



September 2021

A Monthly Publication of the Quincy Country Club

Comfort Food Wednesdays

September 1

Signature Lamb Shanks

September 8

Butternut Lasagna
w/Italian Sausage,
Smoked Mushrooms
& Sage

September 15

Chicken Fried Chicken

September 22

Beef Stroganoff

September 29

Stuffed Acorn Squash

Enjoy!

KORY KAY OBERT

Saturday, September 4th
6:30 – 9:30

DR BONANNI

Saturday, September 11th
6:30 – 9:30

JESSIE MAZZOCOLI

Saturday, September 18th
6:30 – 10:00

BURT SHACKLETON

Saturday, September 25th
6:30 – 10:00



Monday
September 6th

Donuts 7:30 a.m. - Men's & Women's Labor Day Tournament 8:30 a.m.

Buffet Lunch under the Cabana from 11:30 - 1:30 pm

Face Painting • Pool Games - 1:00 pm • Wizard Jump Houses (TBD) • Jay the Balloon Dude

Live Poolside DJ for requests

\$16.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children, \$3.00 3 & under

Call 223-3452 for reservations

Clubhouse and Pro Shop Closed on September 7th

Pool and Plaza OPEN on Tuesday, September 7th

Men's Member/Guest Invitational • September 16th – 18th

We are looking forward to some healthy competition and some great golf.

Tentative schedule

Day 1 (Thursday) Practice Round

- Registration all day
- 2-man event (\$20 cash pp)
- 1 net best ball of the twosome (Member – Guest participants only)
- Putting contest qualifying before or after practice round

Day 2 (Friday) Opening Rounds

- Breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Shotgun Start 10:00 a.m.
- Putting contest qualifying before teeing off (9:00 – 9:45AM)
- Play 3 x 9-hole rounds (Scramble, Best Ball, Shamble) (Alt. shot for Flight #1)
- Lunch on course all day
- Cocktails and heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Day 3 (Saturday) Final Rounds and Shootout

- Breakfast starting at 8:30 AM
- Putting contest finals on #9 green (9:15AM)
- Shotgun Start 10:00 AM
- Play 2 x 9-hole rounds (Shamble and Best Ball)
- Lunch on the course during play
- Flight Winner shootout starting around 3:00 PM
- Appetizers outside on Terrace Bar Patio

Please contact the Pro Shop if you have any questions.



QUINCY COUNTRY CLUB HOSTED A PGA TOUR QUALIFIER FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago this month, the Club hosted a PGA Tour qualifying tournament. The event, contested over 72 holes, took place September 9-12, 1971, and was one of three regional qualifiers in which approximately 125 players at each site vied for 25 spots to advance to the tour qualifying school finals in Palm Beach Garden, Florida, where the low 25 players would earn their PGA Tour cards. Lynn Rosely was then our golf pro and Charlie Pribble, from Payson, our greens superintendent.

Prior to the event, much of the focus was on those participants who had attended the University of Houston, foremost among them being John Mahaffey, the 1970 NCAA champion. He was joined in Quincy by teammates Jim Ashworth, Tom Jenkins, and alumni Brian Rous and Marvin Dick, Jr. Also, among the top pre-tournament favorites were Tom Watson of Kansas City, an All American at Stanford, and Bob Zender, winner of two Illinois Amateurs including the 1971 tournament.

Although no Quincy players participated, the field included two “local favorites,” one being Frank “Chipper” Groves who played golf at Quincy High School and later at the University of Michigan. His uncle, “Dubby” Groves, was a longtime Club member and followed him throughout the event. The other “local” was Jim Cisne who hailed from Jacksonville. In his senior year, Jim led his high school team to a third-place finish in the state golf tournament (its then highest finish).

While the competitors were the focus of attention, a number of Quincy teenagers, including sons of various Club members, participated in the event as caddies. Among them were Bill McCleery, Jr., who caddied for Watson (for which he was paid \$75.00), Ralph Oakley for Zender, Tim Eaton for John Elliott, and Kent Brost for Mahaffey. They were afforded a once in a lifetime opportunity to caddy for a potential PGA Tour star. The public also was able to spectate the tournament. Admission was free and the tournament drew good crowds.

The course setup for the event was substantially the same as it is today, while course conditions differed dramatically. As to the setup, the course played at approximately 6,350 yards from what are today, essentially, the blue tees.

