Fairway Club

1944

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Fairway Club was organized, and the first match played at the old Aronimink Golf Club, in April, 1919. It was patterned after the "Ozone Club", a Quaker golfing group started in 1901 and still going strong. Team matches with this club in the early 20's resulted in decisive victories for the younger Fairway Club.

By 1931, the Fairway Club "waiting list" had grown so large that a number of these prospective members decided to organize on their own, and the "Wayfair Club" was born. The friendly rivalry between the two has added much to the value of each, with the parent club teaching the youngsters some of the fine points of the game at the annual inter-club team matches. (The score now stands 7 wins for Fairway to 5 for Wayfair!)

The Fairway-Wayfair table at the Union League, daily meeting place for members of both clubs, is the scene of frequent verbal battles and reports of what-should-have-been on the golf course. Bridge and bowling tournaments also help to shorten the otherwise barren period between golf seasons.

There have been 67 members of the Fairway Club, 42 of whom are still on the list. 16 have resigned or been dropped for non-attendance and 9 have been lost by death.

During these 25 years, the members have played 4934 rounds in regular club matches on 48 courses with a grand average score of just 99 strokes. Adding special matches, including the annual fall outing at Skytop, the total number of times the ball has been hit, not counting whiffs, must be well over half a million. The lowest score, 72, was made by S. L. Jones at Aronimink in 1938 and the highest by F. E. Sagendorph in 1923, when he burned up Pine Valley in 165 sterling shots.

Former active members, still affiliated but for the time being classified as "inactive", include H. E. Baton, J. A. Brown, W. H. Gillam, B. S. Mechling, N. A. Scott and J. A. Turner.

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