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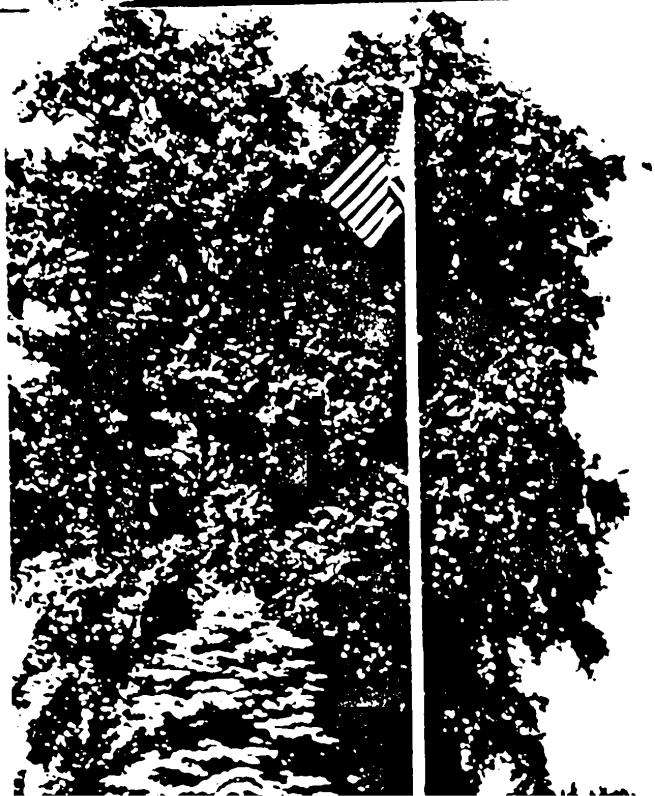
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The Bellingham Golf and Country Club

1913

taken by Sandison Studio, cost--50¢.
looking down old #1 hole, (currently
#10)



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
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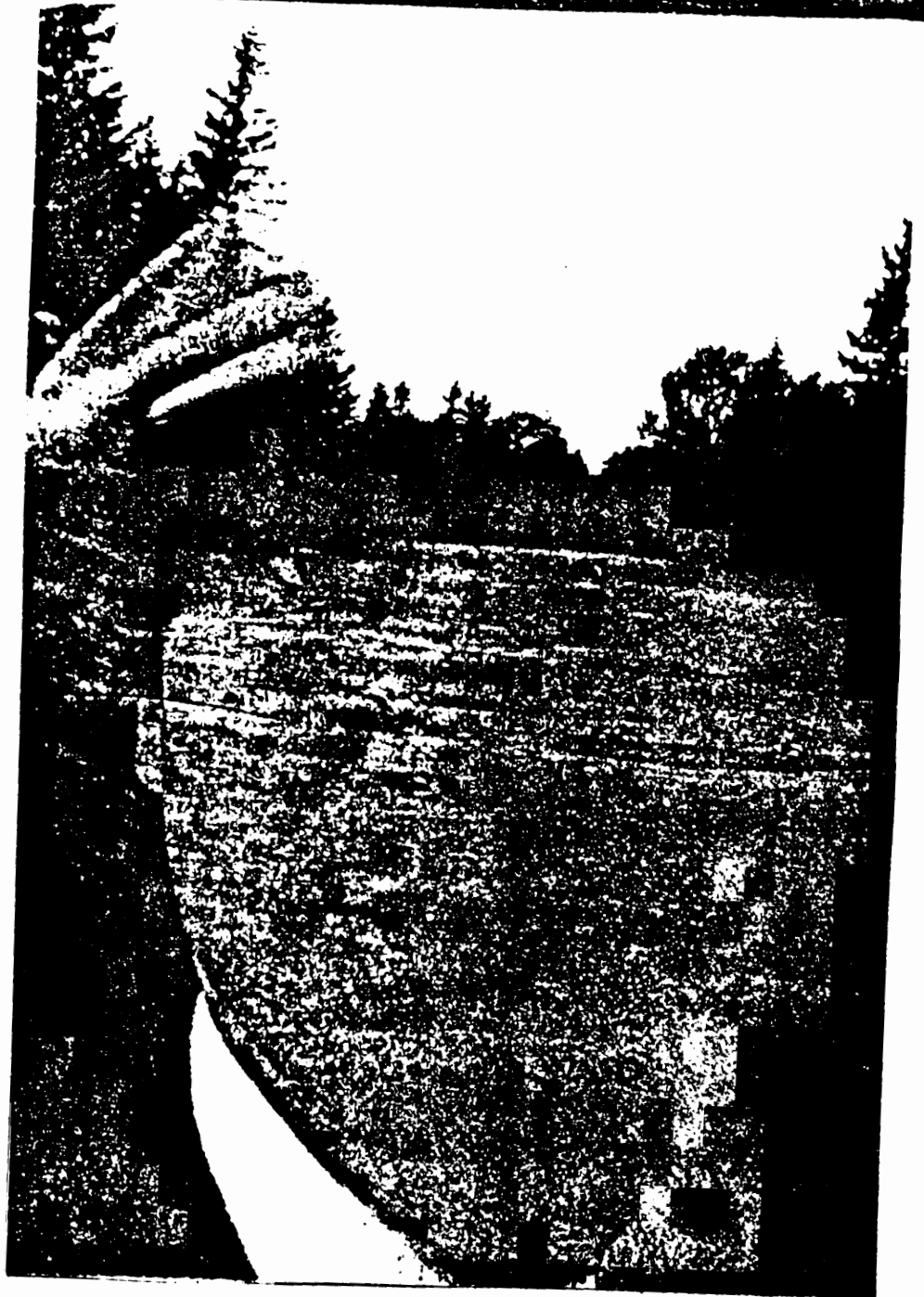
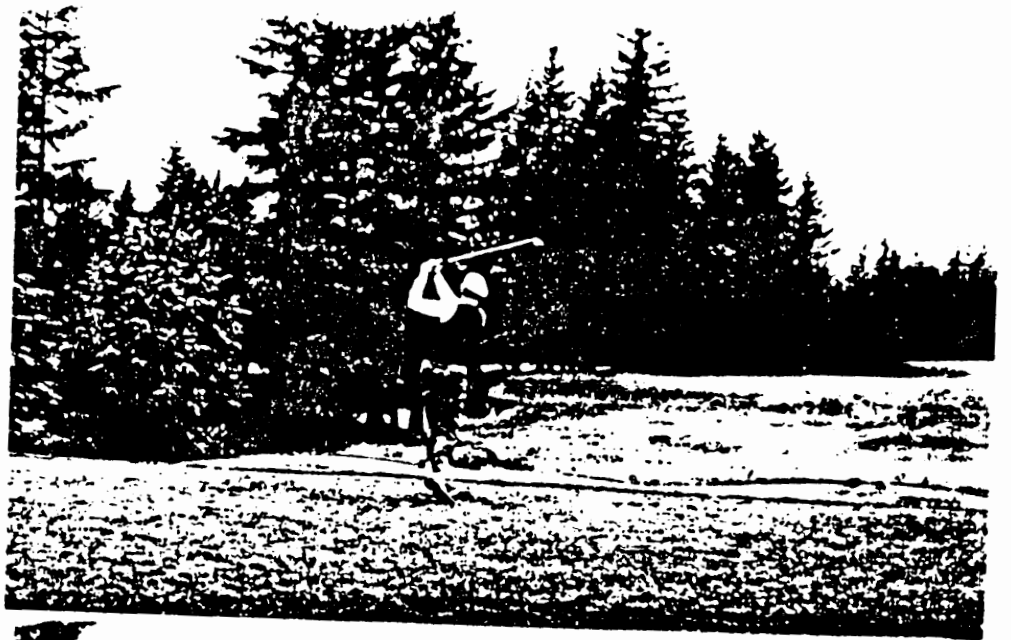
Introduction

In the beginning there was gouf. Golf is the oldest and noblest of all sports. No golfer would dispute this assertion. According to Michael Murphy, there is an old Scottish saying which states, "The game was invented a billion years ago--- don't you remember?". If you don't remember, the reason may be that no one bothered to record the process for you. This is one of the reasons for the creation of this short history of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

There are other reasons for this history. Golf is a fascinating game which is not only entertaining, relaxing, and good exercise, but it is also a perfect reflection of life. It is a microcosm of life. It has all the intrigues, joys, frustrations, and inexplicable changes of life. Thus, it is plain that golf is a worthy subject of history because of its intrinsic value. It is because the founding fathers saw fit to create a place where this mysterious game called golf could be played and flourish, that this history gains its value.

There have been many dedicated men and women who have contributed much to the game of golf and to our community, through the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. To them, and to those like them who follow, this work is dedicated. It is to show appreciation to those hardy souls that this sketch of their labors was produced. It is with profound regret that I apologize for the exclusion of the many people and events which most assuredly should have been included. However, perhaps in the future, someone may come along with the desire and abilities to flesh in the bones of this skeleton. It is my hope, that at least, this is a start.

In the beginning there was gouf-----







The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1913
taken by Sandison Studios, cost--50¢
overlooking old Green #8, (about where
Green #14 is now), looking back at the
Club House.

In a far away time in a frontier town called Bellingham, there were a group of people calling themselves golfers. These golfers tried to play their game on the pastures of Fort Bellingham. But even before the coming of the 20th century they realized that the pastures were too crude to allow their game to grow. They decided to set up five 'designed' holes, or courses as they were apt to call them, on land where Bellingham High School is now located. But this too was soon recognized as too limited. It really wasn't what would be called a golf course. What these players longed for was a real course and club house also. The same as some of them had seen in California on a recent business trip. Thus the search for a permanent location for what is now called The Bellingham Golf and Country Club, began in the year 1910.

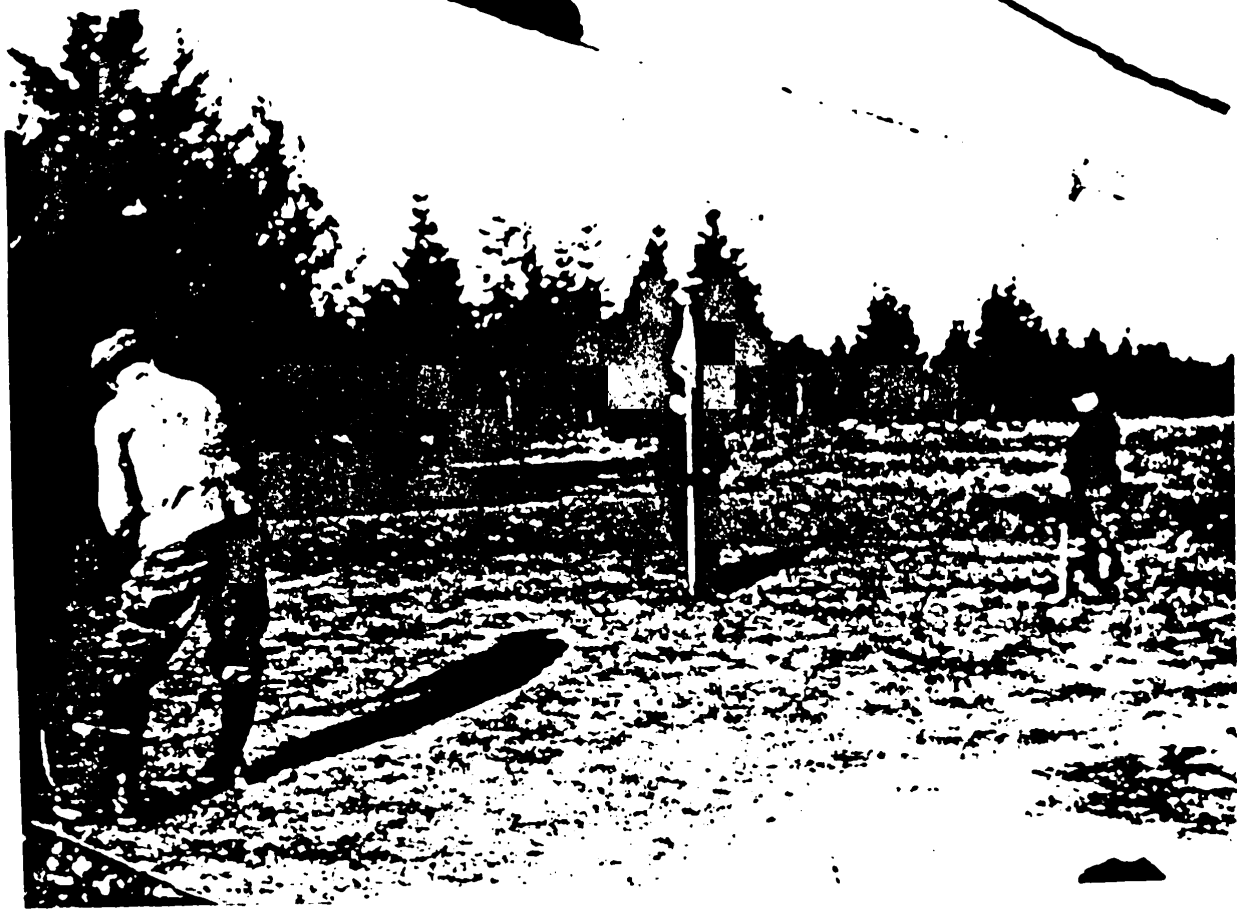
The first "unofficial" meeting was held in the winter of 1911 in the home of Mrs. A.L. Black. Many site locations were discussed. The "Larrabee Joint", which is now a residential area known as Edgemoor, was the first choice. However, a long term lease with the owners of this estate could not be satisfactorily negotiated..