As to conditions back then, the Club did not yet have an irrigation system. Nevertheless, in the run up to the event in June and July, the fairways and fringes remained in good condition only to then deteriorate due to August’s high temperatures and humidity. And so, in early September 1971, the fairways and fringes were mostly brown with a few tufts of water grass interspersed. This led to some pre-tournament speculation that lift, clean, and place in the fairway would be played. However, such proved not to be the case. Rather, the ball was played as it lay.

In any event, the almost embarrassing conditions of the fairways led to one positive outcome in that it spurred the Club (spearheaded by Dick Winters and Tom Oakley) to install an irrigation system the next year. As to the grasses in 1971, the greens were Bentgrass, but the fairways and tees were Bluegrass/Rye Grass and not the Bentgrass they are today.

Additionally, many of the silver maple trees on the course, having been planted in the 1960s, had not yet reached full maturity. Further, a number of fairway bunkers no longer existing today then came into play on a number of holes, including two bunkers on the right side of #1, two fairway bunkers on the right side and one on the left side of #2 fairway, a fairway bunker on the left side of both #4 and #5 and a fairway bunker between #6 and #14 near the top of the hill. Finally, there were no yardage markers or plates then, only 150-yard bushes to provide distances to the players. Distances had to be gauged by sight.

With that course setup and under those conditions, including hot and humid temperatures that continued throughout, the tournament began on Thursday, September 9, 1971. The first day saw Watson leading with a 64 on nines of 32-32. Four other golfers shot 65 including Mahaffey, Groves, Duane Petty, and Oliver Collins. Shooting 67 were Brian Rous and Frank Conner from Belleville. In all, twenty-four players shot scores in the 60s on the par 70 course. Watson's 64, as it turned out, would be the lowest score for the event matched only by Ashworth's 64 in the third round. No one tied or bettered the then-course record of 63.

At the end of the second round the next day, Watson continued to lead after shooting a 67 with nines of 32 and 35 giving him a total of 131. This left him two shots ahead of Steve Wilkinson and three ahead of Mahaffey. Lurking in fourth was George "Chuck" Thorpe, brother of future PGA Tour star Jim Thorpe, who put together rounds of 68 and 67 for a 135 total. Thorpe, whose caddie was the Club's caddie master, Melvin Wriedt, had, prior to the qualifier, distinguished himself by winning numerous tournaments in the Detroit Michigan area.

Oddly, Thorpe did not use a tee to tee up his ball, but instead used his heel to kick up a tuft of grass on which he placed his ball before teeing off.

The third round saw continued sunny weather and hot temperatures. Although Watson had led for the first two rounds, the third-round leader was Thorpe who shot a 66 to lead Ashworth and Watson by one. Thorpe's 66 included seven birdies, one of which was on #10 where he hit a five iron to within three feet of the hole before sinking the putt.

Interestingly, a number of the contestants played #10 with a 2 iron off the tee and a 5 or 6 iron to the green. Similarly, on #16, various players, including Watson, used a 2 iron off the tee to reach the corner and a 5 iron to the bottom, before hitting an 8 or 9 iron to the green. Those players felt that these holes were ones where they could easily lose strokes and that there were enough birdie opportunities on the course without the need to take undue risks on #10 and #16. While PGA Tour players today generally hit their drives longer than the pros back then, numerous competitors drove #1 green and 300-yard drives throughout the competition were not uncommon.

On the final day of the tournament, Watson emerged the winner. His final round 69 gave him a 271 total and secured him a one-stroke victory over Ashworth. Thorpe finished third with a final round of 72. Mahaffey finished fourth, Wilkerson fifth, Zender sixth, and Groves seventh.

The last qualifier, for the twenty-fifth spot, was Elwin Fanning, from Texas, whose total of 287 put him in a four-man playoff. He secured the last qualifying spot by parring #3. The remaining playoff hopeful bogeyed the hole.

All other qualifiers shot 286 or better to advance to Florida. Cisne, from Jacksonville, did not qualify finishing with a total of 288 missing the playoff for the last spot by just one shot. In contrast to the first round when nearly 20% of the field bettered par, only five players shot under par in the fourth round, the best round being a 67 by Zender.

