



Heritage Tournament Honors RCC's Place in Golf History

July 11, 2020...A field of 116 golfers took to the links for Reading Country Club's first Heritage Tournament. The Heritage celebrated RCC's listing on the National Register of Historic Places on May 31, 2018. The listing recognizes the historic significance of Alexander Findlay's golf course design and Reading architect Harry Maurer's clubhouse design.

As far back as 1922 Findlay was considered "the father of American golf" for introducing the game into this country in the 1880s when he emigrated from Scotland. Findlay's design at RCC is among the best examples of his work and one of the few Findlay courses that has maintained his design with little change. RCC opened in 1923.



Ellen Lantz hit the first ceremonial tee shot using a vintage hickory-shafted club. The wood, c1920, was manufactured by the Wright and Ditson Company. The Alexander Findlay signature club is an appropriate selection as Findlay designed the RCC golf course in 1922.

Maurer, RCC's second club champion in 1925, designed the clubhouse, which is recognized as an outstanding example of the Norman/Tudor revival style. The clubhouse opened in 1931.

Ten RCC club champions played.

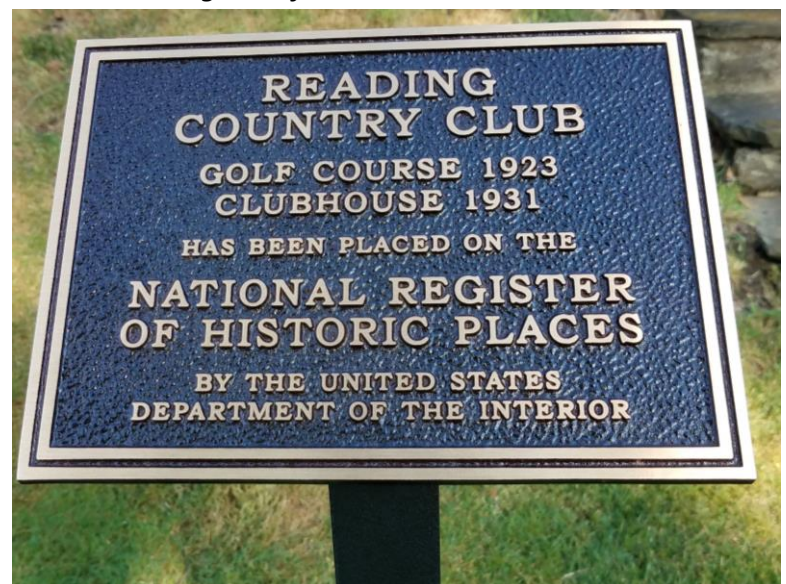
- Mike Heller, 1981, '87, '98
- Dave Speece, 1997
- Jimmy Ward, 2003, '04
- Guy McKeone, 2007, '17
- Greg Galtere, 2008, '09, '10
- Dave Seelig, 2011
- Matt Hadley, 2013
- Jon Dutcher, 2014
- Dana Heins, 2013, '14, '15, '16, Ladies
- Alex Seelig, 2018, '19

The event featured the dedication of a plaque on the first tee marking the National Register listing. Two golfers then hit ceremonial tee shots using vintage clubs.

- Ellen Lantz, a 40-year RCC golfer, represented RCC's women golfers.
- Leroy Oudinot, the 1968 club champion, represented RCC's men.

Each player received a 36-page commemorative RCC history book.

A plaque on the first tee recognizes RCC's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.





Gross Flight

1. Kelly Patton, Scott Miller, Gil Fritz, Jamie Sweigert—134
2. Rennie Sacco, Dave Speece, Bill Fry, Hugh McNeil —135
3. Drew Eckel, Frank Falzone, Dave Seelig, Alex Seelig—136
4. Bud Lewis, Bryan Binkley, Bill Reppert, Phil Harsh —139
5. Mike Heller, Joe Staub, Marc Delong, Casey Blankenbiller—141
6. Denny Hess, Steve Miller, Ernie Danneberg, Tom Rapposelli—143
6. Greg Galtere, Jim Ward, Matt Hadley, Guy McKeone—143
8. Jon Dutcher, Kieron Green, Robin Dutcher, Chris Roncase—144
9. Jeff Antolic, Ted Snyder, Todd Haines, Rob Galtere—145
10. Bill Haas, Tim Daly, Tom Walker, Don Hadley —147
11. Russ Wren, Dave Campbell, Travis Good, Warren Rayburn—149
12. Keith Lewis, W.D. Horan, Brian Sacharczyk, Bill Walker—151
13. Don Burhans, Ed Godshall, Gary DeTurk, Greg Psota—160
14. Bob Wilson, Don Lebo, Blayne Hoffert, Butch Hoffert—166



Net Flight

1. Todd Arnold, Dave Krommes, Erik Strouse, Dickie Delp —118
2. Bob Dell'elmo, Bob Hoffman, Dave Crews, Brian Lanz —119
3. Alex Oestreich, Dan Menet, Matt Farrell, Chris Badinger —120
4. Kyle Chapin, Ryan Trupe, J.D. Stern, John Conover —121 *62 on the back 9
5. Ben Heins, Justin Moyer, Dana Heins, Brian Jessen —121 *66 on the back 9
6. Carl Staples, Tom Weinrich, Rob Ulrich, Jose Torres —123
6. Lou Loomis, Carl McClevenstine, Ken Hutchinson, Sandi McFiddish—123
8. Brian Henion, Adam Schliecher, Austin Urkuski, Andrew Moore—127
9. Jimmy Johnson, Vinnie Franckowiak, Bob Protheroe, Mark Mancias—128
9. Jeff Anderton, Owen Murphy, Adam Murphy, Chet Murphy—128
11. John Messerly, Ed Koussie, Brian Peterson, Travis Bowman—131
11. Dave Morris, Tony Cotelese, Ben Burgess, Rick Newstein—131
13. Chuck Waterbury, Charlie DeBello, Rob Johnson, Gerry Nowotarski—132
14. Bob Keay, Dennis Specter, Jim Trout, Ron Weidner —133
15. Bob Price, Bobby Porch, Mike Matetich, Scott Fick —134

Closest to the Pin Winners

4. Gerry Nowotarski—6 inches
6. Bob Dell'elmo—4 feet, 7 inches
8. Ben Burgess—2 feet, 8 inches
10. Scott Fick—3 feet, 2 inches
15. Dickie Delp, a hole-in one, his first, on his last shot of the day! What a way to finish!

Leroy Oudinot, RCC's 1968 club champion, fires away with a beautifully restored vintage Byron Nelson signature MacGregor persimmon driver dating to the mid-1950s. Nelson was RCC's head golf professional in 1937, '38 and '39. In his time at Reading, Lord Byron won two major championships: the 1937 Masters and the 1939 National Open, played at nearby Philadelphia Country Club.