



INTRODUCTION

27,500 days ago, in a galaxy really close to home, frustration loomed large and long over Tacoma, Washington golf competition and tournament control. Therefore, the benevolent Pacific Northwest Golf Association stepped forward, contacted the Tacoma area's existing local golf courses and clubs, and encouraged the formation of a local alliance. From that original invitation emerged the **TACOMA GOLF ASSOCIATION (TGA)**.

History is interesting and cyclical. Whatever problem existed between clubs, associations, and competitions; still exist in a similar form. Concerns between private and public clubs, equitable handicapping for tournaments, the desire to hold particular competitions; still find a voice in TGA meetings.

Delegates who show up for the delegate golf, but not the dinner or meeting still were too easily found even after 75 years. Delegates who have conflicts with players or courses, or disappear when they should be assisting in administrating tournaments still occur. The TGA even has had its version of a palace coup which, borne of frustration, existed for 15 months before order and tradition were restored.

Then too, there were the great things which would not have happened without the voice and work of the TGA. The highly respected Tacoma City Amateur, the Junior City Championship, and the unique 70 year history of the Champion of Champions were shining examples of the perseverance and excellence of commitment to provide quality golf competition to the area.

Outstanding leadership has been a hallmark with well-known businessmen actively participating in all phases of administration. Some of the most notable individuals have been:

Ray Roberts
Clarence Taylor
Frank Dempski
Jack Walters
Bill Voligny
Ray Scruton
George Wise
Ken E. Morken

Heinie Venske
George Marshall
Ed Honeywell
Dr. Herm Dahl
Sen. Harry Cain
Al Adams
H. M. (Monty) Montgomery
Chet Hasting

There has been an overlapping of the membership that has contributed to its longevity. One example: for more than 56 of the TGA's 75 years: Clarence Taylor (15), Bill Voligny (18), and Chet Hasting (23) have provided stability as TGA Treasurer. Several club delegates served TGA for three decades or longer. Among those who served with longevity:

Heinie Venske	Art Swindland	Clarence Taylor
Frank Dempski	Ed Honeywell	Dr. Herm Dahl
Jack Walters	Loren Allard	Chet Hasting
Ike Furness	Ray Scruton	Ken Vogt
Al Adams	Ken E. Morken	H. M. (Monty) Montgomery

Prominent within the history of the Tacoma Golf Association is the recognition of the Tacoma Country and Golf Club being the oldest course and club west of the Mississippi, beginning in 1892, and United States Senator Harry Cain being a past president of the association.

Thank you for this opportunity to delve into this middle-aged association that has constantly evolved. It had a wobbly childhood, a bit of an arrogant adolescence, a long adulthood, and hopefully a graceful golden age (without too much Alzheimer's).

Ken E. Morken



1931 – The first meeting held at the Union Club, February 27, 1931.

The initial meeting went under the name Associated Golf Clubs of Tacoma.

Meeting called to order by G. H. Raleigh, President of the PNGA.

Representatives of each of the organized clubs in the area of Tacoma were invited. Clubs represented at the meeting were:

Fircrest Golf Club,
Tacoma Country and Golf Club,
Parkland Golf Club and,
Steilacoom Lake Golf Club.

Mr. Raleigh explained that there was a need in the Tacoma area for an organization that promoted the interests of Golf. The chief reason for such an organization at that time was to provide the necessary material for holding a city Championship tournament each year. He also stated that there was such an increase in the number of applicants that the sponsoring course was overwhelmed. His suggestion was to move the City Championship from match play to medal play.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the tournament would be medal play. Each club had their own qualifying round. Each club provided that no more than 10% of each club's membership could qualify for the City Championship.

Mr. Raleigh appointed Ray Roberts, Fred Davis, and Heinie R. Venske as the organizing committee to draw up a tentative constitution and by-laws. One person from each of the attending courses served on the Organizing Committee.

Each club paid \$15.00 for membership.

The second meeting was March 25, 1931. Meeting was called to order by President G. H. Raleigh.

Clubs represented and delegates present:

Fircrest Golf Club	–	Ray Roberts and Roger Peck
Tacoma Country and Golf Club	–	Fred Davis
Steilacoom Lake Golf Club	-	R.C. Cole and H. R. Venske
Meadow Park Golf Club	–	Ray Johnson and Roy Webster
Parkland Golf Club	–	George Fisher and Art Swindland

Managers from Allenmore, Highland, Steilacoom Lake, Meadow Park and Parkland attended.

Other guests represented the Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma Times, Tacoma Ledger,

The draft constitution and by-laws were read and approved

Officers were nominated and elected:

President	–	Ray Roberts
Vice-President	-	Ray Johnson
Secretary	-	Henry Venske
Treasurer	-	Fred Davis

Upon the election of officers, G. H. Raleigh turned the organization over to the elected officers.

Two item of business for the newly born bureaucracy:

First, establish a plan between the five public and two private courses in sponsoring a viable City Championship. Public and private courses utilized different handicapping systems. (Highlands was not a charter participant in the organizational phase)

The second meeting provided the first controversy between the Association and the Meadow Park course Manager, Mr. D. H. Hillard, who complained against the courses in the City Championship providing Championship caliber players free green fees.

Dates for the inaugural City Championship Tournament were May 10, 17, and 24. Entry fee was \$1.00.

May 10th was a 36 hole qualification on the participant's home course. May 17th was a 36 hole medal play at Meadow Park. May 24th was a 36 hole final at Tacoma Country and Golf Club. No green fees were charged at Meadow Park and Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

185 players participated in the first City Championship.

Parkland	-	20
Fircrest	-	50
Meadow Park	-	32
Stielacoom Lake		33
Tacoma G & CC		50

Participants played 72 holes, 36 at Fircrest and 36 at Tacoma G &CC.

C. D. "Chuck" Hunter of Tacoma Country and Golf Club was the first city Champion. He posted scores of 81, 75, 75, 76 307. None of the top five finishers carded a score below 75.

The TGA also sponsored The Tacoma City Public Links Championship held at the Parkland Golf Club as a match play event with 149 entries. The first Champion was Barge Pease who defeated Al Feldman 2 – 1.

1932 – President	–	Ray Roberts	Secretary	–	Art Swindland
Vice- President	–	Hugo Peterson	Treasurer	–	Harry Cain
Executive Committee – Harold Johns					

Allenmore, Highlands, and Brookdale were extended invitations to join the TGA at the Annual Meeting. The membership was now at eight.

First delegate meeting of the year was the Annual Meeting – February 10, 1932

City Championship participation was limited to a field of 80. Each course provided 7 entries and the remaining 24 were to be decided by committee. Ole Swindland was the City Amateur Champion.

TGA carried authority to reinstate amateur status for caddies. one caddy was penalized for 18 months. TGA later chose to serve as intermediary for applicants to USGA for reinstatement.

TGA also decided to sponsor one Public Links golfer to the Nationals annually. Ole Swindland was that first representative, and the TGA appropriated \$225 toward his expenses in getting him to Louisville, Kentucky.

1933 – President – Harry Cain Secretary – Dr. John Garceau
Vice- President - H. R. Venske Treasurer – Harold Johns
Delegate at Large – Dr. Whetstone

C.D. “Chuck” Hunter again won the City Championship Tournament.