The land which is currently the home of The Bellingham Golf and Country Club, was the groups second choice. This land came into private ownership in the year 1866 when the deed was transferred to Mr. Joseph L. Moody from The United States of America. Mr. Moody was a resident of San Francisco County, California. The exact progression of ownerships may be followed by reading the abstract of title to The Bellingham Golf and Country Club, which is included in Addendum 'B'.

The Bellingham Bay Improvement Company came into title of the subject property in 1890. The history of The Bellingham Golf and Country Club begins "officially" in the year 1912 when The Corporation of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club was formed and approximately 142½ acres was leased from the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company for the purpose of constructing a golf course and club house.

The agreement for incorporating The Bellingham Golf and Country Club, (B.G.&C.C.), was made on May 16, 1912. The State of Washington acknowledged receipt of the Articles of Incorporation of the B.G.&C.C. on June 7, 1912. And by order of the Secretary of State I.M. Howell, the club was authorized to commence business as of that date.

The dream of these old time golfers was beginning to materialize. There were eleven men who formed the corpo-



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1922
Believed to be old #3 Green, (#12),
left to right: John Wright, Frank
Sadler, (caddy), and P.C. Adams.

Did you know?

That the first British Open Championship was held in 1860.

"The least thing upset him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of the butterflies in the adjoining meadows."

P.G. Wodehouse

ration. They may be called the club's founding fathers. They were E.B. Deming, R.A. Welsh, J.L. Easton, F.S. Piper, G.C. Hyatt, W.J. Griswold, C.F. Nolte, H.H. Ells, G.W. Loggie, L.R. Coffin, and C.G. Burnet. The By-Laws were adopted May 23, 1912 at the first club meeting. Subject, of course, to state approval of the articles. The initiation fee for a full active member was set at \$100.00 and the dues were \$60.00 annually. The club then proceeded to elect the first officers and trustees, with the following results: L.R. Coffin, President; R.A. Welsh, Vice-President; J.W. Kindall, Secretary-Treasurer; C.G. Burnet, Captain; trustees in addition to the President, Vice-President, and Captain, were E.B. Deming, J.L. Easton, F.S. Piper, G.C. Hyatt, W.J. Griswold, C.F. Nolte, H.H. Ells and G.W. Loggie. A full list of the first members can be found in Addendum 'A'.

Also, during the first meeting, Frank Orchard was hired as the club professional. His duties included instructing the members in the proper way to play golf, and general supervision over the construction and clearing of the greens. Hence, Mr. Frank Orchard became the club's first pro on June 1, 1912, at a salary of \$75.00 per month. He retired from the B.G.&C.C. in Feb. 1920. About the last thing Mr. Orchard did at the club was to organize a match to be held on Feb. 29, 1920 between the 'old guard' and the 'new-comers'. The losing team bought dinner for the winners, and after dinner a gift was presented to Mr. Orchard for all the fine service rendered to the club.

In addition to his other duties as the club pro, Mr. Orchard, was supervisor of the Greens Keeper, at least for a little while. But since the club hadn't hired a greens keeper right off, Mr. Orchard was in reality the keeper of the greens. Mr. Curtiss was hired early in 1913 as a laborer. Later, in 1913, Mr. David Terry was hired as the official Greens Keeper. Thus, David Terry became the club's first Greens Keeper, and apparently a good one. Its amazing to think that Terry and his one helper, Curtiss, were responsible for the maintenance of all 9 holes. Mr. Terry not only worked on the course, but lived on it as well. He had a little cabin located next to what is now the 15th tee; just where the greens crew sheds are now. Mr. Terry served the club well and with dedication until his retirement on July 1, 1952. Mr. Terry was given permission to continue living in his cabin on the course, and the club paid his water and electric bills. To express the esteem the members held for Dave Terry, he was made an honorary member of the club in 1943. And as a further footnote it was noted that Dr. H.C. Keyes performed surgery on Dave in 1943 at a reduced rate of pay. But excuse me, I'm getting ahead of myself. Let us return to 1912.

The club entered into a 10 year lease with the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company, for the land where the course and club house are situated today, in 1912. The rent to



circa late 1940's
Frank Sadler with Gene Sarazen in Florida
during one of the National Seniors Tourna-
ment.

Did you know?

That a 'baffy' is an old term for a wooded club similar to a modern 3 or 4 wood. The club was called a 'baffy' and also a 'baffing spoon' because the ground was 'baffed', or struck, immediately behind the ball.

be paid by the club consisted basically of paying the taxes and assessments, if any, on the land. Since there were no assessments, it was a very good lease in the clubs favor. A copy of the lease can be found in Addendum 'A'.

On Sept. 11, 1912, a special meeting of the trustees was held. It was decided that Mr. John Ball Sr. be given a contract for the construction of a 9 hole golf course at an approximate cost of \$3,300.00; and a contingent additional amount of \$500.00 for work on, and 150 yards in front of, the tees. Also, a contract was signed with Mr. Brant for the construction of the club house for the sum of about \$5,000.00. The club house was designed by F.S. Piper. Mr. Piper's original plans would have cost about \$7,500.00, but this was considered too much. So Mr. Piper had to scale his plans for the house down. As we shall see, cost over-runs are nothing new, but the actual cost of the projects did not exceed by much, that which had been budgeted.

It was a mere 2 months after signing the construction contracts that the club had to borrow its first money. The club borrowed \$5,000.00 from the First National Bank of Bellingham, with interest set at the rate of 7%; "payable only in U.S. Gold Coin of the present standard of weight and fineness". There were dues it seems, that were already in arrears.

The good ladies of the club first entered the minutes in Jan. of 1913 when the House Furnishing Committee, consisting of Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Coffin, were in attendance of this meeting of the board. Their committee was authorized "to expend so much as they deemed necessary and not to exceed \$800.00, for furnishing the club house,---". By all accounts, they did a superb job.

According to the March 28, 1913 account sheet, (included in Addendum 'A'), the total bill for the construction of the 9 hole golf course came to \$4,636.13. The cost of the club house came to \$4,979.70. Considering that both course and house are serving us today, those prices must have contained some quality of work. By May 1913 the greens fee was fixed at 50¢ per day for those qualified to play the course. However, this 'high charge' for playing did not help the financial condition of the club and by June 1913 Mr. Deming endorsed a note for \$1,500.00 to be used by the club. The first of many such notes unfortunately, for Mr. Deming.

At this juncture I should like to include, as part of this history, the President and Treasurer's Report on the "History of the Club from May 16, 1912 to June 21, 1913", as given at the meeting of June 1913.



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1936
Frank Sadler

"Rail splitting produced an immortal President in Abraham Lincoln; but golf, with 29,000,000 courses, hasn't produced even a good A-No.1 congressman."

Will Rogers

Did you know?

That the term 'albatross' is the correct term for a score of three under par for the hole.

President and Treasurer's Report
Bellingham Golf and Country Club, From May 16, 1912 to
June 21, 1913.

History of Club.

"During the winter of 1911, a number of people who had played golf or who desired to play golf conceived the idea of forming a golf club in this city. A meeting was held at the home of Mr. A.L. Black where the matter was discussed at length and considerable enthusiasm aroused. The plan at the time was to lease a large tract of land owned by Mr. Larrabee in regard to this matter. There was granted a lease to this Club which was subject to revocation upon a moments notice. As the amount of money necessary to invest was so great it was not considered worth while to take the risk of having this entire investment thrown away without any redress and the results of this first meeting were thereby lost.

The second and successful attempt to organize was made by Mr. E.B. Deming upon his return from California where he had spent the winter of 1912. At his suggestion a number of golf enthusiasts had a meeting which resulted in finally signing an agreement of incorporation under date of May 16, 1912. On May 23, 1912, the organization meeting of the club was held, by-laws adopted, officers elected and the trustees divided into three lots to serve terms respectively of one, two, and three years and a lease authorized with the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company for the term of ten years of 142½ acres inside and adjoining the Northerly city limits of Bellingham.

The minutes, which have been read, have disclosed to you the actions in detail which were taken at this meeting and from these minutes you are already aware of the members of the various committees appointed by the officers and trustees. When your green's committee first visited the location of the club house and links they found the whole tract in just such shape as the side lines are now.

The first steps necessary was to survey the course of the creek which flows through the grounds. After this was done the Green's Committee spent several days in looking over the entire site for the purpose of locating the course. It was extremely difficult to form much of an idea of the contour of the land as the undergrowth was so thick that it was impossible to see more than a few feet in any direction. At last a tentative course was decided upon, mapped, and a trail blazed through the timber in accordance with this first location. After the blazes had been made

a number of objections were made to the first lay-out and changes were made. For instance the original location of hole 7, was on the bank instead of in the creek bottom as now located and the driving Tee for hole 8, was to the left of Green 7, just about where the present wagon bridge crosses the creek. The slashing showed that a beautiful green could be made on course 7, in creek bottom and also that the timber was not so thick on the present location of hole 8, as the original course planned.

When the committee had come to a fairly definite way of the course the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company was notified and they proceeded to go forward with clearing. The clearing was first done around the clubhouse location and then the work proceeded along what are now known as courses one and six.

About this time the services of Mr. Frank Orchard were secured as professional golfer. Mr. Orchard was placed in charge of the Club's interests during the work and it was his directions that courses one and six were plowed and harrowed and made ready for seeding. In as much as your officers felt that we were all more or less inexperienced in laying out a golf course and might be open to censure we deemed it advisable to consult with a professional constructor of golf links and Mr. John Ball, of Seattle was recommended to us as competent, he having had charge of Seattle Golf course and several courses elsewhere. A contract was made with Mr. Ball to proceed with this work. Under the provision of this contract he was to grade, seed and make ready for play the courses as layed out by ourselves with the exception of 150 yards in front of each Tee. The ground excepted was to be roughed cleared for which we were to pay actual cost plus cost of superintendence. Owing to scarcity of labor and teams the work of clearing was delayed longer than expected with the result that the seed planted in the fall had been in the ground only a short time when the frost came, raised the ground and exposed the young roots and grass and a succession of frosts during the winter practically spoiled all work done on seeding in the fall.

Mr. Ball was requested to come to Bellingham early this spring when he proceeded to plant practically all the course not appearing to grow seed. As you all know the spring was very backward and for a long time it looked as if the grass would not take root. The severe weather was followed by a week or so of warm rain which caused the grass to grow very rapidly and surprised us. In many ways we felt this was a good thing as it has prevented us from playing upon the course also preventing the hot rays of the sun from reaching the young, tender

grass until all had taken root. The members must realize in this connection that if a good turf is established the soil is most desirable for a golf course, being of a light, sandy nature with gravel sub-soil and will dry so rapidly that we will be able to play after a severe rain storm. These features have their disadvantages in getting a turf as the soil is not rich and owing to the great number of stumps which had to be blown out the gravel sub-soil frequently appears on the surface. These stump holes have also sunk during the numerous rain storms and will in due time have to be filled in. We feel that no one is to blame for this as immediately after construction, as those of you will remember who were around the course after Mr. Ball turned it over, it was much smoother than it is now.

The purchase of a gas mower, has made it possible with the small mower to do a great deal of work that would have been impossible without it, and your officers feel confident that as time goes on the wisdom of this purchase will be seen. It must be remembered that it takes two or three years to get a golf course in shape and much money. In this connection we might state that the Everett Club according to the statement of one of its members, has spent approximately \$20,000.00 on the ground and house when they were about in the same stage of development as we are at the present time and this may be compared with our expenditure to date of \$16,000.00, including one gas mower, horse mower and tools, whereas the Everett Club had their gas mower given to them and was not included. It is difficult to compare cost in this respect as conditions vary considerably and unit costs are not of much value.

Shortly after the commencement of the work on the course, a house building committee was appointed. Mr. Piper had submitted plans in accordance with a request by building committee but when these plans were submitted the bids amounted to \$7,500.00. The club could not afford to spend so much money and plans were accordingly modified and a bid for \$4,900.00 was obtained from Contractor Brandt. In connection with this will state that the plans were so modified as to allow the work under the first specification to be completed when funds were adequate for so doing. Work on the house was completed late in the winter of 1912, but owing to the cold and the weather which were not suitable to playing golf it was decided not to go to the expense of furnishing the house, or hire a housekeeper, until conditions justified it.

In January 1913, a house furnishing committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. A.L. Black, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Coffin. This committee was authorized to proceed with the furnishing of club house not to exceed the sum of \$800.00.



Western Washington State College Women's
Golf Team
circa 1932
Frank Sadler-----Instructor

"If all golf clubs were used properly
every rug in the world would be beaten
twice a month."

Seth Parker

Did you know?

