17	157	3	18	4	4
18	320	4	12	3	4
<b>In</b>	3004	35		38	39
<b>Out</b>	3004	35		40	42
<b>Ttl</b>	6008	70			
<b>HANDICAP</b>				78	81
<b>NET SCORE</b>					

## 1955

Greenskeepers earned their pay and then some this year as the ole' course took a beating with the floods. But play went on anyway after some major work to flush out the water on certain holes.

## 1957

Mrs. Fetzter won low net with a 34 in the opening Calloway match. Mrs. Ohotnicky, Stan's sister, had a smashing 44 to take low gross. But the outerwear, not the golf, was the main attraction on June 14th. Cars on Tarringford Street slowed down to catch a glimpse of the lady players. Emily Pillarella won top laughs for wearing a clown costume. Dot Tanner was a baseball catcher, winning the prize for the most difficult costume in which to play golf. Vivian Leshay won low net on this day. Esther Olsen chipped in on the first playoff hole to beat Louise Gimm 1-up for the Top Flight championship on July 27th in the ladies' handicap tournament. In defiance of the heat and threatening storm, Mary Guerrini and Shirley Pagarulo took low net and Babe Ohotnicky and Gail Morgan low gross in a member-member.

Two players  
using one  
set of clubs  
must give  
way to  
groups with  
individual  
sets

—Sign on Course,  
circa 1950

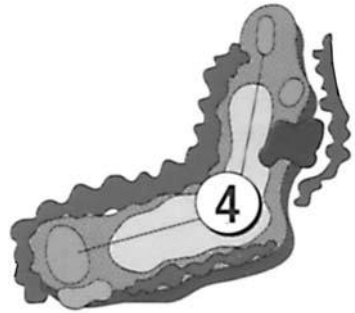


## 1958

Despite a slightly injured hand, Jim Dante played through pain to team with John Kucera for the men's scotch twosome title. The pair shot a scorching 62. Kucera, one of the longest hitters, actually used Dante's drives on most of the holes. It was July 2nd and Shirley Pagarulo pulled her 3-wood out of the bag on the 157-yard 8th. She was playing well, but admittedly had no visions of a hole-in-one, as fellow member Emily Pillarella had aced the hole three days earlier. But things happen in threes, so Pagarulo popped a perfect shot down to the hole and in the cup. Anne Healy and Janet Staszowski, Stan's sister, had 14 putts in a 9-hole putting contest in August. Club pro Stan Staszowski cooked steaks for the 30 competitors in a post-match celebratory cookout.

## 1959

Dolly and Ernest Eisenlohr won the Ma and Pa scotch twosome on September 5th, firing a happily-married-like 85 for low gross. Twenty couples played in the event.



## 1968

Shotgun starts were common here on tourney days. On one Saturday, the groups dispersed to their assigned holes and club pro Stan Staszowski set up the double barrel shotgun behind the clubhouse. He fired it at about 9 a.m. and out of nowhere a dead chicken came plunging down from the sky. Or at least that's how it looked to Stan. "Some joker really got Stan good on that one," says member George Fenn of Smith Hill.

## 1974

Sixteen new applications were approved in the spring, according to a report April 4th from secretary Bob McCarthy. That brought the total membership to 231. Greens fees continued to climb to \$7 this year for 18 holes on the weekends or holidays. Non-members who participated in 9-hole tournaments paid \$3.50.

# Strange, but True Tale

Caddyshack producers just wish they had thought of this storyline. It was the 1920s, and golf was growing in popularity. One afternoon, Greenwood's member William Brunson blazed his tee shot on the 6th (the current 9th) out to the current 150-yard marker. As Brunson and his group approached their drives, someone yelled "Fore!" from the second fairway. Everyone ducked, turning back toward the 6th tee for cover. But no one heard the ball land. The wayward-hitting player soon approached looking for his shank. "Did you happen to see it?" he asked Brunson's foursome.

No one knew. The player was shocked and he confronted Brunson's caddy: "Did you take the ball son?"