TGA started a “King’s X” tournament. This was a competition very similar to the contemporary Super Sweeps allotment. The club with the highest attendance received a season ending Sweepstakes event. The tournament was sometimes a best ball, sometimes points, sometimes medal play, but usually with handicap. The annual tournament was different from the previous year in that the winning club chose the format of play.

1934 – President – Harry Cain Secretary – Hugo Peterson
Vice – President – H. R. Venske Treasurer – George Marshall
Delegate at Large – Irv Nelson

Sterling Cox, chairman of the Handicap Committee reported that his committee revised par at eight courses for the purpose of handicap.

Fircrest	71	Brookdale	68
Country Club	71	Allenmore	69
Meadow Park	71	Highland	69
Steilacoom Lake	71	Parkland	65

Fircrest and the Country Club used the par indicated on their scorecards.

TGA later added an amendment to the handicap rules to indicate, “in all tournaments held under the sponsorship of this association at the various public courses, all entrants from the two private clubs, Fircrest and Country Club, shall have their handicaps reduced by one stroke for each five strokes, or fraction thereof of their handicap at their home club.”

July 17 – President Harry Cain made pointed remarks concerning the poor attendance at the meeting.

August 4 – Accepted a proposal from the women’s association to sponsor a City Mixed One-ball Twosome.

Adopted a variation of “Winter Golf” rules including, lie improvement only in the fairway of the hole being played. The penalty for improving a lie in any other fairway – two strokes in medal play, in match play – loss of hole.

Concern arose regarding the differences between public and private courses within the TGA. An attempt was made to establish a local Public Links Association that did not include any private courses. After much debate and even formulating a constitution, the motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Al Buhre was the City Amateur Champion.

On August 11, Dr. Garceau, from Meadow Park, proposed that each public course feature some particular tournament each year. The motion was moved, seconded and passed. Each tournament was on the first Sunday of the Month, every month. The rotation for the remainder of the year was:

August	-	Allenmore
September	-	Meadow Park
October	-	Steilacoom
November	-	Parkland
December	-	Brookdale
January	-	Highland

The handicap utilized was a $\frac{3}{4}$ Cauklins System

The first Sweepstakes (Sweeps) was scheduled for the first Sunday at Allenmore. In addition to 12 Sweeps each year, the three premier tournaments included:

City Championship – three-week match play

Club Championships – over four separate weekends

Public Links – over four weekends.

December 4 – Adopted a proposal to hold an annual dance within weeks of the Annual Meeting to serve as a time to install officers, serve as a general get together for city golfers and having the potential to put a few dollars in the coffers.

1935 – President	–	Heinie Venske	Secretary	-	Charles Kelton
Vice President	-	Jack Huertz	Treasurer	-	George Marshall
		Delegate at Large	-	Irv Nelson	

A fund-raising dance was held at Ingleside. The dance lost \$29.76. The Annual meeting was at Hoyt's Doughnut shop.

Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, again the City Amateur Champion.

October 3 meeting, George Marshall of the Parkland Course explained the concept of a Champion of Champions tournament sponsored by the Parkland Club. Moved and carried.

Linden became an honorary member for the remainder of the year and permanent upon the new year.

The association moved, seconded, and carried that the TGA president be authorized to solicit golf balls from the member courses for \$6.00 a dozen (or less), for Sweeps prizes.

Course pars were revised a third time for public courses.

Linden	69	Meadow Park	67
Brookdale	66	Allenmore	66
Highland	65	Parkland	62

President Venske called for equalization of handicaps between public and private courses. Several options were considered, none was accepted.

1936 – President - Heinie Venske Treasurer - George Marshall
Vice-President - Jack Huertz Secretary - L.P. Hein
Delegate-at-large - Dr. Garceau

February 8, discussion was held regarding entering a Sweeps more than once. At that time, no more than a single entry was allowed.

The City (Amateur) Championship continued to be restricted to the low 80 qualifiers. Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, again the City Amateur Champion.

A memo from the USGA encouraged winning amateurs to receive silverware as awards, rather than clubs, balls, et cetera, in an effort to reduce commercialization.

Clubs were switching their Sweeps dates on their own, without going through the TGA

Clarence Taylor's first recorded meeting began a fifty-four year association with TGA.

Linden's status as a private course was not accepted by the USGA. For the time being, their handicap was figured as a public course handicap using the Caulkin's system. The secretary was directed to write to the USGA for the regulations segregating the public courses from the private courses to establish the status of the Linden Golf Club.

Moved, seconded, and passed (MSP) that \$15.00 be spent bringing the TGA's records up to date.

October 1, MSP that the Champion of Champions tournament became a TGA event as set up by the Parkland club. Also, that each club was responsible for sending their amateur club champion. Professionals and caddies comprised the non-amateur category.

President Venske recommended that Annual Meetings be moved from February to December. He also recommended that sweeps be reduced from the current twelve to eight, one for each member club.

1937 - President	-	Heinie Venske	Treasurer	-	Charles Kelton
Vice-President-		George Marshall	Secretary	-	John Hunt
		Delegate-at-large	-	Jason McQuillan	

Longtime pro Chuck Condon offered to have five professionals in the area play each course in the Association and provide their ideas of what handicap each course should be. Then the TGA would have control of all city handicaps for tournaments held by them. Motion passed.

More and more boys were becoming caddies. Having received money for toting clubs around for nine or eighteen holes was historically a professional's job. Teen caddies had to ask for reinstatement to amateur status simply in order to play in club tournaments.

Howell sporting goods began sponsoring a four-man team competition with each team representing a club. The tournament was called the Punch Bowl Tournament. The huge trophy was awarded to Fircrest in that first year.

Chuck Hunter, Jr. was the City Amateur Champion.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that all courses have a uniform sweeps green fee of \$0.50 and entry of \$0.25.

It was moved, seconded, and passed, that the TGA assume sponsorship of the Allenmore Open. The re-titled name was The Tacoma Open and was backed by the National Bank of Tacoma. The TGA's expense was not to exceed \$11.50.

A motion was moved, seconded, and passed that the Sweeps prizes be awarded in three divisions, 0 – 10, 11 – 15, and 16 and up.

1938 – President	-	Heinie Venske	Secretary	-	John Hunt
Vice President -		George Marshall	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor
		Delegate at Large – Art Walker			

Clarence Taylor introduced the participation award for the course with the most Sweeps participants.

The Tacoma Open produced a \$110.00 profit.

Tacoma Country & Golf Club declined to hold one round of the City Amateur.

Bob Van De Mark was the City Amateur Champion.

Moved by Chet Corey, seconded and passed, that the club having the most entries in the Sweepstake tournaments be awarded a special tournament in December.

Moved, seconded, and passed, that \$11.40 be sent to the USGA for 100 rule books. Books were be distributed to each member club.

1939 – President - Heinie Venske Secretary - John Hunt
Vice President - Jim York Treasurer - Ed Garceau
Delegate at Large – Cliff Olsen

Linden declined to hold one round of the City Amateur.

Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, again the City Amateur Champion.

Dan Walton, sports editor of the News Tribune outlined a program by which the Tribune would be glad to publish more news on golf. The program was to provide black and white copy, and TGA does the club contact.

The Tacoma Country and Golf Club was pleased to be asked, and hosted the first round of the City Amateur.