That a 'bulger' is an obsolete wooded
club with a convex face that was supposed
to lessen the chance of hitting the ball
off the toe or heel.

Did you know?

That 'Calamity Jane' was the name
of Bobby Jones' famous putter. It had
a hickory shaft broken in two places and
fixed with whipping.

This committee spent a great deal of time and thought on the work at hand, and your officers believe for the amount spent your committee has done extremely well.

On April 11, a house committee consisting of Mrs. A. L. Black, Mr. Gamwell and Mr. Coffin was appointed by the trustees and this committee was instructed to proceed with the plans for the opening of the clubhouse on May 17, at which opening you undoubtedly all were present. I have thus briefly outlined the history of the Club up to the opening of the clubhouse and now consider it adviseable to consider the finances of the club and below is presented a statement of the money spent, the groupings being:

- 1st. Two general heads.
 - a. Construction.
 - b. Operation and Maintenance.

The construction accounts are subdivided in such a way as to show the overhead charges, the cost of grounds, cost of house, cost of furnishings and tools, and miscellaneous. It is customary in certain accounting systems to subdivide ordinary current expenses under the heads operation and maintenance. It is hard to say to date the expenses under these two heads but in this report we believe that we have got it as close as possible. We also believe that if this method of accounting is carried out it will at all times appear so that the club will know whether the work being done is being carried on economically or not and in this connection we think that the difference in operation and maintenance accounts, must be borne in mind, as it is not fair to charge the expenditure of money that has gone for general improvements and has enhanced the value of the club holdings as though such money had been spent in ordinary operation or maintenance. You will also note that at the present time the amount spent for operation and maintenance is very little, as most of the employees as well as the hired labor have been doing constructive work rather than the customary maintenance which will exist when the club has finally reached the end of its construction period. <

It is evident from the reading of the financial report that it was absolutely necessary that the full membership of this club be maintained and each one of you shall consider yourself as a committee of one to obtain one application for membership. This does not seem impossible and if carried out would insure absolute financial success of the club. There is still a lot of work to be done to put the course in such shape that it will compare favorably with other courses in this state but with the full membership and dues resulting therefrom this work should be easily taken care of. In the matter of obtaining new members we believe that an open discussion as to the me-

thod of doing this would be of value to the officers. Your officers wish to thank all of you who have so ably assisted in the furnishing and construction of the Club, and special thanks would be voted by the members to those who made the present success of this club possible by signing notes of \$6,500.00 which money has made it possible for your officers to proceed and without which the club would have been a failure".

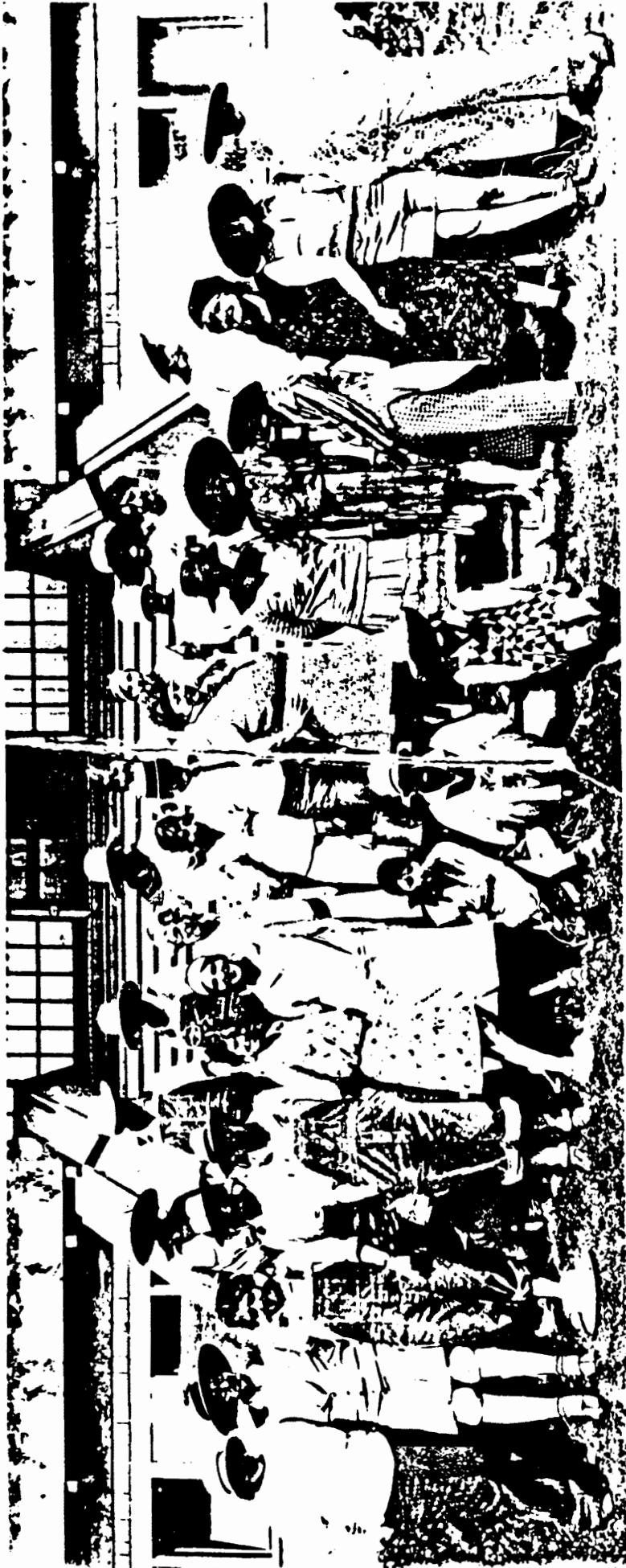
We can assume that this report was penned by L.R. Coffin, who was president from June 1912 to June 1913, and Treasurer J.W. Kindall.

In connection with the building of the course and the club house, there was another bit of construction which took place at the same time. Tennis courts were built. It is interesting to note that a donation to the club of sufficient cement to construct the two tennis courts came from Mr. Alex Baillie of Tacoma, Washington. The tennis courts were constructed in August of 1913. They were located where the practice putting green is now and below the current first tee. The tennis courts received much play during the years they were in service. The winner of what is believed to be the first tennis tournament at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, was Miss Annette M. Edens. Miss Edens was awarded a silver cup for winning the tournament which was played on May 30, 1914. The tennis courts were held in service until sometime along in the mid-20's. From the mid-20's to the late 1940's, the courts were deserted and left in ill-repair. When work was being done on what is presently the first tee, (sometime in the late 40's), Mr. Sadler, had the tennis courts torn out. He was anticipating a development which came to pass; the installation of a practice putting area.

I believe that the broken pieces of the tennis courts are with us today in the form of riprap on the banks of the creek. You know, those chunks of concrete that the balls bounce off of once in awhile when one misses a tee-shot off the number 1 tee.

The next major decision for the Club concerned the lease for the land which the house and course were situated upon. The lease was due to expire in May of 1922, and the club was being forced to consider the consequences of this forth coming event.

Mr. F.B. Deming explained the idea of purchasing the land, from the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company, on May 30, 1919. Mr. Deming agreed to, 'float', the bonds necessary for the purchase of the property. With this in mind, the Board of Trustees decided to negotiate the



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
 circa 1918(?)
 Lady members, (they're all women), taken during some kind of tournament where they wear costumes. Some names are: Clarke, Pumberger, Carr, Olsen, Henderson, Hensen, Pomeroy, Foker, Page, Ronk, Benson, McMaker, Whitmore, Muir, Griggs, Krabby, Dishman, Offerman, Welsh.

Did you know?

That the first extant code consisted of only 13 rules. It was put out by the 'Gentlemen Golfers' of Leith (the future Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers), in 1744. With the exception of Rule V, it was identical with the 1754 code of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews

Did you know?

That the earliest recorded ladies' golf club is the St. Andrews Ladies Club, founded in 1867. But their play did not extend beyond the putting green

purchase of the property for a price not to exceed \$300.00 per acre. Provided that they, (the Board), could obtain the moral support of the membership. The membership was polled and they agreed with the plan almost unanimously.

On June 11, 1919 it was decided to purchase the land, which comprised approximately 140 acres, from the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company. A basic description of the land and its value had been placed in a letter to the Bellingham Golf and Country Club dated June 2, 1919. The letter was written by C.M. Smith, who was representing the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company. The B.B.I.C. was asking a price of \$300.00 per acre, or \$42,000.00. A copy of this letter is included at the end of this subject.

The President, W.H. Abbott, then called the office of the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company and presented an offer of \$40,000.00 to Mr. Purdy, who was representing the B.B.I.C. The offer was accepted.

One must remember that both Mr. C.M. Smith and Mr. E.W. Purdy, representing the B.B.I.C., were members of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. This helps to explain why the land was obtained for the cheap price of \$40,000.00. This was inexpensive even for 1919 as substantiated by the letter written by C.M. Smith.

Mr. E.W. Purdy is owed a vote of thanks from the members of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club because of his generosity in accepting a relatively low price for the land on which our club was and is located. He was able to do this because he was the President of the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company at the time this transaction was negotiated and closed.

Mr. E.B. Deming and his wife Caroline, purchased the land from the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company for \$40,000.00 and then sold the land to the Bellingham Golf and Country Club immediately afterwards for the same figure. He financed the purchase price for the Bellingham Golf and Country Club by underwriting the bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00 secured by a first mortgage. Payments were for interest only with the balance due and payable in 20 years. There were 40 bonds issued at a value of \$1,000.00 each; and all bonds carried an interest rate of 6% per annum.

The letter written by Mr. C.M. Smith follows.

June 2, 1919.

Capt. J. W. Kindall, Secy.,
Bellingham Golf and Country Club,
City.

Dear Sir:

re Proposed purchase of land on which the
Bellingham Golf and Country Club is located.

This property comprises about 140 acres, and is located in and adjacent to the southeast quarter of Sec. 13, Twp. 31, Range 5 East, most thereof being inside the city limits.

The purchase price named to your Trustees is \$300.00 per acre for such portion of said tract as may be required to make an 18 hole course, transfer to be made subject to Company's usual Mineral, Oil, and Coal reservations below a depth of 200 feet under the surface of the land.

In naming this low figure, we have taken into consideration the benefit to the city and our surrounding property of the permanent establishment of your club in this location, although we could realize by subdivision probably seventy five to one hundred per cent. more.

Your president, at the annual meeting of the Club asked for a statement of values in the vicinity and values of similarly located acreage in the city.

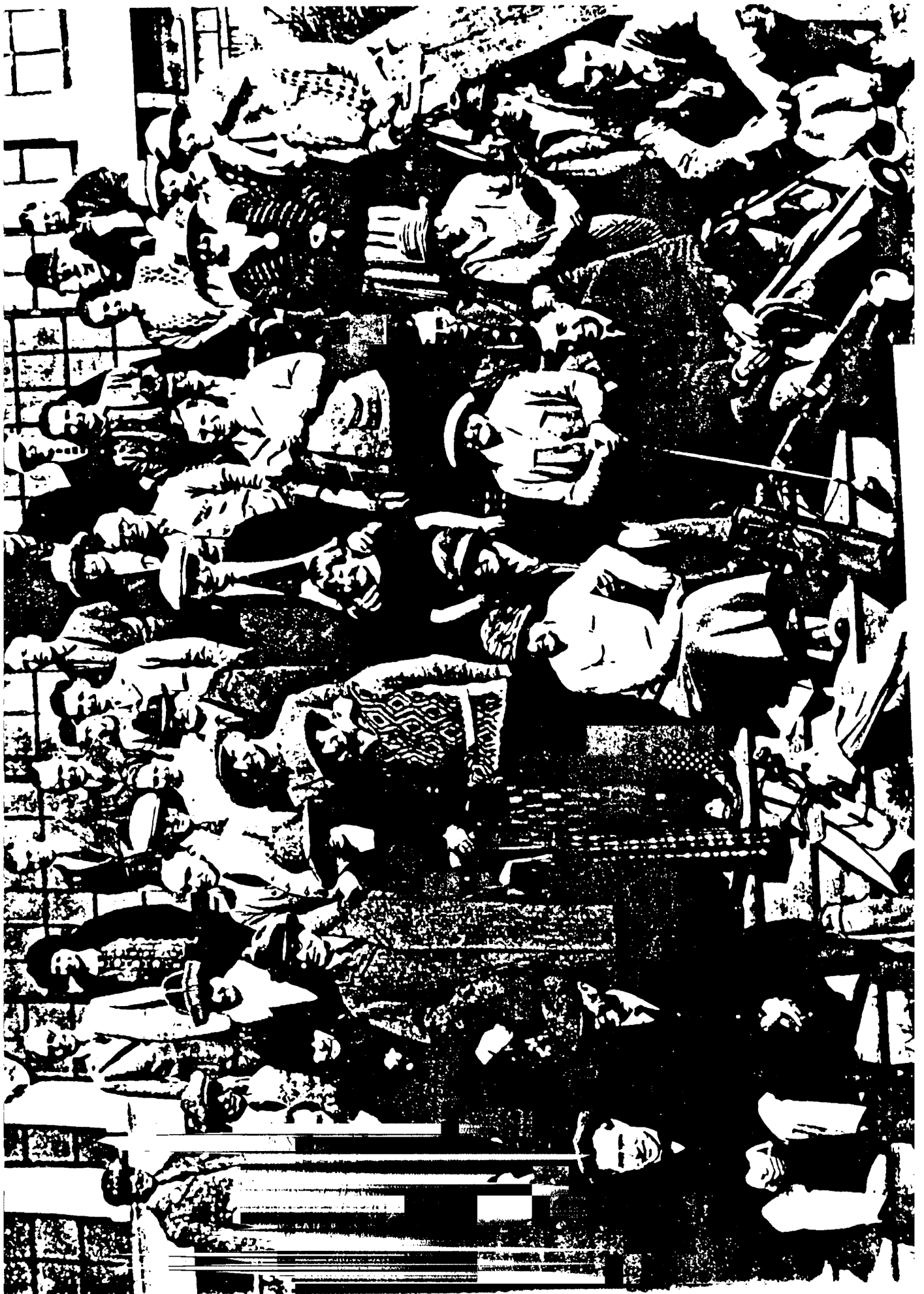
A quarter of a mile south of the quarter section on which the Country Club is located we have sold the greater portion of the land in Meridian St. Plat, at an average of \$3200 per acre on Meridian Street, the paved frontage, and of \$1900 per acre on the two unimproved parallel streets lying to the west of Meridian Street.

