

# CELEBRATING 90 YEARS: GENESEE VALLEY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



HONORING A RICH HISTORY OF WOMEN'S GOLF ACHIEVEMENTS



# Officials Pick Site for Golf Clubhouse at Genesee Valley Links

## KNOLL CLOSE TO 1ST, 10TH TEES CHOSEN

Fine View, Close Proximity to Courses, Parking Space Main Reasons for Choice

Definite location for the new clubhouse at the golf links at Genesee Valley Park was selected yesterday and bids for the structure, which is estimated to cost \$75,000, will be received by Wendell T. Andrews, city purchasing agent, on Aug. 5. The plans and specifications have been prepared by Frank Day, architect, and provide a building that will combine practicality and convenience to the thousands of persons using the golf links, with an artistic design. Selection of a suitable site examined some delay in the construction of the building.

City Manager Stephen D. Story is cooperation with George J. Nier, commissioner of public safety, checked over the plans with the view of having them include the maximum comfort and convenience to the public and their

## Women List Open Day at Brook-Lea

Members of the Women's Golf Association of Western New York will stage an open day tournament at Brook-Lea Country Club this morning. It is not scheduled as a regular monthly social play tournament but will be open to all members desiring to play an 18-hole round. It is expected that there will be a heavy turn out from Rochester.

## SECOND RACE PROGRAM ON LIST SUNDAY

Irondequoit Yacht Club To Run Program for Out-board Speeders

Second of the season's speed boat races meets on Irondequoit Bay, under the auspices of the Irondequoit Yacht Club, will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, off Newport, according to the announcement by the club.

## New Golf Quarters Planned at Genesee Valley Links



## Walter Dear Trots Best Heat of Year to Win Race Feature

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 24.—(AP)—Walter Dear, Walter H. Brown's colt which has been an outstanding favorite for the Hambletonian stake to be trotted at Lexington in October, made his first start of the season in the three-year old trot here this afternoon and celebrated the event by setting a new record for the 1929 Grand Circuit. Walter Dear stepped the first heat, to beat out contender in 2:03 1-3. The best previous mark by three-year-olds this season was 2:04 1-4 which contender hung

## ROUTIS IS KAYOED BY AL SINGER

Feather Champion Floored Three Times Before

## Till to Meet K. O. Brown on Wolford-Corri Bill Monday

With the signing of K. O. Brown, colorful New York light-heavyweight, to box Oak Till, local sharp shooter in a ten-round bout Matchmaker Anse Carroll of the Rochester Sporting Club yesterday completed his card of bouts to be presented at the Paddock, Edgerton Park, Monday night. The Till-Brown battle will share the top place on the bill with the Ray Wolford-Pieten Corri struggle.

The complete card:  
Ray Faltout, Rochester, vs. Pete Corri, Spain, ten rounds, heavyweights.  
Oak Till, Rochester, vs. K. O. Brown, New York, ten rounds, light-heavyweights.

Betty Cohen, Rochester, vs. Jack Madison, Rochester, six rounds, light-heavyweights.  
Joe Alfa, Rochester, vs. "Turkey" Root, Rochester, six rounds, junior lightweights.

Annie Fouts, Rochester, vs. Johnny Owens, Auburn, four rounds, welterweights.

The Till-Brown bout was closed for by Carroll after much dickering. Brown, who is handled by Les P. Flynn, was not any to keep about moving Omer in the new backyard but finally consented to the match. Brown holds two victories over "Turkey" Jim Williams and has also beaten Charlie Balenger, light-heavyweight champion of Canada, Eddie Owens, Ray Roush, Bob Lawson and "Tiger"

## DUNDEE AND FIELDS SET FOR BATTLE

Welter Crown at Stake in 15-Round Bout Tonight in Detroit Ring

Detroit, July 24.—P.—With their 15-round battle in the new arena of the World Fair grounds only a matter of a few hours distant, welterweight champion Joe Dundee and his challenger, Jackie Fields, called a halt to their strenuous training programs today.

