

FOREWARD

In 1979, on the occasion of the Tin Whistles' seventy-fifth anniversary, Richard Tufts paid tribute to this organization, believed to be the oldest golfing fraternity in this country, capturing its spirit in words which are as true today as they were then:

It is a real pleasure to express my congratulations to the Tin Whistles for its contribution to the enjoyment of the game of golf here in Pinehurst over an impressive period of three quarters of a century.

Since 1904, the Tin Whistles has been a significant factor in the success of golf in Pinehurst...

I believe the Tin Whistles is the first group in this country organized within a club to promote the spirit of good fellowship which is properly part of the game of golf.....

We recognize the long service which the Tin Whistles has rendered the game of golf by its support of the game's ancient tradition and standards of sportsmanship.

Now, in our one hundredth year, we reaffirm that spirit and that dedication to good fellowship, to that fine tradition of sportsmanship, and to those honorable standards.

On behalf of the membership,

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE TIN WHISTLES: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN AND HOW IT GREW

A century is a long time for an institution to exist and prosper. When the Tin Whistles was founded, Teddy Roosevelt had not been elected to his first full term as President, only weeks earlier the Wright Brothers had flown at Kitty Hawk, New York's subway was not yet opened, Ford Motor Company was one year old. It was a year before Einstein published his Theory of Relativity, two years before the San Francisco earthquake, ten years before the guns of August in Europe, and only forty five states had been admitted to the union. A great deal has happened in the last one hundred years in the world, in the United States, and in the world of golf, but the Tin Whistles has persevered and flourished through all of it.

A Scottish Game Spreads to Europe and America

It has been well established that a game called golf first appeared in Scotland by the first half of the fifteenth century, since in 1457 the Scottish Parliament saw fit to restrict its practice in order to keep men at archery and other military training. But even then the lure of golf could not be denied and the law was largely ignored. In the early 16th century, the Scottish king, James IV, took up the game, and by 1542 his granddaughter Mary, later Queen of Scots, brought golf to France. By the eighteenth century, the game was well established. The St. Andrews Golf Club in Scotland was chartered in 1754, changing its name to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in 1834.

Until the late nineteenth century, the history of golf in the United States is murky and barely suggested by written records. When the Scots began emigrating to the United States in the 1700's, especially to Charleston and Savannah, they brought the game with them. In 1884, a very rural and short lived 9 hole course called Oakhurst was laid out near White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. But it was not until November 1888-only sixteen years prior to the founding of the Tin Whistles- that the first golf club was established in the U.S. That was the St. Andrews Golf Club of Yonkers, New York. Its members has to wait until 1892 for their first six holes to be laid out, and until 1897 for eighteen holes.

The 1890's witnessed a burst of golf clubs in the United States: Shinnecock Hills in 1891, then The Chicago Golf Club in 1895, closely followed by The Country Club of Brookline, The Newport Golf Club, The Tuxedo Golf Club, The Meadowbrook Hunt Club, The Greenwich Country Club and others. The early golf clubs formed the United States Golf Association in 1894, only ten years before the founding of the Tin Whistles in Pinehurst.

In the northeastern United States, there is little or no golf between late October and early May. The members of those early golf clubs and their friends began to bring their wooden clubs and gutta percha balls on seasonal trips south, looking for a place to play.

How Golf and The Tin Whistles Came to Pinehurst

While Pinehurst's neighbor, Southern Pines, is noted more for its equestrian activities than its golf, it really all began there. In the 1850's one Charles Shaw acquired a land grant and began lumbering in that area. Then, in 1876, the Raleigh-to-Augusta railroad came through Southern Pines, making the salubrious, healthy seasonal climate accessible to the northern states. One John T. Patrick acquired 675 acres and built a health resort to attract northerners suffering from respiratory ills. By 1887 Southern Pines was a thriving health destination. It was also an ideal place to break the long journey between the northeast and the winter resorts further south along the Georgia and Florida coasts.

In 1895, Boston industrialist and philanthropist, James Walker Tufts, searched for and eventually purchased land suitable for a seasonal resort in the Southern Pines area, and the rest is well-known history. After acquiring 5000 acres of cut-over timberland in what was to become his private village of Pinehurst, he engaged the famous landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, to design a New England village in the heart of the Mid-south. Olmsted ordered the planting of 226,000 trees and shrubs and with his assistant, Warren Manning, laid out a complex maze of lanes and paths resembling the cowpath origins of many old New England villages. They confuse many Pinehurst residents and visitors to this day. Railroad passengers debarked at the Southern Pines station, a mere five miles away,

and were whisked away to Pinehurst by horse-drawn trolley along what is now Midland Road.

In 1895, the Holly Inn was built and was destined to become the first home of the Tin Whistles a few years later. By 1900, the private village covered ten square miles, had two hotels, fifty cottages, a golf course, and a large shooting preserve, which would in time employ Annie Oakley.



The birthplace of the Tin Whistles-the Holly Inn in 1900

By 1900, a Scottish golf professional named Donald Ross was brought to Pinehurst from Dornoch, Scotland by way of Boston. His task was to improve Course No.1, nine holes of which had been laid out in 1897-98 by Dr. D. Leroy Culver of New York City and Southern Pines, and subsequently lengthened to eighteen holes in 1899.

By 1903, Donald Ross was a seasonal resident of Pinehurst, had laid out the first nine holes of Course #2, and was serving as the resort's first golf professional. He was to achieve golf immortality in Pinehurst, and throughout the golf world, for course design.