"No sir," the caddy said. But the player, angered over losing a ball in open space, didn't believe him. You see, balls were hard to come by in the 1920s. Young caddies were allowed to play only on Mondays and they needed balls for their Monday rounds. Others sold the balls they found to course members. It was a lucrative business for some. The caddy stuck to his story. And so the player, unhappy that he would have to take a penalty for a lost ball, huffed off.

Time passed and Brunson and the group finished their round. Afterwards, Brunson was looking to pay his caddy the standard 50 cents, plus a tip. He reached into his pocket to look for change and to take out his golf balls. You always knew a Brunson ball, because it had a special logo on it: his initials, 'WDB.' He pulled out two with WDB on them, and then another from his left pants pocket, but this one wasn't his. Turns out it was the ball that the player was looking for. Sucker had flown into his pocket!

Players wore baggy pants in those days so it's somewhat conceivable that the ball snuck in without Brunson feeling anything. Brunson gave the caddy the evidence. The caddy will never forget the story. The caddy's name was Stan Staszowski.



# The Making of a Golf Pro Emeritus 1936- 1986



By 1920, Joseph Staszowski and his wife, Aniela, owned a bustling farm down the road from Greenwoods Country Club. With six children and a few hired workers, there were many hands to tend to the farm chores. Like many farmers of the day, Mr. Staszowski wore a number of hats and he also worked at the American Brass Company in Torrington. His third job was to use his own horse to pull a three unit mowers to keep the fairways of GWCC “short and rolling”. He used a push mower on the greens. Later, Frank Klein, an executive at American Brass and Greenwoods member, arranged for Joe to work around his shift hours so that he could take on the full role of Caretaker for Greenwoods during the golf season. During the winter his sons Frank and Stan would cut ice blocks from their farm pond. In the summer they would use their horse-drawn sled to haul it to Greenwoods to keep the beer cool. As caretaker Joe, managed the property, the greens and fairways, the tees and the clubhouse, and even the kitchen on occasion. This was the all-encompassing job that today’s Golf Pro does not attempt.

In the spring of 1936, a difficult year for all Americans, Joseph Staszowski died after contracting pneumonia while working in the sugar house on his farm. After condolences were extended, Mr. Frank Baldwin then the current president of Greenwoods Country Club, paid a visit to the farmhouse. He told Mrs. Staszowski that the Club would like to hire her eldest son, Frank, tall and strong and just shy of his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, to take over his father’s role at the course. Now the decision maker and fully in charge of her family and the farm, Mom said, “No!” She needed Frank on the farm, but her 18-year-old son Stanley could have the position instead. She made the deal and the rest was history.

During the war years, Stan went off to the Pacific Theater of Operations stationed in New Guinea. His brother Frank took the helm at Greenwoods. After the War, Stan returned to Greenwoods and Frank became the pro at Torrington Country Club.

# Post depression and WWII years

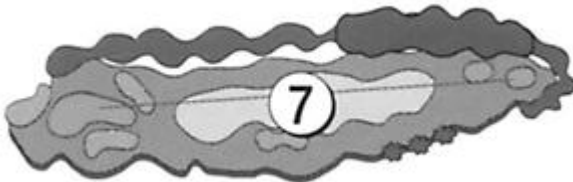
“I’ll meet you at the course.” That didn’t happen at Greenwoods in the early days. Groups would arrive together in foursomes for matches. Carpooling was ahead of its time. Rarely would there be a single. Said one member: “You always knew how many foursomes were on the course at any given time by the number of cars in the lot.”

Mrs. Ellsworth Frazee of Holabrid Avenue posted an impressive 80 on April 29, 1938 after a pair of 40s. Mrs. C. E. Selover witnessed the great play, one of the best rounds that year. Four years earlier, Highland Lake’s Delight Tolles set the 80 mark with a 37-43 in a match with Mary Bellini on July 17, 1934. But a guest from Pittsburgh had the best score in this decade with 76.

Legend has it that a lefty came to the tee on 3 in the last 30s and told his playing partner, “I’m going to hit this one with gusto and precision.” Well, he sure as heck hit it with gusto; the precision was a bit off, though, as the ball tweetered through the windshield of car driving along the road. No one got hurt, except the golfer’s ego.

