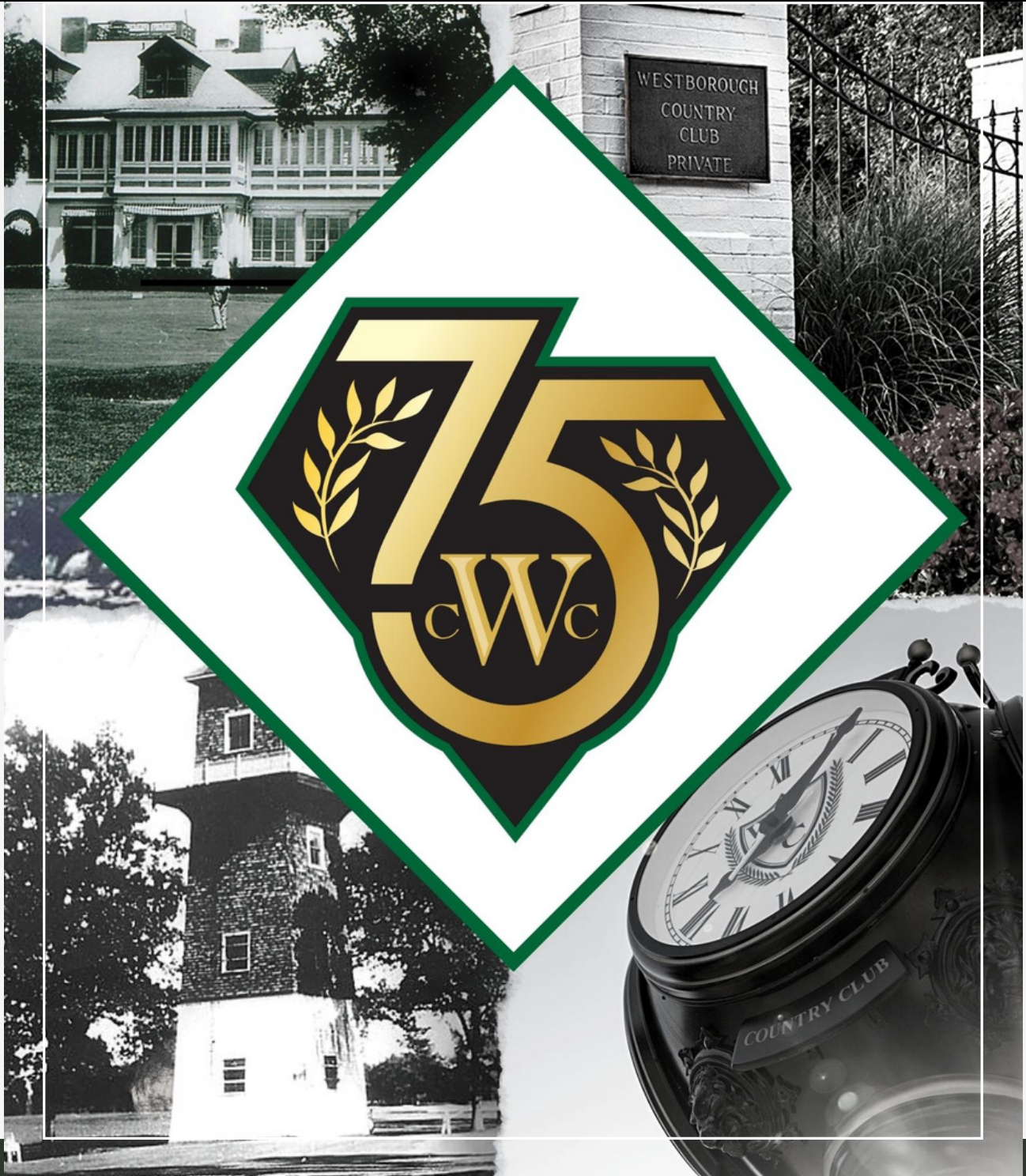


A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

WESTBOROUGH'S RICH & RESILIENT HISTORY



VOL. 5 CONTINUING EVOLUTION

Foreword

September 22, 2023

Dear Fellow Westborough Members, Families, and Friends:

Welcome to the **fifth volume** in our e-publication **A Diamond in the Rough: Westborough's Rich & Resilient History**. This volume, titled **Continuing Evolution**, will most likely be the largest in our e-publication series, as we report on the 1960s and 1970s. The people, places, challenges, and events during that time shaped our Club and its property into the form that you see today. We will cover:

- **The Traditions** – including Derby Day, the Ross Lillard Cup, Ham & Eggs Tennis, and Presidents' Ball
- **The Ambitions** – bringing back tennis courts and strongly considering a completely redesigned clubhouse with the entrance off Lockwood, resulting in a reconfigured golf course
- **The Complications** – from incessant vandalism to the April Fools Day fire in 1978 that ravaged another Westborough clubhouse
- **The Congratulations** – stars including Neva Anderson, Ginny Parshall, Gene Fehlig, Mick Wellington, and, of course, Jim Holtgrieve led a cast of golfers who won countless titles during this era

In this Volume 5, we cover many of the key members whose leadership impacted the Club post-1948, several of whose legacies live on through their children who are current Club members. Names like Holtgrieve, Moore, and Wellington represent generations of Club leadership and golf success, and more will be featured in forthcoming volumes.

Enjoy!



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Club Historian



Jim Capek
General Manager



Hannah Rowland
Communications Manager



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No. 4 green, No. 3 fairway, and No. 2 green in August 1968

TIMELINE

CONTINUING EVOLUTION

1960-1979

1961

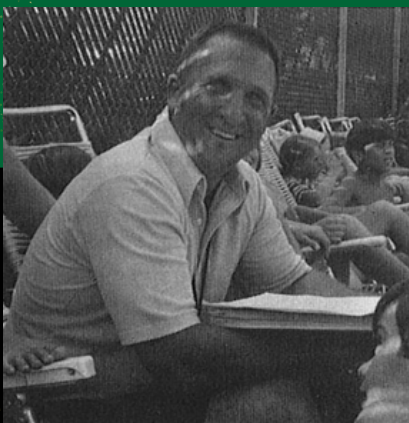
Helen Hunn

1961

The Westborough Women's Golf Association (WWGA) selects Helen Hunn and the recipient of its inaugural Westy Award.

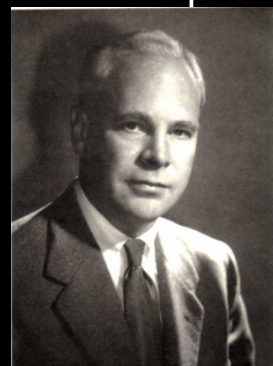
1962

Ed Bielik is announced as the Club's new pool manager and swim coach. He would spend 35 years at Westborough and drive the success of the swim team to new heights!



Nov. 21, 1963

One of the original charter members, directors, and Club President for 1949-50, John Arnold, passes away after a long illness. Arnold, a prominent local attorney, was the legal architect who handled the original formation of the 1948 entity that is now our Club, graciously providing endless hours of legal services to the Club without compensation.



May 2, 1964

Westborough hosts its inaugural Derby Day golf event, what would become one of the most cherished traditions that would endure for decades.



August 19, 1964

Westborough juniors Steve Noller and Jim Holtgrieve capture the district golf title in a 20-16 victory over Greenbriar.

WCC victory!

Westborough Juniors Capture Golf Title

Steve Noller shot a 76 and Jim Holtgrieve 78 to lead Westborough to a 20-16 victory over Greenbriar in a match that determined the southern sectional title in the Greater St. Louis Junior Golf League yesterday. Westborough will meet Normandie for the over-all championship Monday at Westwood.

March 1972

WCC board approves clubhouse expansion program. The upgrades cost \$500,000, but were completed without any assessments.

July 1, 1973

Tennis returns to Westborough with a grand opening of the new tennis courts.



July 1976

The Westborough Membership Committee worked to establish a by-law amendment providing for an Intermediate Membership, that would change the landscape of the Club. The goal was to attract younger members and make a name for Westborough amongst the younger generation who were not sons/daughters of current members. This obviously paid off in the long run!

April 1, 1978

Westborough suffers yet another devastating clubhouse fire.

Westborough Club Damaged By Fire

Five suburban fire departments were called early Saturday to put out a fire that extensively damaged the Westborough Country Club.

Authorities said a guard, Kevin Hanes, reported the fire at the country club, 631 South Berry Road, Oakland, at 4:31 a.m. The Crestwood, Kirkwood, Webster Groves, Afton and Mehlville fire departments brought the fire under control at 5:53.

Captain Lou Seers of the Crestwood department said the fire, which started

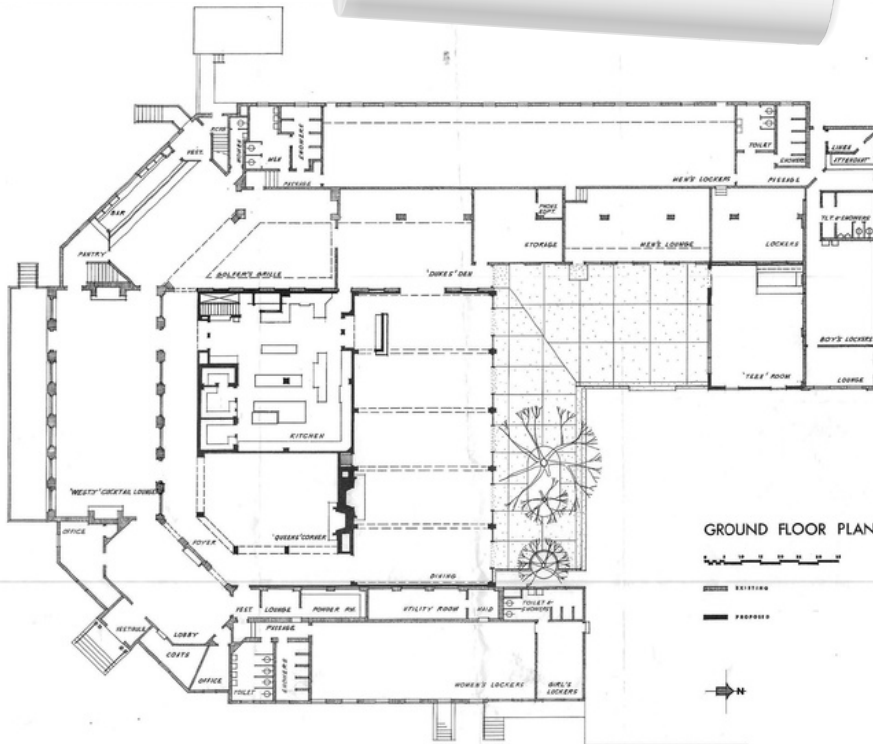
in the women's lounge, apparently was the result of a short-circuit. But he said the exact cause of the fire had not yet been determined.

Seers said the women's lounge and restroom area, a sitting room and the front foyer were damaged extensively. The rest of the building, which has two dining rooms, a bar, lounge, man's lounge and restroom area, and exercise rooms, had heat and smoke damage, he said.

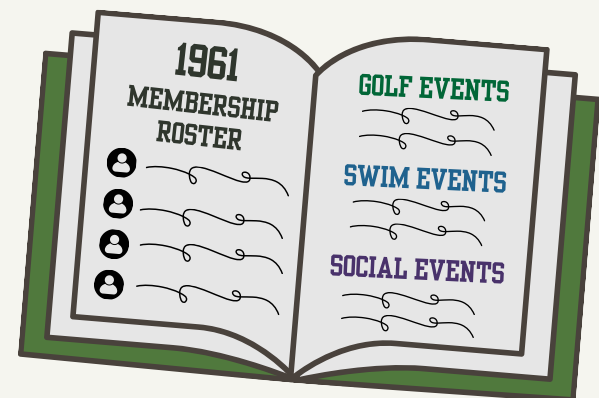
THE 60'S & 70'S CHANGE & EXPLORATION

The 1960s and 1970s were in many ways decades of change and exploration, questioning the status quo, and actively pursuing improvement in the quality of life. Whether it was the expansion of our country's space exploration program, the activism challenging the war in Vietnam, or the creation of social welfare programs, change was everywhere. That pioneering attitude was ever-present at Westborough as it entered the 1960s. The Club had now been member-owned-and-run for over a decade and was defining its own brand and traditions.

If there was ever change at Westborough during this period of time it was in the Club Manager position. Ray Karr, who had become Club manager in January 1959, left in April 1960. The Club appointed its maître d' Bill Williams to be acting manager as they pursued Karr's replacement. In June, Jack Miranda was named manager. Miranda, who was born in London in 1908 and served in the British Army, had previously been manager of Willowdene Country Club in Johannesburg, South Africa. Miranda didn't stay long, however, as in August 1961 Tom Schneider became Club Manager (the seventh manager since the members bought the Club in 1948). Schneider also didn't stay long, and in October 1963 Williams would again be asked to handle the manager's duties.



From a membership perspective, things were rosy. In February 1961, there was a waiting list for senior (regular) members and a limited number of temporary or swim memberships available. In May 1961, for the first time, the Club distributed a "Yearbook" that contained a roster and schedule of activities for golf, swimming, and social events. With this prosperity in place, in August and September 1961 the Westborough Board discussed permanent improvements and decided to authorize up to \$200,000 of additional indebtedness. An improvements proposal was then submitted to the membership in October and carried with an overwhelming majority, and without a proposed increase in dues or an assessment.



NEW. NEW. NEW.

The improvements were slated to include a new, modern, and efficient kitchen on the first floor level, new dining room with a seating capacity of 235, new ladies lounge-cardroom (Queens Corner), new lounge for cocktails and dinner (The Westy Room), a golfers mixed grill, men's grill (Duke's Den), and a Teen Room. During excavation for the clubhouse addition in April 1962, the workers found charred timbers, stones, and bricks of the original Myers/Bridge mansion clubhouse that had burned in 1933. Rubble had been bulldozed into a hole and contained silverware, enamel coffee pots, pieces of china (some usable and put on display behind the bar), and they also found an old cistern in the center of the courtyard.

To celebrate the improvements when finished, the Club held a Completion Dance on November 17, 1962, showing off the "new" Westborough. The gala event, which featured the famous Russ David Orchestra, had 350 people, which was said to be largest group ever served at Westborough.

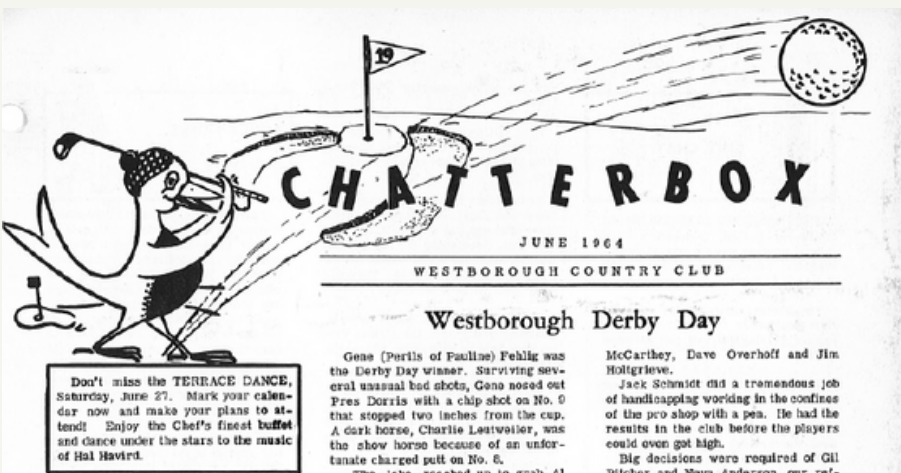
Cheers
to a new
(& improved) club!



1964 was a busy year at Westborough. In June, the first "printed" Chatterbox was distributed, with a cleaner look thanks to then-editor Paul Kuhn. Of course, the newsletter featured the famous bird Westy that received its name in February 1961 when Andy Anderson won the naming contest. Also important in the June 1964 Chatterbox was the reporting on the inaugural Derby Day golf event, becoming one of the Club's most enduring traditions. You can read more about Derby Day on page 30.

In August 1964, the Club reported on a survey of 177 members taken in February, which showed these interesting results:

- ◆ 30 members belonging less than 3 years
- ◆ 47 belonging 3-6 years
- ◆ 33 belonging 6-10 years
- ◆ 67 belonging over 10 years
- ◆ Average family has 4-5 members with 2 being active golfers and 3-4 using the pool



In line with these survey results, the Club chose to make improvements in the teenage room, put a new roof on the men's locker room, and install new carpeting in the men's locker room.

Another important change from a facilities perspective was made in September when a new 6" water line from Berry Rd was installed with a 2" line into the clubhouse and 4" line to the swimming pool. This increased badly needed water pressure to the pool, showers, etc. and permitted watering of No. 11, 12, and 18 fairway and greens, and No. 10, 12, and 13, plus the practice green. Also included in the 6" line was a fire plug, the presence of which allowed for lower insurance, paying for itself in two years time.

By 1967, the Club's financial condition was excellent and in December of that year it had the largest sales month in Club history. Also in 1967, Berry Rd. was about to be widened to accommodate traffic associated with the new I-44 being built. Also, a new flagpole was dedicated on opening day (thanks to the suggestion made to the Club Board by Ibbie Dasler).



In January 1968, Robert Auger was introduced as yet another new Club manager. During that year, Club membership was steady with a waiting list at 14 (12 being senior memberships). At this time the Club began to charge members \$5 for the Evans Scholarship Fund for caddies.

However, there were some challenges that also presented themselves in 1968, with Ralph Guyer reporting on continued vandalism problems and the Club deciding to cancel its traditional 4th of July fireworks due to damage inflicted on the Club property the previous year. The vandalism progressed to a point when, in May 1969, the Board hired a private investigator, William Housmann, to be in charge of security and protecting Westborough's property.

Like most of his predecessors, Auger didn't last long as manager and resigned in July 1969. In September 1969, James Van Coutren filled the manager position, a position he held longer than most of his predecessors (seven years).

Here is a photo from November 1971 when Van Coutren presented champagne to the Mr. and Mrs. Reithman to commemorate issuing them stock number 1000!



A BOLD NEW LOOK!

In April 1968, Westborough finally settled on a logo, which would begin to grace scorecards, hats, sweaters, etc. for the next decade. The contemporary and innovative logo was designed by member Vic Take.



NEW CLUB INSIGNIA ADOPTED



This new club trade-mark will soon appear on various club items such as the roster, letter-heads, etc. As other items are purchased and printed, this new club-identity will be used. The insignia is colorful in brilliant red, white, black and gold.

Multiple-time Club champ, Ginny Parshall, proudly wearing the new logo on her hat – more about her on page 49.



Vic Take

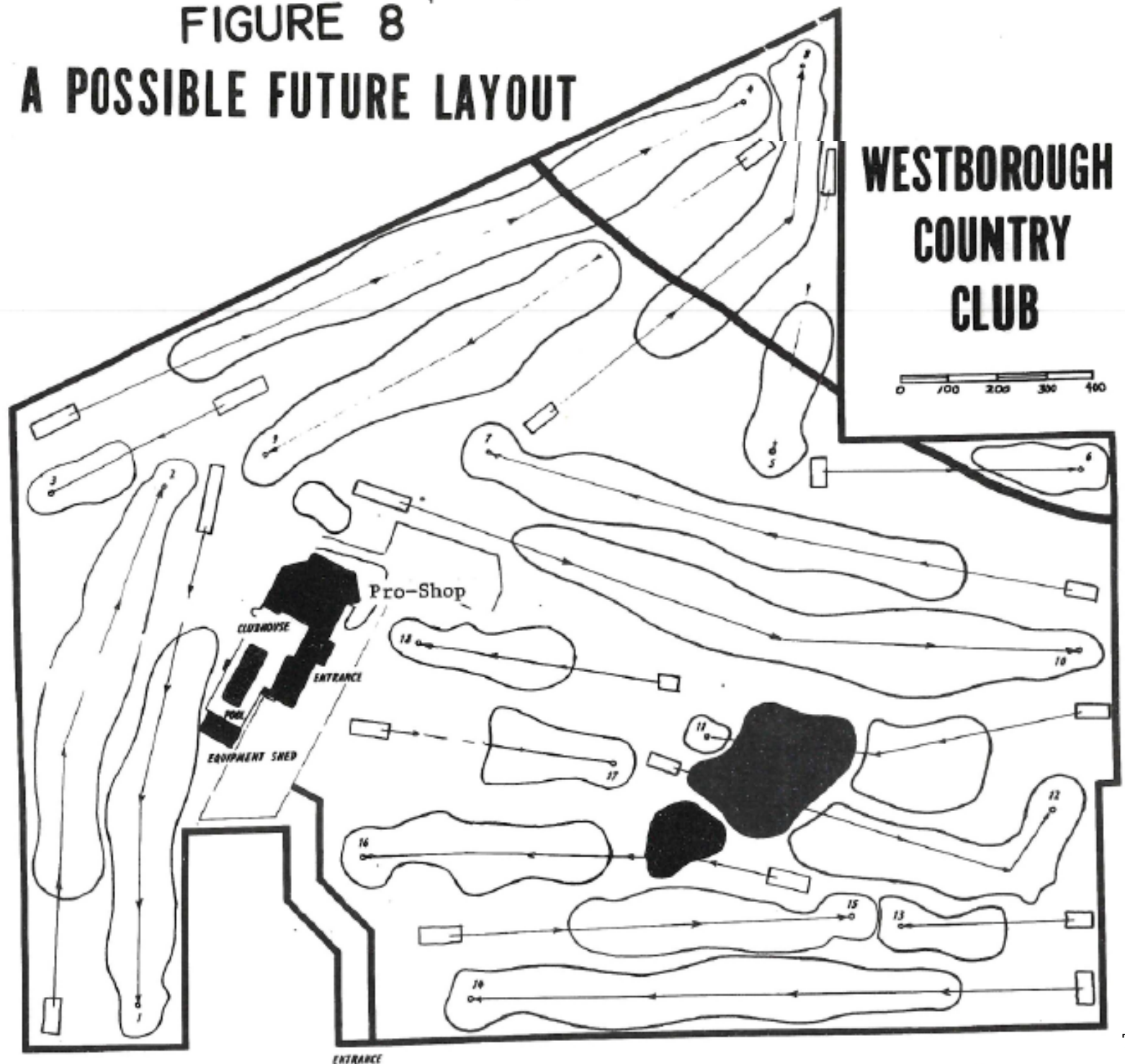
FIGURE 7



As the world said goodbye to the 1960s and hello to a new decade of the 1970s, difficult economic conditions were ever-present. High inflation affected country clubs and questions swirled on whether they were in trouble. Regardless, the Club's leadership and membership were not deterred from their pursuit of improvements and spent wisely on key initiatives.