A Constitutional Amendment was passed limiting the term of President to two years.

1940 – President - Chester Corey Secretary - Bill DeLay
Vice President - Jim York Treasurer - Ed Garceau
Delegate at Large – A. R. Lehman

Sweepstakes entry raised to \$0.50. Each club had control of green fees for Sweeps events.

Chuck Condon and four other pros played each Association course and reported suggested pars for each.

Fircrest	70	Highland	64
Country Club	70	Brookdale	66
Linden	70	Parkland	60
Meadow Park	68	Allenmore	67

Past President Venske was awarded a gift of one dozen balls for his past service.

The Country Club has chosen to not be an active member of the TGA.

The TGA continued to play a regionally significant role with the National Public Links, hosting the regional qualifier and having Heinie Venske named as regional representative under Dr. Williams of Spokane.

Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, again the City Amateur Champion.

The Tacoma Open continued to grow and received recognition from arenas outside of golf.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that TGA create a permanent fund for Public Links qualifiers to the National tournament.

1941 – President - Chester Corey Secretary - Nels Norberg
Vice President - Jim York Treasurer - Jack Ferguson
Delegate at large – Heinie Venske

President Corey presented a plan submitted by Dan Walton of the Tribune to sponsor a junior tournament. After discussion, TGA would run the tournament and be sponsored by the News Tribune. The initial Tournament had 64 entrants.

The Brookdale Invitational was created. It was co-sponsored by the TGA from the onset.

Frank Unger won the Tacoma City Amateur.

The Parkland Golf Course was sold to Pacific Lutheran College and underwent massive renovation, from being an 18 hole course to being a 9 hole course. The TGA voted to extend full membership and playing privileges to the Parkland Club's membership for the duration of the renovation.

Heinie Venske was named USGA district representative.

Sweeps held at Fircrest had a then record of 206 entries.

1942 – President - Elmer Clark Secretary - John Anderson
Vice President - Bob Van De Mark Treasurer - Heinie Venske
Delegate at Large – Chester Corey

The only mention of the Pearl Harbor attack was a special tournament was held and \$214.25 was turned in to the Red Cross.

City Amateur entry was raised to \$1.25 and the field limited to 100. Jack Walters won the Tacoma City Amateur.

A July 30 motion allowed any individual golfer to enter the Sweeps as many times as he wishes providing he has a different partner for each round.

Brookdale elected not to receive green fees for the delegates to the Annual meeting.

1943 – President - John Anderson Secretary - George Poparad
 Vice President - Joe McArthur Treasurer - Harry Mauder
 Delegate at Large – Elmer Clark

Sweeps entry/green fee was raised to \$1.50, with \$0.70 for green fees and \$0.80 to the prize fund.

Any one golfer could win more than once in the sweeps with different partners.

Prizes for the Public Links tournaments will be paid in War Bonds.

Sweeps participation was extended to include Friday, Saturday and Sunday to provide the opportunity for those involved in War work to play in the tournaments.

City Amateur entry fee was raised to \$1.50. Broken down, it was: \$0.75 for green fees, \$0.65 for prize fund, and \$0.10 for hole-in-one. Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, yet again, winner of the Tacoma City Amateur.

1944 – President - John Anderson Secretary - Nels Norberg
 Vice President - Aaron Aiken Treasurer - Heinie Venske
 Delegate at Large – Elmer Clark

The treasurer's Report for March 30 indicated: General Fund - \$176.22, Drawing Pool - \$34.52, National Public Links - \$220.12, and the Tacoma Open - \$317.39. (The Drawing Pool was for eligible delegates who have played in the previous Sweeps. Usually, there was some roll-over to the next month.)

Chuck Hunter, Jr. was, yes, again, the City Amateur Champion.

The Parkland Golf Course was renamed the College Golf Course and reassumes its membership.

1945 - President - Ed Stevens Secretary - Nels Norberg
 Vice-President - John Anderson Treasurer - Heinie Venske
 Delegate at Large – Elmer Clark

The Tacoma Open was changed to The Tacoma Golf Association Open for its twelfth edition.

Chuck Hunter, Jr. won the Tacoma City Amateur for the 10th time.

Stymies were eliminated from Public Links play.

TGA adopted a policy to assist the Junior Golf Association "as far as possible."

“Baby daughter’ cigars were presented to the delegates by Father (2nd time) Elmer Clark. The smokes were appreciated by all who received. Elmer (Clip) Clark deems it more blessed to give than to receive. Meeting adjourned in a cloud of cigar smoke at 8:10 p.m.”

1946 – President - Ed Stevens Secretary - Frank Gratias
 Vice-President- Elmer Clark Treasurer - Floyd Irish
 Delegate at Large - John Anderson

The Tacoma Golf Association Open reverts to its original name, The Allenmore Open.

Oscar “Ockie” Eliason won the Tacoma City Amateur.

At the May 22 meeting, it was moved, seconded and passed that, under ‘winter rules,’ a player could improve his lie with his club to no more than six inches.

1947 – President - Ed Honeywell Secretary - Frank Gratias
 Vice-President- Frank Dempski Treasurer - Bert Walker
 Delegate at Large - James Anderson

Annual Dinner held at Top ‘O the Ocean.

News Tribune prints TGA schedules for Course distribution and TGA membership cards for member clubs.

The name of the City Amateur Trophy was the Frank Unger Memorial Trophy. The original was to be held at the Champion’s club and returned for the following year. The Champion was given a replica trophy. David Doud won the Tacoma City Amateur.

A Tacoma publication named the NIBLIC endorsed a revised and improved handicap system, which the TGA considered adopting.

Handicaps were to be revised at least once a month.

Allowance for one par on any hole

Handicap	0 – 10	-	1 stroke
	11 -- 20	-	2 strokes
	21 and over	-	3 strokes

1. Lowest 5 rounds of the last 10 constitute the handicap
2. Handicaps of 0 – 14 inclusively, may be increased at the rate of not more than one stroke per month.
3. Handicaps over 15 may be increased at the rate of not more than two strokes per month.

The Seattle confederation of courses has revised this system a bit. The TGA, after three months of review and discussion, considered adopting the Seattle version. After consultations with all clubs, the vote was:

7 for retaining the current handicap system
2 for adopting the Seattle system

New course ratings

Allenmore	-	68
Country Club	-	71
College	-	65
Highland	-	65

The old Tacoma Open/Tacoma Golf Association/Allenmore Open was a 36 hole tournament with discussion about becoming an 18 hole tournament. Motion fails.

1948 – President	-	Ed Honeywell	Secretary	-	Jim Anderson
Vice-President-		Frank Dempski	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor
		Delegate at Large	-	Al Moody	

Dinner held at Top 'O the Ocean.

Washington Hardware will provide a prize for any hole-in-one at a Sweeps. [Washington Hardware was the Gart/Big 5 of its day.]

David Doud repeated as Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

A new 'Tacoma Open' will be held at Fircrest with the primary sponsor, the Tacoma Athletic Commission. TGA will have a part.

On April 27th, Fort Lewis Golf Course became a TGA member.

On May 27th, a motion was passed that all TGA tourneys were only for "the white race."

Because of the TGA white race only policy, Army regulations forced the Ft Lewis Golf Course to resign from the TGA on June 8th.