Ball found in any  
wheeltrack may  
be lifted without penalty

--- Sign on Course,  
circa 1925



# Great Caddy Strike of 1945

It wasn't uncommon for 40 caddies to get a loop on a given Saturday in the early years here. In the post-war era of the 1940s, there were fewer caddies, as carts drove on the scene. But even with demand dipping, the caddies asked for a 15 cent raise in rates. They wanted 75 cents. Members wouldn't budge. So, on a Saturday morning tournament in 1945, they went on strike. Legend has it that Hartford Courant writer Owen Canfield orchestrated the walkout. The caddies gave in that afternoon, but the membership met their demands anyway. Shrewd businessmen, those caddies.

Canfield, who started caddying at age 11 with his younger brother Matt, discovered "The Course" as he called it while traipsing through the woods looking for golf balls to sell to players. "Our father encouraged us to caddy," Canfield wrote. "It was a time when caddying was a young man's art. We were skilled at our jobs and proud of it. We were able to keep up with the men even when they were 'making the lumber fly.' We marked errant shots by a tree or bush and could usually walk right to the ball when a wild-man cracked one out of bounds."

It was common back then to carry two bags at once, and no one complained about that. That's where the money was. The fee for an 18-hole loop was \$1, but a 50 cent tip was guaranteed if you caught good tippers like Jiggs Burwell, Mr. Gaylord, Mr. Griffin, Charlie Kammameyer, Dick Hall, Eddie Morin, Doc Sadoty, or Howard Buckley. "We tried to avoid the quarter tippers," Canfield recalled. "A quarter or dime and a soda at the turn didn't cut the mustard. On weekdays, when we were scattered around the woods looking for balls, Stan Staszowski would summon us by hammering a water pipe. The pounding noise would reverberate all the way to the 6th."



From the bunker:

*Jim Vonboorn*

*Excerpts from an Owen  
Canfield memoir*

# Classic Finish at '59 Pro-Member Tourney

**E**arlier that summer, some 300 fans traipsed to Greenwoods from Winsted, Torrington and towns across Connecticut to watch 15 teams compete in a thrilling pro-member tournament. In an effort to stimulate golf in the area, Greenwoods held pro-member events the first week in June in the 50s and 60s. Spectators would come from all over to see their pros play, including New Haven, Hartford, Massachusetts, and many of the clubs like Tumblebrook and Shuttlemeadow.

Entering pros were paid a \$15 appearance fee. Tiger gets \$1 million today. In the '59 classic, Staszowski teamed with members William Palozie, Paul Julian and Dr. Sidoti for a best-ball 59 through 17 holes. On the final hole, Staszowski's team needed a birdie-3 for the win over Connecticut pro Alex Hackney and members Earl Griffin, Buster Mercier and W. Vernon Davey. The crowd was anxious and the players tense. Staszowski put his second shot over the rear portion of the green into a gully. "He was cool as he read that green and analyzed that shot; you could tell he was trying to hole it," remembers young caddy Nick Bell of Canton. Bell says Staszowski chipped the ball to about 6-feet short. The ball rolled methodically forward and hit the pin, but it didn't drop; it bounced back cruelly, resting just inches short. Maybe it was Stan's way of being a good host.



*From left: Frank and  
Alice Staszowski,  
Stan and Bunny Staszowski*

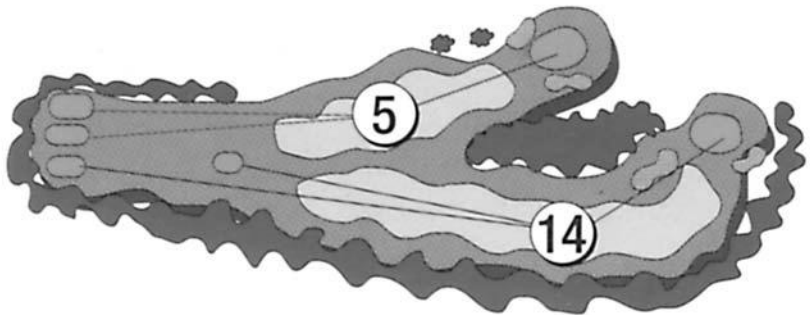
# 14th Hole up in Smoke?