Pictured is Donald Ross shortly after coming to Pinehurst (circa 1900) to assume duties as winter professional and greenskeeper.



1900-The first Pinehurst Clubhouse



1904-The new Pinehurst Clubhouse which served until 1920 when the present Resort Clubhouse was built. The photo shows the gallery at a ladies golf tournament. Contestants putted on sand greens. Women dressed in sweeping skirts and Gibson girl hats.



The construction of the No. 2 Course in 1901



The earthmovers were men and horses

Sand Greens—Distinctive of Pinehurst Courses until the mid-thirties



*SAND GREEN ON #5 HOLE OF THE #1 COURSE
The composition of the greens was clay sprinkled with sand.
They were rolled frequently to keep them smooth.*



The Pyramids - Appearing on Pinehurst Golf Links

The Pyramids are shown in the Pinehurst Outlook Jan. 31, 1902 . By then the first nine holes of Number 2 were built so the pyramids were either on Number one course or the first nine of Number 2. Other golf course architects used this technique for a hazard. They were also referred to as "chocolate drops". The mound was usually formed by stacking uprooted rocks and covering them with a layer of topsoil. This was a useful way to dispose of rocks. Pinehurst's Pyramids stood about waist high.

THE "CHOCOLATE DROPS"



The fairways received the best attention—frequently rolled by a steam roller shown here with the early clubhouse (circa 1904) in the background.



There were no mowing machines in those days. Pictured is a fairway being close cropped with a horse-drawn mower.



To protect the grass growing on the fairways, the horses were fitted with special boots as illustrated above.



Two generations of caddies of the past who carried Tin Whistle bags. The invention of the golf cart was still a long way off.



First locker room attendant, Demus Taylor, a former slave, took good care of earlier Tin Whistle members. Taylortown was named for him.



THE EVER PRESENT SAND BOX AT THE TEE
Making your own tees was an early requirement of the game.
The wooden tee came much later.

The Birth of The Tin Whistles in 1904

Nearly everyone who came to Pinehurst in its early days for the shooting, golf, the air and the rural atmosphere was a seasonal visitor, sometimes en route to or from their winter quarters further south. They were also, for the most part, representatives of the social and economic class which had the time and money for travel and leisure, or part of the business and financial establishment of the country. From the late 1890's on, many of those seasonal visitors came to know each other in Pinehurst if they were not already acquainted in their social and business circles. Several soon brought with them an interest in this new game of golf.

Pinehurst lore says that in the 1890's seasonal visitors began knocking little white balls around the open spaces and perhaps induced the Tufts to bring Donald Ross down from Boston to establish golf in Pinehurst. As earlier stated, the No. 1 course had been laid out by Dr. Culver in 1897-98 and expanded in 1899. When Ross began to lay out No. 2 in 1901, Pinehurst was on the way to take its place as the fountainhead of amateur golf in this country, as it remains today, more than a century later.

Those seasonal visitors who were to form themselves into the group calling themselves the Tin Whistles were undoubtedly instrumental in bringing golf to Pinehurst. They were, however, here to have fun and play golf, not to

make golfing history. In a very dry county in a dry state in a mostly dry country, they certainly constituted what passed for a “sporting crowd” in a little rural village where drinking, even in moderation, was viewed as a matter of morality, and strictly frowned upon by the Tufts family in any public area under their ownership.

By 1904, with two Pinehurst courses in play, a dozen or so of those fun-loving golfers were accustomed to meeting in someone’s room at the Holly Inn for a convivial round of drinks and companionship after a day of golf. Indeed, those gatherings after a round of golf may have been the beginning of the “nineteenth hole” tradition.

During one of those post-golf sessions at the Holly, probably in January, 1904, it was decided that some form of organization would be appropriate to cement their budding companionship. No doubt, their incompatibility with the moral structure of the very dry village also served to promote their fellowship. After a false start at a name, the “Wow Wows”, they settled on the name of “Tin Whistles”, which happened to be the name of a gang of toughs in New York City associated with the corrupt Tammany Hall. The name was something of a joke, meant to raise eyebrows.

The joke carried with it a suggestion of revolt against the social strictures of the age. In 1916, Marshall C. Parshall of Warren, Pennsylvania, who was the first club captain and champion, writing about the sentiments of the group in 1904, said:

...any member of The Tin Whistles who is not an advocate of rum, ruin, and rebellion better resign for if ever an organization came out of the neck of a rum bottle, it was the illustrious Tin Whistles.



Front row (left to right) Charles E. Harrison, Myron H. Wilson (sitting on third step), Charles A. Lockwood, Henry S. Gordon. Second row (left to right) Fred J. Bailey (in coat and hat), Marshall C. Parshall, Matthew B. Brigham, Frederick W. Kenyon, William C. Freeman. Third row (left to right) Allen E. Lard (with bow tie), Alexander Ross, Nat S. Hurd, Lincoln F. Brigham, Reverend George B. Harrington (with clerical collar). Fourth row (left to right) Donald J. Ross, Arthur C. Ketchum (with arm leaning on Ross), Aldice G. Warren (standing at top right with book in hand).

“THE TIN WHISTLES”

PINEHURST’S UNIQUE CLUB OF GOLFERS OFFICERS

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M.C. Parshall, Captain (L.R.), Warren, PA.

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F.W. Kenyon, New York



Marshall C. Parshall of Warren, Pennsylvania. The Tin Whistles' First Club Captain and first Match Play Champion, 1904.