PNGA was touting a handicap system that utilized 10 of the last 13 rounds. TGA appointed a committee to work with the Seattle group on it.

The nine-hole delegate tournament was unofficially named the Paul Eschner Benefit Tournament because of all the balls he consistently wins. (This was not unlike the contemporary Ron Hovey Benefit Tournament currently in play at the delegate meetings.)

This was the first year that the Annual dinner was held in December.

1949 - President - Jim Anderson, Jr. Secretary - Paul Eschner
Vice-President- Harry Rowan Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at large – Ed Honeywell

Dinner held again at Top 'O the Ocean.

With the dates for Sweepstakes tourneys written down, club names were drawn from a hat to fill the calendar.

Because of the variety of handicap methods being utilized, there was concern about whether the TGA Public Links representative to the National Tournament will be accepted. The result was for TGA to change to the nationally accepted methodology.

On May 10th TGA drops its whites only policy and Ft. Lewis reassumes its membership, as a public course, rated at 70.

June 9th saw the first Junior trophy requisitioned.

The Frank Dempski Benefit era begins for the delegate tourney.

Jack Walters won the Tacoma City Amateur. Additionally, Jack and Jean Walters won the Men' and Women's Champion of Champions. Heidelberg Brewing, through Jack Walters' efforts, donated two perpetual trophies to the TGA, for recognizing the men's and women's champions each year.

Mrs. Jack (Jean) Walters was presented a silver cigarette case in recognition for being Mrs. Golf in Tacoma.

1950 - President - Jim Anderson, Jr. Secretary - Don Cory
Vice-President- Harry Rowan Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at large – Ed Honeywell

July 27, TGA voted to accept the current USGA handicapping system.

Enumclaw became a member after a constitutional change loosened the 25 mile distance from the downtown Tacoma Post Office.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Al Buhre.

After a bit of an absence the Champion of Champions was up and running again with joint sponsorship between the TGA and the TWGA. The reincarnated tournament was be held at Brookdale.

1951 – President - Frank Dempski Secretary - Larry Iverson
Vice-President- Rolf Gronvik Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at Large – Jim Anderson, Jr.

Past President Jim Anderson, Jr. provided the first bulletin board schedules for all the clubs.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Walters.

The first Junior Tournament was played August 20th at Meadow Park. In addition, TGA will support and assist the Park Board with their Junior Tournament.

The Champ of Champs was moved to Fircrest. It was usually be held at a country club from this point onward.

The Secretary forgot the minutes for the August meeting and was fined a fifth of Old Hickory!

The current year's King's X Tourney was be based on points.

1952 – President	-	Frank Dempski	Secretary	-	Larry Iverson
Vice-President-		Paul Eschner	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor
		Delegate at Large – Jim Anderson, Jr.			

TGA went on record as being in favor of Daylight Savings Time.

Maple Valley came into the TGA.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Baty.

KMO radio reported on the Publinx (Public Links) and Sweeps with comprehensive results.

Negroes were allowed to play in the Tacoma Open and Japanese golfers have joined the Highlands club. After much discussion, the TGA wisely decided to make no stand on club membership ethnicities.

Lake Wilderness joined the Association. (The course was located between Covington and Maple Valley.)

1953 – President	-	Paul Eschner	Secretary	-	Walt Williams
Vice-President-		Herm Dahl	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor

A Jackpot drawing was funded with \$100.00. Entry into the drawing occurs by having attended 9 of the first 11 sweepstakes tournaments. Prizes will be \$50 - \$30 and \$20.

The TAC/ TGA version of the 20th Tacoma Open at Fircrest was meeting with opposition from Allenmore Golf Club and Course. On March 5th, the Tacoma Open was postponed until 1954. It became a 72-hole tourney with 36 holes played on the last day. \$2,500 for the pros and amateur money as allowed.

A vote on accepting the USGA handicap system for all TGA events and member club competitions was carried unanimously by the clubs present.

The board moved to supply liquid refreshments for all special meetings and any second meetings at any member club. Motion was carried. Thus began the Clarence Taylor rolling liqueur store, which remained a TGA institution for more than thirty years.

Jackpot eligibility changed to 8 of 11 Sweeps.

A TGA organized Hole-in-one Contest at the 38th Street Driving Range was held over three Saturdays with the TNT and KTNT-TV providing daily coverage. A \$1,360 profit was received. It was the biggest single moneymaker to date.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Ken Towns.

TGA supports the Junior Chamber of Commerce to the tune of \$25 for their Junior tournament.

Chuck Brown, new pro and owner at Brookdale attended his first meeting on September 3rd.

The TGA solicited the National Left Handers Golf Association to hold their 1954 national tournament at Fircrest.

The tradition of TGA paying for the delegates' and past presidents' dinners at the Annual meeting was passed.

1954 – President	-	Paul Eschner	Secretary	-	Walt Williams
Vice-President	-	Herm Dahl	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor
		Delegate at Large	-	Frank Dempski	

The tournament calendar for the year included 11 Sweeps, the City Amateur, the Publinx matches, Brookdale Amateur, Hole-in-one, and the Tacoma Open, twenty-one events, in all.

Par ratings for the TGA courses were:

Allenmore	67	Brookdale	67
College	64	Country Club	72
Fircrest	71	Linden	70
Meadow Park	67	Highland	65
Fort Lewis	71	Lake Wilderness	65

Two delegates were fined liquid refreshment. One person was fined a fifth of Ballantine's and the other a fifth of Kentucky Tagern (?).

TGA again supported the JCC Tacoma Junior Tournament with \$50.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Walters.

The Tacoma Open was renamed once again, this incarnation became the Tacoma Invitational. Apparently, this carried a bit more leeway for the professionals who were invited to play.

TGA offered \$100 to the TWGA to promote Junior Girls golf activities.

Largest annual Sweepstakes attendance was 2,840.

1955 – President	-	Herm Dahl	Secretary	-	Walt Williams
Vice-President	-	Ray Coleman	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor

Ed Honeywell suggested that the 1955 edition of the Tacoma Invitational be held in conjunction with the Daffodil Festival and be called the Tacoma Daffodil Open. Each club held a fund raiser to assist in underwriting the tournament's newest incarnation.

The beginnings of a long-standing rift between the TAC and the TGA began as a result of the TAC not pushing ticket sales for the Daffodil Open. Ticket receipts generated a loss of \$175.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Ernie Althuser.

Fircrest announced that the Tacoma Daffodil Open was not welcome at their course.

Sixty names were entered in the Jackpot drawing with eight winners and cash prizes ranging from \$50 - \$10. The Jackpot ran again.

\$5 was given to the JCC's to help send a junior golfer to the Nationals.

\$50 was also given to the Pierce County Parks Junior Tournament.

Herm Dahl received a Life Membership in the TGA.

The Hole-in-one tourney at the 38th street Driving Range had several guaranteed prizes. Washington Hardware posted \$100 for each hole-in-one during the qualifying days. The TNT posted a \$150 for the same on the final day. The TGA also received an \$800 anonymous donation for additional prizes. The TGA produced a \$1900 profit.

1956 – President	-	Guy Hall	Secretary	-	Walt Williams
Vice-President	-	Ron Gratias	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor

Entry to Sweeps was separated from green fees. TGA no longer set green fees for tournaments. The Sweeps entry was \$2.00 plus green fees.