An ambitious plan to completely revamp the clubhouse, and with that, the golf course and its alignment, was considered in 1970 but not pursued. Under this proposal, the entrance road would be moved from Berry Rd. to Lockwood Ave. near the Church and a new clubhouse entrance that would face west, causing the golf course's front and back nines to switch and new holes needing to be created where No. 8 and 9 were located.

FIGURE 8
A POSSIBLE FUTURE LAYOUT



By September 1970, the Board had determined that the condition of the Guyer house was completely unsatisfactory and that it would be too costly to perform needed updates and repairs. The house dated well into the 1800s and was the original caretaker's house of the Myers' estate. The Club began to pursue alternate housing for the Guyers, and by February 1971, negotiations had been completed for purchase of the house at 12 Elm in Glendale. Plans were finalized and they proceeded to raze the house on the Club property. Randy Guyer, Ralph's nephew who had been at Westborough since June 1969 and spent 15 years as assistant superintendent, tore the house down. He gutted the house by hand (it was basically lattice with plaster walls), then once he had it gutted and down to bare walls, he and another staff member took chain saws to cut the timbers holding up the roof, hooked up steel cables to their dump truck, and pulled the house over. Also newsworthy at this time is the fact that Berry Rd. was being readied to reopen after being closed for roughly a year due to I-44 construction.

TRADITIONS

New & Old

Many traditions from the 1950s and even earlier were sustained throughout the 1960s and 1970s. There was the customary presentation of flowers to the respective wives of the retiring president and the incoming president. There also were the Whing-Dings and All-for-One golf outings, Mizzou bus trips, Family Nights, New Years Eve parties, and New Years Day breakfasts (with the exception of 1970, when the 22-year tradition was halted, and thankfully resumed the next year).

Greenskeeper's house -



Going Down!



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A *Whing Ding?*

Whing Dings were some of the most highly-anticipated men's golf events of the year! With a 9-hole event on Thursday and Friday, randomized 4-man teams would compete (gamble and maybe play some cards). The evenings typically ran WELL into the night, and it wasn't uncommon to find some stragglers sleeping in the club prior to their 8AM tee time the next day!

While the five-year tradition of the Westborough Round Robins had ended back in the mid-1950s, the fondness for that long-gone event remained as shown in Bob Burnes' February 1961 column where he recapped Arnold Palmer's memories of his time at the event:

Palmer a Competitor

Because the Westborough committee did not have ample finances, they quartered some of the competitors in their own homes. . . . In that tournament eight years ago, a rising young amateur from Latrobe, Pa., named Arnold Palmer was one of the competitors.

He stayed at the home of Fuzz Lillard, brother of the late Ross Lillard, one of the organizers of the tournament.

The other night at Greenbriar, Palmer spotted Fuzz Lillard immediately, called him by name . . . and just didn't shake hands. . . . He grasped his hands and engaged him in conversation for several minutes before he had to turn away to other commitments. . . . In the eight intervening years, Palmer has become the greatest golfer in the business, met thousands of people . . . yet he remembered a friend from his starting days.

We like having people such as Arnold Palmer in our midst. . . . Hope he comes back often . . . and congratulations to the District Golf Association for inviting him.

THE PRESIDENT'S BALL

New traditions began as well. Beginning in the early 1960s (likely 1963) and continuing into and beyond the 1970s, Westborough began to hold an annual President's Ball, a formal gala that honored the Club President and past Presidents. It was normally held in November or December of each year.

You're Invited!

1969



VINCENT WELSCH, FRANK S. SCOTT, BOB DECKER, MILLARD HOLTGRIEVE, BUD WELLINGTON, and BOB HENRY.

1965



Past Presidents and their wives who were present - standing left to right: Marion Becker, Marian Holtgrieve, Vee Welsch, Mae Welsch, Millard Holtgrieve, Mary and Joe Graves, Marty Walsh, Mae and

Bob Decker, Ruth Walsh, Lester Becker and Frank Scott. Seated, our new president and his wife, Rosemary and Bud Wellington.



CWC

The honour of your presence

is requested at the

President's Ball

on Saturday, the twentieth of November

nineteen hundred and sixty-five

*Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
seven-thirty to eight-thirty o'clock*

Dinner eight-thirty to ten o'clock

Charley Novack's music ten to one o'clock

\$6.50 per person

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Informal

Dress

The 1976 Presidents Ball was special as it honored Les Becker and the other Club founders. Bob Decker gave a remarkable speech that evening.

*Speech given by
Bob Decker*

GOOD EVENING LADIES & GENTLEMEN

WELCOME TO THE WESTBOROUGH 1976 PRESIDENT'S BALL

BETTER KNOW AS HONOR LES BECKER ^{AND THE FOUNDERS} NITE

BETTER KNOWN AS HONOR THE PAST PRESIDENTS & PRESIDENT JACK

MOORE NIGHT

BETTER KNOWN AS "THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE SUCH A CROSS SECTION OF THE

CLUB HERE TONITE, INCLUDING SOME OF OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

IT IS ALSO VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE AND WELCOME BACK MANY

PRODIGAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS

GLAD YOU'RE ALL HERE

TONIGHT WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR THESE

PARTICULAR PEOPLE AND TO REMINISCE A BIT

REDECORATE, REFURBISH, *and Remodel*

With the purchase of 12 Elm in the rear-view mirror, in March 1972 the Club Board again opened its wallet and turned its attention to clubhouse expansion, approving an expansion program to enlarge the mixed grill, establish a new men's grill and cardroom in the Tee Room area, redecorate and refurbish the entire clubhouse, modernize the men's and ladies' locker rooms, move the pro shop into the basement area of the present clubhouse, and dismantle the existing pro shop. There would also be a new custom bar as part of the improvements (interestingly, the existing marble bar was from the old Southern Hotel). When the pro shop moved to the basement of the remodeled clubhouse, its previous location at the top of the parking lot was dismantled and removed in December 1972. The Club's Greens Committee studied what to do with the old pro shop area (e.g., maybe make it a patio) and decided to use it for tournament boards, score card racks, towels, etc.



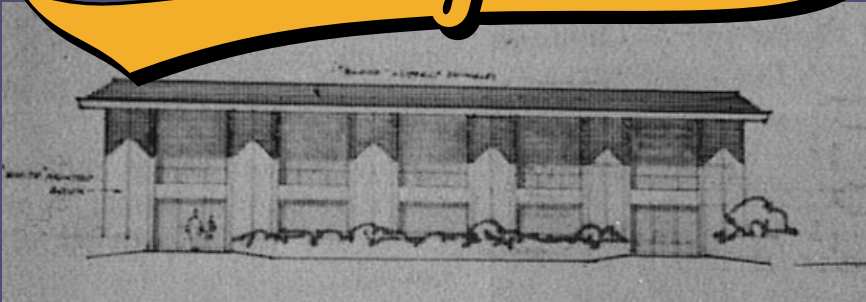
March 1972 - Preparing for construction and moving electric service



AN INTERESTING *History*

The "old" pro shop was the first building erected by Walter Pfeffer after the 1933 fire that destroyed the original Myers/Bridge mansion/clubhouse and served as office, pro shop, and ladies lounge while the new clubhouse was being built in 1934. The original barn that was just to the east of the manager's house on the property (later the greenskeeper's house), which had long since ceased being used as a stable, was far enough away from the main building to escape the 1933 fire and was converted into temporary quarters as a caddie house and golf storage facility. As sections of the new clubhouse were completed and ready for occupancy, the non-golf facilities of the building were released from their temporary use. The golf storage racks were built and the room which had served temporarily as the ladies' lounge was released for the caddie headquarters. This little building, which was enlarged and remodeled many times through the years, became the center of the "new" pro shop. Interestingly, with all golf services reunited in the pro shop, the old barn once again was used for equipment storage and later, ironically, it too was destroyed by fire.

Coming Soon



"WE'LL LOOK LIKE THIS IN AUGUST"



Westborough Gets Expansion Without Assessment

In some homes, it is the kitchen. In others, it's a sun room. Somehow, there is always one room where everybody winds up no matter what provisions have been made for guests to disport themselves elsewhere.

At Westborough Country Club, it was always the mixed grill, a smallish rear room dominated by a long bar that seemed to mesmerize guests and members alike. It was the first room encountered by the golfer coming off the course.

He seldom got beyond it.

Architect Bill Hecker of William B. Ittner, Inc., seems to have said, "Okay, if that's what you want, that's what you'll get," as he designed improvements that made up a recent \$500,000 Westborough expansion.

The mixed grill is still there and so is a long bar but it certainly has changed. Now, the room could accommodate 300 formal diners if need be. A series of picture windows puts those diners on the first tee, the

ninth green and other scenic segments of the course.

That's not all the Calhoun Contracting Co. found in Hecker's blueprint. There is a new men's grill and card room, a new men's upper locker room and a refurbished women's locker room. The area below the new mixed grill has been utilized for a spacious new pro shop.

If that's all new, what's old at Westborough? Well, for one thing, there is "old" Tony Hen-

schel, the proprietor of that new pro shop.

Henschel, 52 years old, began his twenty-first year as head professional at Westborough on March 1. Just before that date, Westborough members used the occasion of the President's Ball to honor Henschel.

He received among other things an illuminated oil painted photo-portrait of himself, a movie camera specifically designed to be a teaching aid (special slow motion and stop action attachments) and a lifetime membership at the club.

How come Henschel got honored at the President's Ball? That's supposed to be to honor the club president.

"They already did that last year," explained president Jim Fox, a certified public accountant. "I couldn't see any reason why I should be honored twice and, besides, we needed to do something about Tony's 20 years."

Henschel recalled that he first came to Westborough in 1952 as a probationary employee. He was on probation three months before he got the job on a permanent basis.

Fox's administration is held in high esteem by Westborough members, because the \$500,000 expansion was carried out with no increase in dues or assessments. How?

"It's against the by-laws to

Double Double

Bill Graham (no relation to the evangelist) gets a good feeling every time he tees up a ball at the sixteenth hole of the Whiting Field Golf Club in Milton, Ga. He got two double eagles on the par-5, 605-yard test on the same day last year.

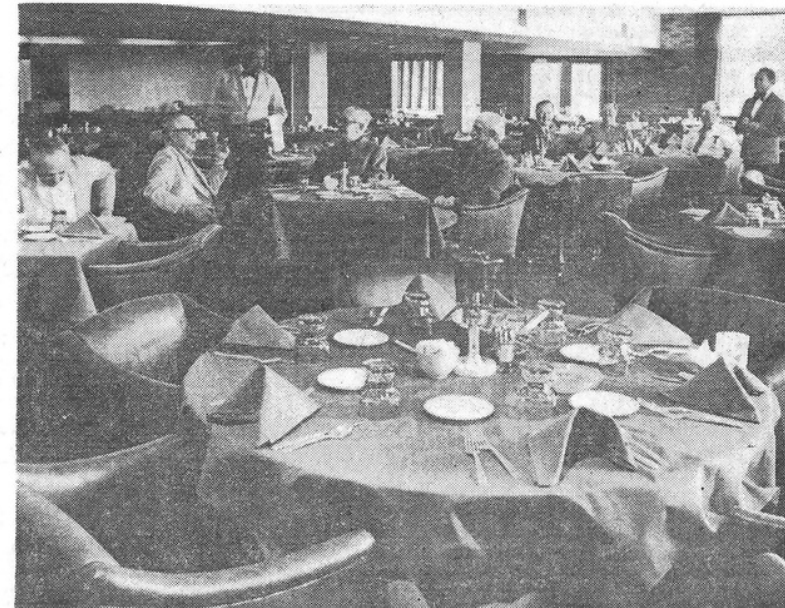
have an assessment," said Fox. "Actually we were able to handle the project and save ourselves a little money by refinancing."

"Westborough owed about \$80,000 with three years to go

on its original loan, which was obtained at 8½ per cent interest. We just refinanced this to borrow the half-million we needed at 6½ per cent over 20 years."

NEW AND IMPROVED!

BY APRIL 1973, THE EXPANSION WAS DONE, AND AGAIN, WITHOUT AN ASSESSMENT. AN ARTICLE IN THE POST-DISPATCH FEATURED THE IMPROVEMENTS.



WESTBOROUGH'S PROUD of its spacious new mixed grill, the gem of a recent \$500,000 clubhouse expansion that cost the members nothing in the way of increased dues.

Post-Dispatch | April 15, 1973



New bar area



New additions to Westborough Room

NOTABLE EVENTS FROM 1976 INCLUDED...

establishment of intermediate memberships and yet another new Club manager, Cletus Thebeau. Also at that time, the Club was again busily pursuing improvements to the clubhouse, and in March 1977, was remodeling the dining room and gourmet room. The Club also implemented a rule change to encourage single members to participate in the social life at the Club by permitting any unmarried member to invite a guest of the opposite sex with an established handicap to participate in any Club-sponsored mixed golf event other than the Mr. & Mrs. without paying the usual greens fees. At that time only five memberships were available.

Cultivating OUR COURSE

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Westborough course was under continual change in pursuit of improved conditions and more challenging golf.

Activities included:

- Typical maintenance such as resodding tees and greens
- Replacing (and in some cases moving) old bridges
- Installation of a long-needed fairway irrigation system
- Experimentation with different types of turf
- Removal and addition of trees
- Redoing traps and bunkers
- Adding and later moving "cart trails"
- Relocating greens

To help Guyer's staff, the members would have "weeding parties" to weed the fairways and greens (with free beer as encouragement!). An interesting sign of the times was in the June 1960 *Chatterbox* where members were told to "drive electric carts in rough as much as possible." How things have changed!



Keep carts
in rough!

Some of the more ambitious course improvement programs were the O. J. Noer bent grass program, Bermuda fairway program, and the tree relocation program.

At the August 1962 Board of Governors meeting, Ralph Guyer reported on the need to get rid of poa on the No. 18 green. He had a nursery planted with O. J. Noer bent, which was used on the No. 18 green at Meadowbrook. Tom Hayes, Superintendent at Meadowbrook, had given Ralph enough to start a nursery, which by then had two plots of this turf. Ralph reported that he was ready to start to plug the greens beginning with No. 1, 4, 5, 6, 17, and 18.

Later, at the October 1962 Board of Governors meeting, Ralph first reported on possibly putting Bermuda grass on the fairways. U3 Bermuda was already in use on the tee boxes but the fairways were largely bluegrass. In March 1963, it was decided that all tees would be resurfaced in Bermuda grass and No. 2 fairway would also be planted with Bermuda, with the expectation that the No. 2 fairway would be playable by mid-summer. This would be a trial of putting the entire course in Bermuda. Based on the success of that trial, the decision was made to install Bermuda throughout the course, which began in June 1966.

Managing the aging trees on the course was a constant battle, but Ralph was always up to the challenge. As you look at the many photos from this period that are used in this Volume 5, you will undoubtedly see the many small, newly planted trees added to the course. However, small trees don't grow quickly, so in April 1965 Ralph began a program where members could donate their "too large" trees and shrubs that he would remove at no cost and re-plant at Westborough. His passion for our Club knew no boundaries! This was an important effort because, only two short years later, in 1967 it was determined that ALL of the Elm trees on the course were dying and would have to be removed.

See ya later, Alligator!



We've all seen turtles, fish, and birds in our course's lake, but what our members found when golfing in October 1962 was rather unique! A three legged alligator!

ODD GOLF HANDICAP.
Alligator Found in Pond at St. Louis Course.
St. Louis (AP)—Skeptical police, investigating the report of a couple of golfers at the Westborough Country club, sure enough found an alligator in a pond near the course.
August W. Willert, jr., of suburban Webster Groves said the yardlong creature belonged to his boys and had escaped from its pen.



While Westborough's course had become shorter due its reconfiguration after the church and school were built, it wasn't necessarily any easier on which to score, and in the late 1950s (according to Tony Henschel), it didn't surrender a single hole-in-one. However, in 1960, that changed, as Henschel reported to the Post Dispatch.

In February 1966, the Club Board approved a provocative plan to reorder No. 2 and 3. This was done in conjunction with the opening of the new No. 7 green. Essentially what happened is that a new tee box was built between the No. 3 green and No. 4 tee that would be used for a reconfigured No. 2. Using that new tee box the "new" No. 2 was played backwards down "old" No. 3 fairway and used the "old" No. 7 green in front of the Guyer house as the No. 2 green. The circular green on the other side of the lake, that had been No. 2's green for about 50 years, would no longer be used. The "new" No. 3 would use its existing tee boxes but play backwards on "old" No. 2 and be a dogleg right (instead of left) to the same No. 3 green. By July, the feedback was not good, but the Board decided to try out the new holes for a few more weeks to see whether members would become accustomed to the changes. They didn't. Only a month later it was decided to revert to the old layout.

Hole-in-One Spree At Westborough

Westborough Country Club pro Tony Henschel is baffled by the recent hole-in-one spree by golfers at the course on Berry road.

"During my first five years at Westborough there wasn't a single ace," said Henschel. "Last summer there were two, but this year in just a three-week period there have been seven!"

The most recent was an extreme rarity, a hole-in-one on a par four hole. David Clay, a guest player, made it on 297-yard No. 6.

Others who have holed out from the tee at Westborough this summer were: Lee Smith, Russell Archibald and Jack Ross, all on 145-yard No. 4; Ernst Larsson, on 215-yard No. 7; Mel Feldman, on 162-yard No. 12; and Howard Albertson, on 188-yard No. 9.

Post-Dispatch | June 30, 1960



Other changes made during this time frame:

Summer 1965: new cart trails were added to take stress off of the course and, more importantly, the new fairway watering system was finished.

Aug 1967: Elm trees are all dying and will be replaced in next year or so

Aug 1968: new traps done – added 49 tons of sand

Sept 1969: added two practice golf nets with astroturf tees

April 1969: New cart path causeway over lake from No. 3 tee built by installing 200 ft (100 on each side) of rock wall in Gabion baskets to give a beautiful, safe, and long-lasting cart path.

Abandoned No. 2 tee box aiming down No. 3 fairway in 1968 photo

On the following pages you will find a hole-by-hole review of the course at that time. Most of the photos we used were from the generous gift of over 170 slides from Ralph Guyer's family. What is striking about the images in these photos is how wide the fairways were and the lack of mounding that our course currently has thanks to changes made in the 1980s (more on that in Volume 6).

A HOLE LOT OF CHANGE



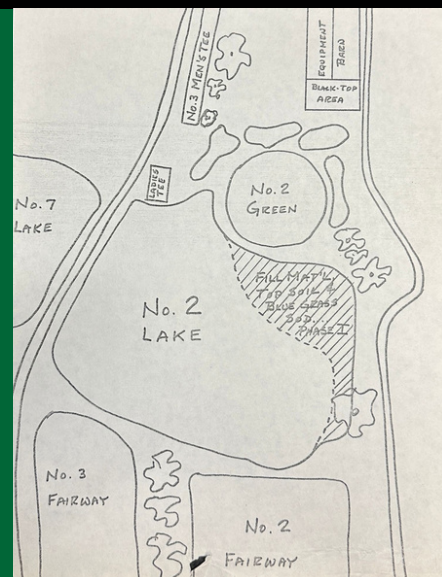
◀ NO. 1

No. 1 remained largely unchanged. It's green was enlarged and a new trap was added in September 1960.

NO. 2 ▶▶

In late 1962, as part of the trial using Bermuda in the No. 2 fairway, the tee box was temporarily moved in front of the lake and golfers played their second shot from that location. Work also began on lowering and changing the contour of the No. 2 fairway along with removing a large tree from the fairway.

LOVE/HATE
HOLE



Left: Red outline showing area for expanded green and new landing area
Right: No. 2 green and landing area from 2016 aerial photo



Over a decade later, No. 2 experienced the most significant transformation since Tom Bendelow designed it. For over 60 years, that green was small and circular with no landing area to approach it. Then, beginning in November 1976, roughly 1,000 tons of fill material were used to make the "love/hate" No. 2 one of the most interesting holes on the entire course. The area in the far-right corner of the lake as you face the hole was filled and sodded to make a new landing area for the high handicapper who looked at the lake with apprehension and for the average golfer who has a birdie in mind.



