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Larry "Bing" Miller
Lukens Golf Champ
For 1966
36-Hole Total: 150

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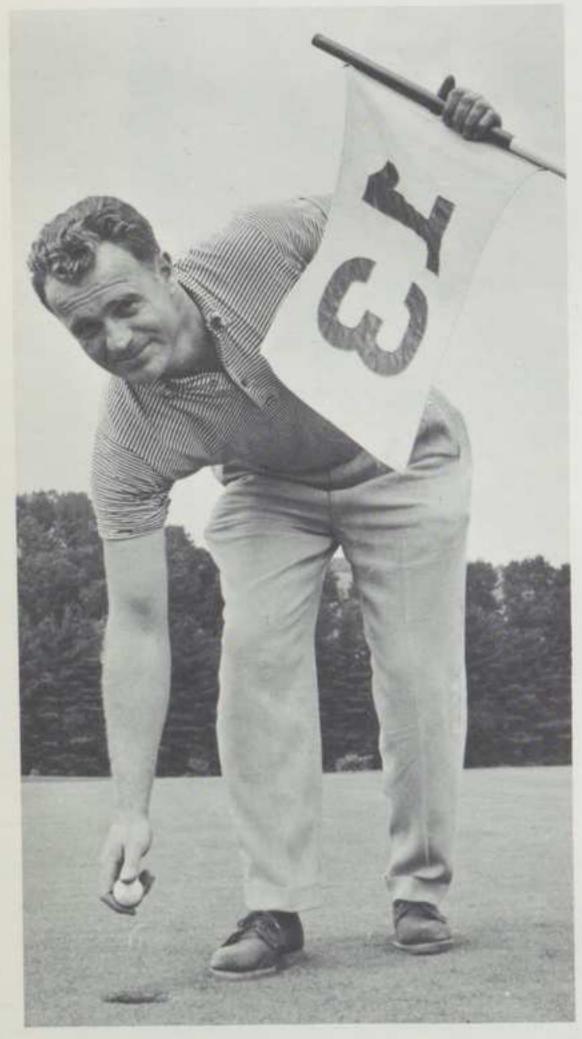
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GOLFER'S DREAM



BOB ZALENSKI displays that once-in-a-lifetime grin after hitting a hole in one on the par 3 115-yard 13th hole at Coatesville Country Club in the 1958 Lukens Golf Tournament. Willard Fohl who had completed his part in the tourney the week before also hit a hole in one the same day. His came on the 224-yard fourth hole.

'The First Day'

Hundreds Throng Course

OPENING DAY SCENES of the 1966 Lukens Golf Tournament are shown on this and facing pages. Immediately below four golfers patiently wait their turn among the record throngs. They are; from left: Elmer Hurley, R. Holleran, Howard Butler (retired) and Don Arasin. At bottom, a competitor starts his putt toward the hole while a friend waits his turn.

On the opposite page at the top, a group of golfers watch another as he putts on the beautiful #10 green. In right column, center photo, Dr. John Pratt, last year's champ, is shown as he proudly accepted the golden putter, symbol of the championship, from Jerry DeLiberato, right, the tournament chairman.

Bottom left, Allen Mowdry blasts out of a sand trap at hole #13. Bottom right, Bill Mackey, 1962 co-champ, drives off the number three tee.







A perfect day for golf on May 7, allowed the more than 200 competitors for the day to complete their rounds in excellent time. The weather when the first foursome teed off at 6 a.m. was bright and crisp and sunshine splashed over the dazzling greens and fairways. On May 14, however, the weather at tee-off time was overcast and threatening and occasional rain fell. In view of weather conditions the second round was postponed until May 21, at which time the women also decided their championship on the back nine.

This year's tourney continued to point up the growing popularity of the tournament with Lukens people. Four hundred people previously had obtained their tickets for the tourney within an hour's time. As the days for the match dawned, the throngs of players on the links indicated that every person was making full use of his ticket.