While the formation and naming of the Tin Whistles was considered more of a prank by a fun-loving group at the time, and hardly anything but a temporary vehicle for golf games and drinks, two members of the group took time to draw up a Constitution. Fred J. Bailey of Buffalo and Arthur C. Ketcham of Yonkers compiled the document to reflect the nature of the organization, including:

It shall be the duty of every member in good standing to see that the Pinehurst lid is not pushed too tight. The symbol of the club shall be a tin whistle: the motto; 'Ask the man.'

But there was also the following:

The object of The Tin Whistles is to promote a golfing fellowship begun at Pinehurst...for a choice and chosen few...The eternal headquarters of The Tin Whistles shall be at Pinehurst, N.C.

Tin Whistles historians have chosen February 21, 1904, as the birthdate of the organization, to coincide with the date the Constitution was promulgated.

In his 1962 book, “The Scottish Invasion”, Richard S. Tufts noted that early club members were supplied with a small silver whistle which carried the motto, and he added this thought:

The suggestion has been made that on tournament days the use of the whistle at the right spot on the course would produce a man from the bushes and if the thirsty member happened to ask about a drink he was not likely to be disappointed in the reply.

It has long been assumed that the bushes Mr. Tufts referred to were close to the “little spring” near what is now the twelfth tee on the number 1 Course. An article in the December 1, 1932 Pinehurst Outlook describes it as:

A pretty little spring bubbling from the white sand...Here all golfers of all degrees paused for refreshments, and a small shelter house was built. It is probable that when one Whistle needed something more invigorating than the finest of spring water, he did not linger in want.



Nothing of this shelter remains today; however, on the occasion of the Tin Whistles seventy-five anniversary in 1979, a brass plaque was placed on the 12th tee of the No.1 Course.



Ed Murphy, Bob Hunt, and Frank Greene

The plaque reads as follows:

This plaque commemorates the Old Tin Whistle Spring House located near this site, where, in days gone by, golfers would pause to enjoy the cool and refreshing spring water that bubbled up through the white sand beneath the rustic shelter.

Placed by The Tin Whistles, Inc.
on its 75th Anniversary
February 21, 1979

The Tin Whistles Mature and Become Famous

Even in its infancy, when The Tin Whistles achieved something of a “fast” reputation, the founders were not only gentlemen, but also honorable amateur sportsmen. They soon brought to Pinehurst not only the spirit of camaraderie on the golf course, but increasingly a degree of culture and healthy entertainment.

Lest it be thought that the original Tin Whistles were here in Pinehurst on their own merely for golf during the day followed by scotch whiskey at the Holly Inn, they were accompanied by their wives while in Pinehurst as well as at Jekyll Island, Palm Beach, or wherever they were going to or coming from. Indeed, in Mid-March 1904, the Tin Whistles gave its first cotillion, characterized by The Pinehurst Outlook to be somewhat “rustic” but a “real dancing party nevertheless.” Our first Tin Whistles were certainly proper Victorian gentlemen and dancers as well as golfers and drinkers!

According to the records, the man who did most during the early years to bring permanence and maturity to the club was C. L. Becker of Antwerp, N.Y. He served as club captain from 1906 until 1936, except for an interim period of eleven years. At that point Eric Nelson served for thirty years until 1966. It was Mr. Becker and Mr. Nelson, with the support of officers and members, who carefully guided the growth and emerging purpose of The Tin Whistles into an enduring and famous organization, widely known as standing for the highest standard of golf, gentlemanly conduct, etiquette, ethics, and congenial companionship. They helped to develop criteria for a membership that would maintain such high purposes.

Donald Ross, a notable member, said the Tin Whistles had done much to develop among its members and hundreds of others, a proper respect for the game and its rules, and that since its members came from all quarters, they acted as missionaries helping to establish and maintain these standards in other places.

Mr. Becker and Mr. Nelson, strongly supported by the members over the years, enabled the club to expand from its original temporary fun-loving purposes, and, without losing the quality of fun, to become a bastion of what is best in golf, in gentlemanly conduct, and in cordial sportsmanlike companionship.

The inaugural Annual Tin Whistle dinner was given at The Carolina Hotel on Monday, March 13, 1911, the beginning of a long custom over the past centu-

ry. In a mere seven years, the Tin Whistle golfing fellowship had grown in membership and gathered great prestige. According to The Outlook the “honor speaker” was Mr. Leonard Tufts, who referred to the Tin Whistles as “one of the greatest golf organizations in the country.” The keynote speaker was Reverend T.A. Cheatham, Pinehurst’s Resident Minister, whose words demonstrated that the Tin Whistles were no longer just fun-loving playboys who had taken up the game of golf, but goodwill ambassadors for Pinehurst as well:

The Tin Whistles are men who realize that there are limitless possibilities in golf and who are deriving from it increasing pleasure in consequence, thus playing an important part in further spreading Pinehurst’s fame as the leading golf center of the world.

The second Annual Tin Whistle dinner is worth noting as well. As reported in The Outlook of March 16, 1912, it was a gala evening in the nature of a reunion, where friendships were renewed and new ones formed. Again the “honor speaker” was Mr. Leonard Tufts. Donald Ross told several amusing stories and referred to the Whistles as “the most unique organization of its kind in the world.” The keynote speaker was Mr. Amos Alonzo Stagg, then fifty years old. He had at that time been the athletic director and football coach at the University of Chicago for twenty of the forty one years he served (1892-1933). In time known as “the grand old man of football”, Stagg was a Tin Whistle for thirty years until age 79. He died in 1965 at the age of 102.