The only important event that lies between the fighters and the first round going is the weighing in, proposed tomorrow. There is no doubt that the two welters will top the official scales below the maximum 147 pounds. Dundee, who has been putting pounds lately, expects to weigh between 144 and 145.

Both fighters went through a few rounds of light exercise last

## BROOK-LEA WOMEN WIN

Turn Back Newark in Team Match; Mrs. Fegan and Taylor Play Well

Brook-Lea Country Club women defeated a team from Newark Country Club on the Brook-Lea course yesterday, 19 to 8. Mrs. C. B. Fegan and Mrs. F. Taylor of Brook-Lea played the golf well, winning three points for their team.

# EARLY YEARS



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## CLUB HOUSE (1920s)





# KEY FOUNDERS AND EARLY LEADERS

## Women Golfers Form Genesee Valley Club

### Plans Blind Bogie Event And Elects Officers

The Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association was organized last night at a meeting at the Genesee Valley course. Mrs. E. W. Taylor was elected president; Miss Dorothy Ryan is the secretary and Miss Francis Whiting is the treasurer.

The organization will hold a blind bogie tournament at the Genesee Valley Club Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Those interested in joining are asked to call the golf shop at Gen. 1056.

**Democrat and Chronicle**

Rochester, New York • Thu, Jun 6, 1935

Newspaper article states,  
“was organized last night”, June 5, 1935

## CHANGES FOR WOMEN IN SPORTS

The early 20th century marked a significant increase in women's participation in sports, shaping their roles in society.

## FORMATION OF THE WOMEN'S GOLF ORGANIZATION

The Women's Golf Organization was established to foster a supportive community for women golfers and enhance competitive opportunities.

## PROMOTING WOMEN'S GOLF

The organization aimed to promote women's golf at competitive levels, paving the way for future generations of female golfers.



# KEY FOUNDERS AND EARLY LEADERS

## PIONEERING WOMEN

A group of pioneering women founded the organization, emphasizing the significance of golf as a sport for women.

President: Mrs. Elmore Taylor

Vice President: Mrs. E.L. Miller

Secretary: Dorothy Ryan

Treasurer: Frances Whiting

Tournaments: Hilda Barry

Golf Chair: Miss Ada Munger





# KEY FOUNDERS AND EARLY LEADERS



**Feminine Golfers  
Elect at Genesee**

The Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association will have its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Garland, Thursday. At the association's spring luncheon these officers were named:

President, Mrs. Henry Freeman; vicepresident, Mrs. Kay Murdock; secretary, Mrs. William Walsh; treasurer, Mrs. John C. Walsh; golf chairman, Mrs. Howard Jermy; assistant golf chairman, Miss Dolores Merrell; chairman of social events, Mrs. Charles Wiesner; telephone committee, Mrs. Edward Garland and Mrs. Lee Sykes; prizes, Mrs. Earl Miller; fellowship, Mrs. Frank Herring; publicity, Miss Marie Collins.

## LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

The leadership of these women laid the groundwork for the future growth of the organization in women's golf.

## FOUNDATION OF THE ORGANIZATION

The founders established a strong foundation that continues to support and promote women's golf today.



# INITIAL CHALLENGES AND MILESTONES



## CHALLENGES FACED

The Women's Golf Organization had to overcome challenges related to gaining recognition and attracting new members in a competitive environment.

## FIRST TOURNAMENTS

The organization marked key milestones with its first tournaments, helping to raise awareness and establish its reputation in the golf community.

## BUILDING MOMENTUM

The successful execution of events helped build momentum, attracting more participants and increasing visibility for the Women's Golf Organization.