Herm Dahl moved that the City Amateur have three rounds at three different courses, with the final round held at a private club. The tradition holds to this day. The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Walters.

John Severson shot the first delegate-day tournament hole-in-one on March 29th, at Linden, on #2. He bought a round of liquid refreshment!

The Public Links qualifier goes to four rounds, one each week at Allenmore.

Par ratings were:

Fircrest	71	Fort Lewis	71
Country Club	71	Linden	70
Allenmore	68	Meadow Park	67
Brookdale	67	Highland	66
College	65	Lake Wilderness	65

May 17, Mike Sterbick offered free legal assistance to incorporate the TGA as a non-profit organization. TGA was to have had a Board of Trustees, two delegates per course, terms of office were two years, after the first year, and the Trustees were to meet before the first day of the new year to elect five new trustees from the member clubs.

At the same meeting, the TNT was asking to see an extensive Junior program initiated in the area. They pledged support, and continued support of the Hole-in-One Tournament. \$1,000 was made available from the treasury, and Fort Lewis provided a set of new irons for the winner.

Ken Tyson spoke on the new Junior program lessons being provided by area pros. \$150 was given to the TWGA for a Junior girls' program and \$100 was given to the Pierce County Parks Junior Tournament.

Fircrest's Sweeps had 426 entries for a two day Sweeps. All Sweepstakes totaled 2413 entries.

TGA provided \$100 and bought its own typewriter for correspondence and minutes.

1957 – President	-	Guy Hall	Secretary	-	Walt Williams
Vice-President-		Ron Gratias	Treasurer	-	Clarence Taylor
		Delegate at Large	-	Herm Dahl	

Green River Golf Course and Men's Club became a TGA member. It was rated at 66.

College's par rating was reduced to a 64.

Sgt. Trueblood, delegate from Fort Lewis asked for TGA's support and endorsement of his proposed Tournament, The Fort Lewis Amateur. A letter was sent to the Commanding General stating TGA's wholehearted support.

Fircrest again set a two-day Sweepstakes record of 470 entries, and a one day record of 246 entries.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Baty

1958 - President - Ron Gratiias Secretary - Craig Lowery
Vice-President- Larry Iverson Treasurer - Clarence Taylor

The City Amateur had a record 191 entries. Dr. Herm Dahl was the City Amateur Champion.

Metropolitan Park Board Director Ralph Williams spoke to the group about the City's desire to purchase a public golf course. Meadow Park was the chosen course and TGA supported a \$300,000 bond issue for the purchase. TGA also purchased \$225 in advertising in endorsing the purchase.

Meadow Park offers Juniors free golf after school was out for the summer, from 6 a.m. – 12 noon on Mondays. Clubs will be furnished.

Frank Dempski was appointed to look into creating an annual Junior tournament. Ken Tyson volunteers Allenmore's course for the event. The event was held June 23, 24, 25 and a golf ball and a \$.75 lunch were provided. 68 players participated in the inaugural event.

Tacoma Publinx players were refused entry into the National Public Links Tournament in Seattle. A telegram of protest was sent to the USGA. The USGA apologized, but said there was nothing they could do. In all, a poor reply.

Lake Wilderness had par re-rated to a 65.

Brookdale changes to 5" cups. TGA writes in letter of inquiry to the USGA. USGA said that was a no-no and notified the club.

1959 - President - Ron Gratiias Secretary - Craig Lowery
Vice-President- Larry Iverson Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at Large – Guy Hall

TGA rated the Olympia Golf and Country Club at a 68. The club opened in July.

A March of Dimes Tournament brought in \$338. Craig Lowery was congratulated on having done a fine job. He recommended that an annual committee run the tournament rather than the delegates. His recommendation was accepted.

Craig also encouraged TGA's support of the just completed VA Hospital course.

The Cascade Club's membership was absorbed into the Meadow Park men's club in order to play in TGA events.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Mickey Stray.

Junior Tournament was held at Fircrest with an awards dinner following.

Hole-in-one tournament at 38th Street Driving took in \$1513.

As treasurer, Clarence Taylor received a \$100.00 stipend.

TNT printed TGA membership cards for the next several years.

1960 - President - Larry Iverson Secretary - Craig Lowery
Vice-President- Al Brown Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at Large – Ron Gratias

Ron Hume asked the TGA to take over the sponsorship of the Father – Son Tournament. It was moved, seconded, and passed to do so.

Mt. View became a member. The Lacey course was rated at 67.

The Constitution was updated and amended.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Walters, for the fifth time.

The Public Links qualifying had the largest turnout in years with 171.

TGA hosted and sponsored the pre-tournament dinner for the National left-handers, of which Jack Walters was President, held at Fircrest.

Hole-in-one tournament at 38th Street Driving took in \$1585.

The first recorded effort to “freeze” handicap occurred from October 1 to March 1, 1961.

1961 - President - Larry Iverson Secretary - Craig Lowery
Vice-President- Al Brown Treasurer - Clarence Taylor
Delegate at Large – Ron Gratias

Frank Dempski and his King's X committee codify tournament rules. It now has one set of rules and one interpretation for defining the host club.

Erv Marlow moved that 10 rounds be posted before a golfer was eligible for the City Amateur. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jack Sanchez.

The Junior Tournament had 84 entries and the City Amateur, 172.

North Shore became a member club.

1962 - President - Al Brown Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- Clarence Taylor Treasurer - Walt Williams
Executive Board – Larry Iverson, Frank Dempski

The Junior Tournament had 132 entries and carried the suggestion of using two courses each year.

Mt View Golf Course became Panorama City and its men's club transferred Capitol City.

1964 - President - Clarence Taylor Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- Ralph Rennamo Treasurer - Walt Williams
Executive Board - Frank Dempski, Al Brown

Foster (Tukwila) and Capital City became TGA member clubs.

An extremely accomplished golfer at PLC (PLU), Erv Marlow, Jr. was stricken with leukemia. The Erv Marlow Jr. Scholarship Fund began. Erv Sr. was a past TGA President and future manager at the College Course. Every course held a tourney to help defray costs, with over \$1,000 being raised.

Lost ball and Ball out of bounds became stroke and distance penalty. Just distance was the prevailing penalty.

Ruling clarified that electric carts were legal for any TGA event.

Allenmore had 460 entries for the two-day Sweeps.

Earl Theilade proposed that the Sweeps be played over a three day period. It was moved, seconded, and passed.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Dr. John Harbottle.

Although begun at the behest of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) 33 years ago, TGA did not belong. Dr. Herm Dahl strongly encouraged the TGA and its member clubs to join. Country Club, Fircrest, Fort Lewis, Brookdale, Meadow Park and Linden were already members. Dr. Dahl states that the PNGA and the Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) promoted Junior Golf, the Evans Scholarship, and Championship golf and did consistent handicapping. TGA thinks about it for a while, and then joined.

Hole-in-one income was \$1993.

1965 - President - Ralph Rennamo Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- Earl Theilade Treasurer - Bill Voligny
Executive Board -Clarence Taylor

Walt Williams was appointed Tournament Chairman for the organization with an annual stipend of \$100.

Hole-in-one profited \$1,200.

Mike Friel was the Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

Entry fee for Sweeps rose to \$3.50.