This leaves only a forty acre tract in width between this addition and the Country Club quarter section, and this quarter of a mile frontage, because of its location on the paved street, proximity to Cornwall Park, which lies just across the street, and the short distance to the car line is now practically ripe for platting into city residence lots and at prices probably about forty per cent. under Meridian Street plat prices.

Country Club Acreage lying to the west of the Golf Links, between them and the Fernside Road, has all been sold at an average of \$520 an acre. Baker Street Acreage lying from the quarter section half a mile East of the Country Club was cleaned up in 1917-1918 at an average of \$500 per acre. Bennett Addition, about the same distance out, sold for from \$400 to \$700 an acre. Wharton Falls Park, an acreage plat to the East of the city and a greater distance away, sold year before last at from \$300 to \$400 per acre.

BELLINGHAM IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,

By
C. M. Smith



In the early years of this agreement with Mr. Deming, the club managed to pay its bills as well as the interest payment on the bonds. But the clouds of depression loomed in the not to distant future.

Many of the years since the founding of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club have been financially lean. However, with the out break of the depression in 1929, the economic condition began a decided down hill slide. By the end of 1934 the membership had dropped far below what was considered healthy. The total membership was 137. Many of the members offered goods and/or services to the Board in lieu of cash for their dues payment. Such things as radios, paint, shingles, and so forth, were offered. The Board considered such offers on a case basis and accepted some and refused others; depending on what the Board felt the club needed, and also according to who it was that was making the offer.

The laborers' way', (hourly wage), was reduced to 30¢. The professional's salary was reduced to \$100.00 per month, and the trusted greens keeper, Dave Terry, also had his pay reduced to \$100.00 per month. The club steward, Mr. William (Bill) Harris, had his salary greatly reduced and was to receive \$25.00 per month. He resigned his position shortly there after. The professional's wife, Mrs. Wilde, then filled the vacated position as stewardess, and commenced her duties as such. The Steward, or Stewardess in this case, lived in the Club House in quarters located on the third floor where the Club's offices are now. They allowed them to live there along with their immediate family, as part of their pay. But times were tough for everyone, and by 1935 Mr. & Mrs. Wilde had quite a few more people living with them than just their immediate family.

Whether this arrangement had been made by Mr. & Mrs. Wilde out of compassion for the homeless, or as a way of making an additional income, we may never know. But the Board voted to retain Mr. Wilde as professional and Mrs. Wilde as stewardess for the year 1935, providing they move everyone, except the immediate family, out of the Club House within two weeks.

Even the Secretary-Treasurer, Paul P. Wells, was not immuned to the economic pressures of the times. In 1935, what little he had been receiving for his duties was cancelled, "until the financial condition of the Club warranted further remuneration".

To add to the many obligations of the Club, the interest payments on the bonds, which were owed to Mr.

E.B. Deming, were not being met. With every year the total interest debt owed Mr. Deming grew. There were fears among some of the members that Mr. Deming would pursue a course of legal action against the Club. These fears, as is the case with so many fears, were unfounded. In fact, Mr. Deming saved the day once again when on December 16, 1936 he donated the interest due on the \$40,000.00 bond issue, to the Club. He also reduced the interest rate to 4%. The amount of interest that Mr. Deming so generously donated to the Club came to a whopping \$16,857.00. Truly a huge sum of money in 1936. As if this, in addition to everything else, wasn't enough, he paid for the labor involved in re-roofing the leaky Club House in 1938.

It did not take long, however, even at 4% interest, for the interest payment on the Bond Issue to become delinquent again. By the winter of 1941, Mr. Joseph Kindall, representing the bond-holders, stated that he hoped the Club could arrange its affairs so that some payment could be made. In connection to this statement, the Board of Trustees decided that in the interest of economy, so the Club could better meet its financial obligations, the Club House should be closed as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made. Closed, that it, with the exception of the locker and card rooms. This, of course, was a sad situation. The Club had entered a period of hard times. This period was made even tougher because the Club no longer had E.B. Deming to shield them from the expectations of his heirs. Mr. Deming's health was failing and the affairs of his estate were placed in the hands of the Bellingham branch of the Seattle First National Bank, represented by Mr. H.C. Heal.

By April 1942 Mr. Heal had sent a letter to the Club asking the members to give the question of paying the interest, as well as the principal amount of the bonds, "serious consideration and consult with him". The Club had to find a way to refinance itself. The Club House remained effectively closed until 1945. The monthly Board meetings were held at the Elk's Club. A major revision of Club operations had to occur if default was to be avoided. I would at this point, like to change the perspective of this report to that of an 'outsider'.

Mr. E.B. Deming passed away on May 13, 1942. With his passing, the dawning of a new age at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club broke. According to Robert H. Boyle, in his book titled, "Sport-Mirror of American Life", published in 1963 by Little, Brown and Company, Boston, the Bellingham Golf and Country Club typifies the typical middle class club. He continues, "The early post-war years



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1948

Patty Berg was playing an exhibition match. left to right: Patty Berg, Frank Sadler, Wallie Lindsley, Marie Ekholm

Did you know?

That the first 'official' Curtis Cup match took place in 1932, more than 10 years after its male counter part, the Walker Cup. However, the Curtis Cup matches had been played 'unofficially' as far back as 1905, pre-dating the Walker Cup matches by 16 years.

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1948

---Patricia 'Patty' Berg-----

Born 1918

U.S. Ladies Champion, 1938. U.S. Women's Open Champion, 1946. Curtiss Cup Team, 1936,1938. Turned Pro in 1940.



Mr. Everett B.(E.B.) Deming

Born Sept. 13, 1860 Died May 13, 1942
St. Louis, Missouri Bellingham, Wash.

Mr. Deming was a great benefactor of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. He was one of the founding fathers and supported the Club through out his life. He made many financial contributions of substantial amounts, as well as giving the Club the benefit of his wisdom and leadership.

At the Annual Meeting of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on May 12, 1925, the President, Daniel Campbell, called on W.H. Abbott to make a presentation: "--- in a short sympathetic talk, (he), recounted the many things which had been done for the Club by Mr. E.B. Deming, and unveiled a bronze tablet which the members had placed upon the wall of the Club House in appreciation of Mr. Deming's many kindnesses". Where this tablet is now is a mystery.

Did you know?

That the 'haskell ball' is the modern type used today. It replaced the gutty ball about 1902.

Did you know?

That a 'carrick iron' is an old broad faced iron club which was used for getting the ball out of ruts and bad lies. A similar club used for the same purpose by old time golfers was called a 'niblick'.

Did you know?

That the Walker Cup matches began in 1921.

brought a change in the membership, finances and club status. The Very Best Families lost interest: they discovered a new way to entertain when Charlie, last of the Larrabees, subdivided his family estate into choice building lots. The Very Best Families promptly moved there, giving up the club in spirit for the elegant new home, hi-fi, the power boat (or, better still, the private plane), and a summer place in the San Juan Islands or a ski lodge in the Cascades. Although the Very Best Families retained their memberships in the club, they were seldom there. In their place stepped a whole new middle class, and even lower middle class, who joined to drink at the bar---- the state legislature had legalized liquor---- or pump quarters into a newly installed battery of slot machines."

(note on the slot machines)

To increase revenue, slot machines were placed in the Club House around 1940. In the fall of 1941 three more machines were purchased from the Hart Novelty Co. at a price of \$170.00. In 1941, the slot machines brought in more money than anything else with the exception of the dues.

Robert H. Boyle continues," By the early 1950's, the club ran into difficulty. The slot machines, which had compensated for the loss of the big spenders, were outlawed. The members reorganized, selling social memberships for as little as \$25.00 a year and raising the dues. They set out to attract a family crowd, and they did. In the last few years, women have had an increasing influence on club activities. For example, the men's stags have dwindled. (The club monthly, "Divots and Ice", blamed 'warmer weather, the longer days and the opening of the swimming pool' for the demise of the stags, but the fact is the wives don't like them.) The women have taken over the club with crazy-hat luncheons, fashion shows, card parties and golf contests in which the players are required to dress in the professional costumes of their husbands.(The winner of one such contest was the wife of a deep sea diver, who played eighteen holes in the full gear, including helmet.) There are teen-age dances, tiny tot golf tournaments and a big come-one, come-all out door salmon barbecue.

The switch to the family does not appeal to absolutely everyone--some middle aged golfers still gripe about the change in the fifteenth hole caused by the swimming pool---but since the club now breaks even the tone is not likely to be changed. Although the club does not discriminate---Bellingham's small Jewish colony belongs---it still has its cliques: the members of the Very Best Families, rarely seen but treated like royalty when they do arrive; the grumpy golfers; the pulp mill crowd, who come as close as anyone to dominating the club; the professional men. A great point is made of

trying to represent all these groups on the governing boards.

Membership in the club is not as exclusive as it once was, although a great swath of the membership would like to think it is. The club is in the center of the lives of many persons, who are, all considered, comfortable in its atmosphere, pleased with the ice-cream bar for the kids and content that the menu has not one word of French. 'They know what they want to do when they come out here,' says Coleman Steel,---the manager and ex-bartender and fry cook. 'Nobody has to stand there and grin at them. They move in as easily as they would in their own backyards.'"

That is Robert H. Boyle's opinion of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club from the post-war years to the early 1960's. He probably has a fairly correct evaluation of the times, although it seems slanted to a negative, snobbish view point. One must remember that the economics truly did call for some changes in the strongly masculine character of the club, if it was to survive at all.

His remarks about the, "women have taken over the club----", seems severe in its tone. Although this historical sketch says little about the role women have played in the development of the club, this is for lack of information on the subject, and for no other reason. It is, however, a fact that the women have been involved with the club from the very start. Not as an intrusion in later years. They provided long hard hours of labor, and money through the Ladies Auxillary, to furnish the original Club House; to decorate the building; and to propagate the game of golf in the finest tradition. Through their grace and good natures, they have provided the 'comforts' for the membership. Their enthusiasm and help with the Club has always been present, and appreciated.

Everything is, after all, a balancing act. It is hoped that we are currently experiencing an adequate mix of power both in regards to economic status and the sexes.

Let us return now to the spring of 1945 and the hard facts that the Club was being threatened with financial ruin. As you may recall, a major revision in Club operations had to be developed to avoid disaster. The major revision came in the form of a contract with Mr. H.W. Harvey of Seattle. Being pressured by the Bond Holders, and the threat of having the mortgage foreclosed, the idea of a manager was the way the Club chose to



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1948
Patty Berg

"The golf links lie so near the mill/That
almost every day/The laboring children
can look out/And watch the men at play."
Sarah Norcliffe Cleghorn

Did you know?

That a 'cleek' was a club similar to a modern 2 iron.

Did you know?

That Ralph Kennedy probably has the world record for playing the most courses. He played 3,615 courses by age 71, when he retired in 1953.

extricate itself from debt.

Mr. Harvey's contract, signed March 10, 1945, engaged him as the manager of the Club, the Club House, and the golf course. In effect, he was a general manager with control over the whole operation. Although it would not last, the contract called for a three year term. Mr. Harvey became the first manager of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, and at the same time, ended the tradition of the house Steward. Mr. Harvey was to receive 50% of all profits from the Club, Club House, and the golf course, but no salary. The profits were to be determined by taking into consideration all income of every nature. Including dues, green fees, sale of merchandise and golf supplies, liquor sales, slot machines etc. He, in turn, was to produce funds to purchase all merchandise and supplies necessary for the operation of the Club. He also had to pay all salaries and wages.

This plan was developed by the Special Committee: consisting of McKinley Ellis, Jack Frost, and C. Paine Shangle. All appointed by the Board. Under this plan it was possible to hold the 31st annual meeting of the Membership at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. on March 17, 1945, instead of at the Elk's Club. During this meeting the By-Laws were amended to increase the number of Trustees to twelve. This was done so that a representative of the Bond Holders could have a seat on the Board. Mrs. Bart Drake was elected as a trustee at this meeting: making Mrs. Drake the first woman trustee. She was also the representative for the Bond Holders.