*Amos Alonzo Stagg
1863-1965
A Tin Whistle
for 30 years*

“Golf”, he said at the dinner, “has done more for the American business and professional man than any sport of modern times, mainly because it has been played as a sport pure and simple...As thinking men, let us develop it on these lines.”

In 1904, a dozen men created the Tin Whistles, and membership quickly grew to an original twenty eight. Each year more members were added, and there were more than sixty here in Pinehurst and in attendance at the 1912 dinner. The Tin Whistles had already become a small but permanent institution in the world of golf.

In the next decades, the Tin Whistles would grow to well over 300 members, all or whom were carefully selected for their qualities of sportsman-

ship as well as their dedication to amateur golf. In 1928 the membership totaled 400 with 70 on the waiting list. They resided in 24 different states and 4 Canadian provinces.



TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, FEBRUARY 21, 1929

Seated: C.B Hudson, Sec. Treas. Pinehurst: J.W. Jamison, Vice-Pres. Greensburgh, PA.: R.C. Steece, President., Youngstown, Ohio: S.Y. Ramage, Vice-President, Oil City, PA.:H.W. Fownes, Pittsburgh: S.B. Chapin, New York City

Standing: C.S Waterhouse, Chicago: E.C. Keating, Montclair, N.J.: C.M. Rudel, Montreal, Canada: C.L. Becker, Club Captain, Philadelphia: R.C. Shannon, II. Biddeford, Maine

The Pinehurst Outlook of March 21, 1931 summed up the Tin Whistles about as well as anyone could in those days. The newspaper's editorial printed that day bears repeating now, some 73 years later.

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To the Tin Whistles

To begin with, we don't see why the Tin Whistles should have an editorial written for them, or an issue of THE OUTLOOK named in their honor. They are badly spoiled, anyway. Their every tournament, be it ever so humble, has for all the winners and runners-up down to the last notch a silver service worthy of Buckingham Palace, or a traveling bag good enough for the Prince of Wales. Their weekly contests are written up in this publication and in the daily papers as if they were the events of a lifetime. Everything is done to flatter them and make them feel that they are the salt of the earth. They are the spoiled children of Pinehurst.

And the fact is, they deserve to be. The Whistles have done a great deal for golf (to say nothing of what golf has done for the Whistles.) They have kept alive the conviction that golf is a game, when lots of people incline to look on it as a form of exercise, a valuable method of making business contacts, a way of reducing the figure, of winning bets, or of showing off one's prowess. Golf may be all of these things, without great harm being done, but for good fellows it must be first and last a game.

They have done a great deal for Pinehurst. Year after year returning, they are at the core of the permanent quality which makes Pinehurst what it is. There are many good winter resorts, there is only one which rests on the secure and solid basis of life-long friendship.

Finally, they have done a great deal for themselves. They have had a good time, they have showed others how to have a good time, and, from what we hear, they have always told the truth about their scores. In these degenerate days when many people come to Pinehurst who do not care primarily for golf (we might even be among their number) they show an impressive lack of concern about anything much except handicaps, breaking last year's record, and heaping that blame fellow from Pittsburgh. They are not cup-hunters, in spite of the cups which they accumulate. They belong to the nobility, even to the royalty, of golf. Which is to say, they are not in their right minds about it. For this, and other reasons, a toast—to the Tin Whistles!

Walt

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THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK

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Donald Ross, also a fine golfer in his own right, in his early years in America did well in the tournaments of the day. Several times he won the important North and South Open at Pinehurst. But his abiding interest and profession was to design and build golf courses. During his lifetime he designed or redesigned more than 400 courses in North America.

His policy regarding golf architecture can be best described by a philosophy he often espoused: “Golf should be for pleasure, not a penance.” His interpretation of the word pleasure was very broad, implying not only a fair course which presented problems and a challenge to all types of golfers in all departments of the game, but which was also as natural as possible.

Below is a photo of his parental home in Dornoch, Scotland often referred to as the “Royal Golf Village”.



The Ross Parental Home

By 1915 Ross had been appointed manager of the Pinehurst Country Club and a director of Pinehurst, Inc. Here he is seated with Richard Tufts (circa 1940).



Tufts and Ross

Prominent Tin Whistles over the Years

While many persons of considerable prominence from a variety of fields have been Tin Whistles, a number have held high positions and renown in the world of golf. Four members have served as president of the United States Golf Association: William C. Fownes, Jr. held the post in 1926-27; George W. Blossom, Jr. in 1942-43; Richard S. Tufts in 1956-57 and William C. Campbell in 1982-83.

Among U.S. Amateur champions, a goodly number have been members of the Tin Whistles They include the following great champions and the years they won:

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| W.C. Fownes, Jr. | 1910 |
| Robert Tyre Jones, Jr. | 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930 |
| George Dunlap | 1933 |
| Richard Chapman | 1940 |
| Arnold Palmer | 1954 |
| Harvie Ward | 1955, 1956 |
| Jack Nicklaus | 1959, 1961 |
| Jay Sigel | 1982, 1983 |

In addition Alex Ross, an original Tin Whistle, was US Open Champion in 1907.