The Lukens Golf Tourney was inaugurated in 1953 when the first championship was decided at Overlook Golf Course, Lancaster. "Cap" Steel took the first championship trophy with a 74. Oddly enough the next two championships were decided by identical scores when Eddie Lawrence, 1954, and Chet Padazinski, 1955, came in with 74's.

In 1956 the tourney was shifted to the Coatesville Golf Course where it has been played since. In 1957 Bob Cahoon took the trophy with a 75 and in 1957 he shared the honors with Willard Fohl when both came in with 78's.

John Boros came on to win the event in 1958, shooting a 76. This was the year that Bob Zalenski shot the only hole in one in the history of the tournament, making the perfect drive on the 13th hole. The following year Fohl again won the championship with a 77.

George Kirby, with 77, and Gail Broyles with 82 were the 1960 and 1961 winners respectively and in 1962 when 400 golfers reported to play the new championship distance of 36 holes, Paul Toth made his appearance on the scene to tie with William Mackey and Charles Funk with 149.

Toth came on to win the 1963 and 1964 tourneys with 36-hole totals of 155 and 149 respectively.

Last year, Dr. John Pratt took the decisive match and the championship by shooting 150.







Gallery of Champs



Cap Steele 1953



Eddie Lawrence 1954



C. Padazinski* 1955



Bob Cahoon** 1956, 1957



W. Fohl** 1957, 1959



J. Boros 1958



G. Kirby 1960



G. Broyles 1961



P. Toth*** 1962, 1963, 1964



W. Mackey*** 1962



C. Funk*** 1962



J. Pratt 1965

Now deceased

oo Tied in 1957

*** Tied in 1962.

A WELCOME PAUSE

One of the most popular spots on the golf course during the championship matches is the refreshment tent at Number 10 tee where soft drinks, sandwiches and other refreshments await the golfer who has completed his first nine holes.

The refreshment stands are manned by personnel of the Lukens Athletic Association who also make all arrangements for the annual affair.

THE CLUB COURSE

The Coatesville Country Club Golf Course, scene of the annual Lukens Golf Tournament is an 18-hole, par 71 course.

The front nine is a par 35 section while the back nine holes are rated at par 36.

The longest hole is number 14, 543 yards, par 5, while the shortest is the 115-yard, par 3 13th hole.

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Ray Powlosk	i								. 70
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Tom Muskey									
Don Champi	on .		11.7						. 67

BALL NEAREST PIN

Henry Pendyck Bob Zalenski

KICKER WINNERS

John Entrekin, Bud Curry, Carl Welsh, George Lahm, Nate Nafe, Vernon Yost, D. Hanna, Joe Antol, Jaspar Kurpensky and C. Watkins.

- 'Potter's Putter' -

UTILITY WINS

Missing from the golf links in recent matches has been an innovation which gained a modicum of fame for its inventor and invariably collected an enthusiastic gallery when in use.

Called "Potter's Putter," "Lukens Lofter" and a variety of other names, it was a golf club constructed by Horace (Doc) Potter designed to perform as a driver, wedge, putter or any other club normally used on the golf course.

It consisted of a shaft made of pipe and a head made of Lukens plate steel and was ingeniously arranged so that the head could be adjusted to any desired position.

SECOND ROUND SCORING LOW GROSS

Ashley Morgan	77
Paul Sagnor	
Tony Bilka	
Mike West	
LOW NET Class "A"	
John Profeto	73
John Donkewicz	
Class "B"	
Ted Sherwin	70
Bob Toia	0.00
Class "C"	
Richard Mahan	62

BALL CLOSEST PIN

Paul Sweitzer

LONGEST DRIVE

John Fadistin

KICKER WINNERS

John Boros, Paul Wolbak, Richard
Taylor, Richard Longnecker, Hap
Charles, Charlie Irwin, Clyde Byerly,
Walt Greenfield, Tex Fairland, Gerald
Ruchak, Ed Lawrence and Mike
Timozek.