Back in the mid-70's a few high school students were hired to work on the golf course. Their names will not be mentioned here to protect the innocent and the guilty, but their stories are still being shared over a bottle of beer or two.

This was during the time when the construction of hole number 14 was under way. A bulldozer had been used to knock down the trees and the kids were hired to cut up the downed trees with chain saws. That image alone should cause one to shudder... Teenagers who were just getting the hang of shaving were given chain saws and free rein. You would expect any trouble to rise amid the power tools, but, no, that was not to be the danger zone.

Step one was to reduce the trees to a manageable size, think chainsaws, and step two was to pile up the wood and burn the remains, think fire. There is no record of burn permits from Town Hall. The kids used gasoline to fuel the bonfires, and all was good until the flames got too close to one of the nearby pine trees. Considering the way pine trees burn, only a minor miracle saved the whole course from going up in smoke.

Luckily, they had a golf cart on site, so one of the boys was dispatched to get help.....no, not the Winsted Fire Department. He went tearing up to the clubhouse, carefully avoiding the pro. The liquid fertilizer pump sprayer was quickly filled with water and that, with a lot of fervent prayers was used to extinguish the blaze. Remember, this was in the 70's, long before anyone was concerned with air quality or the effect of incineration, vaporization, evaporation, and distribution of chemicals into the atmosphere. What could have been a disaster was averted, and since the boys operated on a "need to know basis", until this publication the tale has never been told.



# Lee Trevino, The British Open and the Wedge

Back in the day, the Greater Hartford Open was held during the last days of August. The field was always strong, the players impressive, but the pomp and circumstance that we see today was much less involved, and the Tour itself was grueling. It was typical for Stan to invite the players back to his house on Torrington Street in Winsted for a home-cooked meal, often as Stan himself presided at the barbeque. Steaks would sizzle on the makeshift half drum grill in the backyard while corn on the cob and baked potatoes were being prepared in the kitchen.

Now, the doors of Greenwoods were always open to anyone who wielded a driver, regardless of their skill level, but every now and then someone exceptional walked in. Such a player was a young Lee Trevino. He was competing in the GHO of 1972, today known as the Travelers Championship.

As in any clubhouse, there was a barrel of lost, forgotten or forsaken clubs were left for anyone to use. Lee found a Helen Hicks wedge to his liking. Lee offered \$2.00 for the club, but Stan simply wished him well. Mr. Trevino then went out to the parking lot and staged an impromptu demonstration with that club. To the amazement of the gathered club members, he would chip off the pavement and onto the ninth green...not sure that any of them went on to successfully manage that move.

Lee ultimately won the GHO that year, shooting a 65 in the final round and collecting a \$25,000 purse. The very next week, Lee Trevino won the British open, using that wedge. He made several key up and downs with that old wedge, and talked about his new lucky club during a post-tournament interview.

The story does not end there. Fast forward forty years.... Stan's nephew and former caddy and course helper Steve Rusckowski was playing in a charity golf event at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Westchester County NY. Lee Trevino was also at the event as a celebrity host. Steve approached Mr. Trevino, introduced himself, and asked if he remembered his visit to GWCC. Lee responded immediately. Now, it is known that golfers have as many stories as they do extra tees in the bag. As a crowd of fellow golf enthusiasts gathered around, Mr. Trevino retold the tale of the wedge as if it were yesterday.

Some years later, in an attempt to bring the wedge back to GWCC, it was learned that Lee donated that club to a convent in England for a charity auction fund raiser. The club that is mounted in the grill room is not the original, but it is a reminder of a great golfer and two great guys.