NO. 3



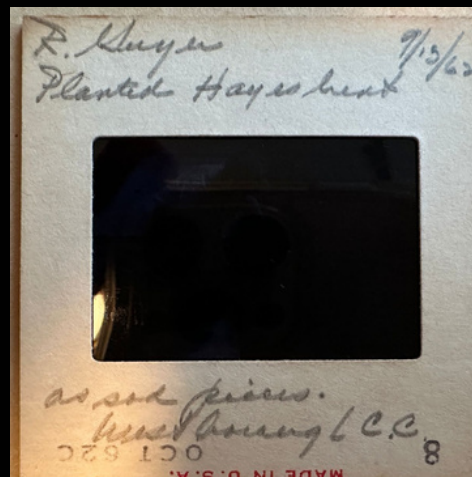
Since 1948, no hole on our course has been changed as often No. 3. In the early 1950s, after the sale of the property that became the Hough School, the No. 3 green was moved to the east to remain on the Club's property. Then, in May 1959, another new No. 3 green was installed, but the biggest move began in October 1961 when plans were announced to move the No. 3 green to the far left (south) of its then-present location to a spot behind large trees, creating a dogleg left hole. By July 1963, the new No. 3 green was ready and the old No. 3 green was dismantled, with some of its turf used to enlarge the greens on No. 6, 13, and 16. In building this green, Ralph Guyer used the O. J. Noer bent from the nursery that he had started.



Hard at work!



Slides from Ralph Guyer with handwritten notations describing the type of bent grass used in building the new green.



NO. 4



No. 4 was left pretty much alone during the 1960s and 1970s other than getting the new O. J. Noer bent grass for its green.





◀ NO. 5 ▶

In the early 1960s, No. 5, even at its shortened distance due to the construction of the Hough School (479 yards), was still being played as a men's par 5 (it remains a par 5 for the women even today). However, by 1971, it had changed to a 439 yard par 4.

NO. 6



No. 6 remained as it had always been – a straight, 300-ish yard par 4 (visible in the photo taken from the back of the No. 5 green)



Old No.7 Green

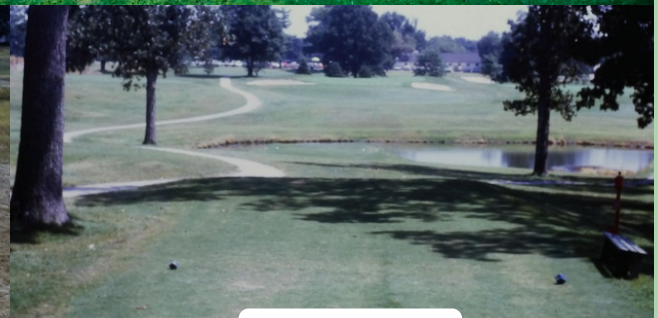
NO. 7



Into the mid-1960s, No. 7 green remained where it had always been – right in front of the greenskeeper's house. Then, in May 1965, construction began on a new No. 7 green of which it was said that it would be one of the "picture holes" and that, with its location further to the left of the existing green when teeing off, the new angle would make players teeing off on No. 3 feel "a bit more secure." The new No. 7 green was put in play in early 1966 and by July was receiving rave reviews.



New No.7 Green
under construction



New No.7 Green





NO. 8



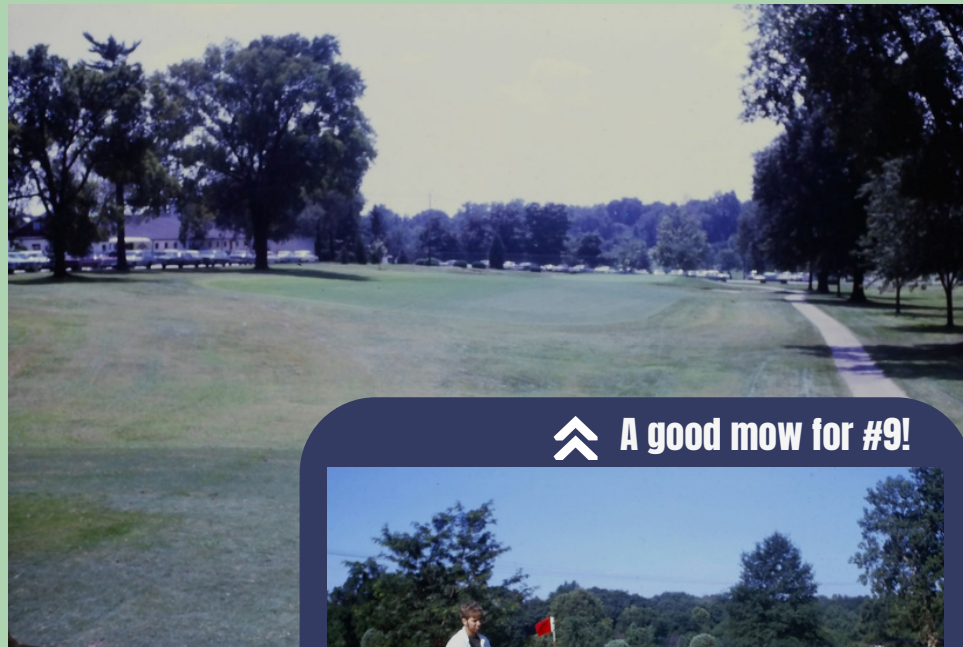
Other than having its green moved to the west to accommodate the construction of the church, No. 8 was not changed during the 1960s and 1970s. This photo is from August 1968 – notice the “cWc” logo on the flag.

Look familiar?

NO. 9



By 1960, No. 9 was a 188 yard par 3, almost 150 yards shorter than before the church was built in the 1950s (was previously a 331 yard par 4). It largely resembles the same hole on today's course.



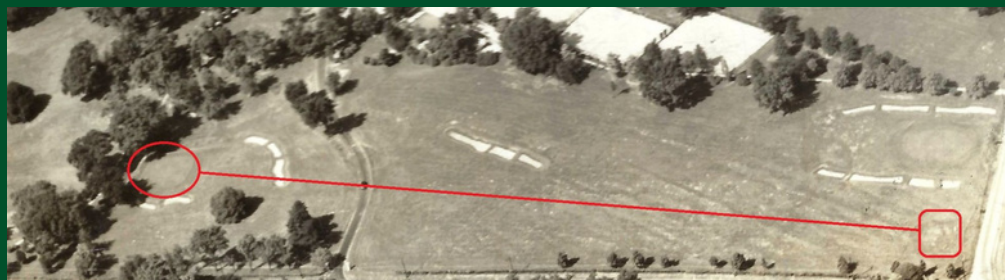
⤴ A good mow for #9!



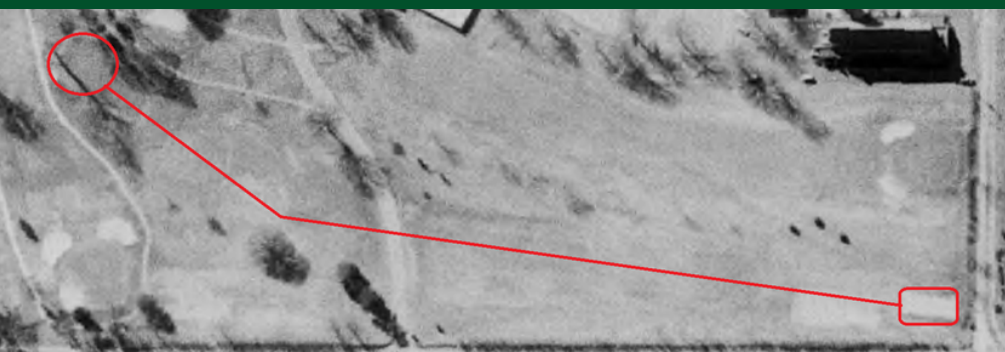
NO. 10

Another hole that has kept its same layout since it was built, No. 10 had its green enlarged in September 1960 but otherwise remained the same throughout the two decades of our reporting.

ORIGINAL NO. 11 LAYOUT



NEW NO. 11 DOGLEG RIGHT LAYOUT



Watering old No. 11 green prior to becoming dogleg right



New dogleg right No. 11

NO. 11

No. 11 went through several changes. Since the opening of the back nine in 1910, No. 11 had been a relatively easy par 4, straight and largely downhill. In the Fall of 1960, the No. 11 green was moved to the southwest, creating a dogleg right and adding distance. In October 1968, the No. 11 tee box was elevated to give a better view of cars and people traveling on the road that runs through the fairway. Then, in June 1970, the cart path was moved to the left side of the fairway.



NO. 12

In the 1950s, a 162 yard par 3 was added to the back nine that sat just behind and west of No. 11 green. It eventually was called No. 12 and had its tee box at Berry Rd shooting west. In the Fall of 1960, the layout was reversed and a new green was built near Berry Rd.



NO. 13 >>

You may recall from our reporting in Volume 4 covering the 1950s that No. 13 and No. 17 used to share a green, but that No. 13 had a new green of its own built in 1956. Later, in 1964, that green was enlarged and made two-tiers. Also that year, No. 13 was featured in a Post-Dispatch series reporting on "Heartbreak Country Club," a fictional club whose course included the toughest holes from the area country clubs.

Post-Dispatch | May 21, 1964
(Note that the large Linden tree, for decades a prominent feature of this hole and shown on the right side of the fairway, was lost in March 1971!)



The Thinking Golfer Has a Chance on Heartbreak's No. 4

EDITOR'S NOTE — Heartbreak Country Club is a mythical course made up of some of the most difficult golf holes in the St. Louis area. It's a par 36-36-72 course.

By Bill Beck

The first par 3 at Heartbreak Country Club can be conquered by the correct combination of direction and wisdom. Despite its 365 yards, distance is not really the prime factor. Professional Tony Henschel at Westborough, where this hole is No. 13, can tell you that the most important thing is to forget about a birdie.

From the tee, the green is visible but literally lies over the hill after next. Between tee and green, a tight out-of-bounds on the left, and a creek, par from behind that monster, which seems to intrude a bit more each season. From the creek, it is a 6-4 iron shot to the green, which is sharply raised to prevent roll-overs. Therefore it is pure carry to the small, terraced surface. Traps and a stand of willows complicate the right side of the green. The baleful out-of-bounds that began at the tee still threatens on the left. An asphalt cart path just left of the green can kick your ball over the white stakes. Par is as readily achieved on this hole as any at Heartbreak Country Club, but the persistent nature of the hazards brings out the worst in the Sunday player. He can take 8-10 swings and not really understand what happened to him.

Heartbreak's Card
No. 1 (Bellevue's No. 2), 435-yard par 4
No. 2 (Oswego's No. 3), 410-yard par 4
No. 3 (St. Louis Country Club's No. 2), 233-yard par 3
No. 4 (Westborough's No. 13), 565-yard par 5

ADVERTISMENT
STOP ATHLETE'S FOOT by actually stopping its cause
Doctors know that athlete's foot is caused by fungus. Caerul-Fungicide Powder can stop athlete's foot because its medication penetrates deep to stop fungus growth. And this deep penetration soothes irritated nerve end.

Heartbreak Country Club
No. 4 ... Par 5 ... 565 yds.
(WESTBOROUGH'S NO. 13)

RENT A TUX
SPECIAL PROM RATES
ADAMS FORMAL

Post-Dispatch | May 21, 1964
(note that the large Linden tree, for decades a prominent feature of this hole and shown on the right side of the fairway, was lost in March 1971)

NO. 14 >>

No. 14 was still a 213 yard par 3 straight downhill with its green just past the creek. Prior to the changes to the former 13/17 green and the introduction of cart paths, the hole was still a par 3 but measured 230 yards. In January 1960, its bridge was being improved to take cart travel and in September of that year its green was enlarged with remaining turf from the old No. 11 green.



No. 14 green and No. 15 tee box at bottom left – No. 17 fairway's concrete bridge visible as well

NO. 15 >>

The No. 15 hole remains essentially as it was from its inception, although work has been done with some regularity to shore up the walls of the creek and address the bridges that cross it. In late 1962/early 1963, the greens and grounds staff moved the large bridge on 15 to where the footbridge originally was, added landscaping, and secured the creek with concrete.



No. 15 tee box in 1962

NO. 16 >>

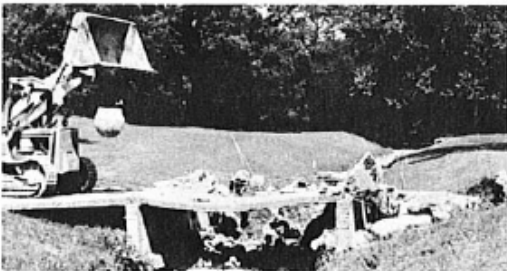
No. 16 is another hole that has experienced no significant changes over the years. Its layout remains as Bendelow drew it up, although it has had changes in bunkers, greens, and tee boxes. For example, its green was enlarged in 1964.



HISTORY IN THE BREAKING!



The



Death



of a ...



Bridge!

Thanks to Joe Graves for this series of pictures showing the removal of old concrete bridge on 17 fairway.

RIP



NO. 17

Until the 1950s, No. 17 had been a 266 yard drivable par 4 straight up the hill towards a green shared with No. 13 and with a large concrete bridge over the creek in the middle of the fairway. With No. 13 getting its own green and No. 17 tee box moving east to use the tee box of the defunct par 3 No. 16, the No. 17 hole became a dogleg left and was lengthened by about 70 yards. In February 1966, the ladies tee box was changed so that they would use the tees formerly designated as the red tee for men and an area of fairway in front of the creek was established such that the ladies could bounce their shots across the bridge as they had become accustomed.

In August 1968 a new No. 17 bridge was planned to be built by the end of the month, and Ralph reported that they would use bulldozers to remove the old bridge from the fairway. The September 1968 Chatterbox had these photos of its removal.



No. 17 tees, bridge, and fairway

NO. 18



No. 18 had been changed to a dogleg right in the 1950s, and has kept that layout ever since.



BONUS!



1965
Aerial Shots

TONY HENSCHEL

A GIFT TO WESTBOROUGH!

FOUL WEATHER DELAYED LADIES GOLF CLINIC

But, not for long . . . when the clinic rolled into action, Tony, Roger and Jack were kept busy! Here are a few scenes:



Explaining a fine point is Pro Tony Henschel with Susan Von Doersten.



Tutoring two . . . here is Carryl Zulauf, Assistant Pro Jack Merrell and Rosemary Staniforth.



"It's that snap of the wrist" . . . says Assistant Pro Merrell as he demonstrates the action to Roz Arthur.

Ladies Golf Clinic 1968



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer

Everything's Fun When You're Winning

Westborough Country Club's team of pro Tony Henschel (right) and (from left) seniors Jim Daniels, Gordon Moore

and Art Hunn won the Eastern Missouri Professional Golfers Association pro-senior tournament at Westborough.

was Westborough's head golf professional during the entire two decades we are covering. He was a tremendous ambassador for the Club, including being elected president of the Eastern Missouri PGA in December 1964. At our Club, he placed a premium on customer service to ensure high quality member experiences and was a savvy businessman, having his finger on the pulse of his client base and ensuring that he provided the range of products and services that the members would require. This interestingly included a wide range of bowling equipment including ball bags! One of his (and his staff's) trademark services was giftwrapping, as was reported in the September 1962 issue of *Golfdom* magazine. His expertise became so highly valued that in September 1963 the Club's Board invited him to attend all of its future meetings.



Tony Henschel, pro at Westborough in Webster Groves, Mo., has enjoyed sharp increase in business since starting year-around wrapping service.

Gift Wrapping Made Easy

A St. Louis district pro has made a great thing of the service . . . Here's a description of the props he uses

Henschel (r) hands gaily wrapped package to woman golfer. In background are his assistants, Roger Froese (left) and Phil Hewitt.





Celebrities visiting Westborough: TONY HENSCHEL, MIKE AUBUCHON, JIM FOX, JOHNNY WEISMULLER and STAN MUSIAL.

In this photo from a round of golf at Westborough in October 1969, Tony is shown with Mike Aubuchon, Jim Fox, and two well-known celebrities - Johnny Weismuller (of swimming and Tarzan fame), and Stan "The Man" Musial!



**STAN THE MAN
AND
TARZAN!**



**What a legendary day
at Westborough!**

Stan played at Westborough more than once! He signed a lot of autographs and said hi to all of the kids. Jim Holtgrieve also had the opportunity to play with Stan later on, and to his surprise, Stan traveled to Augusta to watch Jim play with Round Robin alumni Arnold Palmer in 1981!

In late 1972, The Board moved its Presidents Ball forward to February in 1973 to honor Tony for 20 years of service as the Club head pro. He was gifted a portrait from the Club members to hang in his new pro shop.



PERHAPS JUST AS IMPORTANTLY AS HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, TONY WAS KNOWN FOR BEING A HARD WORKER AND INCREDIBLE PERSON. MANY MEMBERS STILL REMEMBER HIM AS A GREAT TEACHER AND CHEERLEADER FOR ALL OF HIS STUDENTS!



WHO'S WHOM? Tony Henschel, pro at Westborough, poses with the oil photo-painting that was presented to him by club members on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary on the job. Oh, yes. The members also gave Henschel a new pro shop to hang the picture in. (Post-Dispatch Photos by Les Linck)

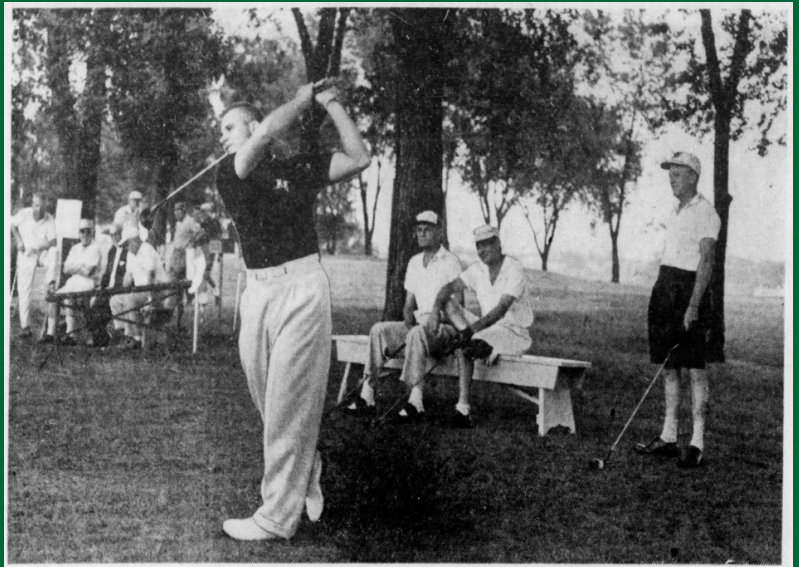
Roger Froesel



Ace at Westborough

Roger Froesel, an assistant pro at Westborough Country Club, scored the first hole-in-one of his 10-year career Thursday while practicing for the Eastern Missouri P.G.A. tournament at Normandie Golf Club. Froesel used a 9-iron to sink his tee shot on the 123-yard No. 3 hole. He was playing in a foursome with Phil Hewitt, another assistant pro at Westborough; Jim Ambo of Ambo's Golf Tee, and Don Miceli.

Globe-Democrat | Oct. 7, 1960



—By a Post-Dispatch Photographer.

Rain No Stopper for Pro-Senior Golfers

ROGER FROESEL, assistant Westborough pro, tees off in a drizzle in yesterday's 18-hole, best ball pro-senior tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club. His teammates awaiting their turn are AL CEKOVSKY and G. P. DORRIS (seated on bench) and DUNCAN DORRIS (at right). Four golfers from the host club won the event although the best gross scores were 70s by Westborough's Phil Hewitt and Algonquin's Milon Marusic.

Post-Dispatch | June 28, 1960

Roger Froesel had joined Tony's staff as an assistant pro in April 1959. Prior to joining Westborough, he had been a shop assistant at Algonquin and graduated from the New Mexico Military Academy. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Roger was an integral part of Tony's staff and a regular contributor to the monthly Chatterbox newsletter. Also, with his passion for, and knowledge of, horse racing, Roger was instrumental in handicapping the Derby Day tournaments (see p. 30). He scored his first hole-in-one in October 1960 at Normandie and another at Westborough in August 1975 with a 7-iron covering 161 yards on No. 4. Roger bit farewell to Westborough in 1995 after 37 years of service.



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer.

They Were Top Guns

Head pro FRED WAMPLER, left, Westwood, and assistant pro PHIL HEWITT, Westborough, had the best scores in yesterday's pro-assistant golf at St. Louis Country Club. Wampler had 71 and Hewitt had 72.

Phil Hewitt

As we briefly reported in Volume 4, Phil Hewitt started his professional golf career in 1956 as an assistant pro at Sunset under the tutelage of the famous Jim Fogertey, who was known around the St. Louis area as "Mr. Golf." Phil joined Tony's staff as an assistant pro in 1960 and was a marvelous golfer who brought acclaim to the Club. He shot a 59 at Westborough in July 1961, which not only broke Westborough's course record but also set an overall St. Louis course record. Phil would eventually return to Westborough in 1985 to become the head golf pro.



St. Louis
Course
Record

Here's how he
did it!



Post-Dispatch | Aug 14 1962

Phil, Tony, Roger, and the other assistants on Tony's staff took great care to help the juniors hone their skills and learn the finer points of golf. Phil, in particular, was said to have taught a couple of our most accomplished juniors (you can guess who) how to spin a wedge by hitting wedges on the patio next to the old pro shop! Creative teaching technique!