The noble aims of the Club to effectively change its financial condition through this arrangement with Mr. Harvey ended when he resigned on Nov. 15, 1945. Mr. Harvey was losing money and therefore the Club was also. The next manager would be Mr. Frank Rippe, Jr. But he would manage under a salary of \$200.00 per month and no percentage. Although he still had responsibility over both the house and course. The finances, although still very precarious, began to improve. Primarily because of an increasing membership. And also because of a healthy increase in the initiation fee. Mr. Rippe had come and gone in due haste, but the basic plan was working. Mr. Joseph M. McCormick came to replace Mr. Rippe in 1946. Under the salaried leadership of Mr. & Mrs. McCormick, much of the clubs facilities were operating at a profit. However, the principal amount of the bonds plus interest, plus various other chattel mortgages which the Bond Holders held, had come to a sum total of \$88,277.50 by late 1948. The Bond Holders wanted payment, and pressure was again building. In 1947 a

couple of ideas were expressed and presented to the Board and the Bond Holders, as ways of paying them off, or at least reducing the debt to a manageable level. These ideas came in various forms, but many of them were in the form of giving the Bond Holders certain sections of land from the course. Such as a strip of land along the Guide Meridian 140 feet deep. Luckily, it would now seem, the Bond Holders refused all such offers. But at least some sort of negotiations were carried on.

At this stage it is proper that McKinley Ellis, President from 1945 to 1950, be introduced as a primary person in the development of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. In fact, it probably would not be an exaggeration to say that without Mac Ellis's participation in club affairs, the Club may not have survived at all. With the wealthy 'old guard' gone, and membership at a very low point, Mr. Ellis donated his financial and negotiational expertise. (he was the President of The Bellingham National Bank), to the Club in the hopes of solving its financial situation.

Mr. Ellis's primary concern was to figure out some way of re-financing the Club in such a way as to buy time. It must be understood that the Club was seriously in default. The Club had left the era of the wealthy member and was just beginning to see the advent of the middle class and lower middle class. Membership was low and the prospect of rapidly increasing membership, nil. Mr. Ellis's plan, if he could somehow negotiate it, was to collect the debt into one lump sum, have that discounted by the Bond Holders if possible, and then secure that sum by a Real Estate Contract in favor of the Bond Holders. The plan would accomplish two things: 1.) it would bring the debt of the Club into a current status and thereby remove the very real possibility of foreclosure; 2.) it would buy the Club time. (10 years), to regroup, and hopefully times and conditions would change to the point of increased membership.

Mr. Ellis worked and hammered away on the Bond Holders and their attorney, J.W. (Joe) Kindall, for three years, with the hope of reaching some sort of agreement. Finally, in late 1948, the auspicious day arrived. Mr. Ellis received a call from attorney Kindall, stating that the Bond Holders were assembled in his, (Kindall's), office, and would Mr. Ellis please come to the meeting and present his plan for possible acceptance. Mr. Ellis arrived and began his arguments. The sum owed, as you will recall, was \$88,277.50. This included the principal amount on the bonds, the delinquent interest on the bonds, and other assorted chattel mortgages. The first stage of negotiations was to get this amount reduced. Mr. Ellis argued that the original Club members had incurred the original debt in order to have



Frank Sadler
1936

Frank Sadler---Pro-Emeritus

Mr. Frank Sadler was born Feb.4, 1906 in Frontnac, Kansas. The Sadler family moved west to Cle Elem, Wa. in 1914. However, the family name had changed to Repoz due to a second marriage by Frank's mother. Frank came to Bellingham with his family in 1919, and shortly thereafter, Frank was introduced to golf as a caddy. Frank caddied for many of the 'old guard' at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on the original 9 holes, and later, on the course as we know it today.

As a way to further help support his mother and family, Frank became a boxer in 1924. He also continued his caddy work. Frank, the boxer, hung up his gloves in 1930. Until 1933, Frank had carried the last name of his step-father, Repoz. But with his marriage to his wife Pearl in 1933, he changed his name from Repoz back to the name of his real father.

Frank Sadler became the asistant pro at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, under Professional Bert Wilde, in 1929. He moved into the position of head professional in 1936. Frank experienced many changes during his long career as professional. During the financially lean years of the second world war, when the Club House was closed, Frank not only carried on the normal routine of head pro, but also ran the concession stand where he sold sandwiches, beer, pop, and the like. In addition to this, the Board of the Club gave Frank permission to work in a defence related field. So he became adzman in the shipyard on Bellingham Bay.

There were many highlights in Frank's career---from the many tournaments he ran,(what is now The National Seniors Tournament, he helped to start), to hob-nobbing with golfing giants like Gene Sarazen. Frank even became a literary critic when his critical acclaim of one of the most famous golf instruction books ever written, was quoted and used on the back cover of the book. The book was written by none other than Ben Hogan. Its title is, "Five Lessons---The Modern Fundamentals of Golf".

Frank retired as head professional in 1971, but not into idleness. He promptly enrolled in Western Washington State University. He has attended every quarter, including summer quarter, from 1971 to the present.

a very private, close-knit club. They were wealthy people and could afford such extravagance. These people, however, had passed away or grown old and disinterested. The Club indeed was seeing a new era, a new class of people. He continued, the Club was a valuable asset to the community and should not die. Given time, the transition would be complete and the Club would once again be solvent. This was Mr. Ellis's great insight into the future. The Bond Holders agreed to reduce the debt to \$73,000.00. They did this because of Mr. Ellis's argument, and also because they themselves realized the value of the Club in terms of the community. They wanted to help. It must also be remembered that J.W. Kindall, attorney, was one of the 'old guard' himself. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Club in 1919.

Mr. Ellis, having succeeded in the first part of his negotiations, proceeded to the second point: how to re-finance the now reduced debt of \$73,000.00. He presented the idea of re-writing the various 'debt paper' in the form of a Real Estate Contract, and thus eliminating the old bonds, the delinquent interest, and other chattel mortgages, and bringing the debt into a current status. The negotiations were difficult, but in the end, Mr. Ellis won the fight. The Bond Holders agreed to sign a Real Estate Contract for the amount of \$73,000.00, payable at \$200.00 per month, plus 4% interest on the balance; provided that the balance be paid in full within 10 years. Mr. Ellis signed the papers, subject to Board approval. Board approval came swiftly to such a beautiful piece of business, and Mr. Ellis's job was done.

Having helped with these negotiations, the first woman trustee, Mrs. B.T. Drake, resigned her position in April, 1949.

Mr. Ellis's forecast of the future for the Bellingham Golf and Country Club began materializing fairly rapidly. Although growth in members was slow, grow it did, and steadily. By 1953 the Club's financial condition could be described as guarded but healthy. During 1955 the Board created a committee to draw up a plan to pay the Real Estate Contract balance. The committee members, (at different times during the year), were Clayton Davis, Galen Bentley, Howard Wasley, J. Wes Langley, Lawson Turcotte, Bill Herb, and Jesse Roberts. The basic plan they formulated was fairly straight forward. Since the membership had grown to a decent number, they would simply finance themselves by changing article #4 of the articles of incorporation to read as follows:

"Said corporation shall have Capital Stock and members may be admitted to said club and corporation on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the by-laws of said corpora-

tion hereafter adopted". Thus, the members would pay the balance of the Real Estate Contract by raising the money amongst themselves. This required the members to purchase a share of stock each at a price of \$200.00. It might be noted, that although the committee which devised this plan was probably unaware of it, the idea of changing the corporation to a capital stock corporation, was first presented to the Board by Men's Team Captain, Mr. L.G. Chapman, way back in May of 1921. The Board took no action on Mr. Chapman's idea.

The Board approved the Capital Stock Plan of their committee during their meeting of April 10, 1956, and decided to present the plan to the members for their approval. McKinley Ellis made a motion, seconded by Arthur Olson, to approve the entire Capital Stock Plan, during a meeting of the membership May 14, 1956. The motion carried, and with this vote the Bellingham Golf and Country Club was owned by itself and landed with both feet into its Modern Age.

The Real Estate Contract held by the Bond Holders was paid in full more than 2 years ahead of schedule. In June of 1956 the Board instructed the Secretary to, "write letters to Mrs. Bartlet T. Drake, Mrs. John F. Campbell, and Mrs. Stuart A. Deming, expressing the appreciation of the Board for the financial and other assistance extended to the Club and thanks for their interest and cooperation over many years in club affairs". These ladies were granted life memberships in the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. With that, Chuck Olson made a motion, seconded by Langley, that, "the Board authorize the transfer of \$500.00 from capital stock fund to the working capital to pay for the cost of the Mortgage Burning Party". Motion approved!

With the finances of the Club squared away, it could finally move ahead in areas that had been neglected. The Club House was remodeled under the supervision of Managers Coleman Steele and primarily John Kienast. The course saw many changes and improvements in the years since 1956, especially during the years the ex-Club President Al Evans was chairman of the Greens Committee. And so it went, upgrading and change was the order of the day.

To detail these changes somewhat more particularly, the subjects, Club House and Golf Course will be taken separately under their respective headings.



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1980
Jacqueline Hager

Club House

The purpose of this section is to simply describe some of the major changes to the house over the years, and the cost of some of the projects.

As noted earlier, the original Club House was designed by F. Stanley Piper. It was completed late 1912 by contractor Brandt for which he was paid about \$4,900.00. A three lady committee organized and furnished the house for \$800.00 in 1913. The official opening of the Club House came on May 17, 1913. The original house was smaller, of course, than it is today, but it was quite modern for its day and comfortable. Although, in the beginning, it was not so comfortable for the Steward and family. At first they were quartered in the basement where it was damp. Within a few years, however, their permanent home on the third floor, (where the offices are now), were finished and they moved up there; without heat. The men had a locker room in the basement, and also a lounging room. The lounging room was a place where the men sat by the fire, (it had a fireplace), sipped brandy, played cards, and told each other lies. The women did not have a locker room. A portion of the men's locker room was made available to the ladies in 1943, but I do not know if they had any locker room facilities prior to this date.

The original house also had a fireplace on the main floor, in the dining room where the stage is now. The house had two porches, and those famous 'big steps' to enter by. The first major remodeling was approved by the Board on July 24, 1929. It was a flat roofed extension on the North side of the house. It enlarged the dining room, and gave the main floor two fireplaces. The original one, and the other which is still operable today. The wall which frames the current fireplace was the end of the building when this remodeling was finished. The job was done in 1930 at a total cost of \$10,196.57.

Liquor became available for the first time, (legally), in the Club House in the spring of 1937. It was disallowed later in the same year because the liquor board was requiring the installation of additional equipment which the Club could not afford. Liquor was again made available, this time permanently, by the close of 1941. Along with the liquor came the slot machines.

With the bonds and other debts retired in 1956, the Board approved several minor remodeling and redecorating projects. The kitchen received a fair bit of remodeling in 1957, and quite a bit more in 1962 when the Members spent \$25,000.00 for improvements. Each member paid an assessment of \$36.00 to finance this expenditure. And the

Club House (cont.)

locker room received \$20,000 worth of renovating in 1967.

