

The Heritage Committee found a booklet containing the minutes of Ladies Branch meetings from 1924 to 1950. The minutes were transcribed because much of the handwriting was difficult to read.

The following excerpts capture the essence of the Ladies Branch minutes, without the routine business and repetitious proposals and seconding. Comments and clarifications appear in italics.

Apparently the quality of flags available for golf courses in the first half of the 20th century left a lot to be desired. In the 27 years covered by the minutes, there are no fewer than 16 references to the purchasing of new flags.

1924 On the evening of Nov 13th, a very successful bridge and dance was held. All the members turned out and bridge was played until eleven. Refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee and punch. Then Mr. Dumbrille sang and Mr. Hirse recited, after which dancing was in order. After the expenses were taken out, the sum realized was 35\$, which was handed over to the Men's Branch of the club. Expenses as follows: Prizes 11.25, Dishes 6.80, Doilies ribbon, 75¢, Maids 7\$. All refreshments were provided by the ladies.

1926 We then adjourned to participate in the sealed hole competition and a delightful tea served by the president. A request from the older girls to be allowed to enter the ladies competitions was discussed. It was agreed to permit those over 13 years of age to enter.

1927 Mrs. Owen Martin presented the following resolution, a copy of which was sent to Miss McRobie's family: Resolved that the ladies of Dunany Country Club bear on record the great vacancy in our ranks through the loss of our beloved Miss Anne McRobie. Our memory of her is one of the highest esteem and deepest affection. She was one whose life will always remain an inspiration in the hearts of her Dunany circle of friends. The meeting was adjourned to play golf. A refreshing cup of tea awaited us at the conclusion of the game.

1928 As our treasury had some funds, it was moved by Mrs. W.H. Sutherland that our president purchase new flags. It was moved that our committee approach the Men's Committee asking would they consider placing rustic benches on the third, fifth and ninth holes. *At the time, the 3rd, 5th and 9th tees were reached after climbing hills.*

1929 After reading the treasurer's statement, it was felt we might use some of our funds towards a long felt want. So it was moved that we ask the Men's Committee if they would consent to a putting green, quoting cost and report to Ladies Branch. *A putting green was not built until the 1960s.*

1930. The annual meeting, which was called for 3 o'clock, had to be postponed until 5 on account of the competition, a mixed foursome, which was booked for that hour. *The Ladies Branch clearly had their priorities straight!* Some of the ladies had a long wait as they had not noticed the change of time on the board, but were very sweet about it. They can always be relied on to be that! Mrs. Culross proposed that we should have new red flags and towels. Miss Ruth Laidley proposed our par should be reduced to 37 and our handicaps arranged accordingly. Mrs. Patterson proposed that Classes A and B be formed. Mrs. Haldimand proposed that children under 12 should not be allowed on the course excepting between 2 and 4 P.M. on week days, but this was not thought to be wise and instead a notice should be placed on the board asking that an adult accompany children of that age to prevent accidents. *The ladies recognized the importance to the future of the club of encouraging the juniors.*

1931 Mrs. Hodges proposed the purchase of new flags, but the suggestion to dye the old ones was made, that apart from being faded, they were quite good. The plan was good but did not work out very well, for in a very short time, they had faded once more, and it was deemed imperative to renew them.

1932 Miss McRobie proposed that the ladies present the Men's branch with 100 dollars, to be applied towards the installation of the water system on the course. Miss McRobie moved that the clubhouse be boarded at the side to keep out the winds of the mountains so that the oil stove might have a fair chance in the world of sorrow.

1933 It was proposed that each member give some kind of entertainment with an entrance charge or in some way make extra money for the club this year – This was not to be compulsory, but only members who found it convenient were to undertake the venture. A special meeting was held to discuss arrangements for the Field Day Supper. It was decided to ask Mr. McCracken, of Murrays Sandwich Shops, to cater for the supper. Mr. McCracken has estimated the cost would be 27¢ per plate, which the whole club thought was an extremely low figure.

1934 It was also proposed that the ladies buy new flags and that we should have Mrs. Morrison to wash the towels as usual.

1936 It was proposed that new flags be bought by the club. It was proposed that the club pay for new metal cups for the greens.

1937 The treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of \$3.14 for the year. It was moved that the club give no more wedding presents, owing to the depleted condition of the funds in the treasury. It was moved that anyone who wished to make money in any way for the club might do so.