Other assistants who were on Tony's staff during these two decades included Harold Carlson (1959), Gary Cinest (April 1965), Charles Blume (April 1969), Mike Halcomb (February 1976), and Ross Horst (February 1979).



Roger Froesel, Tony Henschel, and Ross Horst June 1979



September 1966

Hewitt Shoots 59 At Westborough

Phil Hewitt, 24-year-old assistant golf professional at Westborough Country Club, shot a course record 59 for the re-vamped course there yesterday. Par is 69.

The score was one of the lowest 18-hole tallies recorded in the St. Louis area.

Hewitt, an assistant pro for two years at Westborough, birdied five holes on each nine, scoring 30-29. He had two 20-foot putts, a 10-footer, a seven-footer and a six-footer on the second nine.

Playing with Hewitt were club members Gil Pitcher and Bob Decker.

The famous scorecard!
Birdies on Birdies on Birdies!

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	3	30
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
	3	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	29

Fred "Whitey" Barnett

A true treasure!

Fred "Whitey" Barnett, Tony's one-time caddie who he hired to be Westborough's Caddie Master in 1957, continued his exemplary service throughout these two decades. Whitey was a native St. Louisan born in 1939, who became a Westborough caddie at the age of 14. He had so impressed Tony that he became caddie master at the age of 17. Whitey had two hobbies -- carpentry and an occasional game of gin rummy. His second hobby almost cost him his job when Tony caught him playing cards for the second time, but Tony thought it over and decided to keep Whitey. Funny story - instead of firing Whitey, Tony bought him his first car! Whitey, throughout his 50 year career, came in six days a week at 5:30 a.m. to open the Club and worked 13-14 hours a day. He was a true treasure!



Whitey sporting the new Westborough logo on his sweater in the 1970s.



Next time you see
Jim Paynter, ask him
about the scuba
experience!

Whitey was given permission by Tony Henschel to put on scuba gear about 4 times per year and go through the lake for sunken balls. Those balls were re-sold at a discount in the golf shop, and Whitey made some extra cash in the process. Whitey would often try to recruit someone for help with ball collection, and Mr. Paynter drew the lucky hand one day!

He remembers it as a good story, but recalls the lake as not being the most scenic or pleasant place to scuba.



Just one of many
stories that made
Whitey larger than life!



Greens and Grounds Staff Dec 1959 – Whitey is in front row 2nd from right

Ralph Guyer

A wealth of knowledge

Ralph Guyer continued his exemplary work as the Club's Superintendent during these two decades, living with his wife Ruth, and until he went to college, his younger son Gale in the house on the Club grounds. Westborough did not have the financial resources of many of the other District clubs, but Ralph used what resources were available to him to ensure that the Westborough grounds were always in top condition, which was evident in the accolades the Club received from all who visited. Ralph served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association and annually organized "The Turf Classic", a tournament at Forest Park sponsored by the association to help finance turf research. He also shared his knowledge of turf care with Club members in regular, usually monthly, articles in the Chatterbox.

Ralph retired in 1978, although he remained in somewhat of a consulting-type role for some time after. His nephew, Randy Guyer became the new Superintendent on April 1, 1978. Ralph's impact on the Club, including the physical grounds, the buildings he helped construct and repair, the culture of customer service that he instilled in the greens and grounds staff, and the fondness of the mutual relationships with the members, have left a lasting imprint on our Club.



Ralph Guyer

1969

Dear Mr. Guyer, -

After playing Westborough for an entire week with the wet conditions and the intense heat, I can only sing praises of your course and you as an outstanding greens superintendant. Having 223 women golfers is a heavy load on any golf course. But to maintain a course with such heavy play and such extreme weather and at the same time to continue to keep the fairways and greens in such excellent shape is a monumental task. I was very impressed.

I am glad I got to meet you and will look for you when I visit Westborough again.

Sincerely,
Lynette Chrenka

Dear Ralph,

We would like to thank you for the outstanding job you did in getting the course ready. My daddy was a greens-keeper, just like you so you are very special to me.

Fondly,
Kathy Severson

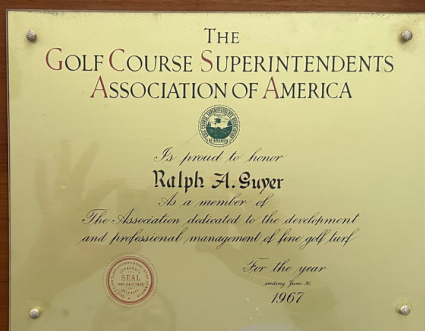
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Ralph & Ruth Guyer 1972



In 1969 Ralph and Ruth Guyer celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at Westborough.



Golf Events of the Era

Golf at Westborough in the 1960s and 1970s was a remarkable time, with premier talent winning at the District, State, and National levels, and with excitement from new events that would form long-standing traditions.

The Ross Lillard Memorial Cup

Best Ball of 59

George P. Dorris and William P. Budke shot a best ball score of 59 to win the Ross Lillard Cup tournament at Westborough Country Club.

Post-Dispatch | June 1 1961

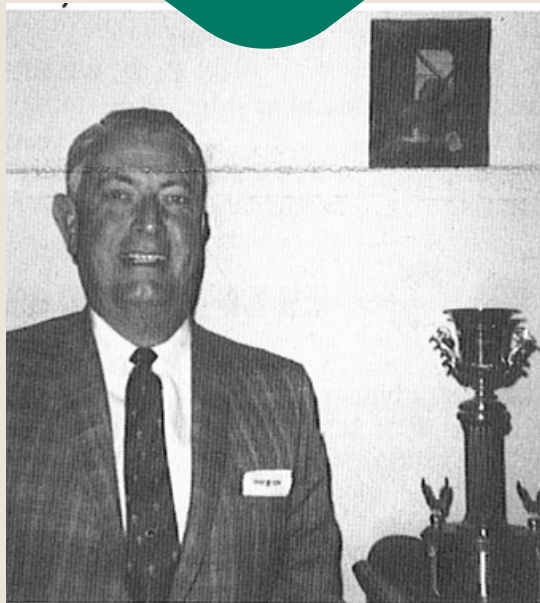


DICK AMACHER & BILL THAU congratulate each other on winning the Ross Lillard Memorial for the second time.

For the men, the preeminent event was the Ross Lillard Memorial Cup. This tournament was a fitting honor and remembrance to one of the top and most influential figures in our Club's history (see our reporting in Volume 4). While a member for only seven years (he joined in 1950 and died suddenly in 1957), Lillard was a board member, Club President, President of the District, and co-architect with Jack Purdum of the famous Round Robins. This tournament was a 2-man team, best-ball event using full handicap. The inaugural event was won by Pres Dorris and Bill Budke. All during the years, the Cup for this tournament was displayed at the Pro Shop.

The President's Cup

The President's Cup, another deeply traditional event that started in 1956, continued throughout this time frame. This was a medal play event for all board members and past presidents. The trophy is shown in this photo of the 1969 winner, Jack Schmidt. Also, in 1975, Jack Moore won the Presidents Cup and, in doing so, he was the first incumbent president to win!



Jack Schmidt, President's Cup Winner!

Present President's Prowess Precludes Precedent!

Prexy Jack Moore was the winner of the Presidents Cup Tournament held on Sept. 17. It was the first time an incumbent President was the winner. Jack shot a 73 and with an 11 handicap netted a 62.

Second place went to Millard Holtgrieve who had a 79-16=63

Tied for third were Ed Arthur 75-11=64, Jim Fox 79-15=64, and Les Becker 85-21=64.

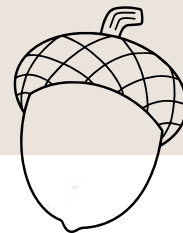
Chatterbox
headlines could
be creative!

The *Iconic* Squirrel Day

Probably the most strange but also probably the most fun golf tradition in the 1960s was the men's Squirrel Day event, where the course was essentially played backwards! Here was the map from the 1967 event. We need to bring this back!



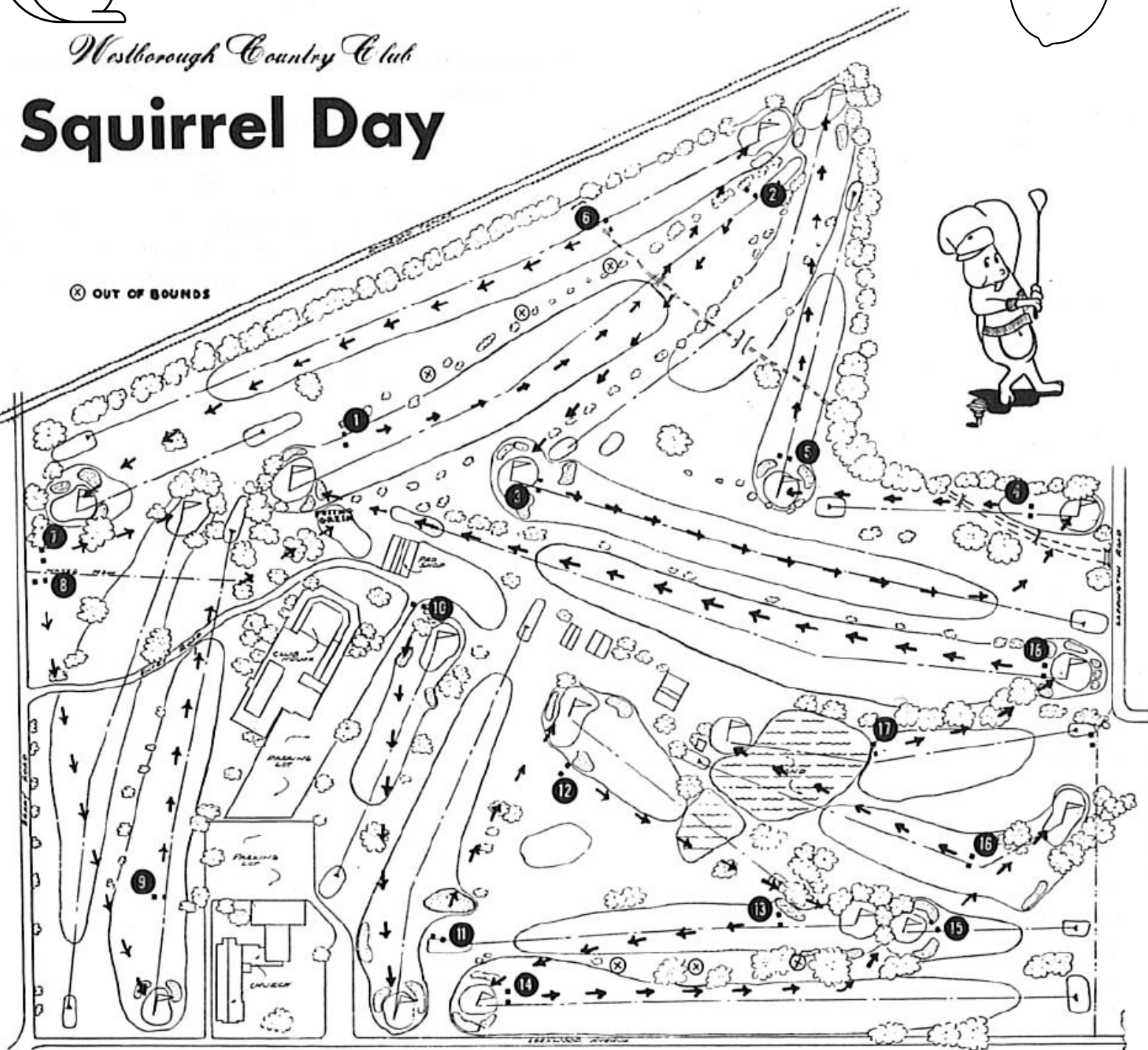
And you think you hear “fore” often during normal play!



Westborough Country Club

Squirrel Day

⊗ OUT OF BOUNDS



And here's the way the course was “rearranged” for Squirrel Day!

The *Cherished* Derby Day

Then, on May 2, 1964, Westborough held its inaugural Derby Day golf event, establishing one of the Club's most cherished traditions that would endure for decades. At this event, ten golfers tee off together on Hole No. 1, and then one golfer is eliminated on each hole leaving two remaining on No. 9. Here is an example of the process: On Hole No. 1, five golfers have 5s, three have 6s, and the remaining two have 7s. The two with 7s have a playoff (e.g., putting or pitching contest) with the one farthest from the hole being eliminated. The remaining golfers then move on to Hole No. 2.



JOCKEYS: (Back row—left to right) "Lucious Libby" Neuner, "Madcap Mary" Victor, "Anxious Annie" O'Toole, "Wondrous Wink" Fox, "Saucy Shirley" Lindeman, "Rollikin Roz" Arthur, "Cunning Chris" Schrivener, "Bashful Barbie" Scott. Front row—"Pleasing Patty" Lang, "Magnificent Margie" Gable.

1966 Derby Day

Every horse
needs a jockey!



Photos from the 1964 inaugural event!



One of the Derby Day Horses

The above color photo is part of the collection donated by the Guyer family. This photo is from the 1964 Inaugural Derby Day! Note the incredible outfits and silk sashes worn by the "jockeys" for this event!

The 1964 Derby Day lineup was as follows. The "horses" received strokes on these holes, although strokes did not apply in playoffs:

"Horses" Stroke holes

Gene Fehlig 1
 Al Pilliod 1, 2, 5
 Andy Anderson 1, 2, 5
 Jack O'Toole 1, 2, 3, 5
 Charlie Leutwiler 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
 Pres Dorris 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8
 Walter Sandner 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
 Lowell Hartman 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
 Warren Beeson all nine holes
 Bud Tuetenberg all nine holes except two strokes on 1



Referees were Gil Pitcher and Neva Anderson and Bob Decker was the starter at the tee and did introductions. As reported in the June 1964 Chatterbox, "the golfers were great but the pretty jockeys were the real stars of the show resplendent in their silks and colors" The "Jockeys" were "Madcap" Madeline Clauser, "Marvelous" May Decker, "Zealous" Zeanie Brackman, "Luscious" Lee Kelleher, "Cutie" Ginny Coyle, "Jazzy" Jane Pitcher, "Delightful" Dottie Wulz, "Juicy" Jeannie Elmer, "Audacious" Aline Henry, and "Delerious" Ibbie Dassler.

To no one's surprise, Gene Fehlig "nosed out Pres Dorris with a chip shot on No. 9 that stopped two inches from the cup." A cocktail hour immediately followed the Derby with a buffet dinner, music, and dancing.



Derby Day 1979 Horses and Jockeys



DERBY DAY ENTRIES: (left to right) "Wallop Willie" Meyer, "Exciting Ed" Arthur, "Peppy Peter" Scott, "Easy Ernie" Schneiderhahn, "Kolorful Kenny" Gable, "Buckin Barney" Anstett, "Breakaway Buddy" Appleton, "Eager Eddie" Holscher, "Dashing Don" Reid, and "Prancing Poopsie" Daniels



Westy Derby Winner, JIM HOLTGRIEVE (seated) with BILL BUDKE (l) and PAUL MARS (r).

1977 Derby Day



Derby Day 1979 Horses and Jockeys



Derby Day - Jerry Howe - 1979



1975 Derby Day

JUNIOR GOLF

A huge success...from then to now!

One of the most endearing aspects of our reporting in this Volume 5 is the growth of Westborough's junior golfers, under the careful guidance of Tony and his staff, especially Roger and Phil. During the 1960s, many of these junior golfers continued their progression from the base they built in the 1950s, as shown by this photo from the late 1950s that was published in the April 1969 Chatterbox.

As the 1960s began, a number of Westborough junior golfers competed in both Club and district-wide events, but two boys and one girl in particular garnered most of the attention: "Jimmy" Holtgrieve, "Mickey" Wellington, and Pam Pitcher. In July, Wellington made it to the quarterfinals in the District Junior tournament, and Holtgrieve did well in the District Juvenile boy's tournament. Pitcher was featured in the Globe-Democrat at the Eastern Missouri PGA Juvenile tournament where she was one of only five girls of the 57 golfers who competed. Wellington won the 12-year-old class at that event.

In July 1962, Wellington posted a 37 to take medalist honors in the District Juvenile Boys golf tournament at Triple A, and both Holtgrieve and another talented Westborough junior, Steve Noller, competed.



At Pro Shop Shot-Gun Start

Chatterbox September 1964



IT'S THE KIDS' DAY. Pam Pitcher, one of five girls entered, takes a shot Monday in the PGA Junior Golf Tournament at Lakeside Golf Club. She is from Westborough Country Club. Watching her are Dave Fahrenhorst of Northland (left) and Harry Crustals of Creve Coeur. All three are 12½ years old. —Globe-Democrat Photo

Globe-Democrat | July 12, 1960

Recognize these
names?!

Jim Holtgrieve

Mickey Wellington

Pam Pitcher

Steve Noller

All-Star
Junior Golfers!

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Alethe Kelleher found this wonderfully nostalgic picture of the following youngsters:-
Front row, kneeling: Terry Messmer, Mich Wellington. Middle row: Kathy Wellington, "Mo" Kelleher, Jimmy Holtgrieve. Back Row: Carl Giesen, Tony Henschel and Frank Keller.

Thank you, Alethe!

As the calendar turned to 1964, these accomplished juniors were moving into the high school years and their successes were mounting. In March, Holtgrieve made the Webster Groves High School golf team, and in July was the low qualifier in the St. Louis area for the USGA Junior Tournament. Wellington also did extremely well at that event, being named an alternate. In August, Noller shone brightly at the District Junior tournament, winning medalist honors in the boys' 14-15 year old championship flight. Also that year, the Westborough Junior team won the District's Southern Conference Championship, and in September, presented Club President, Millard Holtgrieve, with the championship trophy.



President Holtgrieve accepts the Southern Conference Junior Golf Trophy from John Pitcher. Other team members are (left to right) Mick Wellington, Brit Reid, Steve Noller, Maureen Kelleher, Mrs. Gil Pitcher (Junior Golf Chairman this year) and Jim Holtgrieve. Mary Ann Brother was also on the team but not present when the picture was taken.

In 1965, the Westborough Junior team would repeat as Southern Conference champs, going undefeated, and won the league crown 25 ½ - 10 ½ in a playoff match with Norwood, the north section champ. Holtgrieve, Wellington, and Noller would shine in individual play. In August, as a 17-year-old, Wellington would shoot a 73 (one behind the leader) to qualify for the National Junior Tournament, win the District Junior title (besting Holtgrieve by only a stroke) and ace our own course's 198 yard No. 15 with a 3-iron.



WESTBOROUGH JUNIOR AWARDS

Left to right: Kathy Teutenberg, Merridy Wuls, Pat Fries, Mary Ann Brother, Steve and Jim Fox, Mike Blood, John Pitcher, Jim Holtgrieve, Britt Reid, Steve Noller, Mick Wellington, Jeff Parshall, Mark Henry.

TOUGH SHOT FOR MR. WELLINGTON!



Westborough Juniors Capture Golf Title

Steve Noller shot a 76 and Jim Holtgrieve 78 to lead Westborough to a 20-16 victory over Greenbriar in a match that determined the southern sectional title in the Greater St. Louis Junior Golf League yesterday. Westborough will meet Normandie for the over-all championship Monday at Westwood.

Post-Dispatch | Aug 19, 1964

Wellington's 70 Wins Junior Golf

Mick Wellington's low gross 70 took first place in the Greater St. Louis Junior Golf League tournament yesterday at Norwood Hills Country Club. Janice Jenkins of Normandie had an 88 to win the girls competition.

Wellington was a member of the Westborough squad that defeated Norwood Hills in the team title playoff match last Friday at Glen Echo.

About 90 boys and girls attended the awards' banquet held last night.

BOYS

Post-Dispatch | Aug 25, 1965



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer

Beating Around the Bush

Mick Wellington of the Westborough team plays his ball from under an evergreen on the sixth hole at Glen Echo in the playoff with Norwood for the Junior Golf League title. Westborough won, 25½-10½.

Post-Dispatch | Aug 21, 1965



Britt Reid (left) and Steve Noller crossing creek on No. 15 at Westborough during junior Club competition in 1962.

Noller had his time in the spotlight in July 1966 when he won the District Junior title. A month later, a young Jim Paynter (a future Club President) became the Westborough caddie champ.

Junior golf continued to be a high priority for Westborough in the remainder of the 1960s and throughout the 1970s, and that emphasis showed as the one-time juniors became prominent adult golfers. For example, in August 1967, Holtgrieve shot an inexplicable 29 on the Westborough front nine – yes, 29!

July 28 & 29 1970 District Jr girl's tournament with pic (2 articles with pics). In September 1971, the Hegeman boys won junior awards at Westborough – Jay for low net and Tim for low putts.

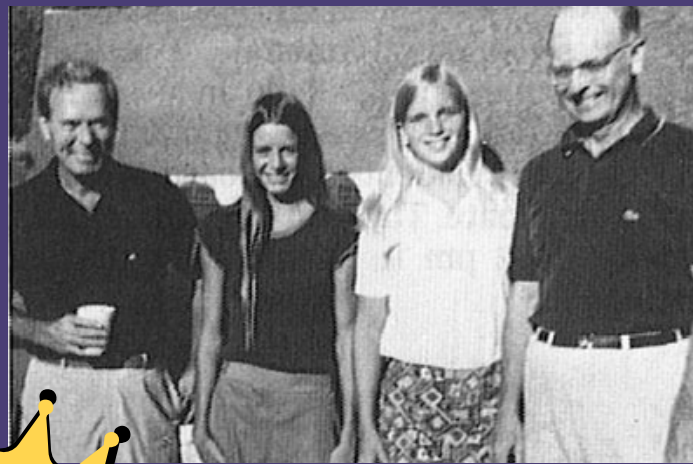


A Few Winks on the Links

Britt Reid of Westborough, a finalist in the boys championship division of the District Junior golf tour-

namment, catches a few minutes' rest on the way to the Normandie Golf Club.