In addition to men of prominence in the world of golf, the business and professional communities were well represented over the years, as they are today. While the names of many Tin Whistle corporate and industrial leaders had generally faded, The Pinehurst Outlook proclaimed in 1935: “The roster of club members includes scores of the great and the near great....all meeting in the equality of good sportsmanship. Eberhard Faber belongs, and so do George T. Dunlap and Alexander Grosset, the famous publishers: H.N. Spaulding and Amos Alonzo Stagg represent the world of sport, and Edgar Guest, a member, once wrote a poem in their honor at a Tin Whistle dinner.” Indeed, the membership was riddled with the Who’s Who of American industry and society-names like Biddle, Woolworth, Fownes, and Hanna - as well as many who represented great wealth.

Today, in the Tin Whistles’ one-hundredth year, the club By-Laws cap the full time resident membership at 200. In addition, there are 92 life members, 6 non-resident members and 11 honorary members, making a grand total in 2004 of 309 Tin Whistles.



W.C. Frownes, Jr.



Robert Tyre Jones, Jr.



George Dunlap



Richard Chapman



Arnold Palmer



Harvie Ward



Jack Nicklaus



Jay Sigel

Honorary Members

Over the years, the Tin Whistles have been proud to count several distinguished gentlemen as Honorary members. Fifty years ago, there were two: Bobby Jones and General George C. Marshall.

The By-Laws of the Tin Whistles specify the criteria for Honorary membership:

An individual who is or has been associated with the game of golf, either in a professional or non-professional capacity, whose lifetime career reflects a pattern of devotion to the highest traditions of sportsmanship and honorable service to his community.

The Honorary members of the Tin Whistles in our Centennial year are:



Bill Campbell



Roberto DeVincenzo



George Dunlap



Gerald Ford



Jack Nicklaus



Arnold Palmer



Gary Schall



Gary Player



Jay Sigel



Richard Von Tacky



Harvie Ward

OTHER HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE PAST

1917- REV. T.A. CHEATHAM

1917-DONALD J. ROSS

1962-RICHARD TUFTS

1917-ANDREW S. CREAMER

1920-LEONARD TUFTS

1962-MYRON W. MARR

1917-HERBERT L. JILLSON

1923-C. L. BECKER

1969-ERIC NELSON

1917-J. I. JOLLY

1932-ROBERT TYRE JONES, JR. 1974 -J. PORTER BRINTON

1917-HARRY W. PRIEST

1942-W.C. FOWNES

1974-GORDON M. HILL

1917-ALEXANDER ROSS

1947-GEORGE C. MARSHALL

1974-CLIFFORD B. ROBERTS

1977-RICHARD D. CHAPMAN

Two particularly notable honorary Tin Whistle members of the past were General of the Army George C. Marshall; and the legendary golf champion, Bobby Jones, shown below at work on the links.



Bobby Jones in a familiar pose during a round at Pinehurst.

Among the Tin Whistles' most illustrious members was General of the Army George C. Marshall, the leader of this country's military effort against the Germans and Japanese during World War II, Secretary of State following the War, and author of the Marshall Plan for the recovery of post war Europe.

Following his retirement from an extraordinary career in the military and the State Department, General Marshall and his wife took up residence in Pinehurst. While here, the Marshalls enjoyed life at their home on McCaskill Road, frequently attending golf and other events.



THE TIN WHISTLES IN THE 50TH YEAR



PINEHURST'S ANCIENT AND HONORABLE

Seated in front row are officers and members of the Board of Governors. left to right: Joseph F. Remington, Akron, Ohio: Richard D. Chapman, Pinehurst: Robison Cook, Madison, Ct: Ralph R. Rumery, New York City: Louis R. Poretous, Portland, Maine: I. Patterson, West Newton, Mass. newly elected president: Donald D. Cooke, Baltimore, President: Francis C. Robertson and General Stuart Cutler, Pinehurst: S.A. Strickland, Detroit: Eric Nelson, Pinehurst, Sec-Treasurer. Standing at far left, George T. Dunlap, oldest member.

THE TIN WHISTLES AT THE SEVENTY- FIFTH



OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Standing, left to right, Gordon H. Dalton: Robert A. Lagergren: Charles Stephens: James E. Hanrahan, Jr: Paul W. Lapey, Secretary: William J. Burke: Richard H. deYoung: Martin J. Iuler, Club Captain: Robert G. Lawrence. Sitting, left to right, B.W. Bogan, Treasurer: David Brumbaugh: Perry Jones: Lawrence Marchese, President; Thomas F. Neal, Vice-President; Robert A. Hunt. Absent from photograph T. William Selman

TIN WHISTLE CLUB CAPTAINS



Club Captain J. G. Nicholson- Ex-President C.B. Hudson

PAST CLUB CAPTAINS

1904-MARSHALL PARSHALL
1906-C.L. BECKER
1910-JAMES B. LADD
1911-IRVING S. ROBESON
1913-JOHN G. NICHOLSON
1915-WALTER L. MILLIKEN
1916-DONALD PARSON
1918-LESLIE PIERCE
1920-C.L. BECKER

1936-ERIC NELSON
1966-FRANK WELLS
1969-COLEMAN ROMAIN
1970-HAROLD E. MAHONEY
1977-HUBERT McCASKILL
1978-MARTIN IULER
1983-WILLIAM G. MAXSON
1987-DON MITCHELL

ERIC NELSON IN LATER YEARS



Eric Nelson became Club Captain in 1936 and served for 30 years. He was a major force in the developing years of the Tin Whistles & primarily responsible for the vitality and recognition of the "Whistles".