While Watson prevailed, there was no prize money awarded, only the right to advance to the qualifying school finals. As such, first place was as good as twenty-fifth as all qualifiers would restart in Palm Beach Gardens in the same position.

At the qualifying "Q-School" a month later, 25 players from each of the three regional tournaments competed for 25 tour cards. Zender won the 108-hole qualifying event while Watson, Thorpe, Mahaffey and Gary Groh also earned their tour cards.

Of these five, Watson had the most distinguished pro career winning eight major championships and leading the PGA Tour money list five times. Mahaffey also won a major, the 1978 PGA, and had nine other PGA Tour victories. Groh played on the PGA Tour from 1971 to 1978 and won one PGA Tour event. Zender and Thorpe both played for awhile on the PGA Tour, but their success was limited.

While those five earned their tour cards in 1971, some of the other players at the event who did not, nevertheless went on to play on the PGA Tour. Tom Jenkins won one regular PGA Tour event and seven senior/champion tour events in his professional career. Greg Powers reached tour status in 1976 and played on both the PGA Tour and the Nike Tour. Don Padgett played on the PGA Tour for three years beginning in 1972. John Calabria was a PGA Tour member in 1980 and 1981 and competed in nineteen major championships. Later in his career, he was the head golf pro at Naples National Golf Club and at other courses in the Naples Florida area.

And so it was at the Quincy Country Club fifty years ago this month. In the end, some participants went on to fame and fortune, some had good or, alternatively, undistinguished tour careers, while many saw their dreams of playing on the pro circuit vanish. In each case, and for each player, it all started or ended, as the case may be, at our Club those many years ago.



From the Manager

Dear Members,

Labor Day is a fantastic weekend to enjoy the club in many ways. Here is how! Register in our pro shop to play 18 holes of golf the morning of September 6th, stop over to Plaza West for a nice lunch cookout buffet and then change into your swimsuits and spend a relaxing remainder of the day poolside! Bring the kids! We will have fun activities and pool games and the Classic Egg Toss to round out the afternoon. Great Fun and prizes to be won! The Clubhouse and Pro Shop will be closed on Tuesday September 7th, but the Pool and Plaza will be open at 3:00 this day.

WOW Golf is scheduled for Wednesday September 8th, Bring a Guest to the Pool Free day on Sunday, September 12th, Poolside Movie Night on Friday September 17th and our annual Pool Drain party scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 19th, starting at 4:00 pm.

Women's Closing Day is slated for Wednesday, September 29th, which brings us to the end of September. Check out more details on all of these events listed above as well as October Events to Remember. See you all on Campus soon. Be Safe and God Bless!

Respectfully,

Matthew Mulherin, Manager

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Proverbs 9:10 • John 15:16

2 Timothy 1:9 • Ephesians 1:11

Quincy Country Club, "Home of the QU Hawks Golf Teams"

Vision of "Experience"

Our vision is to provide an atmosphere that welcomes and encourages family activities and enduring friendships through the experience of its membership.

Bring a Guest to the Pool FREE Day

September 12th

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pool Year-End Schedule Starting

Monday August 16th

Monday - Friday 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sundays 10:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Pool will close at 8:00 p.m. each day)

Food and Beverages will be available in the Plaza for your convenience

Final Pool Day- September 19th

Pool Drain Party at 4:00 p.m.

DJ Deck Dance • Bounce House

Open **LATE** this night!!

Help me close the 2021 Swimming Season with great attendance!

Quincy Country Club 2021 Private and Company Christmas Parties

Just a reminder to call now to book or re-book your company and family Christmas Parties for the 2020 Christmas season. We will work with you and safety restrictions to ensure the safest location in town!

Space is already becoming limited so call or email me today!! 217 223-3452 or qccgm@adams.net



PAR for the course

by Gideon Smith, Head Golf Professional

August has been a busy month at the Club for tournaments. Congratulations to Ryan Schuenke for repeating as our Men's Club Champion. Our President Cup Co-Champions (Low 2 day net total) were Dr. Tim Smith and Dan McCleery. Ryan played a very nice round of golf on Sunday to secure the top spot. Trent Lepper was our runner-up for the Club Championship. Kevin Becker won the first flight, Dennis Boudreau and Randy McFarland tied in the second flight, and Tim Smith was the winner in the third flight.