# Great Matches

## 40–Hole Final

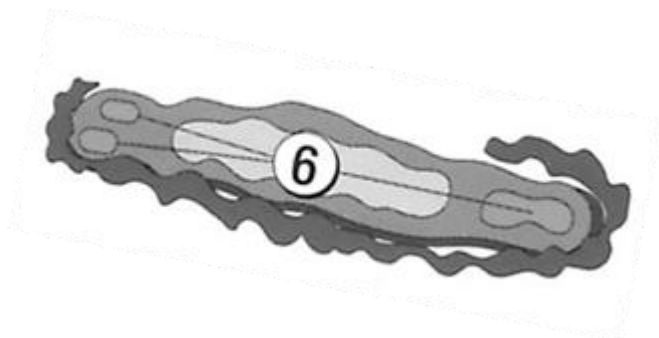
It was an epic event: Dolly Eisenlohr faced off against Vicky Morrow in the finals of the 1972 ladies' championship. Maybe one of the best ever in the course's 100-plus years, according to long-time members. The competitor's played 40 grueling holes, the last four part of a sudden-death playoff. Eisenlohr snuck it out with a buzzing gallery looking on.

## David vs. Goliath

Adly Bianchi isn't afraid to admit that she probably would have won on any other day. It was the finals of the Greenwoods' Cup, a handicap event for the ladies that gives everyone a chance to compete. The event had history, dating back to the club's beginnings in 1903. Bianchi, one of the top golfers at the club, had won the event before, but there was a special kind of David versus Goliath feeling on this championship day. Lori Bailey, still a cub by golf standards, had a tall feat to upend Bianchi. The former champ had posted an unofficial course record 68 at one point in her career. So there they were on the first tee: Bailey, all of 23, and Bianchi, a veteran champ in her 40s.

"Lori had a 7 on the first hole," Bianchi recalls. "I told to her to calm down, to 'chill out.'"

Chill Lori did. She shot the round of her life, a respectable 90. And in this tournament, that was a shot better than Bianchi's 18-hole 71. "It's funny really," Canton's Bianchi still laughs of the match. "You give her 20 strokes and shoot even par and, wouldn't you know it, you lose by one. She had one of those days."



# Only at Greenwoods

## Birdie Run

The bedtime story legend about the tortoise and the hare may have competition. Did you hear the one about the wild turkey that chased the golfer across the 4th green? Oh, wait, that really happened. Legend has it Steve Magyar never moved so quickly.

## How 'bout Them Apples

On the old course, Ted Vaill once hit his drive on the 9<sup>th</sup> (now the 2nd). It headed right for one of the old apple trees that used to line the fairway. Vaill's ball never came down, though. After a short search, someone in his foursome spotted it stuck in a limb. "It looked like a popsicle," one player said. The group teased Vaill to climb the tree and hit the ball, but he took a drop instead.

## Bee Not Afraid

Jack Pasko drove his ball in the right woods on the 7th once, but when he was in looking for his ball he encountered a ground nest of bees. The bees flew up his shorts like dust bunnies sucked into a vacuum. Jack had only one choice; he ripped off his shorts and ran like crazy. Only thing, he wasn't wearing his boxers that day. So he hoofed his bear behind up the 7th fairway. Word has it that the shack girl blushed.

## Surrender

Someone's underpants were hanging from the 2nd hole flagstick after a mixed golf tournament in the 1990s. Elaine Truskoski denied a rumor that the undergarment was hers. Others say the garment was a sign that the golfers had surrendered.

Ball can be moved a mashie club's length from stone wall without penalty.

—Sign on Course, circa 1935

# Where's the Divot?



Two young ladies walked into the clubhouse one day and signed up to play a round. Both were newcomers to Greenwoods, so the pro showed some old-fashioned hospitality by escorting the twosome to the first tee. The pro, Stan Staszowski, gave them directions about where to hit and the girls thanked him. And as he walked away, one of them asked about the sign by the tee marker that read, “Please replace your divots!” Perplexed, the girl turned to Stan and asked: “So where will we find them?” Only in golf.