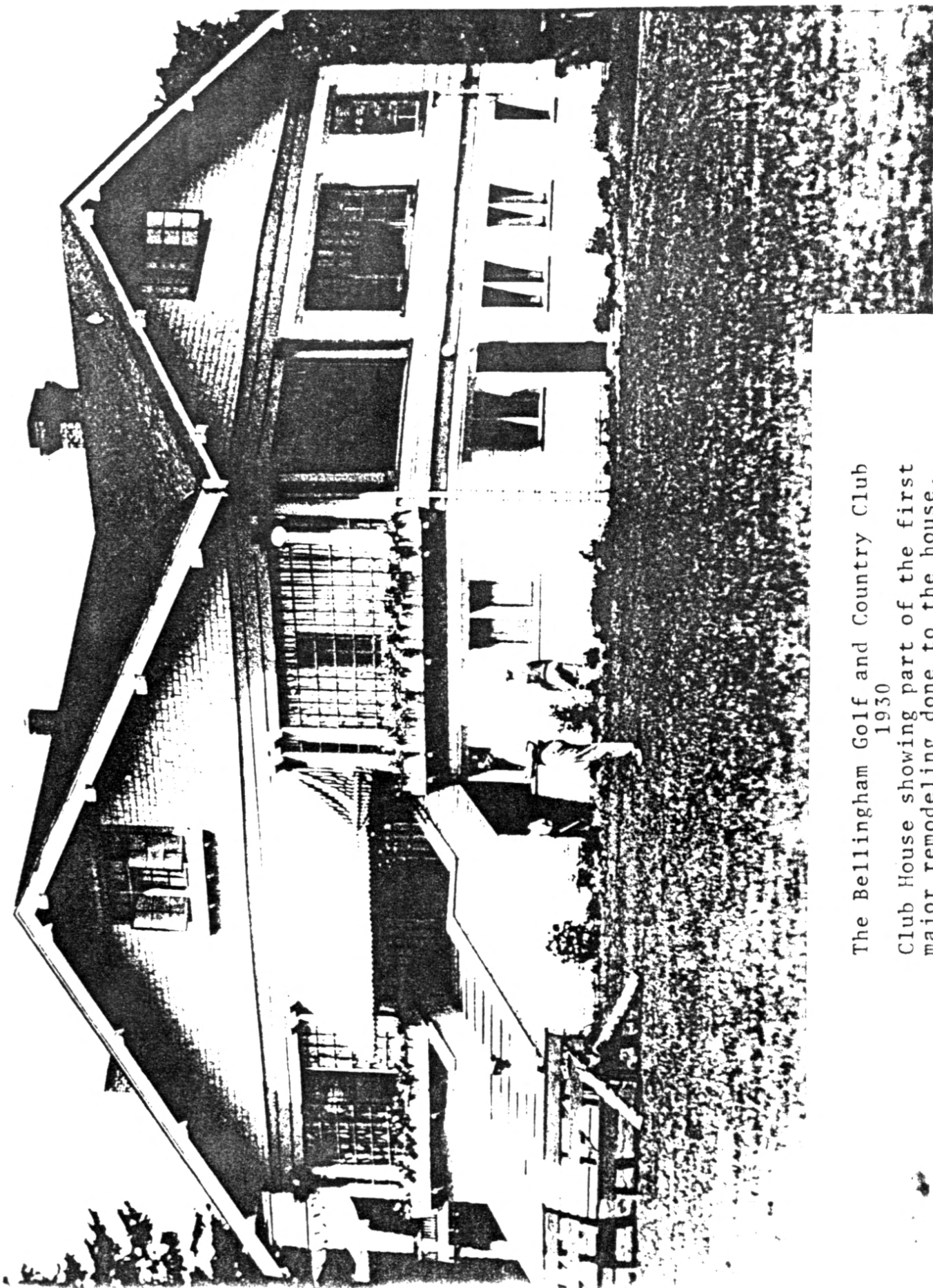
The golf cart shed was built in 1963 for about \$7,000.00, and a new greens shed was constructed the same year for around \$2,700.00. The Pro-shop was moved from its location in the house to its present site when it was built in 1957 for a sum not to exceed \$9,000.00.

The entertainment must of had some high points during this time, for example, Coleman Steele hired the Mills Brothers to entertain at the club the evening of Nov. 29, 1959. The Mills Brothers charged \$1,000.00 for their performance.

The pool and changing room were constructed in 1961 by Cascade Pool Company and Erickson Construction. The architect was Norman Olsen. Because of the construction of the pool, the fifteenth Green was moved to its present location from where the pool is now.

The house was remodeled extensively in 1971 under the watchful eye of Manager Kienast. The bids for the project came to \$125,000.00 for the changes planned. The major work was to create the new bar and lounge area, (the area currently used as such). And also, some decks were built. The bid included a new heating and airconditioning system as well. The actual amount spent on this project in 1971 was \$134,152.77. Much of the credit for this work belongs to Manager Kienast and the House Committee; chaired by George Rosser, and committeemen Hal Arnason, Jr., and Club President Larry Daughters. Let us not forget the volunteer work party that painted the exterior of the house on Painters' Days, March 20, 27 and May 1, 1971. The Grand Opening for the "new Club House" was April 10, 1971.

The last major remodeling was completed within very recent years, and included a new dining room section built over much of the deck area. Also, the kitchen was expanded. The very last addition, completed this year, 1980, is the restroom located on the course between the 7th and 12th Greens.



The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
1930

Club House showing part of the first major remodeling done to the house, (flat roof section, right edge of photograph). This is now part of the old dining room.

Golf Course

As with the Club House section, this section deals, briefly, with the changes and improvements on the course since 1912.

It was noted earlier that the original 9 holes were built in 1912, with John Ball under contract for the construction of the course. The cost of the 9 hole course was about \$4,600.00. The idea of building an additional 9 holes was first discussed officially in May 1920. By 1925 these new holes were reality. The 'new nine' was inspected by the Trustees and the Greens Committee on May 14, 1925, and they were open to play at 1:00p.m. that same day.

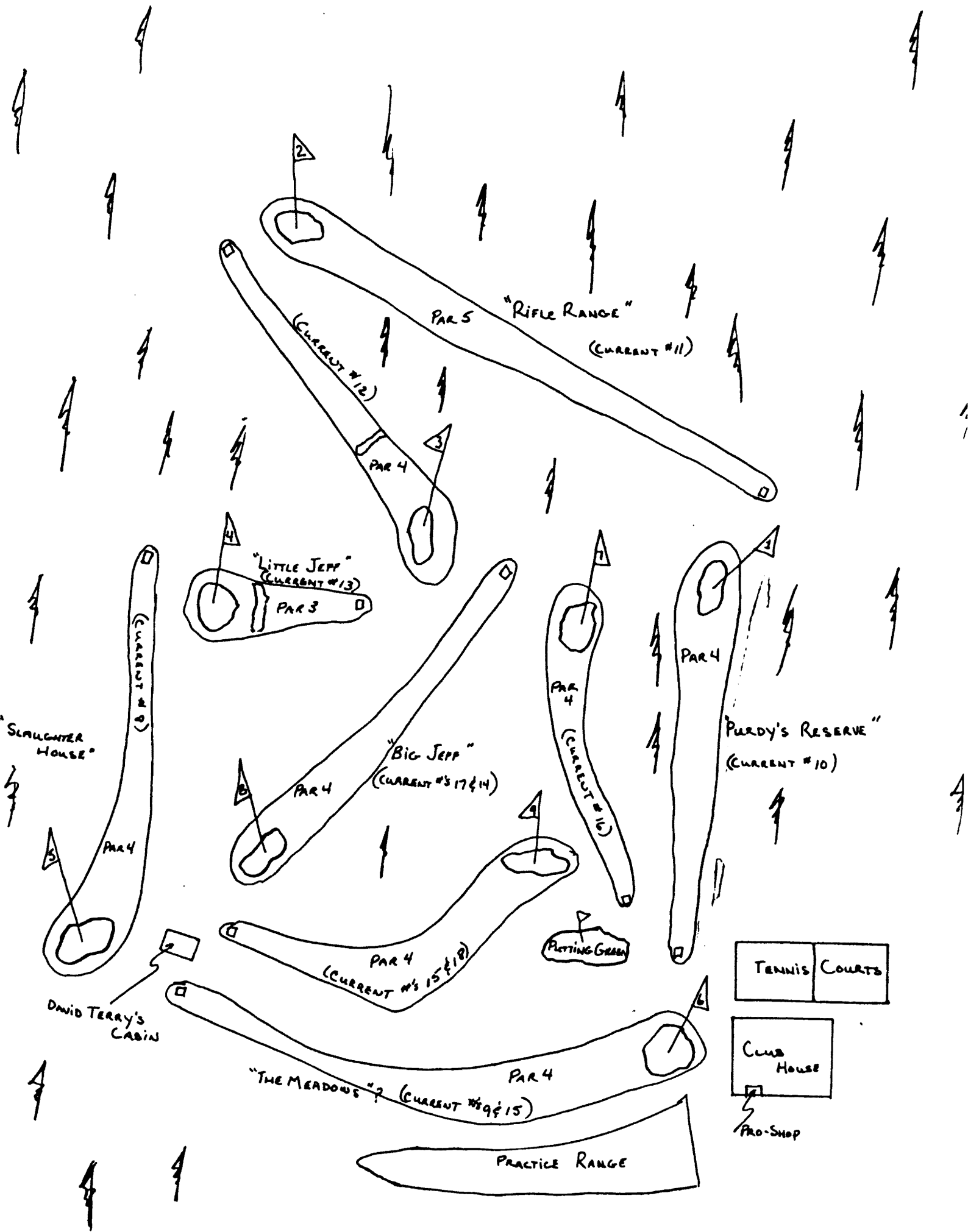
The Club has and does belong to many golf associations, but the first such association the Club joined was the Pacific Northwest Golf Association; in 1918. The annual dues for the membership was \$75.00.

The course was not changed or improved much from 1925 to 1956 because of a lack of funds. But from 1956 to present there have been many improvements. The biggest, at least in terms of money, was the sprinkling system. The idea of a sprinkling system was first discussed by the Board in 1927. But the project was not started until 1967. The system was installed by H.P. Fowler Co., and was finished in 1968. Al Evans was the Greens Committee Chairman during this time. The total cost of the sprinkling system came to about \$80,000.00

From 1960 to 1970 many "details" were taken care of, namely: rebuilding the 15th Green, (1961); rebuilding the 8th Green, (1968); recontouring the fairway hills on 18 and 16, (1965 & 1969); power cart trails were built; some of the tees were rebuilt, (3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th); the bridge to the 14th Green was reconstructed, (1965); traps were redesigned or built new; and a few of the fairways were leveled. Leveling fairways has been a standing work order from 1913. In 1968 the 150 yard marker trees were planted in memory of Roy Gaasland and paid for by the Washington State Seniors. The Washington State Seniors also paid for the metal flag pole in 1970 in appreciation of the B.G.&C.C.

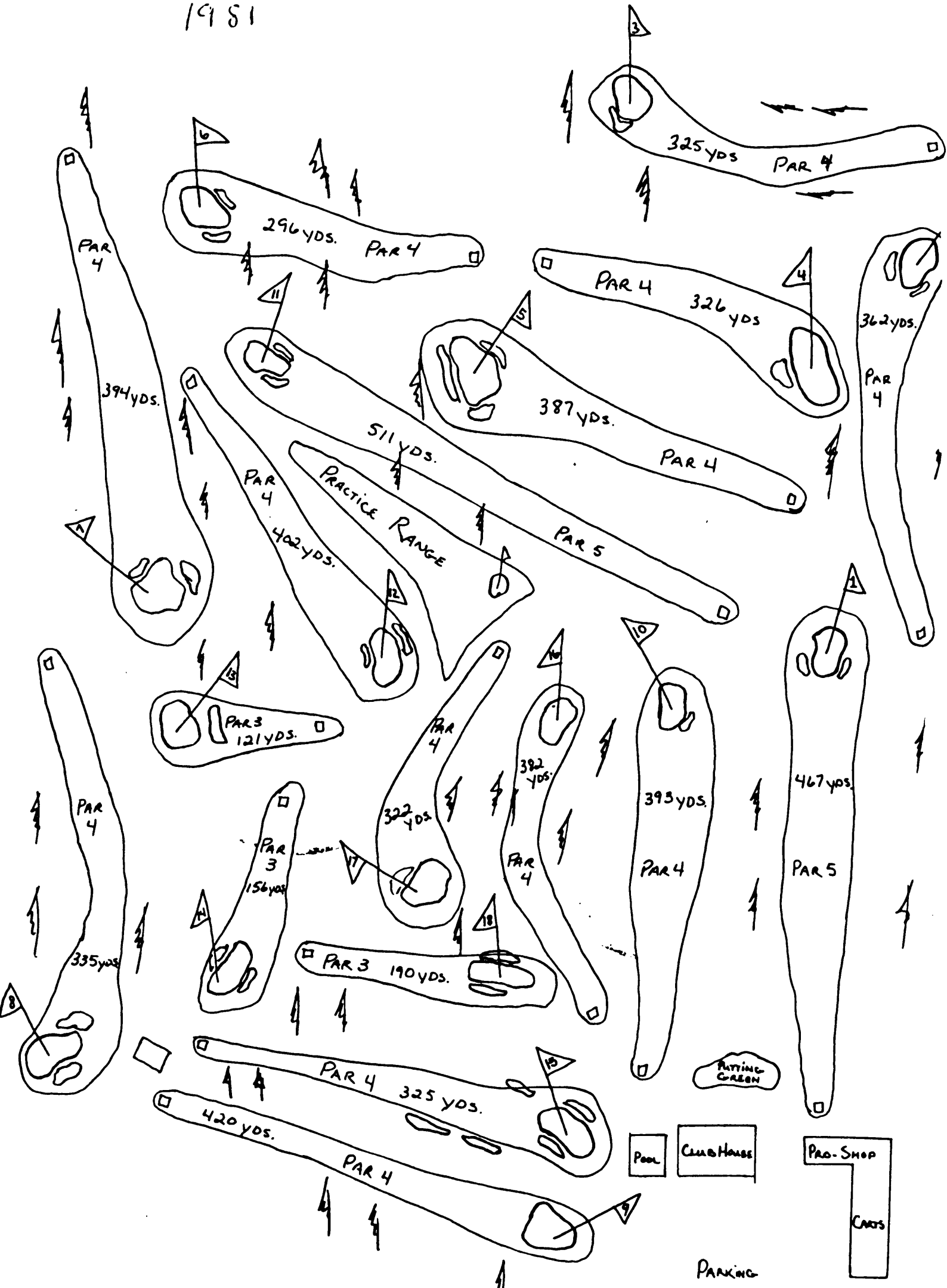
A relatively large addition to the course came in 1964 when the practice putting area was created at a cost of \$6,056.43.