Fircrest chose to re-rate its course, defying the rating committee of the TGA. TGA retaliated by dropping the Fircrest Sweeps. Jack Walters strongly encourages TGA to rethink its position if it wants Fircrest to remain a TGA member. Fircrest received a Sweeps, and the re-rating was deferred.

1966 - President	-	Ralph Rennamo	Secretary	-	Loren Allard
Vice-President-		Erv Marlow	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
		Executive Board	-	Clarence Taylor	

Chuck Brown served as Pro Advisor for the current year.

Bill Voligny accepted the position of Tournament Chairman as well as Treasurer. This was where the Treasurer's responsibility for wrapping up the Sweeps tournaments started.

February 3 found H.M. (Monty) Montgomery introduced as the new junior delegate from Allenmore.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was George Sumara.

The Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award was to be split between a PLU student and a UPS student. The first recipient for PLU was Ron Ahre for \$150 and renewable for a second year.

A new typewriter and adding machine were requisitioned.

A celebration of TGA's 35th birthday took the form of a special meeting was held to honor all the past presidents at Ft. Lewis Officers' Beach Club.

Clarence Taylor became a Life Member of the Tacoma Golf Association.

1967 - President	-	Ralph Rennamo	Secretary	-	Loren Allard
Vice-President-		Erv Marlow	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
		Executive Board	-	Ralph Rennamo, Frank Dempksi	

TGA ran a Pro-Am at Capital City. Each team consisted of a Pro, two TGA delegates and the club's President and Vice-president. Low gross was won by Al Mengert. Earlington won the team competition.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jim R. Johnson.

38th Street Driving range, home of the Hole- in-one Tournament for so many years, closed.

Jack Sereault of the TNT was honored for his commitment to golf reporting in the area.

1968 - President - Erv Marlow Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- Dick Bittman Treasurer - Bill Voligny
Executive Board - Ralph Rennamo, Frank Dempski

TGA accepted the USGA's handicapping and rating system.

Lake Spanaway and Tyee Golf Course (at the South end of the Sea-Tac runways) became member courses.

Jim Bourne served as Professional advisor for the year.

Oakbrook Golf and Country Club held a Sweeps and became a TGA member club for one year.

Treasurer/Tournament Chairman stipend raised to \$250.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Clint Names.

PLU's Jay Robinson and UPS' Joe Roberts were the recipients of the Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

The Tacoma City Match Play Tournament again assumed its role of the Publinx tourney for the area. And the first TGA Seniors was held at Brookdale.

Ray Scruton began running a hole-in-one competition during the Meadow Park in support of the Junior Match Play, which had no independent funding source since the Hole-in-one Tournament ceased. This became a tradition for Junior Golf over the next 20 years.

1969 - President - Dick Bittman Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- George Wise Treasurer - Bill Voligny
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Schedule cards still provided by the TNT.

The TWGA's junior program was dissolved when the Private clubs seceded and formed the Puget Sound Women's Golf Association and duplicated the junior program. TWGA returns \$13.33 to the TGA.

Specific contemporary format of City Amateur adopted. The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Devin Donohue.

1970 - President - Dick Bittman Secretary - Loren Allard
Vice-President- George Wise Treasurer - Bill Voligny
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Maplewood joined the Tacoma Golf Association. Moreover, Oakbrook finally renewed their membership.

Tom Tuell (who became "The Golfing Gorilla") participated in the Junior Match Play tournament and won the Tacoma City Match Play title.

Gary Clinton was Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Paul Campbell of PLU and Bill Lincoln of UPS.

The tradition of Jack & Jean Walters presenting the winners with gifts at the Champion of Champions began.

1971 - President	-	George Wise	Secretary	-	Clint Darby
Vice-President-		Loren Allard	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	-	all active Past-Presidents			

The hole-in-one budget became the Junior Golf Fund. This was reflected by the beginning deficit of \$68.61.

Membership cards and poster schedules were printed by a private business.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lynn Petit of PLU and Don DeHope of UPS.

Randy Puetz was the Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

Ron Wright won the City Match Play event.

Hi-Cedars became a member of TGA.

1972 - President	-	George Wise	Secretary	-	Clint Darby
Vice-President-		Loren Allard	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	-	all active Past-Presidents			

Jeff Spere, from PLU and Don DeHope, from UPS were the recipients for the Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

George Lanning served as the Pro Advisor for the Year.

Russ Bloom became Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

TGA ran a local version of The Masters.

1973 - President - Loren Allard Secretary - Mike Miller
 Vice-President- Clint Darby Treasurer - Bill Voligny
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

National Left-handers Tournament was at Fircrest that year. TGA served as a sponsor and supporter.

The TGA Masters was held at Lake Spanaway.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Mark Clinton from PLU and Dan Stafford from UPS.

The TGA Junior's tournament had 104 entries.

Bob Olson was Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

Frank Dempski was awarded a Life Membership in the TGA and a permanent seat on all Executive Committee meetings.

1974 - President - Loren Allard Secretary - Mike Miller
 Vice-President- Clint Darby Treasurer - Bill Voligny
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Blake Bostrom from PLU and Pat Feutz from UPS.

The Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur was Gary House.

The Tacoma City Match Play was dropped from the calendar. This was originally the Tacoma Public Links Tournament in 1931, and changed to the Tacoma city match Play Tournament in 1963.

1975 - President - Clint Darby Secretary - Wendell Kibbe
 Vice-President- Ken Vogt Treasurer - Bill Voligny
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Dr. Herm Dahl was presented with a Life Membership to the TGA. Dr. Dahl's contributions spanned an association with the TGA of over 30 years.

Big John Anderson was presented with a Lifetime Membership posthumously. John passed away in November of 1974. He was known for his prodigious drives and wicked sense of humor. Big John Anderson will be associated with the Tacoma Masters as a memorial Tournament.

Secretary Wendell Kibbe resigned for business reasons and Past-President Bob Romnes was appointed to complete the term.

The Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur was Gary House.

Ray Scruton was presented with a Life Membership with TGA for his ceaseless efforts on behalf of Junior Golf.

The Jackpot Drawing held some form for more than 25 years was eliminated.

Mickey Stray served as Pro-Advisor to TGA for the year.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Mark Clinton from PLU and Jim Purkey from UPS.

Art Swindland, one of the TGA founders gave an insightful history of the early days.

1976 - President	-	Clint Darby	Secretary	-	Bob Romnes
Vice-President	-	Ken Vogt	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	-	all active Past-Presidents			

The Treasurer/Tournament Director's pay was raised to \$500.

Sweeps entry raised to \$4.

Jamie Kirkebo was the Champion for the Tacoma City Amateur.

Ken Tyson donated \$1,000 to Junior golf. Scholarship recipient qualification of having to complete a year of school with a "C" average or better began.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Courtney Carlson	-	Oakbrook
Geoff Messinger	-	Oakbrook
Phil Denhman	-	Tacoma Country & Golf Club
Dean Sivara	-	Fort Lewis

1977 - President	-	H. M. Montgomery	Secretary	-	Bob Romnes
Vice-President	-	Al Adams	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	-	all active Past-Presidents			

Joann Teats, director of the newly formed Washington Junior Golf Association, asked for financial assistance in getting the group up and running. Ongoing financial and administrative assistance was provided for several years. TGA also reimbursed juniors for their tournament participation throughout the region for 12 years.