## Mud Shot

**Speechless:** *Pro Dave Dell, at his 10th anniversary party*

The late Tony Roscello got what he asked for one time playing the 8th. It was an evening foursome event in the 1980s and Tony's group came to the tee in good shape. Heck, the group's top golfer, Addy Bianchi, was keeping the team in play. But in scramble formats, the foursome must use each player's drive at least once. Tony hit a squirrley iron on 8 that fluttered down in the confines of the water hazard. The ball sat on a bed of black mud. But rules are rules, and with just the 9th to play, the foursome decided to use Tony's shot.



Bianchi told Tony to hit the ball like he would a sand shot, hitting a few inches or so behind the ball. Tony did his best, but his shot barely made it to the bank of the water. Addy hit next and slipped a wedge to three-feet, but that wasn't her present. “I got covered in mud.”

“Now I'll try,” Rena Gotti said as she placed her ball on the filthy mud. She took a nice swing, the group remembers, but no one seems to recall where her ball landed. They were too mesmerized by the collection of mud that flooded Gotti, her clothes, face, hair, even her nose. The group's fourth member, Al Vannini, would have hit last, but chose to pass. “I'm not getting dirty for nobody,” Vannini said. Such is golf: Often cruel, occasionally funny.

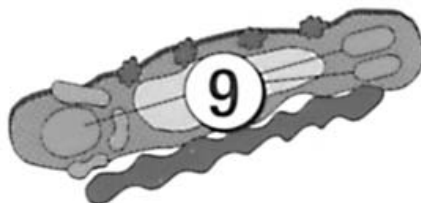
# Ladies' Champions

1934	D. Tolles	1974	G. Huckel	2000	K. Ritchie
1935	M. Bellini	1975	M. Staszowski	2001	K. Ritchie
1936	M. Herrman	1976	M. Staszowski	2002	K. Ritchie
1937	H. Frazee	1977	M. Staszowski	2003	No championship
1938	H. Frazee	1978	D. Zampini	2004	S. VanInwagen
1939	L. Gimm	1979	M. Staszowski	2005	S. VanInwagen
1940	K. Stone	1980	M. Staszowski	2006	S. VanInwagen
1941-55	No championships	1981	M. Vaccari	2007	S. Smith
1956	E. Olsen	1982	M. Vaccari	2008	S. Smith
1957	E. Olsen	1983	M. Vaccari	2009	S. Smith
1958	G. Morgan	1984	D. Zampini	2010	S. Smith
1959	G. Morgan	1985	C. Rubino	2011	S. Reidy
1960	M. Dante	1986	A. Bianchi	2012	S. Smith
1961	D. Armstrong	1987	A. Bianchi	2013	S. Reidy
1962	D. Armstrong	1988	A. Bianchi	2014	S. Smith
1963	D. Armstrong	1989	K. Ritchie	2015	L. Nietch
1964	D. Armstrong	1990	C. Rubino	2016	A. DeMichiel
1965	M. Dante	1991	A. Bianchi	2017	L. McKenna
1966	D. Armstrong	1992	A. Bianchi	2018	L. McKenna
1967	M. Dante	1993	A. Bianchi	2019	L. McKenna
1968	V. Morrow	1994	A. Bianchi	2020	L. McKenna
1969	A. Bianchi	1995	A. Bianchi	2021	A. DeMichiel
1970	A. Bianchi	1996	K. Ritchie	2022	A. DeMichiel
1971	P. Morris	1997	K. Ritchie	2023	M. Dzielak
1972	D. Eisenlohr	1998	K. Ritchie	2024	L. Dzielak
1973	G. Huckel	1999	K. Ritchie		