By Floyd Bowser, a Post-Dispatch Photographer



Britt Reid, another skillful Westborough Junior, shown in this photo from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on July, 30 1965



Nancy Wellington

Paynter Is Caddie King at Westborough

King of Westborough caddies is Jim Paynter who won the over-all title yesterday as well as 15-years-and-older divisional honors with a gross score of 85. Par is 69.

Mike Grimm was tops in the 12-14 bracket with a score of 88. Net honors in the two divisions went, respectively to Jim Grace (63) and Drew Elsner (65).

Post-Dispatch | Aug 30, 1966

Top Right: Bud and Nancy Wellington, low gross runner up (45); Sue and Spencer Wolling, low gross (41)

Post-Dispatch | July 23, 1966



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer

Golf Playoff Rivals

Steve Noller (left) of Westborough Country Club and Marc Boguslaw of Meadowbrook shake hands after their sudden death playoff yesterday for the junior division championship in the Junior District golf tournament at Westborough. The two juniors had tied at 300 in 72-hole medal play. Noller blasted out of a sand trap within 18 inches of the cup and won the playoff on the first extra hole.

Nancy Wellington in a junior golf photo in front of the Pro Shop – *Chatterbox* Oct 1972.

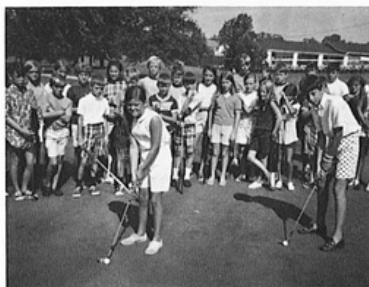
FOR THE FUTURE OF THE GAME!

Doesn't this look familiar!?

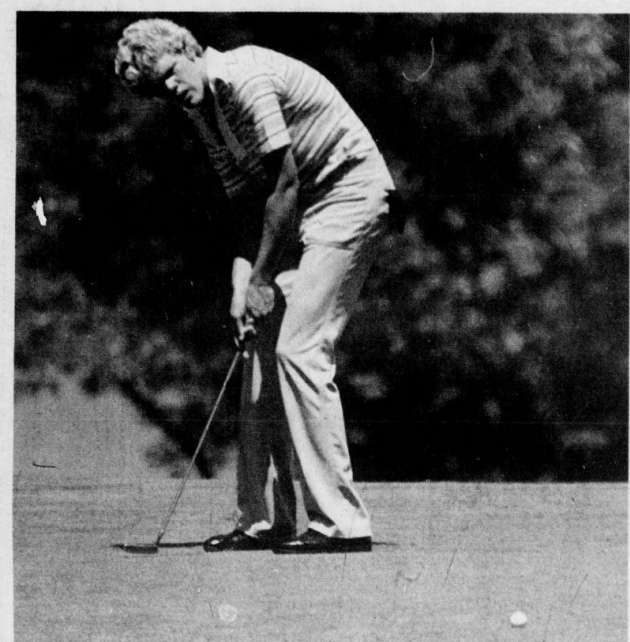
Another gifted junior golfer was Westborough's Jody Green, who in 1979 was selected by the Webster Echo as the most outstanding girl golfer of 1978 fall season and was the youngest contender in the Miss Mizzou golf tournament the next year as a freshman at Webster Groves High School.

Not only was Westborough focused on its own juniors, but it continued to host junior events as well, including the 1970 District Junior girl's tournament and in 1978, the US Junior Amateur qualifier won by future professional Jay Delsing.

The Pee-Wee Clinic



August 1969



EYE ON THE BALL: Jay Delsing of Norwood Hills putts on the 15th green in qualifying at Westborough for the U.S. Junior

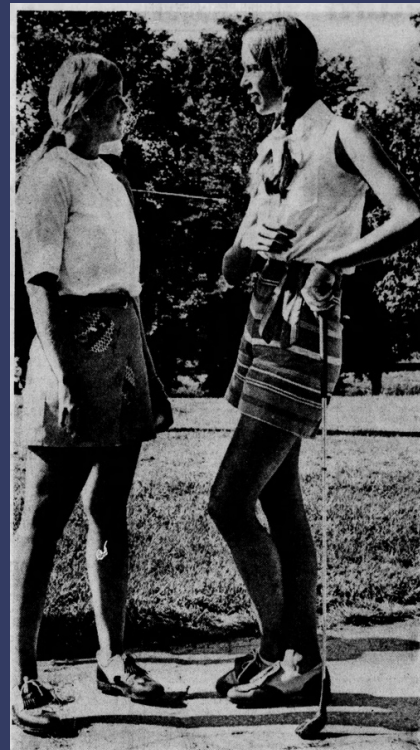
Amateur championship. Delsing was low qualifier with 68-67—135. Story, page 3. (Post-Dispatch Photo by Wayne Crosslin)

Post-Dispatch | July 26, 1978



Junior District tournament at Westborough

1972



TALKING GIRL TALK are Kari Severson of Cherry Hills and Juli Kuna of Greenbriar while they wait to tee off at the twelfth hole in the District Junior Girls' golf tourney at Westborough yesterday. (Post-Dispatch Photo by Lloyd E. Spainhower)

Post-Dispatch | July 29, 1970

THE NEXT GENERATION

It should be noted that some of the names mentioned in this section, namely Mick Wellington and Jim Holtgrieve, can now be seen caddying for their grandchildren who are active in Westborough Junior Golf!

“I love that we get the kids involved at an even younger age now. I believe our kids are learning the right way to play, and Mike (current Head Golf Professional) has done a phenomenal job. ”

Mick Wellington

“Our pros are so engaged. They are keeping the tradition going and they're being even more instructive now. I see a lot of youth and that gives me encouragement.. ”

Jim Holtgrieve

MEN'S GOLF

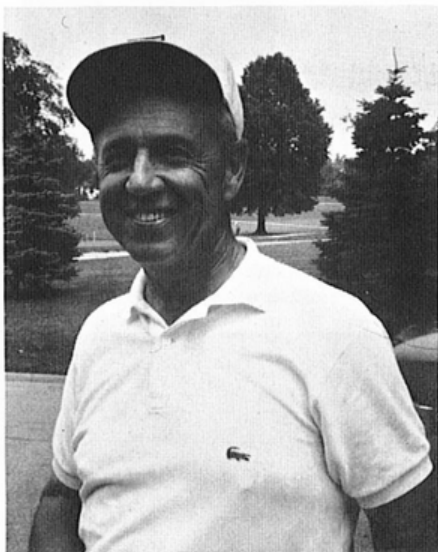
Men's golf at Westborough during the 1960s and 1970s was competitive and included the return of a champion who was in his prime and the ascent of a successful junior to champion status in the men's ranks. There were also the victories in team District events, and of course, the enjoyable events on our own course. One event in particular must be spotlighted. In June 1964, Westborough's teams finished 1-2 in the Eastern Missouri Professional Golfers Association pro-senior tournament held at Westborough. The winning team (Head Pro Tony Henschel, Jim Daniels, Gordon Moore, and Art Hunn) had a best-ball score of 53, and the second place team (assistant Pro Phil Hewitt, C. Bender, George Dorris, and Andy Anderson) had a best-ball of 57. Interestingly the third-place team was captained by Normandie head pro and former Westborough assistant pro Frank Keller.



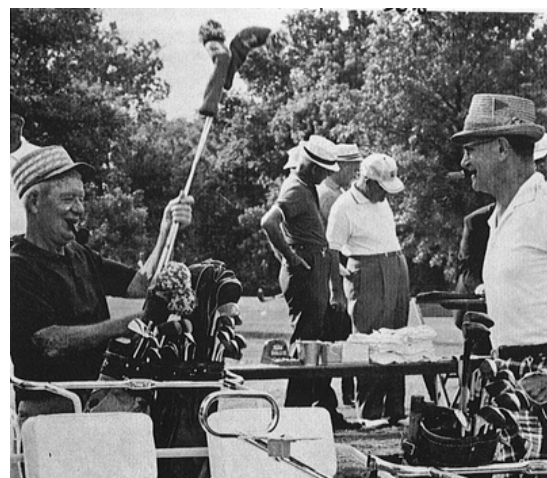
Club Champ, Bob McLean; runner up Gene Fehlig.

Aug 1972 – Club champ and runner up

**AL PILLIOD
GOLF CHAMPION 1969
WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB**



**TOM FITZSIMMONS
NEW CLUB CHAMP
1970**



Westborough's own Lynn Myer and Al Cekovsky in the District Senior Tournament at Westborough in 1966

CLUB CHAMPIONS IN THIS ERA

1960-63 Gene Fehlig
1964 Pete Scott
1965 Gene Fehlig

1966-67 Gil Pitcher Jr.
1968 Bob McLean
1969 Al Pilliod

1970 Tom Fitzsimmons
1971 Gene Fehlig
1972 Bob McLean

1973 -78 Jim Holtgrieve
1979 Mick Wellington



Jim Holtgrieve and United States
Victorious in Walker Cup Matches.

CHATTERBOX

WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE, 1979

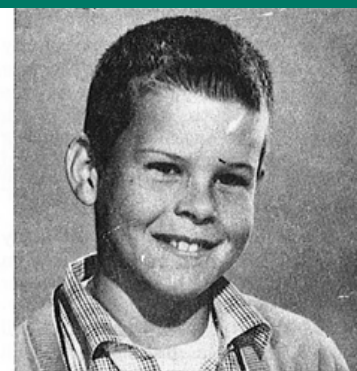
By the 1970s Westborough had been blessed with some of the finest amateur golfers in St. Louis history, holding countless district and amateur titles among them - Chester O'Brien, Elliott Whitbread, Bryan Winter, Jack Geiss, and Gene Fehlig. However, one Westborough member rose above them all, excelling on the local, state, national, and international scenes - Jim Holtgrieve.

Jim's accomplishments as an up-and-coming pee wee, juvenile, and junior golfer in the 1950s and 1960s were recapped in Volume 4 and earlier in this Volume 5. He is a legacy member (his father Millard was a past President) who joined the Club as a junior member in 1973. Growing up, his parents would play every Sunday, and he even lived close enough to ride his bike to the Club.

"My golf started when I was 4 years old at Sunset Country Club," Jim said. "But my golf career started here. Had I not been able to play golf here, none of this probably would've happened. I owe my heart and everything to Westborough."



Jim Holtgrieve, Current Champ 1975



Jim Holtgrieve, PeeWee Champ 1956

Meet Our Club Champ



THE CHAMP!

The 1974 Men's Golf Champion of Westborough Country Club is JIM HOLTGRIEVE. The second year in a row that JIM has won this honor.

This year's 36 hole final was a storybook finish, pitting JIM against MICKEY WELLINGTON, his childhood friend. MICK and JIM grew up together on the Westborough course, and played as Pee Wee golfers umpteen years ago. Both are proteges of TONY HENSCHER, our pro, who coached them throughout their golf careers.

Our golf hat is off to JIM HOLTGRIEVE, truly the Champ!

Holtgrieve Tops Amateurs

'Dad, This Is Jim; I Won'

"Dad, this is Jim," said Jim in an opening that hardly would have turned Homer green with envy. And, having established an absolutely perfect tone, he didn't want to ruin it.

"Yeah, I'm out at Westwood for National Amateur qualifying. No, the weather was okay and . . . well . . .

"Who? I don't know what he shot. I don't think he's in yet. Me? Uh . . . well . . . there are about 16 players still out but I think I made it. Yeah, I shot 146. I had a 75 this morning and then I shot 71 this afternoon.

"Birdies? Maybe six. Coulda been five. Let's see . . . I got one on the first hole this afternoon and . . .

"Jim Jackson? He just finished with 155. Jim Tom Blair is in too. Uh . . . Dad, I think I'm low. I think I won it."

He went to Mizzou for 1 year, Meramec for 1 year, but when he entered the Air Force, that's when everything changed for him. He was transferred to Hawaii after a few years and took his clubs (great call!). It was there that he fixed his grip and hook on the ball and everything else started to fall into place. The weather was so nice that there only about 2 days in those 18-months that he didn't touch a golf club. Jim went on to win the U.S. Army Open in 1972.

Instead of immediately going pro, Jim came home from the Air Force to practice and begin his amateur career. "One of the reasons I had success at golf is because I'm a good iron player, and that's because we have 6 par threes here at Westborough," Jim said. "The best part of my play is iron play."

Excerpt from 1968 Post-Dispatch story

Holtgrieve Does It Again: Missouri's Golfer Of The Year

During the 1970s, he exploded on the men's golf scene, winning his first Westborough Club Championship in 1973, a title he would keep through 1978 and win once more in 1989. He won back-to-back-to-back District titles beginning in 1977 and would win another in 1989 and, in 1979, competed on the United States' Walker Cup team. His 1977 accomplishments were quite remarkable because, in the span of one week, Holtgrieve won the St. Louis District title, the Missouri Amateur title, and became the first Westborough member to ever to make the cut at a U.S. Open. The 1977 District final was said to be one of most exciting in recent memory as he came from behind seven times to score a 1-up victory over Bob Mason of Greenbriar. That was the first championship that Jim had won in St. Louis since 1972, although he recorded championships in the Far East during his military service.

In 1978, Holtgrieve was the first to hold both State amateur and District titles at the same time since Bob Cochran in 1965. He also competed in the British Amateur Championship in 1979.

Outside of golf, in May 1969, Jim was in the honor guard for President Eisenhower's funeral at Abilene, KS. He also completed his training at Lowry Air Force Base and was stationed at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, KS.

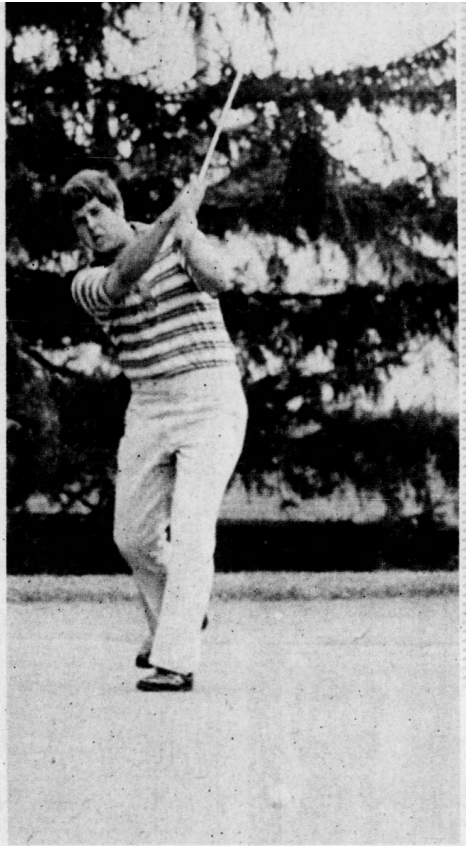
One of the most fascinating aspects of Jim's competition during this time frame was his caddie. Tom O'Toole. Tom was a fellow Westborough member who would become the 63rd President of the USGA in 2014 and who founded the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association in 1992.



Jim Holtgrieve with his parents, Holts and Marian, admiring that GREAT BIG TROPHY!



Jim Holtgrieve

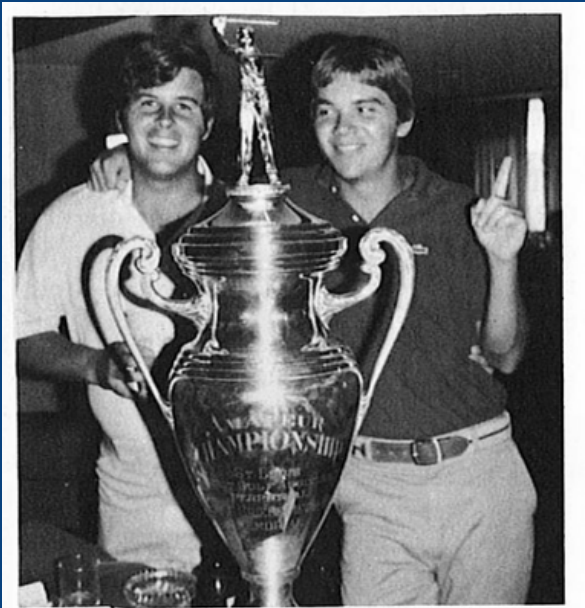


SINKING FEELING: Jim Holtgrieve provides the all-important body English and watches his birdie putt head for the cup on the 11th green during Tuesday's Missouri Amateur event at Sunset Country Club. (Post-Dispatch Photo by Lynn T. Spence)

Post-Dispatch | March 18, 1979

Post-Dispatch | June 21, 1978

“At the end of the day, the most memorable experiences I have are playing with my father and sons and playing for my country.” – Jim Holtgrieve



District Champ JIM HOLTGRIEVE & caddy TOM O'TOOLE

The Loch
Ness Monster
of STL Golf



Holtgrieve Surfaces In District Golf Again

Jim Holtgrieve, 27-year-old powerhouse from Westborough, is to area golf what the Loch Ness Monster is to folklore. He surfaces about once a year and scares hell out of everybody.

Post-Dispatch | July 23, 1975



1979 Walker Cup Team

Fired-Up Americans Win Walker Cup

AS YOU CAN GUESS... THIS PIECE OF MAIL RECEIVED IN LATE 1979 MEANS THERE'S MORE TO COME ON THE HOLTGRIEVE STORY IN THE 1980S!



Jim holding 1-month-old son, Scott, in Walker Cup Trophy



The Board of Governors
of the
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Gene Fehlig

FEHLIG WINS DISTRICT



Our own GENE FEHLIG is again District Golf Champion. This is the second time that Gene has brought this honor home to Westborough and we are certainly proud of him. Gene had a difficult match with Jack Berkeley in the finals over the rain-soaked Meadowbrook course. Gene's stamina paid off and after being even through 27 holes, he turned on the steam on the last 9 and won going away with a 3 and 2 victory. Other Westboroughites who participated in the tournament were PETE SCOTT, ART MORRIS and CHRIS REID.

In Volume 2 we reported on the successes of a young amateur named Gene Fehlig. Gene left the St. Louis area for several years, but before returning, he was captain of the Notre Dame golf team in 1934 and then went on to be the two-time Montana Open champ and winner of the Montana amateur title. After returning, Gene won the Westborough men's Club Championship in 1956, 1958, 1960-63, 1965, 1971, and a final time in 1981. In July 1960, he won the District golf title, defeating Jimmy Jackson in front of a boisterous Westborough rooting section. He would win his second District golf title in 1964.



Fehlig Family Shares in Gene's Moment of Glory

The clan Fehlig lines up with the new District amateur golf champion, GENE, with trophy, after he won the tournament with a 6 and 5 victory over JOE EVANS at Westwood Country Club. In front from left are Mrs. PHILIP MAHER, Gene's sister; Mrs. GENE FEHLIG; Gene; daughter KATHY and sister CELESTE. In back are nephew VINCE JR., and brothers VINCE, PAUL, and LOU.

Post-Dispatch | July 18, 1960

Calling all Moon Children!



Gene created the annual "Moon Child Tournament," for those with birthdays between July 1 and 10 – the cusp of Cancer sign, which began in 1969. He also earned the interesting nickname "One-Shot Fehlig" for his uncanny ability to escape even the most treacherous situations.

Never count him out!

In the years since the war, Fehlig has learned that he is apt to hit the ball into some unusual places and is undismayed no matter where his shots fly. His recoveries are often astonishing and have earned him the sobriquet, "One-Shot Fehlig" among his cronies at Westborough, who have resigned themselves to the fact that he can never be counted out of a hole or a match or a championship.

Post-Dispatch | July 14, 1963



Mick Wellington

Mick Wellington, like his boyhood friend and often competitor, Jim Holtgrieve, joined as a junior member in May 1973 and is a legacy member, with his father Bud being a past President. As a junior golfer, he excelled both at Westborough and throughout the District, and his successes continued as he, too, moved into men's competitions. Mick would win the first of his six men's Club Championships in 1979.

Gil Pitcher

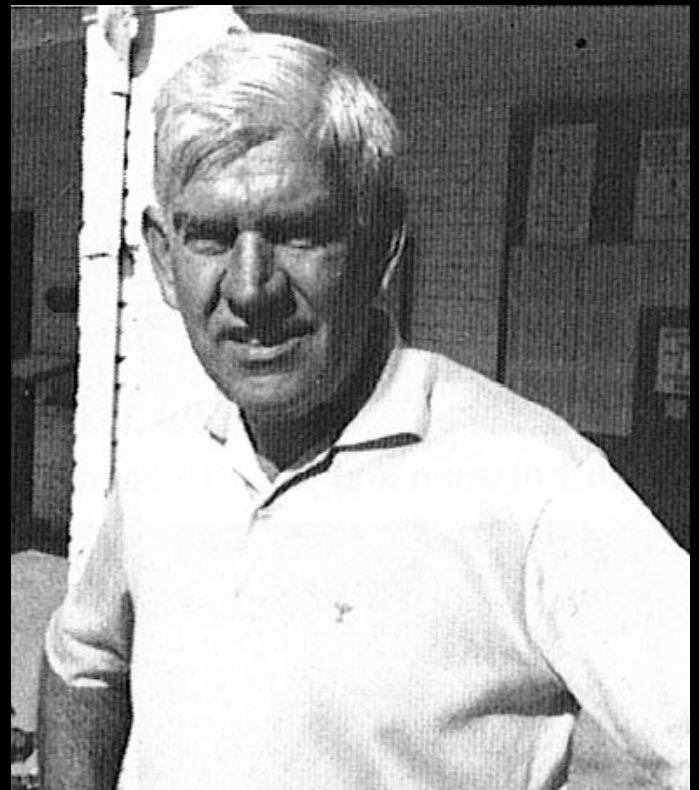
The members of the Pitcher family at Westborough were all accomplished golfers, especially the family patriarch, Gil. He was an advertising executive by day and was well-known for his contributions to amateur golf in St. Louis. He served on the board of the District Golf Association and was its president for two years (1962-63), working many of the association's tournaments and overall supporting junior golf in the area. At Westborough he was Club Champ in back-to-back years (1966-67, defeating Gene Fehlig in the finals in 1967) and his daughter Pam (who you read about earlier in Volume 5), son John (with whom he won the Club's father-son championship in 1976), and wife Jane all enjoyed great golfing success.