Second Round:

Perfect Day Welcomes Golfers



TOM RYAN gets away a good shot during the first day of competition while Ed Myers stands by to take his turn.

Another perfect day with the sun shining warmly on the fast greens, welcomed Lukens competitors in their tourney. After the one-week postponement, hundreds of golfers took advantage of the perfect day.

Ashley Morgan, Paul Sagnor, Tony Bilka and Mike West all came in with low gross scores of 77 to advance to the final rounds which were scheduled for a week later to determine the championship.

Lowest man in the tournament at this point was William Mackey who had a 74 from the week before. Bing Miller was to go to the play-off with a total of 76 strokes.

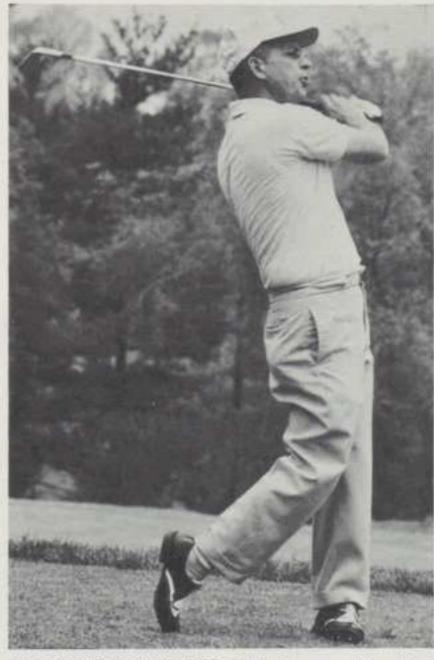
NO OVER FAME

Habitues of the golf course grew used to seeing Doc on the links with his single club, his right rear pocket sagging from the weight of a monkey wrench which was necessary to adjust the clubhead.

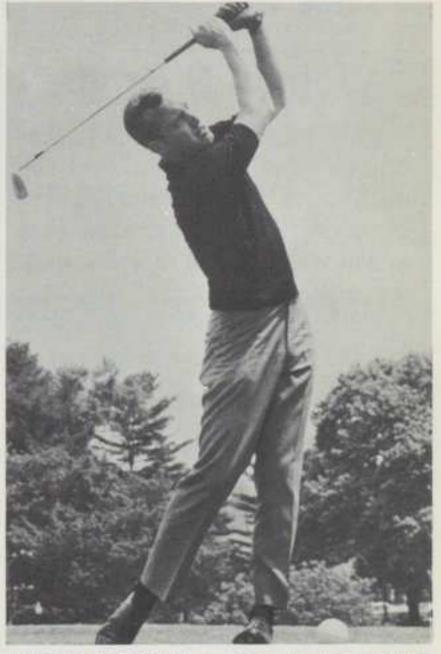
"I could hit a divot just as far as anybody else with it," Doc recalls.

One day at home, however, Doc needed a pipe of the same size as the shaft of his club and the noted club became part of his plumbing system.

Thus was lost "Potter's Putter," a club that could have revolutioned the game and made an Arnie Palmer of Doc Potter.



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM that won him the championship in 1960 is shown by Geo. Kirby as he tees off for the second round. Geo. made the 18 holes in 78 strokes and won a place in the play-off matches for the 1966 championship.



ASHLEY MORGAN is seen teeing off the second round matches of the Lukens Golf Tournament. Morgan finished the round with a 77 and earned a place in the play-off round.

The Girls Had A Lovely Day, Too!



SECOND FOURSOME in women's tournament are, from left: Sheila Hrkach, Barbara Saroka, Marty Dague and "Dimps" Fennefrock. Girls here are waiting to tee off in the championship round.



HANK COOPER (right) inspects the winning scorecard of repeat champion, Kitty Hurley, after her 51 stroke round had won her the 1966 Women's Championship. From left are: Marie Jaros, Romaine Miller and Kitty.

Women Champs

Kitty Hurley, the 1965 Lukens Women's Golf Champ, did not find the honor a new one. She first won the trophy in 1957, then came back to win it three years in a row starting in 1963.