1938 It was proposed that club buy new flags. A special meeting was held in Montreal at the Themis Club to discuss plans for the new clubhouse. *The Themis Club was the first ladies social club in Canada. It existed from 1914 to 1981.*

1939 The House Committee was asked to undertake supervision of keeping the new clubhouse in good condition. The Purchasing Committee is to attend to any decorating to be done in the new clubhouse.

1940 Mrs. Maw offered on behalf of the Campbell sisters to give War Saving Stamps instead of spoons for the weekly competition. It was decided to have the Purchasing Committee buy new red flags and also to have Mrs. Neill wash the towels. The question of doing Red Cross Work was raised. It was decided to work in clubhouse every Monday afternoon, starting at 2 P.M. All permanent residents and summer residents were asked to cooperate.

1941 Mrs. Fish offered to dye the flags on the course. It was decided that the Red Cross work would be continued on Mondays. Mrs. Wilson offered to arrange for sewing machines to come from Red Cross headquarters. It was moved that a committee of young people be formed to arrange for a dance every second Saturday and a representative of the men or their executive to arrange for the use of the clubhouse and lights. *Note that there was no electricity in Dunany until 1950.*

1942 Mrs. Hyde spoke about about the competitions last year and said they were not very well attended and it should be decided how many should play to make it a real competition. Mrs. Everson proposed that the secretary be authorized to buy flags.

1943 A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Hodges and Mr. N. Hodgson for looking after the cigarettes and candy sent to our boys in the service. The secretary said there were only 2 of the boys who hadn't received their parcels out of the 22 that were sent. Owing to some error, the flags were not bought, so Mrs. Hodgson proposed getting them this year.

1944 It was suggested by Mrs. Hodges that the Ladies meet Wednesday afternoon, the day of the competition, and bring their knitting, tea to be served, with a charge 10¢ to cover expenses. I may say here that our Wednesday afternoon parties were most enjoyable and I am sure the members that came thought so too. Twice we had an approaching and putting competition. Quite a number of the members entered and we all enjoyed it.

1945 We had two friendly games with Lachute at the Lachute Golf Club, one in July and the other here in August, and I am sure they were both enjoyed.

1946 Mrs. Everson proposed that the secretary be authorized to buy flags. After some discussion, it was moved that the Ladies Branch donate \$200.00 to help in the building of the new holes. *In addition to the Memorial 2nd hole, new holes may refer to the lengthening of the current 7th hole to make it a par 5, the widening of the current first hole and the construction of the current 1st green, all of which was done at this time.* Mrs. Haldimand then asked for suggestions as to a name for one of the holes. Mrs. Patterson suggested the name of the place where Garth Fish had been killed. Miss Manny Raguin suggested the name Garth. No decision was taken. Mrs. Mussells suggested that the ladies handicaps be raised to give all the golfers a chance and that the ladies par be printed on the scorecard. Mrs. Hyde also suggested that there be a competition to decide the Lady Champion of the club, but the matter was left for next year's Handicap Committee to decide. *A Ladies Club Championship was not instituted until 1969, 23 years later.*

1947 But after some discussion in which it was pointed out that many ladies do not play golf, it was moved by Mrs. Hyde that provisions be made for the playing of bridge. It was moved that there be a second ringer prize, to be provided by Mrs. Mussells, to be awarded for the ladies in the 2nd bracket with handicaps 14, 15, 16. *These were 9 hole handicaps.* It was moved that the Ladies Branch buy the flags.

1948 It was decided to play a competition this year for the President's Prize. It was moved that there be two ringer prizes, one for the lower handicap and one for the higher handicap players. It was moved that the maximum handicap be raised from sixteen to twenty-five for ladies matches. It was moved that we hold a spoon competition each Wednesday provided there are at least six competitors. It was decided to ask one or two of the boys employed on the golf course to undertake the duty of cleaning the clubhouse on Sunday mornings after barn dances. It was moved that it be suggested to those who arrange the Saturday night barn dances, that special seats be arranged for the younger children.

1949 After some discussion, it was moved that the Ladies Branch donate 100 dollars to the men and that it be suggested that it be used to repair the benches.

1950 Miss McRobie was chosen to be the convener for the tea to be held in the clubhouse after the unveiling of the plaque at the new Memorial Hole. As the need is not as great this year, money making should not be forced.