Pitcher and a Hitter

Guests of honor at the annual meeting of the St. Louis District Golf Association at Glen Echo Country Club included the incoming president, GIL PITCHER (left) of Westborough, and DUTCH HARRISON, tournament pro who was the principal speaker.

—By a Post-Dispatch Photographer.



In the 1970s, the Post-Dispatch posted the handicaps of area clubs' golfers. This was Westborough's list published on March 28, 1971.

Westborough Men

HANDICAPS

Agler, D.	12	Gazzoli, J.	21	Mueller, A.	18
Ahrens, C.	27	George, P.	16	Mulford, J.	25
Alexander, S.	19	Gill, W.	16	Neill, H.	15
Amacher, R.	20	Gillmore, W.	21	Neuner, J.	11
Anderson, W.	11	Gimblett, J.	31	Newton, J.	13
Anstett, B.	9	Ginter, E.	13	Oldendorph, N.	35
Arch, E.	9	Godfrey, E.	17	O'Toole, J.	9
Arch, R.	16	Graff, H.	21	O'Toole, M.	14
Aschinger, F.	44	Graves, J.	11	O'Toole, T.	19
Bahn, W.	16	Greer, B.	23	Paradowski, H.	26
Baker, A.	15	Grote, R.	20	Parshall, W.	16
Baker, W.	14	Groppe, V.	24	Paynter, W.	20
Bakula, J.	9	Guilfoyle, A.	18	Paynter, J.	12
Barroni, A.	21	Gunn, W.	20	Pelot, R.	13
Beaty, B.	14	Guyol, F.	20	Perkins, E.	19
Becker, L.	20	Hanlon, J.	23	Pflister, G.	14
Beeson, W.	20	Hartman, L.	20	Pilliod, F.	6
Bender, C.	20	Hawken, T.	23	Pitcher, G.	5
Berberich, W.	11	Hawkes, R.	16	Pitcher, J.	5
Berry, J.	23	Hawkinson, H.	24	Potter, R.	xx
Bippen	32	Hegeman, J.	22	Quail, R.	15
Blood, H.	24	Hemphill, A.	12	Quick, G.	30
Boehm, W.	26	Henry, R.	12	Redman, D.	12
Boehms, S.	xx	Hill, F.	16	Redman, P.	xx
Bohlmann, H. Jr.	19	Hill, F. Jr.	9	Reid, J.	18
Bohlmann, H.	19	Hines, R.	20	Ridgley, L.	24
Bolten, W.	16	Hogan, P.	26	Riley, E.	14
Bondurant, B.	22	Holley, W.	20	Ritter, P.	17
Bosold, L.	17	Holley, B.	17	Robert, B.	3
Bottom, W.	11	Holscher, E.	18	Roeder, E.	18
Bowman, P.	21	Holtgrieve, J.	1	Rogers, R.	18
Braddock, J.	28	Holtgrieve, M.	14	Rooney, J.	xx
Braun, M.	23	Hopkins, D.	12	Ross, J.	9
Braun, W.	10	Horner, W.	21	Roth, C.	16
Brauer, W.	xx	Howe, J.	18	Sampson, J.	19
Brazwell, W.	9	Huck, R.	30	Sandner, W.	23
Brother, G.	10	Hummert, A. Jr.	21	Sandner, W. Jr.	23
Brown, N.	18	Hunn, A.	21	Schaab, F.	19
Bruen, W.	24	Hunt, W.	21	Schiff, M.	12
Bubul, J.	20	Hunter, E.	17	Schiffman, J.	20
Buchanan, G.	16	Hurst, J.	22	Schlueter, A.	16
Budke, W.	14	Hyde, D.	14	Schmidt, J.	23
Burnett, R.	19	Jackson, W.	15	Schneiderhahn, E.	17
Burniski, A.	29	Jacobsmeier, R.	10	Schurr, R.	20
Burns, C.	17	Jarvis, H.	21	Scott, F.	14
Busch, J.	17	Jolley, J.	11	Scott, P.	7
Bust, F.	15	Jostrand, F.	21	Scrivener, R.	20
Buier, C.	21	Kalde, H.	18	Seaton, T.	7
Cagliuso, F.	26	Kaletta, R.	16	Serth, H.	20
Carey, H.	22	Kane, J.	16	Shadday, F.	20
Chalmers, S.	21	Keefe, J. Jr.	18	Shaw, R.	24
Childress, J.	21	Kelleher, W.	15	Sheahan, J.	19
Chippis, R.	29	Kempson, G.	16	Shelton, J.	12
Christman, D.	18	King, J.	17	Smigiel, W.	19
Christman, D. Jr.	7	King, W.	22	Smith, A. Jr.	28
Clark, R.	25	Kirtlan, F. Jr.	22	Spann, W.	19
Clark, S.	16	Kirtlan, F.	18	Sprick, J.	11
Clem, G.	18	Klingsporn, P.	28	Stanforth, R.	32
Cohn, S.	19	Kohler, C.	10	Stedell, W.	2
Connors, B.	24	Kraus, C.	19	Stroble, F.	26
Correll, G.	16	Krieger, J.	44	Sullivan, C.	26
Coughlin, B.	21	Kueneke, A.	18	Tamboli, V.	32
Coyne, C.	16	Kuester, R.	27	Teak, H.	14
Crawell, R.	18	Kuhn, P.	20	Teutenberg, F.	20
Cuquet, A.	18	Lamb, B.	20	Thau, W.	7
Dabler, E.	18	Lamear, D.	21	Tlaque, T.	18
Dahlheimer, L.	17	Lamont, J.	15	Travers, R.	23
Dapron, C.	19	Lasater, D.	15	Tweedie, E.	20
Decker, R.	12	Leonard, W.	18	Twerell, D.	20
Dehoney, D.	20	Lewis, A.	21	Verchinski, A.	15
Detwiler, E.	xx	Lndeman, M.	17	Victor, J.	16
Deutsch, C.	18	Lockwood, C.	19	Victor, R.	xx
Dittenhafer, Rev.	15	Loeffelman, J.	18	Vigus, E.	25
Doonan, R.	27	Loneragan, W.	xx	Vining, R.	19
Donnelly, W.	29	Luechefeld, V.	23	Vining, P.	20
Dorsey, E.	20	Lundergan, R.	15	Walker, E.	21
Douglas, R.	xx	Maass, H.	29	Ward, O.	12
Downes, J.	29	Mann, D.	15	Wassall, C.	17
Doyle, G.	22	Marsalek, J.	xx	Way, K.	22
Duncan, W.	15	Marshall, N.	18	Webster, H.	20
Earle, W.	15	Martin, W.	12	Weir, E.	16
Edwards, N.	19	Maurer, E.	17	Wehrle, J.	25
Eldh, R.	22	McCammon, J.	25	Welch, J.	13
Elmer, W.	21	McCarron, J.	25	Wellington, H.	14
Elwood, J.	25	McClure, B.	14	Wellington, M.	3
Erick, D.	20	McClure, D.	21	Wemhoener, W.	20
Ernst, E.	17	McClure, G.	22	Werley, K.	21
Essman, O.	10	McDaniels, E.	19	Whitcraft, W.	18
Evans, A.	23	McGoarty, M.	23	Winfrey, J.	14
Fehlg, E.	5	McLean, R.	6	Winscott, R.	12
Fehlig, P.	17	McQuay, R.	29	Wise, P.	15
Ferguson, C.	23	Melners, R.	21	Wisely, F.	16
Ferst, J.	23	Meyer, R.	19	Wohlberg, R.	17
Fillo, F.	21	Meyer, W.	15	Wolleng, S.	7
Finley, D.	28	Michael, K.	22	Wortmann, J.	15
Fitzsimmons, T.	7	Michenfelder, A.	22	Yocum, L.	14
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Fox, S.	6	Moore, J.	14		
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Fries, L.	16				
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Chester O'Brien Update

State & District Champ from Westborough in the 1930s

You may recall from our reporting in Volume 2 that Chester O'Brien was one of our District's top amateurs in the 1930s, winning back-to-back state amateur titles in 1933-34 and the District title in 1938. The Post-Dispatch profiled him in February 1963.

Profiles From the Past

A Young O'Brien Would Mine Pro Golf's Gold

By Robert Morrison

It occurs to golfer Chester O'Brien that maybe he was born 30 years too soon, but he may console himself with the thought that the alternative of playing for money might not have made so many pleasant memories as did playing for fun.

The 57-year-old auto salesman is an amateur golfer with a past. His back-to-back Missouri state championships in 1933 and 1934 are a succession not since accomplished by anyone. They came at the peak of his playing years.

"Reading about Paul Runyan the other day made me think I might have been born 30 years too soon," Chester said. "I think I'd have to take a shot at the pro tour if I was coming up in golf now."

The contrast that Runyan pointed out emphasizes the difference in money winnings. He topped the pro tour winners in the middle 1930s with something like \$11,000. Now a player can win that in a single tournament.

Amateur Glamour

But if money golf has the glamour now, amateur golf had as much in the days that O'Brien was playing and winning, or trying to win against such fairly young giants as Lawson Little.

"I think Lawson Little was the best I ever met," O'Brien said. "I had won the State title a second time when I met him in the fourth round of the National Amateur at Brookline (Mass.)."

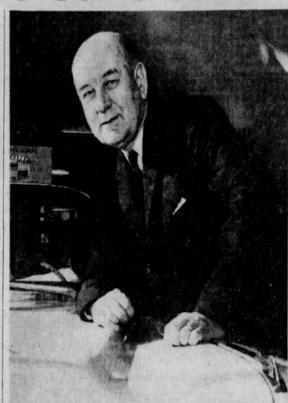
"Little didn't merely play golf. He had that Arnold Palmer drive about him. He was back from winning his second British Amateur and was going for his second American title when I lost to him."

"I really believe that Little would have reached greater heights in golf if World War II hadn't interfered with his career."

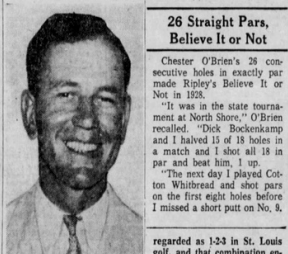
The second great war also interrupted O'Brien. "I went in service to get it over with in early 1941," he said with a smile. "It was nearly five years later I got out." Pearl Harbor came. D-Day plus 39 found him with the 8th Infantry Division in General Patton's Third Army and there he stayed until it was all over.

Desire Still There. "I didn't touch a golf club the whole time," he said. "When he got out, he figured he had lost five productive years, and he'd better get back to his job as a Cadillac salesman. He has been mostly a weekend golfer ever since. But almost every year you'll see his name in the list of National Amateur entries, whether he plays in the sectional trial or not."

"I like to help boost the entry list so there'll be more qualifying places," he said. "But I don't enter only for



Golfer CHESTER O'BRIEN as he appears today.



O'Brien at the time he won the first of two state golf titles in 1933.

sentiment. I still have the desire to play."

Athletically inclined as a youngster, Chester said he started playing golf in 1923 at Forest Park when he couldn't find enough playmates for sandlot team games.

"Publix a Magnet. "Met another young fellow who told me about his trip the previous year to the National public links tournament and what fine treatment and wonderful time he had had," O'Brien said. "I thought I'd try it. I made it in 1932."

"The same year the State tournament was at Westwood, which is now Westborough. I shot 71 in qualifying and was low most of the day until Ed die Held came in with 68. I beat Dick Bockenamp, then

26 Straight Pars, Believe It or Not

Chester O'Brien's 26 consecutive holes in exactly par made Ripley's Believe It or Not in 1935.

"It was in the state tournament at North Shore," O'Brien recalled. "Dick Bockenamp and I halved 13 of 18 holes in a match and I shot all 18 in par and beat him, 1 up."

"The next day I played Cotton Whitbread and shot pars on the first eight holes before I missed a short putt on No. 8,

regarded as 1-33 in St. Louis golf, and that combination encouraged me and gave me the interest in one short year."

"We used to go out to the park after work and play nine holes and then go over to Garavelli's to eat. Tom Hamamoto, the little Japanese who worked for a family on Lindell boulevard, was a golfer, and he could play that Park course better than anybody I ever saw. He beat me in the Muni final of 1926, but I beat him in 1927."

Finger Injury Factor. "In 1928 I lost in the state final to Cotton Whitbread, but then that winter I had an accident. I was ice skating on the lagoon below the Art Museum, fell and broke the little finger of my right hand. The next summer I found I couldn't hold a golf club. I had to play a year or two to get used to the finger, which I still can't bend properly."

"Then in 1936 I played with the St. Louis team in the intercity matches with Chicago, which I still can't bend properly."

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More *friendly* competition!

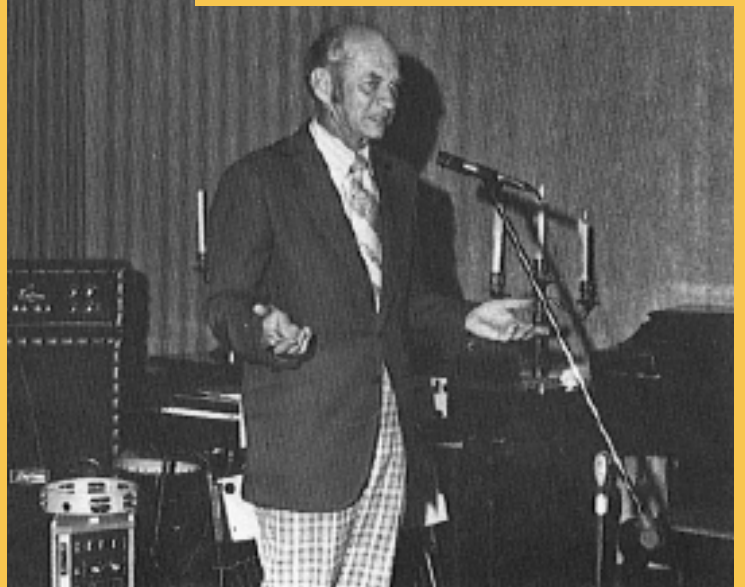
WCC vs. Algonquin

While it is fun to brag on our member's successes, it is often just as fun to laugh at some of the miscues. For example, in 1962, the honor for "the biggest slice" went to Harry Neill whose tee shot on No. 11 ended up in the No. 9 fairway! Another odd accomplishment was in October 1963 when Warren Beeson becomes famous as the only person in Club history to hole his tee shot on No. 5 into the cup on No. 4. Not to be outdone in terms of holing out on No. 4, in July 1966 Clarence Bender got a hole in one on No. 4 that didn't count because the new No. 4 tee box that had just been built had not yet officially been put in play yet!

There were events between Westborough and other District clubs in this era, including reporting of a Berry Cup in August 1964 with Algonquin (results not shown) and four Greenborough tournaments with Greenbriar beginning in 1972 (sadly all lost by Westborough).

WCC vs. Greenbriar

0-4 vs. Greenbriar!
OUCHH!!



THE WOMEN OF WESTBOROUGH A TRADITION OF *Excellence*

During the 20 year period that we cover in this Volume 5, women's golf at Westborough continued both in high popularity and in its tradition of excellence. 145 women attended the 1961 opening meeting of the Westborough Women's Golf Association (WWGA). There were numerous high-profile tournaments at our Club including those hosting the St. Louis Women's District, Missouri Women's Golf Association (MWGA), and the Country Club Grandmothers, in addition to the WWGA's own tournaments. A new and special WWGA tournament was started in 1968 when the inaugural Queens Cup was held. The event was for WWGA board members and all past chairmen with a permanent trophy to be kept in the Queens Room.



1976 Queen's Tournament Winner:
DORIS ANSTETT



The first tournament had 14 golfers:

WWGA CHAIRMAN:

Marian Holtgrieve

WWGA BOARD:

Rosemary Staniforth, Ibbie Dassler, June Beaty, Ginny Parshall (winner), Jean Martin, and Roz Arthur

FORMER WWGA CHAIRMEN

Carolyn Pilliod, Helen Hunn, May Decker, Jeanne Elmer, Alethe Kelleher, Lib Appleton, and Doris Anstett (Marion Becker joined only for lunch)

WHAT IN THE IS THE WESTY AWARD?

Presented annually to the member who has...

- ✓ GIVEN OUTSTANDING SERVICE
- ✓ PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS
- ✓ ABIDED BY THE BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS
- ✓ OBSERVED THE ETIQUETTE & RULES OF GOLF
- ✓ SHOWN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- ✓ PROMOTED GOODWILL & FRIENDLY ASSOCIATION
- ✓ EXEMPLARY APPEARANCE & BEHAVIOR

WESTY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Another defining tradition of the WWGA was started in 1961 with the institution of the Westy Award, which would be presented annually by the WWGA to a member who has given outstanding service to the organization, participated in events, abided by the by-laws and regulations of the association, observed the etiquette and Rules of Golf, shown good sportsmanship, promoted goodwill and friendly association among the members, and whose appearance and behavior are exemplary. Quite high standards! For this award's plaque, a "dimensional metal projection" of the famous bird "Westy" was given to the WWGA. It had hung in the Grill Room and was made of stainless steel, brass, and copper and presented to the club by Orvel Easman of Measuregraph Co. Recall that Westy was the bird designed by Bob Matthews and adopted as the Club's "trademark" as used on the Chatterbox newsletters.



Westy Award recipients. Front row center, 1971 winner Ginny Parshall, other members are in chronological order - front row left to right - Helen Hunn, '61; Neva Anderson, '62; Ginny; May Decker, '63; Marian Holtgrieve, '64; back row right to left - Jeanne Elmer, '65; Clara Luechtefeld, '66; Alethe Kelleher, '67; Rbby Lundergan, '68; Doris Anstett, '69; Wanda Brother, '70.



BOXES,



OH MY!

BROOMS,

MALLETS...

The 9-hole ladies, affectionately known as "Flight E" or "E-Flight," had just as much fun at their events back in the day as they do today. Here they are in these charming photos from 1971 where they used brooms, boxes, and croquet mallets!

WINNING GRANDMOTHERS



WINNING GRANDMOTHERS. Mrs. John Stiles of Glen Echo (left) shared low net honors Thursday in the Country Club Grandmothers Golf Tournament at Westborough with Mrs. R. E. Cameron, Grandmother, not available for picture. Each had a 68. Mrs. Arthur E. Coates, Glen Echo, took low gross with an 84. —Globe-Democrat Photo

SKILLS, NO MATTER WHAT AGE!

Grandmothers To Hold Tee Party



Post-Dispatch | Aug 8, 1972



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer

A Hit at the Morning Tee

MRS. RICHARD DALTON tees off at Westborough Country Club as the District women's team event gets under way. **MRS. THEODORE GITT** is at left.



NO SHOE-IN. Mrs. Robert Shifrin cleared the lake on Westborough's No. 2 hole with her third shot yesterday, but just barely. She had to take her shoe off and put one foot in the water to hit the ball from the bank.



OH, MUDDER. Mrs. Shifrin makes contact after taking a mighty swing. Mud flew 10 feet and the ball sailed six feet toward the green. She needed another shot to reach the green and took an 8 on the par-4 hole.



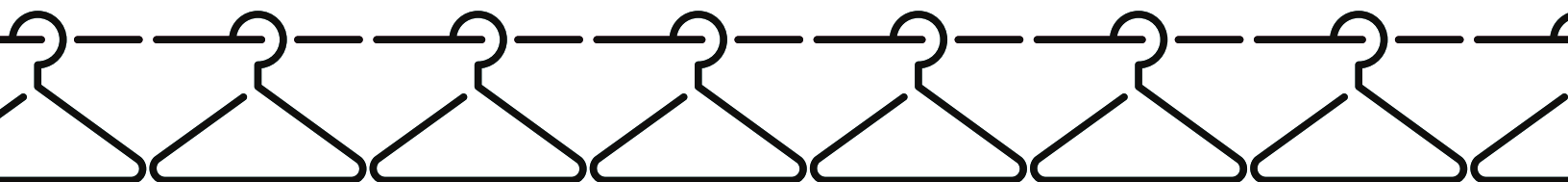
OFF AND ON. Well there's no sense in putting your shoe back on for one little putt is there? (Post-Dispatch Photos by Jack January)



THE MODELS



A NEW LOOK



Other traditions helped populate the WWGA calendar at this time, including the Big & Little Sister golf event and the fashion shows that accompanied the WWGA opening festivities. It's fun to turn back the clock and admire the fashions from that time.