The most recent improvement to the course, (1979-1980), involves the 8th hole. Several trees were cut down around the Green to let in more light; and a new trap was created and an old trap redesigned.



1912 to 1925

1981



Tournaments

The Tournament section of this book will be made up of primarily pictures and newspaper clippings; with these few paragraphs to start.

The first tournament to be played at the B.G.&C.C. was in 1913 when the Greens Committee was authorized to arrange an amateur golf tournament for part of Marathon Week, (Blossom Time, Sea to Ski, etc.). This was the first Whatcom County-Bellingham amateur championship.

The first Club Handicap Champion Tournament at the B.G.&C.C. was held on May 10, 1914 with Mr. B.T. Drake awarded the silver cup as the winner. This tournament pre-dates the Club Championships.

The first away match to be played by the Club was played against the Everett Golf and Country Club on their course, on June 13, 1914. No, I don't know who won. The return match was played at the B.G.&C.C. later in 1914, and I don't know who won this match either, but I do know that \$45.00 was spent dining and entertaining the Everett golfers.

There have been many Washington State Golf Association, and Washington State Women's Golf Association Tournaments held on the B.G.&C.C., starting at least as far back as 1929. The Lions Club a golf tournament at the B.G.&C.C. in 1936. And The Caddies Championship Tournament developed by Frank Sadler, was first played in 1936; John F. Campbell supplied a U.S. Savings Bond as the prize. The Inter-City Tournament Sweepstakes was held in 1941, and the Hudson Cup in 1967.

A partial list of the many organizations which have had tournaments at the B.G.&C.C. follows: Rotary Club; Y.M.C.A.; Nile Golf Association; the Herald; Whatcom County Medical Society; Saga Foods; California Natural Gas Association; Scientific Exhibitors; Seattle Custom House Brokers; American Foundrymen Association; Optometrists; College of Surgeons; Law Enforcement Golf Tournament; Skagit-Whatcom Lawyer Bar Association; Everett Transportation Club; Funeral Directors Association; Washington State Pharmaceutical Association; the Junior Chamber of Commerce; and so forth.

The Washington State Open has been held at the B.G.&C.C. a few times, as has the Washington State Amateur. In fact, two familiar club names, Rita and Rick Weihe have won the Washington State Amateur Championship. Rick won it in 1970. And Rita Weihe won its counterpart, the Washington State Women's Amateur Championship twice. Other fine golfers at the Club currently are Jim Call, Jim McBeath, Bill Hager, the big left hander, Fred Urquhart, and the small right hander, John Swanson.

Tournaments (cont.)

Famous people have played the course. To name a few, Walter Hagen in 1927, and Jack Hutchinson and Jim Barnes. in 1921. Mr. Hagen played exhibition golf. Jack Hutchinson, who was a British Open Champion, and Jim Barnes, who was a U.S. Open Champion, played a match involving themselves and B.G.&C.C. Pro Dalglish and member Don Randell. The author of this book, and his friend Ken Urquhart, were fortunate enough to play one hole, (#13), with Bob Hope in 1978.

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups

The
E.B. Deming
Trophy
Annual Amateur Championships
Bellingham Golf
and
Country Club
1916---L.R. Coffin
1917---E.D. Kenyon
1918---C.A. Griffith
1919---F.H. Ronk
1920---G.S. Stark
1921---D.E. Randell
1922---G.Sidney Stark

The Gamwell Handicap Championship Cup
Presented to B.G.&C. Club 1915 for
Annual Memorial Day Tournament
C.A. Griffith---1915
Paul P. Wells---1916
Dr. Jacob S. Smith---1917
H.F. Vincent---1918
S.F. Craft---1919
F.J. Wood---1920
A.R. Wuest---1921
C.W. Henderson---1922

The
R.A. Welsh
Trophy
Annual Eclectic Tournament
Bellingham Golf
and
Country Club
1916--L.R. Coffin 29.
1917--H.F. Vincent 31.6.25.
1918--F.H. Ronk 30.6.24. tied
1919--F.H. Ronk 29.5.24
1920--G.O. Paus
1921--Dr. H.W. Van Buskirk
1922--E.P. Spearin

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups(cont.)

The
E.W. Purdy
Trophy
Annual Labor Day Tournament
Bellingham Golf
and
Country Club

1916--E.B. Deming
1917--H.H. Ellis
1918--F.H. Ronk
1919--C.E. Walton
1920--W.H. Abbott
1921--H.K. Rumberger
1922--H.C. Banner

The Bellingham Golf Club
Handicap
presented by
J.L. Easton
1921

1921--H.H. Ellis
1922--Edgar Wheaton

Rosa Tucker Battle Cup
Vancouver
Golf & Country Club
Bellingham--Everett

1922

1923

Bellingham

1924

The
Herd Trophy
Whatcom County
Match Play
Champion

1952--Bill Keyes
1953--Bill Keyes
1954--Wallie Lindsley
1955--Lee angell
1956--Wallie Lindsley

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups (cont)

Bellingham Golf and Country
Club

Handicap Trophy
Dutch McBeath
1953
Lee Angell
1954
Bob Weihe
1955

The
Herold Wahl
Club Championship
Trophy

Dave McBeath--1950
Dave McBeath--1951
Allan Evans-- 1952
Dave McBeath--1953
Luke Biondi-- 1954
Wallie Lindsley--1955
Dick Williams--1956
Allan Evans--1957

Bellingham Golf and Country
Club

Captain's Trophy
1951--H. Kapp
1952--H. Armstrong
1953--W. Langley
1954--John Kienast
1959--Sid Roberson

Bellingham
Shaughnessy
Friendship Cup
1975--Shaughnessy

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups (cont.)

Bellingham Golf & Country Club
Club Champions
(plaque)

1916--L.R. Coffin
1917--E.D. Kenyon
1918--C.A. Griffith
1919--F.H. Ronk
1920--Syd Stark
1921--D.E. Randell
1922--Svd Stark

1923--

1924--

1925--Hump Griggs

1926--

1927--

1928--

1929--

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1931--

1932--

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1936--

1937--

1938--

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1941--

1942--Earl Pack

1943--

1944--

1945--

1946--

1947--

1948--Lee Angell

1949--Wallie Lindsley

1950--Dave 'Scotty' McBeath

1951--Dave 'Scotty' McBeath

* 1952--Dave 'Scotty' McBeath

* 1953--Al Evans

* 1954--Dave 'Scotty' McBeath

* 1955--Luke Biondi

* 1956--Wallie Lindsley

1957--Al Evans

1958--G. Patterson

1959--Luke Biondi

1960--Al Evans

1961--Don Foster

1962--Don Foster

1963--Don Foster

1964--Lee angell

1965--Rick Weihe

1966--Ken James

1967--Jim McBeath

1968--Ted Naff

1969--Lee Angell

1970--Rust Guernsey

1971--Lee Angell

1972--Jim McBeath

1973--Marshall Dallas

1974--Jim McBeath

1975--Oscar Arford

1976--Rick Weihe

1977--Fred Urouhart

1978--Fred Urouhart

1979--Jim Call

1980--

1981--

1982--

1983--

1984--

1985--

1986--

1987--

1988--

1989--

1990--

*These years are in disagreement
with the list of Club Champions
located in the appendix

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups (cont.)

(plaque)	(plaque)
Club Handicap Champions *	Course Record Holders
1974--Dutch McBeath	1946--Frank Sadler---64
1975--Gerry Ferguson	1955--John Russell----64
1976--Mike Rawls	1955--Wallie Lindsley-64
1977--Harriid Pack	1958--Art Abrahamson--64
1978--Terry Cassidy	1963--Dutch McBeath--64
1979--Peter DeGoutiere	
1980--	
1981--	
1982--	
1983--	
1984--	
1985--	
1986--	
1987--	
1988--	
1989--	
1990--	

*for a more complete list of
Club Handicap Champions, see
Club Handicap Champions in appendix.

(plaque)	(cup)
Bellingham Golf & C.C.	The Associates Cup
Women's Partner Best Ball	2-Ball Best Ball Champions
1959--Carolyn Bennett-Echo Dorr	Bellingham
1960--Eleanor McBeath-MarieEkholm	Golf & Country Club
1961--Vi Weihe-Betty Mason	1975--Dave Massey-Tom Ellis
1962--Vi Weihe-Betty Mason	1976--Darril Walker-Vic Bradbur
1963--Dorothy Nicolay-Lola Roberson	1977--Bob Ebright-Oscar Arford
1964--Arlie Roberson-Lola Roberson	1978--Mike Rawls-Jim Call
1965--Carol Roberts-Rae Longwood	1979--Bob Ryder-Jess Roberts
1966--Kate Wasley-Vi Weihe	1980--
1967--Dorothy Endersbe-Florence Van- Keulen	1981--
1968--Mabel Young-Connie Hanson	1982--
1969--Kate Wasley-Vi Weihe	1983--
1970--Helen Hileman-Gladys Plank	1984--
1971--Anne Carson-Martha Tincker	1985--
1972--E.A.Pfueller-Tass Galley	1986--
1973--Lois Cassidy-E.A.Pfueller	1987--
1974--Donna McElhaney-Vivian Thompson	1988--
1975--Bette Patterson-Audreen Sherwood	1989--
1976--Kate Peach-Audrey Harden	1990--
1977--Barbara Gunn-Marjorie Davenport	
1978--Kate Peach-Audrey Harden	
1979--Fern Singer-Bernice Kienast	
1980--	
1981--	
1982--	
1983--	
1984--	
1985--	
1986--	
1987--	
1988--	
1989--	

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups (cont.)

Bellingham
Golf and Country Club
Women's Club Champions
(plaque)

1960--Marie Ekholm
1961--Gloria Fay
1962--Gloria Fay
1963--Gloria Fay
1964--Marie Ekholm
1965--Rita Weihe
1966--Mabel Young
1967--Florence Van Keulen
1968--Vi Weihe
1969--Vi Weihe
1970--Mabel Young
1971--Millie Vogt
1972--Pat O'Brien
1973--Millie Vogt
1974--Millie Vogt
1975--Leah Powers
1976--Leah Powers
1977--Pat O'Brien
1978--Leah Powers
1979--Pat O'Brien
1980--
1981--
1982--
1983--
1984--
1985--
1986--
1987--
1988--
1989--
1990--

Bellingham
Golf and Country Club
Women's Handicap Champion
(plaque)

1959--Darg Rader
1960--Virginia Heily
1961--Virginia Heily
1962--Gloria Fay
1963--Dorothy Endersbe
1964--Ada Vandermay
1965--Millie Vogt
1966--Romona Baxter
1967--Millie--Vogt
1968--Judy Blythe
1969--Judy Blythe
1970--Anne Carson
1971--Helen Hileman
1972--Pat O'Brien
1973--Betty Graban
1974--Evelyn Beyers
1975--Fern Singer
1976--Alice Greener
1977--Millie Vogt
1978--Flaine Bailey
1979--Ann Walker
1980--
1981--
1982--
1983--
1984--
1985--
1986--
1987--
1988--
1989--
1990--

Club Trophies, Plaques, & Cups (cont.)

Bellingham
Golf and Country Club
"Hit and Kick It"

Champions

1971--Anna Wood-Jack McCartney
1972--Vivian Thompson
1973--Anna Wood-John Kienast
1974--Bernice Kienast-John Kienast
1975--Bernice Kienast-John Kienast
1976--Lucy Frank-Rob Frank
1977--Rae Hatcher-Grover Hatcher
1978--Audrey Harden-Kale Harden
1979--Lucy Franks-John Kienast
1980--
1981--
1982--
1983--
1984--
1985--
1986--
1987--
1988--
1989--
1990--

miscellaneous trophies

John F. Campbell
Bridge Trophy
Spring 1948
Marion Pomeroy
Freda Philip

plus a couple of bowling trophies.

Secretarial Humor & Incidentals

September 27, 1961---Board Resolution----"....deems it most appropriate to note upon its records its tribute to the life and value of Mr. Paul P. Wells, and further to note its appreciation of his fine character, and loyal services he rendered to the corporation over his many years of association with it". Paul P. Wells, Secretary-Treasurer from 1921 to 1962, would sign off the minutes in ways which were often humorous. Two classic examples follow: May 30, 1922, "After a short talk by Lt. Governor Coyle and the regular line of hot air by the Club Orator, (Judge) C.W. Howard, the meeting adjourned". June 7, 1944, "No further business appearing, the wealthier members beat it for the Golf Course, and the proletariats went back to work .

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Wells
Secretary

Just prior to Paul P. Wells' long tour of duty, Glen Madison, (Secretary), was instructed to write a letter, Jan. 1921, " to every individual concerning the deplorable lack of attention to shell holes created in our course by certain bombastic players who never replace a divot . The letter follows:

"To the Mmbers of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. When playing golf on our course be very watchful lest you step in a hole and sprain your ankle. There are many such holes on our course caused by the criminal negligence of players who are to thoughtless, or in too much of a hurry, to replace divots. With this statement of warning the Club relieves itself from any liability for damage which may result to any player using our course.... .

Very Respectfully Yours,

Glen Madison
Secretary

In the realm of funny coincidence, there was a span of a few years when the Club had a Steward named Mr. White and a Professional named Mr. Black. As it happens, Mr. White was black and Mr. Black was white.