We also had our first Senior–Junior event and it took extra holes to secure a winner. After 4 extra playoff holes Dennis & Matt Boudreau were able to win the Senior–

Junior Championship over Jim Tracy & Dan Hayden.

We hosted the USGA Senior Men's and Women's Amateur Qualifier at the Club in early August. David Pfeil was our low amateur and advanced to play at the Country Club of Detroit. Kay Daniels was our low women's amateur qualifier. We also found out that the first alternate has also gotten into the field. The event will be held at the Lakewood Club in Alabama.

We are the proud home course to our Men's and Women's QU Hawk golf teams and the teams have started to practice at the Club. They have a new coach this year—his name is Jake Tenhouse. With many returners coming back and a couple of Seniors on the team we are looking for success both in the classroom and on the course. When you are at the Club please make sure to check in on these young men and women. Many are a few hours from home and it is always nice to chat with them and make sure they are doing ok.

We know it is still hot, but fall fashions are coming into the Pro Shop. Stop by and allow your PGA Professional staff to help you pick some great fall fashions.

Upcoming events:

- September 7th – Emily and Jon head to the Gateway PGA Assistants Championship
- September 6th – ABCD Holiday Scramble
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start (both men and women)
- September 11th – Player of the Year finals
- September 16th – 18th – Member/Guest Invitational
16th – course open till 11:30 a.m. for open play (after 11:30 a.m. Member/Guest participants only)
After 3:00 p.m. open play
- September 17th – COURSE CLOSED
- September 18th – Course open for Member Play after 3:30 p.m.
- September 29th – Women's Closing Day
9:00 a.m. shotgun with lunch to follow

Have a great month and we will see you at the Club,
Gideon

October Happenings

Member/Guest Octoberfest
BBQ Cook-off Competition
October 3rd

Tri-State Women's Fall Golf Event
October 6th

Men's Closing Day
October 7th

Emery Cup 2021 Event
October 8th - 10th

Sugar Cookie Open
October 15th

Couples Night Golf
October 16th

Adults ONLY Halloween
Costume Party
October 29th

Kids Annual Halloween
Costume Party & Haunted Club
October 30th

QUINCY COUNTRY CLUB

Guest of Honor
PGA Professional
Billy Hurley III

Benefiting Local
First Responder/
Veteran Charities

SUGAR COOKIE OPEN

NOT YOUR MOM'S SUGAR COOKIES

During the rigorous, 6-month long Navy SEAL selection course called BUD/S, students are constantly cold, wet, and sandy. This can be the result of many things including being told by an instructor to make a "sugar cookie".

A sugar cookie is when a student runs, fully clothed to the surf zone and then, wet from head to toe, rolls around on the sand until every crevasse and square inch is covered with sand. From there, the day continues and misery follows.

18 HOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Navy SEAL Style

October 15th, 2021
11am Tee Off
\$700 per team

sponsorships available

REGISTER BY SEPT 15, EMAIL NICK AT NICK.SMITH@FIRSTBANKERS.COM

October Live at the Plaza!!

Tim Hart
Friday, October 1st • 6:30 - 9:30

Steve Buckman
Friday, October 8th • 6:30 - 9:30

Burt Shackleton
Saturday, October 16th • 6:30 - 10:00

Kory Kay Obert
Saturday, October 23rd • 6:30 - 10:00

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>September 2021</i>						
5	6  LABOR DAY ABCD HOLIDAY SCRAMBLE - 8:30 AM LUNCH BUFFET POOL GAMES & MORE	7	8 COMFORT FOOD Signature Lamb Shanks	9	10	11 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALS DR. BONANNI
12 BRING A GUEST TO TH POOL FREE	13 PRO SHOP/ CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	14	15 COMFORT FOOD Chicken Fried Chicken	16	17 MEMBER GUEST INVITATIONAL COURSE CLOSED	18 MEMBER PLAY AFTER 3:30 JESSIE MAZZOCOLI
19 POOL DRAIN DAY 4:00 P.M.	20	21 BOARD MEETING Arrival - 5:30 Meeting - 6:00	22 COMFORT FOOD Beef Stroganoff	23	24	25 BURT SHACKLETON
26	27	28	29 WOMEN'S CLOSING DAY COMFORT FOOD Stuffed Acorn Squash	30		