PAULA RITTER

Blue Chip Fashions

SMASHING! The March 10th fashion show, "*The Classic Collection*" was just that and more! It was a delightful affair — Jed Hadfield's harmonious tones — while charming Jeanette Rose, Leppert Roos's style coordinator expertly narrated the parade of exciting fashions. Oodles and oodles of unusual unique clothes. All of our Westborough models exuded elegance — it was hard to be believe they were non-professionals! The most important looks of the season were modeled, rich versatile clothes. All in all it was a great show with a great flair. Following are the names of those who helped to make it so: Chairman, Ann O'Toole; Attendance Prizes, Reggie Travers; Table Decorations, Peggy Hegeman; Invitations, Helen Duemler and Connie Sullivan; Publicity, Dorothy Schaab; Reservations, Helen Vatterott; Models, Ann and Peggy O'Toole. Those who displayed those beautiful threads were: Sally Bakula, Lou Berry, Joan Bippin, Ann Borroni, Catherine Bowman, Dorothy Brennan, Anita Bruen, Ann Childress, Mary Lou Daues, Julie Fillo, Jean Fox, Jeanne Freeman, Charlotte Grimmer, Mary Ellen Hyde, Elise Mars, Sally Meyer, Peggy O'Tolle, Marianne Paradowski, Paula Ritter, Marty Ross, Nancy Schlueter, Dorothy Sheahan, Patty Siebert and Marcie Yocum.

Lest we forget the excellent lunch skillfully served and thoroughly enjoyed by all . . .



NANCY SCHLEUTER



ANN BORRONI

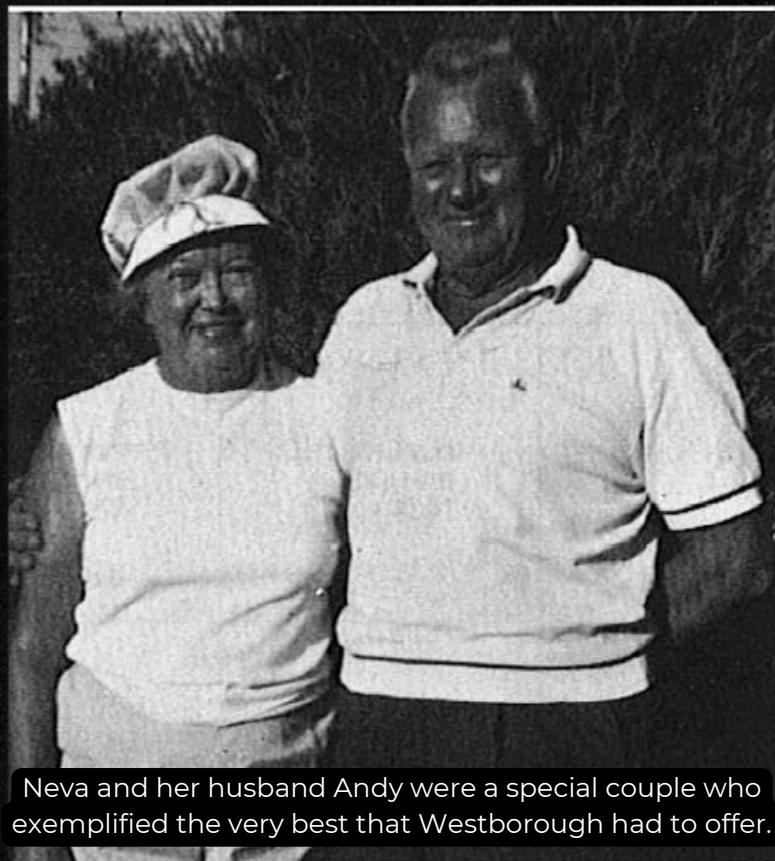


LOU BERRY





Neva gets a hug from Ginny Parshall on Neva Night



Neva and her husband Andy were a special couple who exemplified the very best that Westborough had to offer.

NEVA and ANDY ANDERSON, winners of 1967 HIS AND HERS TOURNAMENT, who shot a low gross of 73! Congratulations

NOTABLE

Neva Anderson

Throughout this period, among all who made Women's golf at Westborough so successful, two women in particular transcended their fellow golfers: Neva Anderson and Ginny Parshall.

NEVA'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE LEGENDARY.

She was Westborough's Women's Club Champion 16 times between 1949 and 1970. In St. Louis Women's District play, Neva was both a Class A and Class B winner and runner-up in the Championship Flight. In 1964, she won the Senior Tournament on low-net, and in 1967, she won the Senior Tournament on low-gross. Neva served as president in the Women's Missouri Golf Association (WMGA), president in the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association, and president of the Westborough Women's Golf Association. She was the second recipient of the "Westy" award at Westborough, and one of only three women in the WMGA history awarded an honorary life membership. She also received the Bernice Edlund Award with the commendation that she was "the person judged the ideal golfer by reason of outstanding qualities of character and sportsmanship."

Neva also served as...

**WMGA EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMEN & DISTRICT REP
HANDICAP CHAIRMAN • DIRECTOR OF THE YEARBOOK
MONTHLY MATCH PLAY • 9-HOLE ADVISOR
PARLIAMENTARIAN • CHATTERBOX REPORTER
AND FROM 1960-1970 SHE WAS A MEMBER OF WMGA DISTRICT
TEAM AS WELL AS DISTRICT COURSE RATING REP**

If that wasn't enough, as a hobby in the field of horticulture, she was elected president of the African Violet Society of America, Inc., in 1967 and 1968; a life-time member and life-time judge in the field of African violets.

On September 20, 1970, Westborough held "Neva Night," with 200+ of her friends in attendance, to honor her. As reported in the November 1970 Chatterbox, "A tour down memory lane was ably conducted by past-president, LESTER BECKER, and with his wife, MARION, many friends of long-standing who had moved away, were assembled to pay homage to one of Westborough's greatest assets throughout the years, NEVA ANDERSON."

GOLF-GENIUS

Ginny Parshall



Like Neva Anderson, Ginny Parshall was an iconic women's golfer at Westborough, especially during the two decades of our current reporting. Ginny won her first Club Championship in 1964, and won the same title in 1969-72, 1974-77, and her last one in 1983. In July 1975, Ginny was honored by the WWGA with the Westy Award in 1971 and by the WMGA with the prestigious Bernice Edlund Award, a perpetual award given to a contestant judged the "Ideal Golfer" by reason of outstanding qualities of character, sportsmanship, devotion to golf, and demeanor on and off the course.



DISTRICT GOLF WINNERS

Doris Phillips (in center), district golf champion is flanked by flight winners. From left are Mrs. J. Arthur Baer II, Class D; Mrs. W.F. Anderson, Class C; Miss Phillips, Mrs. Paul Bergman, Class A, and Mrs. Arnold Danker, Class B.

Women's winners from 1964 District tournament at Westborough with overall champ Doris Phillips (center) and Westborough's Neva Anderson (2nd from left)

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In 1975, Neva was made an honorary life member of WWGA.



"BEDECKED WITH BEAUTY" was the title of the Christmas Flower Show of the East Central District of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri. Looking at the displays are, left to right, show chairman Mrs. W. F. Anderson, 360 Tulip Drive, Webster Groves; district director Mrs. L. N. Copeland, 1670 Horseshoe Drive, Florissant, and assistant director Mrs. Ray Schlereth, 3913 Cordes Drive, Lemay.

◀ MORE ▶ WONDERFUL WOMEN

Light-Hearted

RUBY LUNDERGAN



We would be remiss if, before finishing our report on women's golf, we did not tell you about two more women in the WWGA. The first is Ruby Lundergan. Ruby's importance in the WWGA was evident in her receiving the coveted Westy Award, but perhaps her most notable and long-standing contributions were through her monthly column in the *Chatterbox* aptly titled *Ruby's Chuckles*, covering light-hearted thoughts and stories that everyone enjoyed. In our *Chatterbox* archives the first Ruby's Chuckles column we found was in November 1960 and the last in November 1974.



The Westborough Women's Golf Association annually presents the Westy award to a member who has performed outstanding service to the organization. RUBY LUNDERGAN received the award this year for her participation in various activities within the club.



One man claims he finally broke a hundred over the weekend—not on the golf course—in the super market.

Sign at a motel: "Because of inflation, our single rooms are doubles."

While the price of everything else has skyrocketed, a cabdriver will still give you a dirty look for a dime.

So the Nation doesn't have a good five cent cigar—at least it has a good five cent quarter.

Forgive your enemies—if you can't get back at them any other way.

He arrived at the golf-course late. "It was really a toss up as to whether I should come here or go to the office," he explained. Then he added thoughtfully, "And I had to toss fifteen times."

November 1974

LOOKING FOR A LAUGH?

Ruby has you covered!

RUBY'S CHUCKLES

One Sunday morning as Mary Brown was leaving church a dear old lady addressed her confidentially, "Is your name Mary Frances Varney by any chance?" she asked in a pronounced brogue. "No, it isn't," replied Mary Brown, slightly bewildered. With that she let out a deep sigh and said, "Well now, I'm glad. If it was, I was going to have to tell you - you've changed an awful lot."

A Cuban defector, landing in Key West, is said to have demanded, "Take me to your barber."

Little boy, on way to birthday party, to Mother, "I'll thank Mrs. Chambers for the party right when I get there. Last year she locked herself in her room before I left."

Husband giving wife bouquet of flowers:
"Now don't go all to pieces. Somebody left them on the bus."

Never argue with a woman when she's tired --- or rested.

One evening I picked up a magazine with a picture of a bosomy movie star on the cover. "I suppose," I snorted, "she expects to set the world on fire"! My husband glanced at the picture. "Well," he said as he turned back to his paper, "at least she has the bellows for it."

Then there is the one about a minister who ended his sermon on the evils of drinking by saying, "All the whiskey should be dumped in the river," and now we will sing Hymn 400, "Let's All Gather at the River."

November 1960

Ultimate Champ, BETTY VON RUMP



The second and final WWGA golfer we will spotlight is Betty Von Rump. Betty, the most accomplished women's golfer in Westborough history, appeared late on the scene in this time period, winning her first Club Championship in 1979. In a remarkable string of victories, from 1979 - 2000 she would win a total of 19 Club Championships. Read more about Betty in Volume 6.

SWIMPLY *the place to be!*

The Westborough pool continued to be a major area attraction in our reporting period, whether it be from a leisure or competitive swimming standpoint. In 1960, "Head Man" Bob Graham, teacher and championship coach at Ladue Jr. High, returned as Pool Manager and Head Guard, and Ed Hellman replaced Marthay Phyfe as guard and coach of the Club's championship swim team.

The All-Country Club swim meet was again held at Westborough with the customary result - WCC wins! To celebrate, due to the success of the inaugural "Aqua-Spectacular" in 1959, that event was held again in August 1960. The event was a "spectacular acrobatic and comedy diving show" followed by a buffet supper. The 1960 performers were World Champions Hobie Billingsley and Dick Kimball.

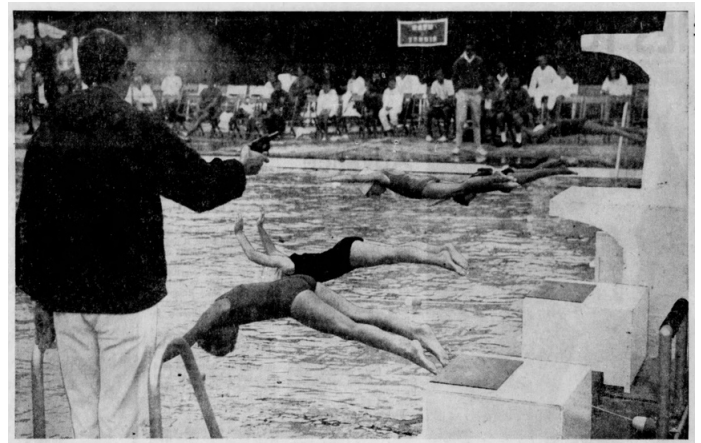
ED'S LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



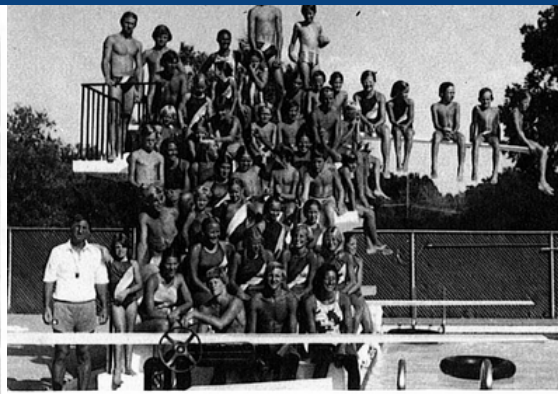
High point winners for season events and for the All Country Club Meet. Back row (left to right) Doug Lonergan, Harry Wellington (Swim Chairman), Coach Ed Bielk. Front row (left to right) George Long, Cindy Leonard and Kathy Leonard with the trophies won at the All Country Club Meet.

1964

As good as things were, in 1962 it got better – and stayed that way for many, many years. Ed Bielk was announced as pool manager and swim team coach. Ed came from Wellston HS where he coached football, baseball, basketball, and track. Under Ed's direction, WCC won its fourth All-Country Club swim meet in a row. In all, he would spend 35 years at Westborough, another testament to the historic figures like Henschel, Guyer, and Barnett who guided important parts of our Club for so many decades. Check out the success under Ed's leadership as published in 1975:



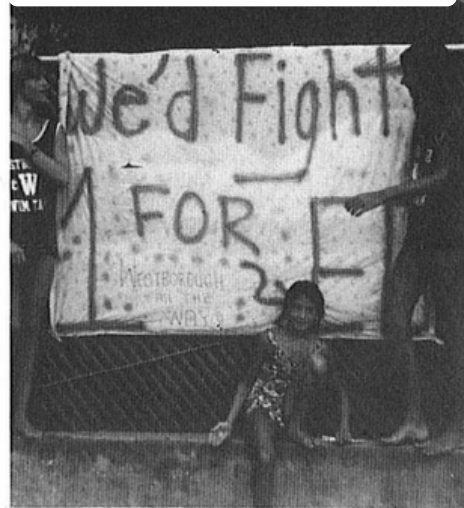
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All-CC swim meet pic of Mary Paynter



1979 SWIM TEAM

RELAXATION & COMPETITION!

1972 WCC swim meet sign says it all



Henry, Ritter and Wellington display the team spirit before the BIG one, Greenbriar!

Sun 'N Fun seems an appropriate title for this smiling group recently photographed at Westborough's pool. From left to right: Mrs. Martin G. Randall; Mrs. David C. Agler and her two daughters, Mrs. Hugh C. Webster and Mrs. Wm. A. Adams, Jr. 1967

Westborough Again #1 In Swim Competition

1975

A clean sweep for Westborough this year in swim competition accounted for a perfect season in dual competition as well as a first place in the Country Club Conference meet.



History of WCC Swimming Team 1962-75

With Coach Ed Bielick

Won: 101

Lost: 24

Season records

Dual Meets: 1st place—7 times
2nd place—6 times

All Country Club: 1st place—5 times
2nd place—7 times

Free

8B Glenn Deutsch '71
8G Cindy Leonard '64
10B Todd Baumgartner '69
Glenn Deutsch '73
10G Karen Freeman '74
12B George Long '64
12G Karen Schlueter '74
14B George Long '66
Dan Vaterott '75
14G Barb Wolling '69
16B Paul Vining '71
16G Joan Hyde '75
17B Chris Wunderlich '74
17G Cindy Leonard '73

Back

Kurt Roder '65
8G Lisa Kohl '64
10B Kurt Roeder '66
Glen Deutsch '73

Joe Fechter '75
10G Lisa Kohl '66
12B Glenn Deutsch '75
12G Kathy Wellington '62
14B George Long '66
14G Barb Wolling '69
16B Paul Vining '71
16G Barb Leonard '71
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17G Barb Leonard '71

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12B Dave Yeom '72
12G Karen Schlueter '74
13B Chris Wunderlich '74
13G Barb Wolling '69

Breast

8B Kurt Roeder '65
8G Cindy Leonard '64
10B Bob Staniforth '63
10G Cindy Leonard '65
12B Jim Evans '64
12G Sue Wolling '70
Karen Schlueter '74
14B Tom Moore '72
14G Nancy Wellington '72
16B John Woods '65
16G Sue Wunderlich '74
17B Chris Wunderlich '75
17G Cindy Leonard '73

Fly

8B Tippy Dawson '63
8G Cindy Leonard '64
10B Jim Dawson '63
10G Cindy Leonard '66
12B George Long '64
12G Karen Schlueter '74
14B George Long '66
14G Sue Wolling '71
Karen Schlueter '75
16B Paul Vining '75
16G Sue Wolling '73
17B Todd Lonergan '70
17G Allison Budke '71

Records Broken this year in Relays

14G: Martha Webster
Julie Clemens
Karen Schlueter
Jeanne Bruen

12G Free: Lisa Berry
Julie Sheahan
Mickie Sampson
Karen Freeman
14G Free: Jeanne Bruen
Eileen Berry
Martha Webster
Karen Schlueter

Record Diving Points

Art Chalmers — 62.00 pts. 1975

Trophy Awards:

Oldest Record Holder:
Kathy Wellington Boles (12 - back - 1962)

Highest Individual Record Holders
Cindy Leonard - 7 records

Longest Active Swimmers

11 years

Andy Ritter
Kurt Roeder
Thom Wellington
Allison Budke
Barb Leonard
Mary Paynter
Barb Webster

10 years

Jerry McCammon
Todd Baumgartner
Tom Clemens
Jim Henry
George Long
Rick Victor
Claudia Webster
Nancy Wellington

9 years

Rick Clauser
Todd Lonergan
Cathy Braun
Cathy Guthrie
Terry Paynter
Mary Pat Sheahan
Terry Victor

Ed's
Outstanding
Record!

101-24

5x All-club
champs!

WESTBOROUGH
Breakers

Tennis RETURNS

More sports =
more social
opportunities!

Tennis had been absent from Westborough since the construction of the church in the 1950s, leaving a huge hole in the Club's leisure activities. Thankfully, that all changed in the early 1970s. By April 1973, construction of four new tennis courts next to the swimming pool area was announced and would start immediately under the strong leadership of Jack Moore, tennis chairman. His clinics were hugely popular among the members. A Tennis Committee was put in place and John Gazzoli, Jr. was named tournament chairman. The other committee members were Steve Chalmers, Ninian Edwards, and R. W. Meyer, Jr. The courts were open seven days a week and appropriate dress code was developed.

On June 29, 1973 the courts were back, with a long-awaited (but damp and rainy) grand opening on July 1. Also in July, Jim Moore, brother of Jack Moore, was named the new tennis pro.

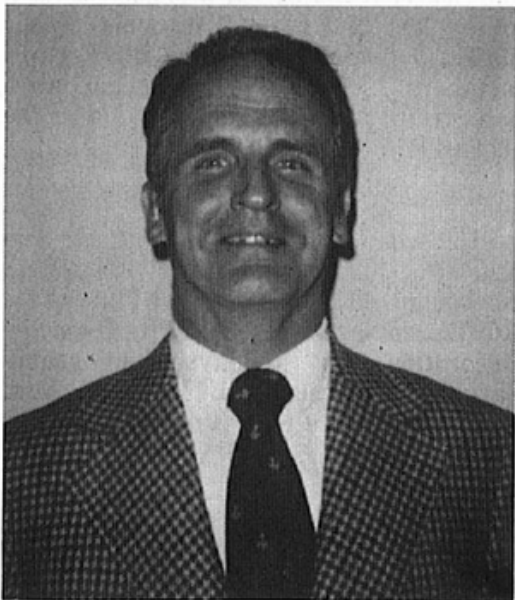


Tennis Chairman, Jack Moore, checking out courts opening day. Bad News!

MEET OUR NEW TENNIS PRO

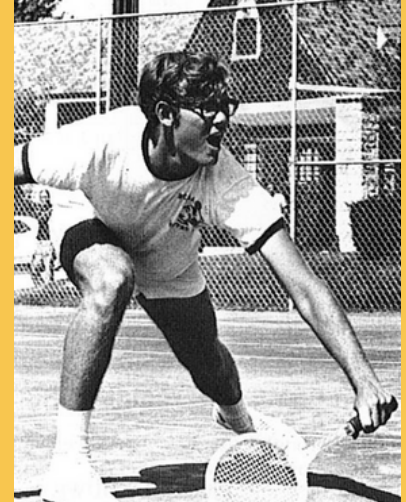
Jim Moore, a native St. Louisan, will be Westborough Country Club's tennis pro. Jim attended St. Louis University where he played varsity tennis. He has been teaching with Earl Buchholz for the last 10 years. In addition to instruction at Tower Grove Park, Jim was a teacher in the Junior Chamber of Commerce program as well as the University City school system and the Granite City tennis program.

Until such time as we determine the use of the courts, Jim will be part-time and available for lessons by appointment. Call the office about tennis lessons.



In that first year Stu Bakula won the men's singles title, Sally Bakula won the women's singles title, and the men's doubles title went to the team of Tom O'Toole, Sr. and Jim Holtgrieve.

In 1974, Gene Fluri joined as the new tennis pro. The 24-year-old second year law student had an extensive playing and teaching background despite his young age. He was ranked second in St. Louis in Men's Doubles, was a former member of Mizzou's tennis team, and a Big 8 conference doubles champion. He would be full-time from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Gene Fluri 1974

1974 was a real coming-out party for the newly reinstated tennis program, with 60 ladies playing the league. That same year, Sally Bakula lead the junior tennis program and a series of clinics were established for children on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Also that year, not to be outdone by the lady golfers, the ladies tennis group held their own fashion show!