ROBERT A. HUNT TIN WHISTLES CLUB CAPTAIN 1996 -



Robert A. Hunt was president of the Tin Whistles in 1988, served two terms on the Board of Governors, and is presently on the TWERF Board of Trustees. An accomplished golfer, Bob won the Super Senior Division of the 40th North and South Senior Men's Championship in 1991 and five North Carolina Senior Golf Association championships, in addition to winning eleven major Tin Whistle tournaments, including three of the prestigious Match Play championships.

THE TIN WHISTLES PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 1904-Fred J. Failey | 1937-W.H. Watt | 1970-Joseph S. Zelic |
| 1905-C.A. Lockwood | 1938-F.C. Robertson | 1971-Thomas C. Ragan |
| 1906-G. Lee Knight | 1939-J.C. Musser | 1972-Alvie J. Claxton |
| 1907-H.W. Ormsby | 1940-K.B. Tousdell | 1973-Lt.Gen. Leonard Heaton |
| 1908-C.L. Becker | 1941-Norwood Johnston | 1974-Wheaton Kittredge |
| 1909-J.D. Foot | 1942-G.T. Dunlap, Sr. | 1975-John J. Farrell |
| 1910-W.L. Hurd | 1943-H. Frederick Lesh | 1976-Col. Coleman Romain |
| 1911-John E. Kellogg | 1944-J.P. Elton | 1977-Walter W.K. Bennett |
| 1912-Charles B. Hudson | 1945-Raymond S. Farr | 1978-Adm. William Gentner |
| 1913-Henry C. Fownes | 1946-John L. Given | 1979-Lawrence Marchese |
| 1914-I.S. Robeson | 1947-S.A. Strickland | 1980-Thomas F. Neal |
| 1915-J.G. Nicholson | 1948-John O. Hobson | 1981-Charles H. Stephens |
| 1916-T.B. Boyd | 1949-William C. Fownes, Jr. | 1982-Andrew Hacskaylo |
| 1917-W.L. Millikan | 1950-Max Von Schlegell | 1983-A. Carl Moser |
| 1918-W.B. Johnson | 1951-Robert W. White | 1984-George E. Fissel |
| 1919-Donald Parson | 1952-Stuart H. Stet | 1985-William F. Hollister |
| 1920-Donald Parson | 1953-Donald D. Cooke | 1986-Jack B. Kubisch |
| 1921-James Barber | 1954-Seward M. Paterson | 1987-Robert W. Shaw |
| 1922-Leslie D. Pierce | 1955-H. Arnold Jackson | 1988-Robert A. Hunt |
| 1923-George W. Statzeli | 1956-C.L. Von Tacky | 1989-Glenn P. Brooks |
| 1924-C.S. Waterhouse | 1957-B.F. Kraffert, Jr. | 1990-Harvey E. Spielman |
| 1925-Eberhard Faber | 1958-John W. Lindsay | 1991-Elton L. Kerber |
| 1926-Herman Ellis | 1959-Gen. A.V. Arnold | 1992-Donald E. Russell |
| 1927-Henry C. Fownes | 1960-J. Stewart Baker | 1993-Clarence F. Harris |
| 1928-Henry C. Fownes | 1961-Warter L. Atkins | 1994-John W. Motter |
| 1929-Rollin C. Steese | 1962-Gen. Stuart Cutler | 1995-Harry C. Mason |
| 1930-J.M. Jamison | 1963-John Read Burr | 1996-Richard E. Carson |
| 1931-Samuel Y. Ramage | 1964-William C. Harris | 1997-Francis X. Greene |
| 1932-William W. Windle | 1965-Robert Finney | 1998-Ralph Kortge |
| 1933-Edward H. Batson | 1966-Homer H. Johnson | 1999-W. Eugene Danneberg |
| 1934-Percy W. Thomson | 1967-John P. Huestis | 2000-Edmond J. Murphy |
| 1935-Warren Bicknell | 1968-Francis W. Bellows | 2001-James J. Cassidy |
| 1936-H.H. Beckwith | 1969-John W. Bellows | 2002-Eugene V. Casper |
| | | 2003-G. Bruce Monteith |

TIN WHISTLES LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS



Front row left to right: Richard E. Carson, W. Eugene Danneberg, Andrew HacsKaylo, Francis X. Greene Glenn P. Brooks. Second row left to right: Edmond J. Murphy, G. Bruce Monteith, Eugene V. Kasper, John W. Motter, Harvey E. Spielman. Back Row left to right: Robert A. Hunt, Jack B. Kubisch, James J. Cassidy, Ralph Kortge. Absent: Donald E. Russell.

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TIN WHISTLES TOURNAMENTS

From the outset, the Tin Whistles have held their own golf tournaments, with regularly scheduled events each Saturday on one of the Pinehurst courses. The schedule, arranged by a tournament committee, includes nine “major” championships, the oldest and most prestigious of which is the Match Play Tournament that began the year we were founded in 1904 and has been held annually ever since. The roll of Match Play champions includes some multiple winners whose names are famous in the world of amateur golf, like Richard Tufts, George Dunlap, and Dick Chapman.