Chuck Brown was the Pro-Advisor.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jeff Baker.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Scott Allen	-	Fircrest
Storm Gleim	-	Linden
Steve McNall	-	Capital City
Kurt Young	-	Tyee Valley

Fircrest continues, and Oakbrook and Linden each awarded a year's membership to the Junior Champion.

Clint Darby was named a Director of the PNGA.

1978 – President	-	Monty Montgomery	Secretary	-	Ron Hume (with Marty Blackburn succeeding)
Vice-President-		Al Adams	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	–		all active Past-Presidents		

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Mark Sivara	-	Fort Lewis
Tim Daheim	-	Lake Spanaway
John Bodenhamer	-	Ft. Steilacoom
Matt Reiber	-	Meadow Park

Mark Sivara won the Junior City Match Play and the City Amateur in the same year.

Lakeland Village becomes a member of TGA.

1979 - President	-	Al Adams	Secretary	-	Louis Smith
Vice-President-		Ron Wright	Treasurer	-	Bill Voligny
Executive Board	–		all active Past-Presidents		

Walt Morgan won the City Amateur.

Brian Mogg won the TGA Junior City Match Play.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Brian Mogg	-	Oakbrook
John Doyle	-	Brookdale
David Morgan	-	Lake Spanaway

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Jeff Peck from PLU and Rich Hanson from UPS.

Twin Lakes and Madrona Links became a TGA member clubs.

1980 - President - Ron Wright Secretary - Ken E. Morken
 Vice-President- Earl Theilade Treasurer - Bill Voligny
 Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

The initiation of two Sweeps in one month, January (College & Ft. Steilacoom) began.

Yelm and Gold Mountain became TGA member clubs.

President's Junior Amateur tournament added to schedule.

CPR training was given to delegates.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Scott Geroux	-	Capital City
David K. Edwards	-	Twin Lakes
Gary Mogg	-	Oakbrook
Michael Morton	-	Allenmore

Walt Morgan successfully defended the Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

\$1,100 was donated by the Exchange club to Junior Golf.

George Wise was provided a Life Membership in the Tacoma Golf Association.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Jeff Peck from PLU and Dale Ulander from UPS.

1981 - President - Ron Wright Secretary - Ken E. Morken
 Vice-President- Earl Theilade Treasurer - Bill Voligny
 Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Joe Bordeaux	-	Fircrest
Jay Jackson	-	Capital City
Jeff Gard	-	Lake Spanaway
Mike Petellin	-	Enumclaw

Sweeps entry fee raised to \$6.

Tapps Island received membership in the Tacoma Golf Association.

Jack Bartlett of Capitol City moved that a player can play in the Sweeps with the same partner, just not on the same day, nor can he win more than once with that partner. It was seconded, and, after much discussion, passed. (This motion had been passed many years earlier, but essentially forgotten.)

Emmett Torrence aced the 7th hole for a double eagle at the College Delegate meeting. It was only the second time in the course's history that the 247-yard hole has been aced.

Jamie Kirkebo was the Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Mike McIntyre from PLU and Doug Doxie from UPS. The scholarship was increased from \$275 to \$375 per recipient.

The 50th Anniversary Tournament and celebration was put out for bid. It had cost overruns and was cancelled. Celebration was handled through the Annual Dinner.

1982 - President - Earl Theilade Secretary - Bill Barton
Vice-President- Ken E. Morken Treasurer - Bill Voligny
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Clint Darby receives a Life Membership in the TGA.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Mark Severtson	-	Lake Spanaway
Eric Kosel	-	Brookdale
David Creighton	-	Auburn
Eric Asserud	-	Linden

John Bodenhamer reigned as the Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

1983 - President - Ken E. Morken Secretary - Bill Barton
Vice-President- Bill Voligny Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Olympia Golf and Country Club, Scott Lake (Tumwater), and Foster (Tukwila) became TGA members. (Foster came in as Earlington became an industrial park on the North side of I-405.)

Clint Darby passed away.

Ken Tyson, pro at Madrona Links and strong Junior promoter, passed away.

Past President's Junior Tournament passed away.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Jeff Jackson	-	Capital City
John Fuchs	-	Allenmore

Dr. John Harbottle was Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

MNT (Morning News Tribune) -TGA Cup team competition begins. Eleven Men's Clubs participate.

1984 - President - Ken E. Morken Secretary - Bill Barton
 Vice-President- Bill Voligny Treasurer - Chet Hasting
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Monty Montgomery and Jack Walters were awarded a Life Membership in TGA

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Bobby Pasquale - Allenmore
 Randy Fossum - Lakeland Village

John Bodenhamer recaptured the Championship of the Tacoma City Amateur.

1985 – President - Bill Voligny Secretary - Steve McBee
 Vice-President- Bill Barton Treasurer - Chet Hasting
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Todd Gifford from PLU and from Drew Wakefield UPS.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Patrick McGanney - Oakbrook
 Andrew Fox - Meadow Park

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Todd Gifford from PLU and Andy Patterson from UPS.

Allenmore Sweeps hosted a three-day Sweeps event record 658 entries.

Vashon Island became a TGA member, as did Tumwater Valley and Carnation.

John Doyle won the Tacoma City Amateur.

Sound to Summit, a TGA supported junior tournament was introduced. John Bodenhamer served as the Park Board's liaison with TGA, which provided the administration and scoring.

The **TGA News Sweeps** made its debut. This 6" x 9" four page newsletter provided current TGA news and Sweeps results. Its life span was short.

1986 - President - Bill Voligny Secretary - Steve McBee
 Vice-President- Bill Barton Treasurer - Chet Hasting
 Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Lake Spanaway won the MNT –TGA Team Cup.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipient was:

Mark Knowles - Lakeland Village

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Dale Harr from PLU and Andy Patterson from UPS.

Buzz Thomas won the City Amateur.

1987 - President - Bill Barton Secretary - Bob Demko
Vice-President- Steve McBee Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Jason Follen - Allenmore
Kurt Weibe - Lake Spanaway
Craig Maas - Auburn
Mark Braegelmann - Whispering Firs

Ed Honeywell passed away.

McCormick Woods joined the TGA.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Scott Smith.

Status verified as a 503 (c) (4) for IRS purposes. Senior golf program and Sweeps program outweigh Junior Golf program, scholarship and Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship processes, ergo, donations were/were not deductible. Dang.

Bob Demko, secretary, passed away. Neal Scott, then Chris James, succeeded in the Secretary's position.

1988 – President - Bill Barton Secretary - Chris James
Vice-President- Steve McBee Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Jessie T. Allen.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Greg Asserud - Allenmore
Sam Crawford - Fort Steilacoom
Raymond Burrows - Linden
Troy Helseth - Tacoma Country & Golf Club

The Champion of Champions Tournament was renamed the Jack Walters Annual Champion of Champions.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Brian Flannigan from PLU and Matt Cowan from UPS. The scholarship was increased to \$1,000 per recipient.

Clint Darby Memorial Scholarship given to Eric Hanson and Tim Koffman of PLU at \$800 each then absorbed into the Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

1989 - President - Steve McBee Secretary - Wendell Thompson
Vice-President- Chris James Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Canterwood Golf & Country Club (Gig Harbor) joined the Tacoma Golf Association.