# GVWGA PAST PRESIDENTS

1935	Edith Taylor
1937	Dolores Merrell
1938	Edith Taylor
1939	Doris Fleishman
1940	Doris Fleishman
1943	Rosalie Sykes
1947	Mrs. Henry Freeman
1948	Maude Miller
1950	Mrs. William Walsh
1953	Mrs. Charles Weisner
1957	Mabel M. Smith
1958	Mabel M. Smith
1959	Mabel M. Smith
1960	Mabel M. Smith
1961	Mrs. Wilbur Eckert
1962	Mrs. Wilbur Eckert



# GVWGA PAST PRESIDENTS

1994	Linda Keith
1995	Elaine Hallett
1996	Judy Trau
1997	Judy Trau
1998	Judy Trau
1999	Grace Frost
2000	Linda McCann-Cowit
2001	Linda McCann-Cowit
2002	Georgia Rush
2003	Georgia Rush
2004	Georgia Rush
2005	Georgia Rush
2006	Lisa Valbergs
2007	Lisa Valbergs
2008	Georgia Rush
2009	Georgia Rush

2010	Georgia Rush
2011	Judy Hazelden
2012	Judy Hazelden
2013	Judy Hazelden
2014	Liz Prescod
2015	Liz Prescod
2016	Liz Prescod
2017	Liz Prescod
2018	Christine Hart
2019	Christine Hart
2020	Lissa Schaefer
2021	Lissa Schaefer
2022	Lissa Schaefer
2023	Georgia Rush
2024	Georgia Rush
2025	Cindy Keller



# GVWGA PAST CHAMPIONS

## Mrs. Moore Takes Genesee Golf Win

Mrs. Cora Moore is the new champion of the Woman's Golf Association of Genesee Valley Park, following her 5 and 4 victory over Mrs. Doris Fleischman.

In class B Mrs. Irma Garland defeated Miss Rose Hellenschmidt, 1 up. Other results: Beaten eight of Class A, Miss Joan Link defeated Miss Mary Lopez, 3 and 2; beaten eight of Class B, Mrs. Esther Heibeck defeated Mrs. Dorothy Vine, 2 and 1.

Cora Moore  
1st Champion - 1935

## Golf Links Offer Course to Love

She was secretary in Rochester law offices for a number of years. He is in government service stationed at Quonset Naval Base, R.I. Both are avid golfers.

They met on her vacation last summer. "We were playing at a golf meet in Rhode Island."

Saturday they will be married.

The former president of the Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association (for six years) and a member of RDGA (for several years) the bride-to-be is Miss Mabel M. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Fred Smith of Lilac Drive. She was secretary to the late Maurice J. Kaman, attorney.

Her fiance is James F. O'Connell, resident of East Greenwich, R.I., with offices in North Kingston, R.I.

The ceremony will take place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church of North Kingston. Attendants will be Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Hargreaves of Fall River, Mass., friends of Miss Smith, and Loring Record of North Kingston, as Mr. O'Connell's best man.

The couple will go to Bermuda for their trip; live in East Greenwich.



James F. O'Connell and Miss Mabel Smith  
... golfers to wed

Street mentions with pride her two far-traveling granddaughters.

One is Mrs. Jack Sadwick —she's with her Navy husband in Scotland where he is serving on the USS Proteus. The other — Mrs.

Breda, Holland, has been the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Vandermeer of Benton Street, for the past year. During her time in this country she also visited her son, Herbert



Jean Cardinale  
1937 Champion

James F. O'Connell & Miss Mabel Smith



# GVWGA PAST CHAMPIONS



**TROPHIES FOR TONIGHT**—Members of Genesee Valley Women's Golf Assn. polish trophies to be awarded at this evening's annual dinner. From the left are Mrs. William O'Connell, Mrs. Julian Baranowski and Miss Mabel M. Smith. They will be installed as officers of the club.

## *Trophies Awarded To Golf Winners*

Trophies for club championships were awarded to Miss Ann Marie Di Cesare and Miss Gayle Widener recently at a dinner held by the Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association.

Officers of the club for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Wilbur Eckert; vice president, Miss Joan Haefner; secretary, Mrs. Earl F. Smith; treasurer, Miss Shirley Freeman.