MATCH PLAY CLUB CHAMPIONS

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| 1904-Marshall C. Parshall | 1937-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1970-Leon J. Dwulet, M.D. |
| 1905-James D. Foot | 1938-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1971-Richard M. Todd |
| 1906-Henry C. Fownes | 1939-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1972-George T. Baird, Jr. |
| 1907-David Fleming, Jr. | 1940-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1973-David P. Macharg |
| 1908-C. L. Becker | 1941-Richard S. Tufts | 1974-R.M. Todd |
| 1909-C. L. Becker | 1942-Richard S. Tufts | 1975-David P. Macharg |
| 1910-Walter R. Tuckerman | 1943-Richard S. Tufts | 1976-David P. Macharg |
| 1911-George H. Crocker | 1944-J.T. Hunter | 1977-R.M. Todd |
| 1912-William C. Fownes, Jr. | 1945-J.T. Hunter | 1978-R.M. Todd |
| 1913-Parker W. Whittemore | 1946-J.T. Hunter | 1979-Sidney G. Richardson |
| 1914-Robert Hunter | 1947-Richard D. Chapman | 1980-Henry E. McCoy |
| 1915-Robert Hunter | 1948-Richard D. Chapman | 1981-Henry E. McCoy |
| 1916-Parker W. Whittemore | 1949-Richard D. Chapman | 1982-Henry E. McCoy |
| 1917-Parker W. Whittemore | 1950-Richard D. Chapman | 1983-Richard J. Richardson |
| 1918-Irving S. Robeson | 1951-Richard D. Chapman | 1984-Henry E. McCoy |
| 1919-Parker W. Whittemore | 1952-Ray H. Taylor, Jr. | 1985-William J. Wilson |
| 1920-Irving S. Robeson | 1953-B.F. Kraffert, Jr. | 1986-Robert A. Hunt |
| 1921-Parker W. Whittemore | 1954-Richard D. Chapman | 1987-Henry E. McCoy |
| 1922-Donald Parson | 1955-Richard D. Chapman | 1988-Colin Bentley |
| 1923-John D. Chapman | 1956-Richard D. Chapman | 1989-Robert A. Hunt |
| 1924-Parker W. Whittemore | 1957-Ronald R. Mackenzie. | 1990-Robert E. Small |
| 1925-Donald Parson | 1958-Arthur G. Dezendorf | 1991-Robert A. Hunt |
| 1926-Donald Parson | 1959-B.F. Kraffert, Jr. | 1992-Ralph Kortge |
| 1927-Parker W. Whittemore | 1960-Edward L. Keating | 1993-Ralph Kortge |
| 1928-Edwin L. Schofield | 1961-Col. Wallace W. Simpson | 1994-Thomas Shannon |
| 1929-Richard S. Tufts | 1962-Joel Curtis Hufford | 1995-Thomas Shannon |
| 1930-Edwin L. Schofield | 1963-Peter V. Tufts | 1996-Thomas Shannon |
| 1931-B.F. Kraffert, Jr. | 1964-David P. Macharg | 1997-Thomas Shannon |
| 1932-Richard S. Tufts | 1965-David P. Macharg | 1998-Bill Jados |
| 1933-Richard S. Tufts | 1966-Peter V. Tufts | 1999-Bill Jados |
| 1934-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1967-Dr. J.C.T. Sihler | 2000-Bill Jados |
| 1935-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1968-Col. Wallace W. Simpson | 2001-James R. Jones, III |
| 1936-G.T. Dunlap, Jr. | 1969-Clyde C. Mangum, Jr. | 2002-James S. Irwin |
| | | 2003-Bruce W. Weir |

CHAPMAN – Tin Whistles champion 8 times. USGA Amateur 1940, Canadian Amateur 1949, British Amateur 1951, French Amateur 1952, North-South 1958, Walker Cup Team 1947, 1951, and 1953.

DUNLAP – Tin Whistles champion 7 times. North-South Winner 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1942. USGA Winner in 1933.



George Dunlap and Richard Chapman

Right behind the Match Play Championship are five family-endowed tournaments. The tournaments cover a variety of formats and are scheduled at regular intervals through the year. The list of family endowed tournaments includes:

JAMES BARBER MEMORIAL TROPHY

This tournament was established in 1929. Mr. Barber was elected to the Tin Whistles in 1904 and served as president in 1921. He was owner and president of the Barber Steamship Company of New York. He eventually became a resident of Pinehurst and his home still stands today.

HOWARD KENWORTHY MEMORIAL

This tournament was founded in 1952. Howard Kenworthy was elected to membership in the Tin Whistles in 1939. Prior to his retirement and becoming a resident of Pinehurst, he was an executive of The Falls Steel Tube and Manufacturing Company of Newton Falls, Ohio.

DONALD AND GEORGE A. PARSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Parson tournament was initiated in 1963. Donald Parson was elected to the Tin Whistles in 1914 and served as president in 1919/20. He was an author, poet, and expert bridge player, and was Match Play champion in 1922, 1925, and 1926. His son, George A. Parson became a Tin Whistle in 1973.

WALTER G. ROBINS TROPHY

This tournament was created in 1974. Mr. Robins was an officer of Bankers Trust Company of New York. He became a Tin Whistle in 1948 and a full time resident of Pinehurst in 1956.

GEORGE T. BAIRD, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY

This newest major event was established in 1991 in honor of George Baird, a long-time Tin Whistle, a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the tournament committee. He was president of Glendale Steel Corporation, president of the Long Island Golf Association, and a board member of the Metropolitan Golf Association as well as being a single-digit handicap golfer.

Other annual tournaments include the Tin Whistle MEDAL PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP which began in 1979 as a 54-hole event, but is now played as a 36-hole event. The SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP was initiated in 1939 and the PRESIDENT'S CUP in 1978.