WCC Ladies



the runway!



Ham and Eggs Event



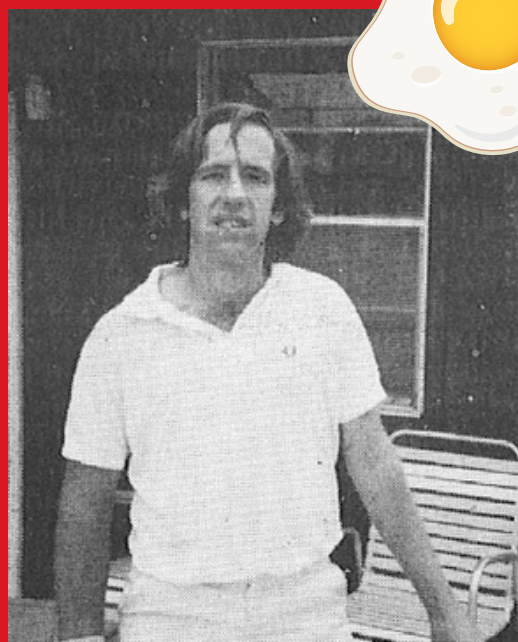
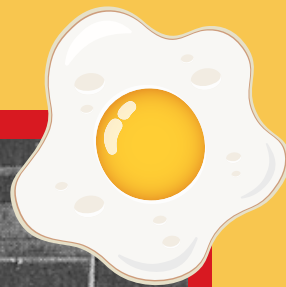
Winners ladies Ham and Eggs May 8th. (back row) Jean Freeman, Jane Webster, Ann Baroni, Joanne Lewellen. (front row) Marcy Yocum, Paula Ritter, Peggy Heseman.



Mary Edwards and Marty Busse in charge of the Ham and Eggs.



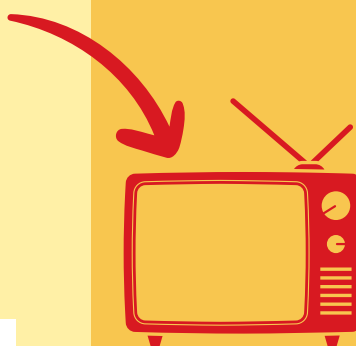
and



Also in 1975, Westborough welcomed a new tennis pro, Ben Bush. Ben was a 21 year old college student and tennis player at the University of Virginia.

In May 1975, another tradition began with the "Ham 'n Eggs Tournament." While this first one was for the ladies, over the years there were a number of mixed events as well.

1975 continued on the progress of the prior year, with another great Ham 'n Eggs event and a packed tennis awards dinner in September. One awardee went on to great fame as an actor – Scott Bakula who was a winner in the Junior Division. Scott, as a youth, sang with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and went on to win a Golden Globe in 1992 for Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series for the drama, *Quantum Leap*.



A STAR
IN OUR MIDST!



Tennis Awards Dinner Sunday, Sept. 14th, L. corner - Mick Wellington, Helen Hawken, Tom Hawken, Rosemary Wellington, Hugh Webster, Peggy Wellington, Bud Wellington, Jane Webster [partially hidden] Kathy Boles, Kevin Boles.



Jr. Boys Winners
L. - Scott Bakula
R. - Fechter



The 1977 Ham 'n Eggs was another hit as seen. However, in August 1977, tennis pro Bush resigned and Shelley Cohn assumed duties of running the tennis pro shop.



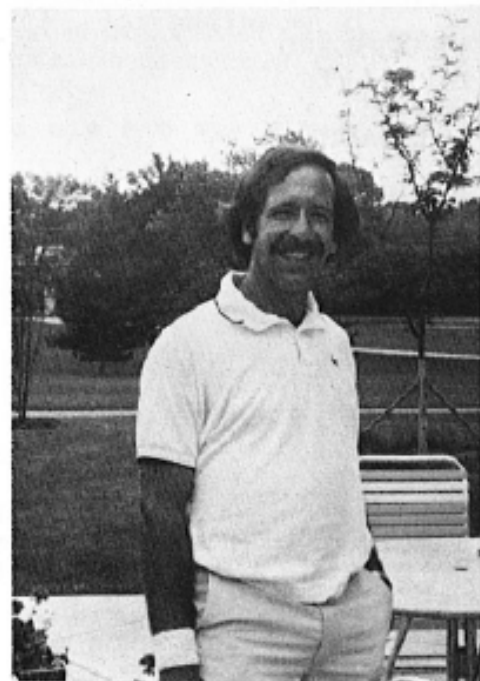
Women's Ham 'n Eggs (5/19)



The Field



The Winners: KATHY BOLES, LEE KELLER & MARIE BRUEN (not pictured MARY LOU BURT)



Returning Pro BEN BUSH



ETTA & NANCY getting ready for Women's Ham 'n Egg.



Making sure that all goes well are: KATHY BOLES, PAT FECHTER, CONNIE GENTSCH & CONNIE SULLIVAN.



BARBARA SIZE "Let's get started!"



Tennis Mixer #1 Thanks to MARGE & BOB FAUST



Winners and new members BRUCE & GINNY CONNORS.



Women's Division Runner up:

ELSIE MARS



Winners of last Ham 'n Eggs Tennis Tournament KATHY BOLES and BILL (smiling at last) MEYER



PHOTOS FROM 1977



The Directors

Honoring THE PAST

On June 9th, 2023, almost exactly 50 years since the re-opening of the WCC tennis courts, members gathered for their summertime favorite "Volleys & Cocktails." Though the tennis white dress code is no longer in effect, members dressed the part in honor of our great history!



AROUND

The Clubhouse

WE'RE JUST A
CALL AWAY!



In March 1972,
Westborough received its
now-familiar phone
numbers:

Main: (314) 968-5333

Pro Shop: (314) 968-5180

PHONE CHANGES

After March 1 there will be a change in Westborough's phone system which will be less expensive yet furnish us better service for our needs.

There will be three lines into the club house and some straight lines will be removed. The new number is 968-5333.

The Pro Shop will be served by two lines coming in. The number for the shop is 968-5180.

Joseph McCarron
House Committee Chairman

THE NEW NUMBER IS



Before social media...



THERE WAS CHIT CHAT!



The Chit Chat column of the *Chatterbox* covered everything from birth announcements to who's traveling where on vacation!

Chit Chat



Jim Holtgrieve, son of MARIAN and MILLARD, was the winner of the Hickam Air Force Base golf tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii. Jim's comment, "You should see the 4 ft. trophy."

MARION and LESTER BECKER were in Las Vegas for the wedding of their grandson and then went on to New Orleans to attend a convention.

DORIS and BARNEY ANSTETT have joined the grandparent set. Their daughter, Barbara Barnard has a new baby boy, David.

Greg Johnson, son of DOROTHY and AL JOHNSON is at Camp Miniwanca for five weeks.

Alison Budke, daughter of MARTHA and BILL BUDKE is going to Europe for a month's vacation.

TEDDY and JOE MC CARRON are home from two week's vacation in Ft. Lauderdale.

THE LATE-NIGHT SOCIAL SCENE

Westborough was known for lively social events all throughout this era, many of which went well into the morning hours!

The dinner for this 1965 Roaring 20s party was served at midnight! A roaring party indeed!



THE ORIGINAL WESTBOROUGH FITNESS CENTER



In April 1975, Westborough men (sorry, ladies) began enjoying a new sauna and exercise room!

"MYSTERY ROOM" OCCUPIED

Ever since our major remodeling Westborough men have stood there looking over their right shoulders and speculating "What's that room for?"

Speculate no more: it's a sauna . . . and an exercise room!

Long the envy of the District for their radiant good health and trim figures, Westborough men can now banish aches and pains and further develop their muscles, thanks to this fine new equipment.

And special thanks to NIN EDWARDS and CLETE AHRENS who spearheaded this project.

House Committee



TO THE LADIES

Golfers, don't stay home because of babysitting problems. The Kirkwood and Webster Y's offer this service for any child over three years at the nominal fee of 50¢ an hour.



The March 1972 Chatterbox did have this fun bit of information for the WCC ladies — childcare for only 50 cents!

NO WONDER LADIES GOLF NUMBERS BOOMED IN THE 1970S!

Favorite Dish

Swiss Specialty—
Tenderloin Strips In Wine Sauce



2. Fresh mushrooms are cut in halves, added to meat along with the tomatoes, onions and Burgundy wine.



3. Demi-glaze sauce is spooned into pan and cooking continued until boiling point is reached; pan is then removed from heat.

By MERNA LAZIER

Beef tenderloin Marchand de vin—tenderloin strips cooked with mushrooms, tomatoes and onions in a wine-flavored demi-glaze sauce—is a favorite dish of Chef Josef Anton Unternahrer of Westborough Country Club. He brought it from his native Switzerland, where it is traditionally served on market day. Rice, salad and red wine are the usual accompaniments.

Beef tenderloin cut in strips is sautéed in butter and oil until brown (oil being added to prevent butter from burning).

Next the halved fresh mushrooms are added, along with well-drained tomatoes and onions. The mixture is simmered a few minutes before wine is poured in. Simmering is continued until wine is reduced to a glaze. Demi-glaze sauce is added; mixture is brought to a fast boil and immediately removed from heat. Do not overcook. The dish is served individually with bowls of rice on the side. For variety, egg noodles may be substituted for the rice and crab meat for the beef tenderloin. Serves four.

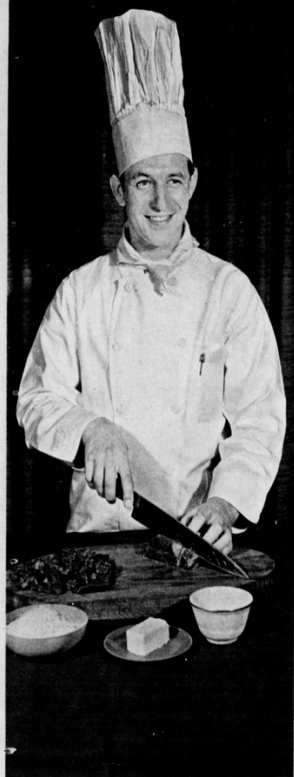
INGREDIENTS

10 ounces beef tenderloin
10 large mushrooms
15 small onions, canned
Four tomatoes, canned
One and one-half cups Burgundy wine
Two ounces butter (one-half stick)
Two tablespoons cooking oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Two cups demi-glaze sauce (canned brown gravy may be used)

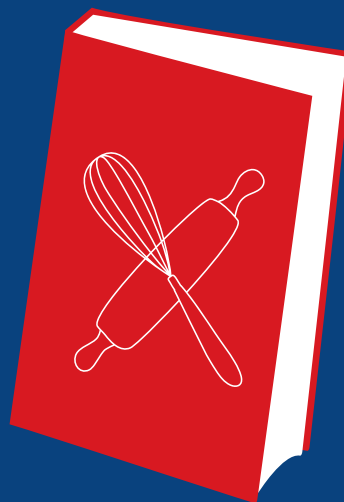
TO MAKE DEMI-GLAZE SAUCE:
Add to basic brown sauce (six cups):
Five shallots, minced
10 large mushrooms, chopped finely

Two tablespoons butter for sautéing shallots and mushrooms
Two cups Burgundy wine
Salt and pepper to taste
Cook mixture to reduce one-half then heat in one-half cup butter.
(Store in refrigerator for other uses)

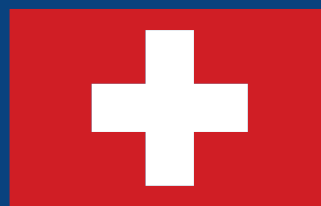


1. Chef Unternahrer cuts beef tenderloin into strips which are sautéed in butter-oil mixture. Rice for accompaniment is cooked at this time.

Photos by SAM CALDWELL of the PICTURES Staff



**SAVE THIS FOR
YOUR COOKBOOKS!**



In October 1962, WCC Chef Josef Anton Unternahrer shared his recipe for Beef Tenderloin Marchand de vin, one of his favorite dishes from his native Switzerland.

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MORE FUN

at the 'Borough

NEED A SANTA AT YOUR
HOLIDAY PARTIES THIS YEAR?

**JUST ASK
PEGGY HEGEMAN!**

SING A SONG OF WESTY!

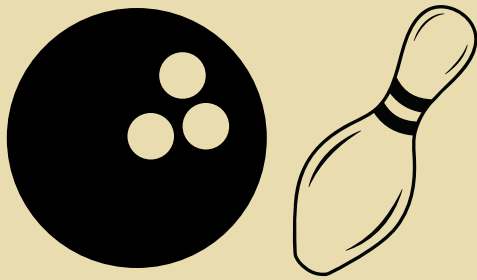
In October 1968, at the Club's Halloween Costume Party, a Westborough song was introduced to the tune of "My Kind of Town."

"My kind of club, Westborough is,
Right kind of club, Westborough is,
My kind of people too, People who,
Laugh and smile and
Each time I roam, Westy is,
Calling me home, Westy is,
One club that won't let you down,
It's my kind of club!"



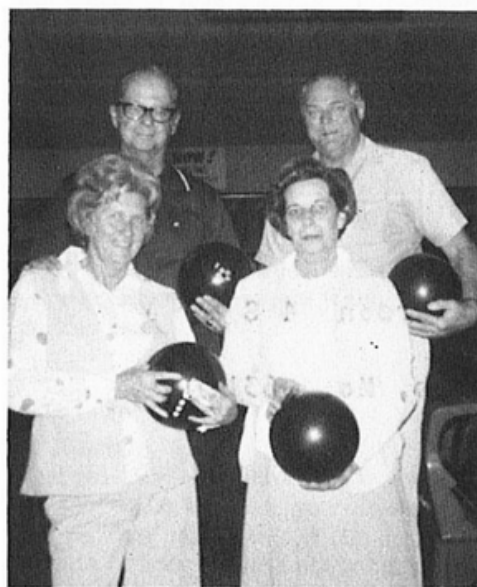
First prize for costumes was awarded to Dee Merick and Mary Ann Sandner by Santa Claus, Peggy Hegeman.

PLENTY OF GOOD TIME TO SPARE!

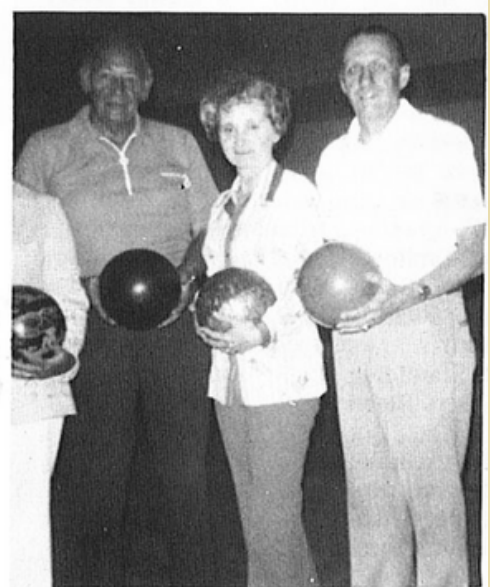


Bowling continued to be a popular Club activity, with the Sunday "Strikes & Sparers" mixed teams, the women's teams, and the country club league teams. In the late 1960s, the Westborough Women's Bowling League would routinely field a dozen teams to accommodate the 60 or so women bowlers.

Strikers & Sparers



Our unbeatable first place team repeats again this year. The EBROS: EDNA & ORVILLE ESSMAN, BETTY & RON BURNETT.



SECOND PLACE HONORS ARE ANOTHER REPEAT. The HAWKS: HELEN & TOM HAWKEN, DORIS AND BARNEY ANSTETT.

WAIT A MINUTE... GOLF?

Westborough actually hosted a Snowbird tournament! The event was very held in the 60s and 70s and was usually played the last weekend of February or the first weekend of March, and was very popular for the anxious golfers who were ready for spring!

In the winter, some golfers at the Westborough Country Club in Oakland can drive the 287 yards to the Number Two green by bouncing the ball off the frozen lake, Roger Froesel, assistant golf pro, said.

SNO' GOLF

It's become sort of a tradition "weather or no" —that a regular foursome shows up on #1 Tee on New Year's Day at one o'clock. This years big snow found our golf chairman and friends well prepared with snow shovel to clear the tee, and it was "golf as usual". FUN ANYONE??



Jed Hadfield entertained Westborough members on both piano and organ Thursday through Sunday nights throughout much of the 1970s. Members would stop in to dance and to sing with Jed after movies and hockey games.



**MORE
MUSIC!**



WHERE'S THE LAKE GOING?

There will be no ice skating on Westborough's lakes this winter. Because of the element of danger to skaters, insurance costs and increased vandalism the Board has approved the proposal to drain the lakes.

Our Superintendent, Ralph Guyer, has an ingenious invention—a two inch syphon under the cart trail which he operates at night to let the lake water spill across #1 and #16 fairways into the creek at #15.

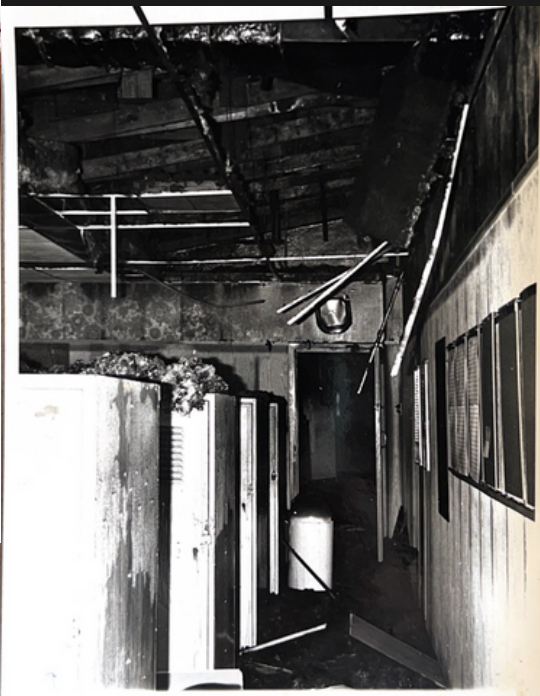


In November 1971, ice skating on the Westborough lake became a thing of the past. You'll recall that skating was permitted back at least in 1948 when Walter Pfeffer was living on the grounds, but by 1971 insurance issues and vandalism caused the Club to begin to drain the lake over the winter.

Devastation Again

As you have read throughout this Volume 5, things were going great at the ol' 'Borough throughout the 1960s and 1970s...but, along came 1978, and everything changed yet again. Literally on the day that Randy Guyer would become the new grounds superintendent after his uncle Ralph retired, the clubhouse suffered yet another great fire – on April 1 (April Fools Day no less - oh, the irony). The fire started in the women's lounge as a result of a short-circuit. That lounge and restroom area, a sitting room, and the front foyer were damaged extensively.

NO APRIL FOOLS HERE!



The rest of the building, consisting of two dining rooms, a bar, lounge, men's lounge and restroom area, and exercise rooms, had heat and smoke damage. Fire was initially reported at 4:31 a.m. and Crestwood, Kirkwood, Webster Groves, Affton, and Mehlville fire departments responded, and had the blaze under control at 5:53 a.m. The fire destroyed a good part of the clubhouse, office records, furniture, etc. Those who may have been around at that time will never forget the "Oasis" (our version of Tent City) where "the 19th hole was played." The Club responded quickly to design a "new" clubhouse by June and hired Personalized Interiors, Inc. to do the decorating. The committee to oversee the decorating included Mrs. Bruen, Gable, Busse, and Wellington.

Special Thanks

We wish special thanks to these individuals who helped guide us in our research, ensure its accuracy, and provide wonderful images that make the telling of our history so enjoyable for our readers.

The Family of Ralph Guyer. Although we thanked the Guyer family in Volumes 3 and 4, we must recognize them again in Volume 5. The collection of extraordinary photos taken by Ralph from the late 1950s through the early 1970s is only one part of their contributions. Ralph's sons Gale and Ronnie and his grandson Steve provided great detail about the Club, their father/grandfather, and their own experiences in numerous phone calls. Sadly, we must tell all of you that Ronnie passed away recently. While this news is indeed sad, please know that his son Steve told us how much it meant to him and the whole Guyer family to play such an important role in the development of our archives and reporting of our history to all of you, and they appreciated the thorough and kind treatment they so deservedly received. Our prayers, wishes, and fond memories are with their entire family.

The Family of Whitey Barnett.

Kathy and Jacob Parsons, Whitey's daughter and grandson, provided endearing stories of Whitey's time at Westborough and some great photos. We truly grateful for their contributions and will have more to report on Whitey in Volume 6.

Legacy Families - Holtgrieve, Moore, O'Toole, and Wellington.

As you have read in this Volume 5 and prior volumes, Westborough has been blessed with countless legacy families who have sustained our traditions and led us successfully for decades. In preparation of this volume we were honored to have Jim Holtgrieve, John and Jim Moore, Tom O'Toole, and Mick Wellington contribute great content for your enjoyment and confirmation of our reporting for accuracy and completeness. Our fellow member (and former manager!) Mike Duffy also added to the contributions and fact-checking. You will hear more about these men, their families, and the decades they have spent making Westborough such a special community.





Photo from near No. 14 tee box looking towards greenskeeper house, church, and clubhouse



Westborough Country Club - 1968