# Men's Champions

1931	W. Latimer	1965	D. Audia	1996	M. Vaccari
1932	F. Latimer	1966	H. Buckley	1997	B. Burgess
1933	F. H. Baldwin	1967	A. Dilaurenzio	1998	B. Burgess
1934	H. Card	1968	J. Burinskas	1999	B. Burgess
1935	H. Card	1969	J. Burinskas	2000	B. Burgess
1936	A. P. Griffin	1970	G. Phelan	2001	J. Svetz
1937	F. Staszowski	1971	J. Burinskas	2002	J. Svetz
1938	H. Card	1972	A. Bordonaro	2003	D. Ledda
1939	P. Newton	1973	J. Burinskas	2004	J. Svetz
1940	J. Pasko	1974	C. Golarz	2005	A. Vaccari
1941-44	No championships	1975	J. Staszowski	2006	A. Vaccari
1945	J. Pasko	1976	J. Staszowski	2007	T. Schaller
1946	J. Pasko	1977	J. Staszowski	2008	A. Vaccari
1947	J. Pasko	1978	J. Staszowski	2009	M. Kelly
1948	G. Osterhaut	1979	J. Staszowski	2010	A. Vaccari
1949	E. Samplinski	1980	J. Staszowski	2011	K. Williams
1950	R. Griffin	1981	E. Giansiracusa	2012	T. Schaller
1951	R. Griffin	1982	J. Staszowski	2013	T. Schaller
1952	P. Gorecki	1983	J. Staszowski	2014	B. Quartiero
1953	R. Griffin	1984	J. Staszowski	2015	K. Williams
1954	H. Buckley	1985	J. Staszowski	2016	K. Williams
1955	M. Canfield	1986	B. Gage	2017	K. Williams
1956	J. Staszowski	1987	B. Gage	2018	S. Johnson
1957	E. Holten	1988	C. Golarz	2019	S. Johnson
1958	M. Canfield	1989	B. Gage	2020	T. Schaller
1959	J. Burinskas	1990	B. Burgess	2021	D. Keith
1960	J. Kay	1991	J. Brown	2022	R. Salius
1961	H. Buckley	1992	G. Leone	2023	S. Johnson
1962	J. Kay	1993	G. Leone	2024	S. Johnson
1963	D. Audia	1994	M. Mathiasen		
1964	D. Audia	1995	J. Brown		



# Club Presidents

## Early Years

1902-1903	William Phelps
1903-1906	E.B. Gaylord
1906-1909	C.H. Alvord
1909-1910	Elias Pratt
1910-1911	Ralph Holmes
1911-1912	Charles Parker
1912-1914	D.L. Vaill
1914-1915	W.W. Bierce
1915-1917	G.E. Hammann
1917-1918	Harry Burgess
1918-1919	Joseph Scoville
1920-1921	D.F. Hildreth

## Mid Century

1921-1935	No record
1935-1937	Wesley Winslow
1937-1939	Fred Latimer
1939-1941	Robert Gaylord
1941-1945	William Egnor
1945-1947	Morris Fitzgerald
1947-1949	Cleyton Smith
1949-1951	Louis Basquin
1951-1953	Bert Mitchell
1953-1956	Charles Patterson
1956-1958	Eugene Holten
1958-1961	George Columbie
1961-1963	Harry Garbus
1963-1966	Walter Schroeder

## Modern Day

1966-1968	Richard Heneage
1968-1971	Robert McCarthy
1971-1973	Donald Daly
1973-1975	Frank Serback
1975-1977	Dom Audia
1977-1979	Ted Giansiracusa
1979-1981	Joseph Barber
1981-1983	Charles Fecto
1983-1985	Steve Magyar
1985-1987	Fred Silano
1987-1989	Kenneth Pratt
1989-1991	John Gelormino
1991-1993	Richard Birge
1993-1996	Dennis Hogan
1996-1999	Gerry Maguire
1999-2001	Joseph Quartiero
2001-2003	Anthony Salius
2003-2004	J. Thomas Ferrarotti
2004-2007	Joseph Pecivalle
2007-2008	Richard Bray
2008-2011	William Zampaglione
2011-2012	Matthew Smith
2012-2014	Joseph Longobucco
2014-2016	Dan Hale
2016-2017	Ken Williams
2017-2019	Tina Zampaglione
2019-2021	Gene Hubbard
2021-2023	William Zampaglione
2023-Current	Aaron Lefkowski