THE TIN WHISTLES INTERNATIONAL PLAY



*The Tin Whistles and the Searchers Golf Society
Nov. 7, 2000 at the Pinehurst Country Club.*

The Searchers Golf Society, founded in 1966 in Aberdovey, Wales played a 36-hole mini-Ryder Cup match with the Tin Whistles on November 6 & 7, 2000 on Pinehurst Courses #1 and #3. The Searchers Golf Society takes an annual tour each year to the United States or France. This was their first tour to the United States. The Tin Whistles were victorious by a 17-1/2 to 12-1/2 score in a hotly contested event enjoyed by all.

THE CLUB ROOM TODAY



During the early days of the Tin Whistles, the clubroom was any available space in the Holly Inn that was unoccupied at the time. In 1923, the organization acquired its first clubroom in the old Pinehurst Country Club. After occupying quarters in the newly-built Members Club from 1975 to 1987, the Tin Whistles clubroom moved to a now wholly-owned office in the Pinehurst Executive Center complex.



The Tin Whistles and the Community

The Tin Whistles organization has never been only about golf. From its earliest days this private club has been concerned with community needs. As the Great Depression descended upon the country, and upon Pinehurst, a sum of money was contributed by the Tin Whistle membership. Half of the money went to the then newly-constructed Moore County hospital and the other half to relief assistance for local needy families. In 1932, the Board of Governors dispensed with the Annual Dinner and donated the funds for vital assistance to Pinehurst caddies and their dependents.

In the 1940's, the "Whistles" raised money to rebuild the burned house of "Happy" Talbert, who drove the bus between the hotels and the country club and was well known to all the members. These are just a few examples of Tin Whistle outreach to the local community and many others could be cited.



"HAPPY" AND HIS BUS

Tin Whistles Educational and Research Foundation (TWERF)

The most permanent and meaningful contribution made to the community has been the Tin Whistles Educational and Research Foundation (TWERF). The program, which funds college scholarships for Moore County high school students, was initiated in 1978 by Admiral William E. Gentner, then president of the Tin Whistles. The program has been administered for the last twenty years by Board Member, A. Parker Hall, Jr.

The first grant was to two students in the amount of \$1200.00. Grants subsequently have risen to \$2000.00 per year for four years to four students. At the end of 2003, some 56 young people have benefited from these scholarships, attended twenty different colleges and universities, and maintained a nearly 100% graduation record.

The amount of grants exceeded \$456,000 by the end of 2003, all of which had been contributed by Tin Whistles and a few outside friends. The TWERF program continues to flourish and the total contributed continues to grow. This program has become one of the best known and sought after scholarships in Moore County, and makes the statement that our golfer members not only take pleasure in the camaraderie and love of golf, but can and do give generously of themselves to others.

**TIN WHISTLES EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2004**



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OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Until the end of the 1960's, most Tin Whistles were seasonal visitors whose principal residences were elsewhere, although many maintained second homes in Pinehurst. That began to change in the 1970's and 1980's as men retiring from careers in business, government, and the military established their main residence in the Sandhills area. As that change took place, Tin Whistles, in ever growing numbers, participated in local government, contributed time, money, and effort to numerous civic and charitable organizations, and served as members of the Village Council, the Board of County Commissioners, and as officers and directors of virtually every institution supported by the community. This is a significant Tin Whistle contribution to the local populace in terms of leadership and accomplishment which cannot be matched by any other group in this area.

On the golf scene, Tin Whistles have marshaled every major tournament which has been held in Pinehurst in recent years, e.g., The Tour Championship, The Senior Open and the memorable 1999 U.S. Open and will again be heavily involved in the 2005 Open.

As we enter our second century, the Tin Whistles will build on accomplishments of the past and continue to make an outstanding contribution to Pinehurst and other neighboring Moore County communities.

THE TIN WHISTLES POEM

Edgar A. Guest To The Tin Whistles

If you're a Tin Whistle, old pal, and I reckon you are,
Your character, day in an out, must be rated at par.
Your game may be bad, but your word must be good.
You must take a defeat when it's right that you should.
You may come home a failure and no one will care,
May start with high hopes and come down in despair,
But you must return at the end of the day
The man that you were when you started to play.

If you're a Tin Whistle, the love of the game
Must mean more to you than the prize you may claim.
You must choose with a smile to go down to defeat
Rather than finish the day as a cheat.
It may be that never a medal you'll wear,
Nor claim the game's silver, but no one will care.
You may struggle to win just as hard as you can,
But failing, you still must come in as a man.

If you're a Tin Whistle, your worth isn't told
By the money you own or the station you hold.
You have risen above the base standards of earth
And have come to a higher conception of worth.
You stand an example to eager-eyed youth
Of the life that is lived in the sunlight of truth,
And wherever you play you must hold to the plan
That the Tin Whistle button's the badge of a man.

EDGAR A. GUEST
Tin Whistle, U.S. Journalist
and Renowned Poet

THE TIN WHISTLES SONG

Words: By General Stuart Cutler, Tin Whistle President, 1962
Tune: The Whiffenpoof Song

To the courses down at Pinehurst,
To the stories we shall tell,
To the dear old bunkers that we know so well;
There the Whistlers all assemble,
With their mashies raised on high,
And the swishing of their drivers casts a spell.
Yes, the swishing of their drivers,
From the tee on Number One,
And the dragging of their feet when day is done;
We will serenade our winners who proudly did their best,
Till they're gone and forgotten with the rest.

We are poor old guys who have lost our way,
Fore, Fore, Fore,
And our little white ball has gone astray,
Fore, Fore, Fore,
Gentlemen golfers slow off the tee,
Damned from there to eternity,
God have mercy on such as we,
Fore, Fore, Fore.

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President

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