Ann Marie Di Cesare  
1961 Champion



# GVWGA PAST CHAMPIONS

- 2024 - Susan Penepent
- 2023 - Michele Miller
- 2022 - Susan Penepent
- 2021 - Amy Hay
- 2020 - Amy Hay
- 2019 - Sue Stojanovich
- 2018 - Linda Bailey
- 2017 - Linda Bailey
- 2016 - Linda Bailey
- 2015 - Mary Schlitzer
- 2014 - Linda Bailey
- 2013 - Cara Laney
- 2012 - Kathy Schuth
- 2011 - Kathy Schuth
- 2010 - Valliery Holmes
- 2009 - Valliery Holmes
- 2008 - Chris Hengstler
- 2007 - Sharon Owen
- 2006 - Georgia Rush
- 2005 - Marge Neil
- 2004 - Emma Williams
- 2003 - Carolyn Tinling
- 2002 - Linda Chait
- 2001 - Carolyn Tinling
- 2000 - Shelia Diprima
- 1999 - Shelia Diprima
- 1998 - Shelia Diprima
- 1997 - Shirley Blandino
- 1996 - Shirley Blandino
- 1995 - Maggie Kril
- 1994 - Maggie Kril
- 1993 - Maggie Kril
- 1992 - Peg Ankerman
- 1991 - Sherri Skinski
- 1990 - Peg Ankerman
- 1989 - Sherri Skinski
- 1988 - Sherri Skinski
- 1987 - Sherri Skinski
- 1986 - Sherri Skinski
- 1985 - Sherri Skinski
- 1984 - Beth Walsh
- 1983 - Beth Walsh



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- 1982 - Peg Ankerman
- 1981 - Peg Ankerman
- 1980 - Beth Walsh
- 1979 - Beth Walsh
- 1978 - Beth Walsh
- 1977 - Beth Walsh
- 1976 - Marge Myers
- 1975 - Marge Myers
- 1974 - Mary Wallman
- 1973 - Barbara Ludington
- 1972 - Mary Wallman
- 1971 - Rhea Hagen
- 1970 - Mary Wallman
- 1969 - Doris Stockdale
- 1968 - Doris Stockdale
- 1967 - Doris Stockdale
- 1966 - Shirley Freeman
- 1965 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1964 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1963 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1962 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1961 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1960 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1959 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1958 - Ann Marie Di'Cesare
- 1957 - Denise Miller
- 1956 - Denise Miller
- 1955 - Denise Miller
- 1954 - Marion Nichols
- 1953 - No champion
- 1952 - Jean Jermyn
- 1951 - Cara Leeper
- 1950 - Violet Allen
- 1944 - 1949 - Jean Jermyn
- 1943 - No champion
- 1942 - Mary Sweeny
- 1941 - Jean Jermyn
- 1940 - Mary Sweeny
- 1939 - Gloria Sangorn
- 1938 - Cora Moore
- 1937 - Jean Cardinale
- 1936 - Cora Moore
- 1935 - Cora Moore



# **GVWGA PAST SENIOR CHAMPIONS**

- 2024 - Elizabeth Harper
- 2023 - Upar Siripratoom-Yeager
- 2022 - Pat Yates
- 2021 - Kathy Emison
- 2020 - Upar Siripratoom-Yeager
- 2019 - Sherry Bauman
- 2018 - Patricia Sorce
- 2017 - Patricia Sorce
- 2016 - Patricia Sorce
- 2015 - Patricia Sorce
- 2014 - Kathy Ritz
- 2013 - Kelly Calabrese
- 2012 - Kelly Calabrese



# LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



The GVWGA Golf Organization has developed a rich legacy of excellence over its 90-year history, fostering talent and leadership.



## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

The organization's commitment to community support continues to promote inclusivity and positive change in women's golf.











**Thanks to Pennfair Golf  
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for our Fall Banquet.**





*Thank You*

**SPRING BANQUET COMMITTEE**

**KIM MONTROIS**

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