And writing of Mr. White, I'm afraid he was asked to resign his position. Apparently he wasn't a bad steward, but he had a streak of larceny. You see, he was the Steward back in the dry years at the Club; although they weren't really too dry. Frank Bellingar, as part of his duties as Men's Team Captain, had the responsibility of procuring booze from the local runners. The booze was then kept at

Secretarial Humor & Incidentals (cont.)

the club and sold to the members. But it turned out that the bottles were disappearing faster than the money was coming in. Since Mr. White had a key to the locker where the booze was kept, Mr. Bellingar suspected him of making some money on the side. Mr. Bellingar set a simple trap for Mr. White and sure enough he fell in it, and it cost him his job. Mr. White had been selling booze to members' guest and not turning in the money.

Mr. Bob Thomas donated a badge to this report. This badge can be found in Appendix B, attached to this report. The badge is nickel plated brass(?) and has the following words engraved upon it: "Bellingham Golf and Country Club with a big number "14" in the middle of it. The badge is shaped like a policeman's shield. Mr. Thomas reports that his brother brought home around 1931. If anyone knows the significance of this badge, please step forward.

Appendix A.

The 1st Members of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club

May 23, 1912

	number of shares	
Adair, I.J.	1	
Barlow, T.M.	1	
Bacon, G.H.	1	
Black, Alfred L. & son A.L.	2	
Burpee, F.W.	1	
Burnet, C.G.	1	
Bloedel, J.H.	1	
Bradler, H.H. // paid by E.W. Purdy	1	
Campbell, Daniel	1	
Coffin, L.R.	1	
Collins, L.D.P.	1	
Craft, S.J.	1	
Cole, John H.//paid for by E.W. Purdy	1	
Deming, A.W.	2	
Deming, E.B.	10	
Drake, B.T.	1	
Easton, J.L.	2	
Ells, H.H.	1	
Fischer, Mrs. Edward	1	
Fuller, A.F.	1	
Gamwell, R.G.	1	
Gates, Cyrus	1	
Gillette, T.W.	1	
Glasscock, S.A.D.	1	
Green, Joshua	1	
Griswold, W.J.	1	
Gage-Dodson	2	
Goodheart, J.W.	1	
Howard, C.W.	1	
Hyatt, G.C.	2	
Hincks, E.S.//paid for by Larrabee	1	
Huntoon, B.W.//paid by Larrabee	1	
Heal, Harry C. //paid by E.W. Purdy	1	
Kallsen, John	1	
Kirkpatrick, W.D.	1	
Knight, F.H.	1	
Holmes // paid by R.A. Welsh	1	
Larrabee, C.X.	3	(5)
Loggie, Geo. W.	1	
Loggie, J.A.	1	
McCord, E.S.	1	
Morrison Mill Co.	1	
Morse, R.I.	1	
Newman, T.G.	1	
Nestos, R.R.	1	
Nolte, C.F.	1	
Offerman // paid by N.W.National Bank	1	
Page // " " " " " " " "	1	
Purdy, E.W.	1	(4)
Rice, John E.	1	

Continued

1st Members of the B.G.&C.C.
(continued)

	number of shares	
Roth, Chas. I.	1	
Smith, A. MacRae	1	
Schupp, Henry	1	
Shultz, Wm.	1	
Welsh, R.A.	1	(2)
Wood, F.J.	1	
Ward, Fred L.	1	
Wright, Frank	1	

Total 59

Total 74

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Presidents and their terms

L.R. Coffin	1912---1913
E.B. Deming	1913---1913
L.R. Coffin	1913---1914
H.H. Ells	1914---1918
F.J. Wood	1918---1919
W.H. Abbott	1919---1920
J.L. Easton	1920---1922
Daniel Campbell	1922---1930
R.A. Welsh	1930---1933
Daniel Campbell	1933---1935
George Livesey	1935---1937
Harry E. Bacon	1937---1940
W.R. (Roy) Miller	1940---1942
W.J. Grenier	1942---1944
Elmer Seaman	1944---1945
McKinley Ellis	1945---1950
J. Edgar Wood	1950---1951
Glen W. Keith	1951---1952
Gale Pfueller	1952---1953
F.J. Herb	1953---1953
John Kienast	1953---1956
Howard Wasley	1956---1959
Allan Evans	1959---1962
George Moore Jr.	1962---1964
Bud Grenier	1964---1965
Robert Hall	1965---1966
Robert Stephens	1966---1968
Wes Langley	1968---1969
Larry Daughters	1969---1971
George Rosser	1971---1973
Tut Asmundson	1973---1975
Al Levin	1975---1977
Kale Harden	1977---1978
Bill O'Neil	1978---1979
Al Stamey	1979---1980
Primo Piovesan	1980---19

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Secretary-Treasurers and their terms

J.W. Kindall	1912---1918
H.F. Vincent	1918---1919
J.W. Kindall	1919---1919
Glenn R. Madison	1919---1921
Paul P. Wells	1921---1962

(Mr. Wells was the first
paid secretary: \$25.00
per year, starting in 1925)

Orin D. Endersbe	1962---1965
Barbara Reynolds (secretary)	1965---19

(Mrs. Reynolds came in
1958 as an accountant)

As of 1965 the position of Secretary-Treasurer
split into two positions.

Jack Gunning (Treasurer)	1965---1968
Larry Daughters (Treasurer)	1968---1969
Harvey Hughes (Treasurer)	1969---1971
Joseph Williams (Treasurer)	1971---1972
Kenneth McElhaney (Treasurer)	1973---1976
Dale Price (Treasurer)	1976---1978
Joe Hashisaki (Treasurer)	1978---1979
Fred Adie (Treasurer)	1979---

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Golf Professionals and their terms

Frank Orchard	1912---1920
Dalglish	1920---1922
W. (Willie) Black	1923---1925
A.E. (Bert) Wilde	1926---1936
Frank (Repoz) Sadler	1936---1971
Tom Parkhurst	1971---1978
Ken Musser	1978---19

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Greens Keepers and their terms

Frank Orchard	1912---1913
Curtiss	1913---1913
David Terry	1913---1952
Bill Enderlen	1952---1955
Dick Gettle	1955---1965
Robert Larson	1965---1977
Dale Zimbleman	1977---19

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
Club Stewards, Managers, and their terms

Mr. & Mrs. Goodrich	1912 --- 1913
Mr. & Mrs. Crawford	1913 --- 1915
Mr. Wm. Hall	1915 --- 1922
Mr. & Mrs. White	1922 --- 1930
Mrs. F.Y.P. Dav	1930 --- 1930
Mr. WM. (Bill) Harris	1931 --- 1934
Mrs. A.E. (Bert) Wilde	1934 --- 1936
Mrs. Anna Abrahamson	1936 --- 1936
Mrs. Hankins	1936 --- 1937
Mrs. Hazel Ridley	1937 --- 1938
Mr. & Mrs. White	1938 --- 1943

Last of the Club Stewards

H.W. Harvey	1945 --- 1945
Frank Rippe, Jr.	1946 --- 1946
Joseph M. McCormick	1946 --- 1950
Loye Simonds	1950 --- 1952
Russ Hoppe	1952 --- 1957
Coleman Steele	1957 --- 1962
Sidney E. West	1962 --- 1962
John R. Kienast	1962 --- 1970
Dick Ameny	1979 --- 1980
Barbara Reynolds (interim)	1980 --- 1980
Don Adams	1980 --- 19

Bellingham Golf & Country Club
Club Champions

1912---	course not ready	1962---	Don Foster
1913---		1963---	Don Foster
1914---		1964---	Lee Angell
1915---		1965---	Rick Weihe
1916---	L.R. Coffin E.B. Deming Trophy	1966---	Ken James
1917---	F.D. Kenyon E.B. Deming Trophy	1967---	Jim McBeath
1918---	C.A. Griffith " " "	1968---	Ted Naff
1919---	F.H. Ronk " " "	1969---	Lee Angell
1920---	G.S. Stark " " "	1970---	Rusty Guernsey
1921---	D.E. Randell " " "	1971---	Lee Angell
1922---	G. Sidney Stark " " "	1972---	Jim McBeath
1923---		1973---	Marshall Dallas
1924---		1974---	Jim McBeath
1925---	H. (Hump) Griggs	1975---	Oscar Arford
1926---		1976---	Rick Weihe
1927---		1977---	Fred Urquhart
1928---		1978---	Fred Urquhart
1929---		1979---	Jim Call
1930---		1980---	
1931---		1981---	
1932---		1982---	
1933---		1983---	
1934---		1984---	
1935---		1985---	
1936---		1986---	
1937---		1987---	
1938---		1988---	
1939---		1989---	
1940---		1990---	
1941---			
1942---	Earl Pack		
1943---			
1944---			
1945---			
1946---			
1947---			
1948---	Lee Angell		
1949---	Wallie Lindsley		
1950---	Dave 'Scotty' McBeath		
1951---	Dave 'Scotty' McBeath		
* 1952---	Allan Evans		
* 1953---	Dave 'Scotty' McBeath		
* 1954---	Luke Biondi		
* 1955---	Wallie Lindsley		
* 1956---	Dick Williams		
1957---	Allan Evans		
1958---	G. Patterson		
1959---	Luke Biondi		
1960---	Allan Evans		
1961---	Don Foster		

Course Record Holders

1946--	Frank Sadler-----64
1955--	John Russell-----64
1955--	Wallie Lindsley--64
1958--	Art Abrahason----64
1963--	Dutch McBeath----64

*These years are in disagreement with the club plaque displaying the Club Champions

The Bellingham Golf and Country Club
Club Handicap Champions

1912--	course not ready	
1913--		
1914--	B.T. Drake	
1915--	C.A.Griffith---	The Gamwell Handicap Championship Cup
1916--	Paul P. Wells--	The Gamwell Handicap Championship Cup
1917--	Dr. Jacob S. Smith	" " " "
1918--	H.F. Vincent	" " " "
1919--	S.J. Craft	" " " "
1920--	F.J. Wood	" " " "
* 1921--	H.H. Ellis&A.R.Wuest	
* 1922--	Edgar Wheaton&C.W.Henderson	
1923--		
1924--		
1925--		*the Club Handicap Championship split
1926--		into two tournaments in 1921. 1922 was
1927--		the last year that The Gamwell Cup was
1928--		used. So there are two Club Handicap
1929--		Champions for the years 1921 and 1922.
1930--		
1931--		
1932--		
1933--		1965--
1934--		1966--
1935--		1967--
1936--		1968--
1937--		1969--
1938--		1970--
1939--		1971--
1940--		1972--
1941--		1973--
1942--		1974--Dutch McBeath
1943--		1975--Gerry Ferguson
1944--		1976--Mike Rawls
1945--		1977--Harriid Pack
1946--		1978--Terry Cassidy
1947--		1979--Peter De Goutiere
1948--		1980--
1949--		1981--
1950--		1982--
1951--	Dave 'Scotty' McBeath	1983--
1952--	Vic Barger	1984--
1953--	Malcolm 'Dutch' McBeath	1985--
1954--	Lee Angell	1986--
1955--	Bob Weihe	1987--
1956--		1988--
1957--		1989--
1958--		1990--
1959--		
1960--		
1961--		
1962--		
1963--		
1964--		

Incorporation fees, -----		\$ 7.45	
House--			
Contract, Brandt, -----	\$4746.00		
Architect, -----	100.00		
Painting, -----	53.00		
Shelf hardware, -----	<u>80.70</u>		4979.70
Golf Course--			
Ball--			
Contract for course, -----	3300.00		
T's, -----	621.70		
Drives, slopes and grounds, -----	656.38		
Hauling wood, -----	14.96		
Total, -----	<u>4593.04</u>		
Allowed for plowing, -----	70.00		4523.04
Barbed wire, -----	15.20		
Survey, -----	7.50		
Telephone message to Ball, -----	.41		
Clearing, -----	25.03		
Patterns for holes, -----	3.75		
Team work, -----	<u>61.20</u>		113.09
Stationery & Supplies--			
Time book, -----	1.25		
Envelopes, -----	12.68		
Stationery, -----	31.50		
Letter files, -----	<u>.70</u>		46.13
Wood chopping, -----			34.00
Maintenance,--			
Orchard, from June 1, 1912, to Feb. 28, 1913,----	675.00		
Insurance in the sum of \$5000 for 3 yrs on club house, -----	154.15		
Carbon bisulphide, -----	8.00		
Interest on bank loan, -----	87.50		
Curtis, January & February, -----	<u>130.00</u>		1054.65
Furnishings--			
4Park guards, -----	9.00		
Bedding, -----	15.21		
Buffet, -----	<u>36.50</u>		60.71
Tools--			
Hole cutter, -----	3.60		
Roller, -----	32.50		
Cups, -----	<u>8.40</u>		44.50
			10863.27

RECEIPTS.

Membership fees, -----	6500.00		
Dues paid in advance, -----	240.00		
Loan on note 11/15/12, -----	<u>5000.00</u>		<u>11740.00</u>
Balance, cash on hand, -----			876.73