## Course records

Low round on old course: 58, **Stan Staszowski**

Low round on current track: 63, **Bobby Gage**

Low women's round: 71, **Dolly Armstrong**

## Top players, visitors never forget Greenwoods

**Billy Maxwell**, amateur

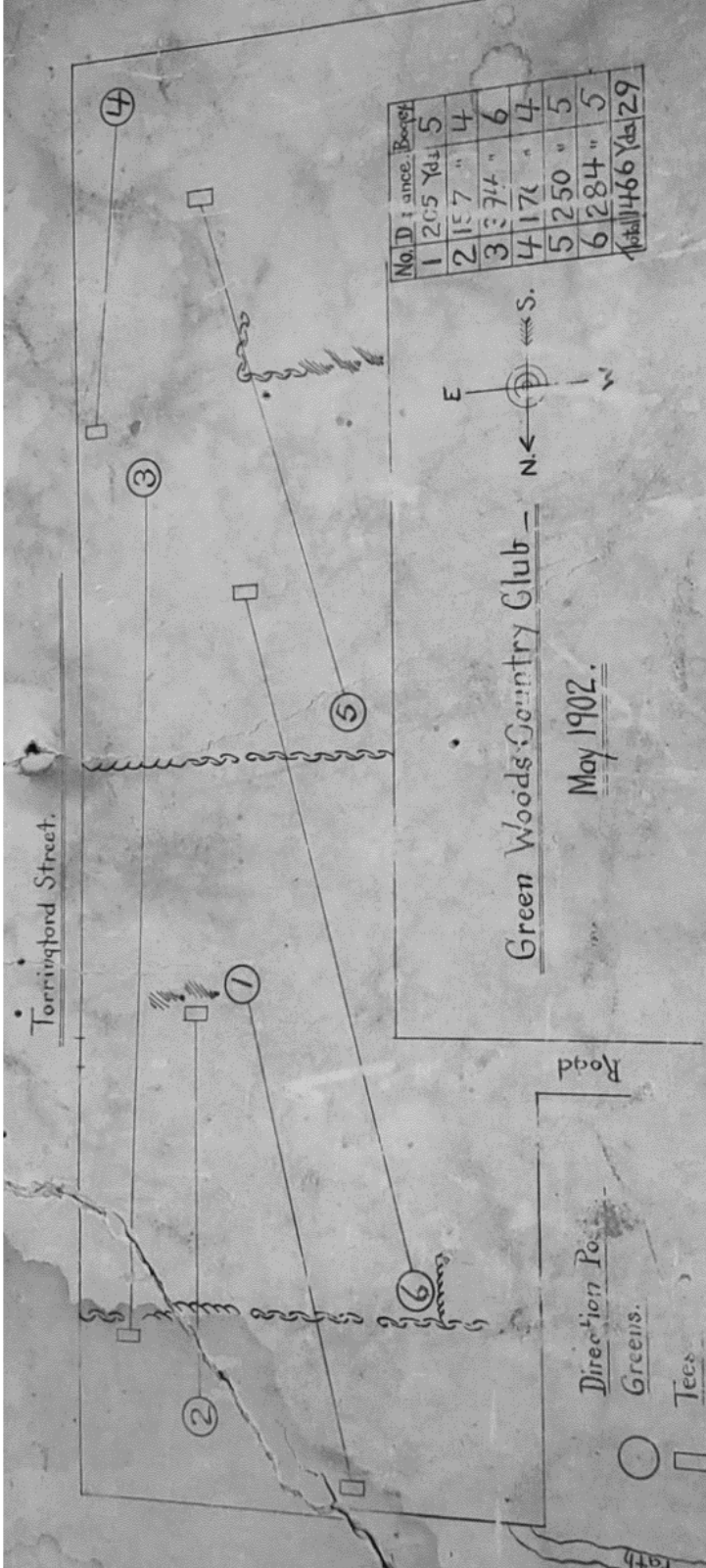
**Matt Canfield**, amateur

**Tommy Armour**, who Stan called his second Dad

**Bobby Gage**, a PGA and Nike Tour player who won the PGA schoolqualifying event in October 2002

**John Wylie**, led Texas A&M to collegiate golf championship

**George Lilley**, Connecticut's Governor in 1909



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1	205	Yds	5
2	157	"	4
3	174	"	6
4	176	"	4
5	250	"	5
6	284	"	5
Total			1466 Yds

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