Kitty's predecessor, Rhoda Pfitzenmeyer, was also a multiple-winner, taking the championship in 1960, 1961 and 1962.

Helen Slider was champion in 1955 and again in 1958, while Julia Melnick was also a two-time champ, taking the crown in 1954 and again in 1959.

In 1953, first year of the tournament, Libby Root and Barbara Hadley tied for the championship with 124 strokes for the 36 holes. In 1957 the distance for women's competition was lowered to nine holes.

Day of Decision

Seventeen golfers were to tee off in the final round of the Lukens Golf Tournament May 28, with William Mackey leading the pack with a 74. Larry (Bing) Miller was close on his heels with a 76.

To tee off at 7:45 were Bill O'Hop, Willson Clark, William Arasin, William Arasin Jr. and Ed Heinzman, all with 81's. At 7:50, Gail Broyles and George Kirby with 78's, Joe Zaplitney, 79, and Ray Hoopes with 80 were scheduled to play.

The 7:55 tee-off foursome was to consist of Mike West, Paul Sagnor and Dr. John Pratt, with 77's, and Joe Stack with 78.

Mackey in the 8:00 group was to play with Miller and with John Ferdik and Tony Bilka. Both of the latter had 77's in their first rounds.



ANOTHER COMELY FOURSOME in the women's championship included, from left: Pat Zeigler, Ruth Ann Leslie, Kathy Verbiski and Sandy Rominger.

NOTICE

Due to the time element involved in producing this special issue of Lukens Life, the men's champion will be the last item obtained for the magazine. His picture appears on the front cover.

Hundreds Play In



PLANNERS discuss schedules and other matters at a pre-season meeting. Seated, from left, are Joe Ericson, Ron Lucerne and Nels Gilbert. Standing are Ed Hudock, left, and Guy Griswold.

Lukens Golf League Competition

Testimony that golf is a game of widespread interest and participation by Lukens employees (if proof is needed) is seen in the success of the Lukens Golf League, a competition that was started in 1964 as "Independent Lukens Golfers" and in 1965 became a sponsored athletic activity of the company.

A dozen teams reported for play that first year but as word spread, more employees flocked to join, until this year there are 28 teams in two leagues competing for the prizes and trophies given by the leagues. Weekly prizes are given for low gross and net scores and trophies are presented to winning teams at the end of the year.

According to Joe Ericson, one of the movers in forming the original league and now chairman of the activity, a year-end tournament held in September will determine the final winners for the year. Each team plays 13 matches during the year during after-work hours at either Ingleside Golf Course or the Coatesville Country Club between which matches are alternated.

Nelson Gilbert, Ed Hudock, Guy Griswold and Ron

Lucerne are members of a group that acts as assistant to the coordinator. The nine hole league is 80% handicap. Nelson Ginther is handicapper for League A and Ron Luzerne handicaps in League B.

League play has been underway in the league since May 2. Teams will play until August and then the winners in each league will meet to decide the championship.

These tournaments in the past have attracted scores of participants and the competition for the honors has been intense.

Ericson estimates that at least 280 people are taking part in the league this year and that most of that number will take part in the year-end tournament.

Final standings in the league last year had the Refractories and Fuel team, with 9 wins and 2 losses, heading League A and By-Products which won 8½ games and lost 2½ taking the laurels in the B League.

The By-Products team won the championship by defeating Fuels in an 18 hole match at Coatesville Country Club.



1965 CHAMPS were members of the By Products team, here being congratulated by Joe Ericson. From left are: Ericson, Roy Wilson, Ray Middleton, Don Arasin, Ashley Morgan and Willard Middleton. Ed Heintzman is absent from photo.



RUNNERS-UP in 1965 season were these members of the Fuels team. Offering congratulations at left is Nels Gilbert. Others, from left, are Fred Emes, John Profeto, Albert Gonsorick, Joe Ruczak, Eli Kish and Al Schultz.

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