Allenmore won the MNT – TGA Cup.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

John Sheahan	-	Capital City
Chris Sheppard	-	Linden
Jeff McRae	-	Lake Spanaway
Greg Richards	-	Brookdale

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Dave York.

1990 – President - Steve McBee Secretary - Gene Jenkins
Vice-President- Chris James Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Lipoma Firs, Meridian Greens, and Carnation joins the TGA

TGA Junior Scholarship recipient was:

Justin Lyon	-	Fircrest
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Allenmore wins the MNT – TGA Cup, again.

The Tacoma City Amateur crowned James Follen as Champion.

Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipients were Matt Walden from PLU and Steve Reents from UPS. The scholarship was \$1,000 per recipient.

Mike Dillon, Madrona Links, had a hole-in-one- at the Allenmore delegate meeting.

1991 - President - Chris James Secretary - Gene Jenkins
Vice-President- Mike Rebar Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Ken E. Morken aced #2 at University during the delegate meeting. Playing in a five-some, with each golfer being from a different course, the scores on the hole were: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Monty Montgomery didn't want anyone to know who had the double bogey 5.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Colin Christopherson	-	Fort Lewis
Brian Wright	-	North Shore

James Follen defended his Tacoma City Amateur Championship.

Al Adams received Life membership to TGA. TGA also gains a sister club in Venezuela, compliments of Al's son.

1992 – President	-	Chris James	Secretary	-	Jack Pogorlic
Vice-President-		Mike Rebar	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Executive Board	–		all active Past-Presidents		

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Matt Daheim	-	Lake Spanaway
Matt Mulka	-	Olympia Golf & Country Club

George Wise passed away.

James Follen, again, defended his Tacoma City Amateur Championship. He was the first City Amateur Champion to 'three-peat' since Chuck Hunter, Jr. in 1937.

1993 – President	-	Mike Rebar	Secretary	-	Neal Scott
Vice-President -		Jack Pogorlic	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Executive Board	–		all active Past-Presidents		

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

James Reed Berry	-	Lake Wilderness
Stephen Smith	-	Clover Valley

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Ben Lensgrave.

1994 – President	-	Mike Rebar	Secretary	-	Neal Scott
Vice-President-		Jack Pogorlic	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Executive Board	–		all active Past-Presidents		

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Josh Hasford	-	Enumclaw
Louis Kremer	-	Enumclaw
Ryan Kaskie	-	Meadow Park

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Karl Smith.

1995 – President - Jack Pogorlic Secretary - John Sund
Vice-President- Neal Scott Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Aaron Kieth	-	Riverbend
Jamie Kim	-	Meadow Park
Marcus Tsurusaki	-	Maplewood
Andy Ternes	-	Auburn
Andy Case	-	Riverbend

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Dan Kiley.

1996 – President - Jack Pogorlic Secretary - John Sund
Vice-President- Neal Scott Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Riverbend wins the renamed Tribune Team Cup competition.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Joe Korn	-	Foster
Eric Hengsberger	-	Jade Greens
Joe Zaputel	-	Enumclaw
Jamie Kim	-	Meadow Park

Greg Ott won the Tacoma City Amateur.

1997 – President - Neal Scott Secretary - Dan Farmer
Vice-President- John Sund Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Executive Board – all active Past-Presidents

Dick Kanda, PNGA President was introduced as the new Olympia Golf and Country Club delegate to the TGA.

Because of PLU and UPS elevating their athletic departments from NAIA to NCAA Division III, the schools can no longer accept individual scholarships to their athletes. TGA wrestles with how to utilize the Erv Marlow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship monies. It was decided to provide the money jointly to the schools to annually underwrite the season ending conference tournament. Erv Marlow, Sr. serves as host to the tournament awards ceremony.

Riverbend, again, wins the Tribune Team Cup competition.

Senior City Amateur was renamed the C.W. Taylor Senior City Championship.

Loren Allard and Clarence Taylor passed away

Elk Run (Covington) joins the TGA.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Clint Thompson	-	McCormick Woods
Killy Layboun	-	Gig Harbor
Jeff Abbott	-	Lake Spanaway
Tyson Heffman	-	Enumclaw

JD Rushton became the Tacoma City Amateur Champion.

1998 – President	-	John Sund	Secretary	-	Dan Farmer
Vice-President-		Barry Schofield	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Executive Board	-		all active Past-Presidents		

Bill Barton became a Life Member of the TGA.

Past Presidents, who were not delegates, were provided voting privileges.

The election process was moved from the Annual Meeting to the October Supersweeps meeting to avoid any contentious misuse of the election process at the Annual Meeting. There will be no old or new business conducted at the Annual Meeting with the exception of the Installation of Officers. The meeting was to be a time of reflection and celebration.

A few women joined men's club for added competition purposes. It was decided they were eligible for the MNT Team Cup competition, but they had to play from the men's tees.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Brandon Faust	-	Tumwater Valley
Nathan Hunt	-	Willows Run
Matt Holland	-	Madrona Links
Shawn Shreve	-	North Shore
Bobby Olson	-	The Classic
Kris Swanson	-	Capital City

Ben Lensgrave returned as Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

1999 - President	-	John Sund	Secretary	-	Bob Erickson
Vice-President-		Barry Schofield	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Executive Board	-		all active Past-Presidents		

President Sund resigned and Barry Schofield became president. Bob Erickson was elevated to Vice President and Ken E. Morken filled in as Secretary.

Emmett Torrence passed away.

The Tournament formerly known as the TNT-TGA Cup was renamed the American Golf Cup, after the current owners of The Classic.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Josh Deck	-	Brookdale
Matt Hubbard	-	Foster
Matt Rushton	-	The Classic

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Dusty Brett.

Tumwater Valley rejoined the TGA.

2000 - President	-	Bob Erickson	Secretary	-	Ken E. Morken
Vice-President-		Ken Vogt	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
		Executive Board	-		all active Past-Presidents

The Father – Son Tournament finally admitted daughters. Unsure of a new name for the event, the secretary called it the Pop – Poopster Tourney. The name was roundly flushed for a lack of enthusiasm.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Gilbert Quitlong	-	Jefferson
Aaron Sumil	-	Foster
Joe Burns	-	Linden

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Alec Coleman.

A second Vice-President was added to the Executive Board to assist in the duties of calendar and tournament administration.

2001 —President	-	Bob Erickson	Secretary	-	Ken E. Morken
Vice-President-		Andy Bergman	Treasurer	-	Chet Hasting
Vice – President –		Ron McClellan			
		Executive Board	-		all active Past-Presidents

tgagolf.org came into existence. Glen Saltz began service as TGA's webmaster. The site held a compendium of TGA-related information and links. And George Egge began service as the group's e-mail guru, providing notices and updates.

The Publinx fund of the TGA account, dating to 1931, was dissolved and absorbed into the General Fund.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Joe Burns	-	Linden
Taylor Ferris	-	Fircrest

Do Hyung Ha - Meridian Valley

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Greg Ott.

2002 – President - Bob Erickson Secretary - Jack Burns
Vice-President- Andy Bergman Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Vice-President- Ron McClellen
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

The American Golf Team Cup was dissolved citing lack of participation.

Canterwood returned as a TGA member.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Aaron Kerth -
Tyson Hiffman -
Evan Hreha -
Taylor Ferris - Fircrest

David Talcott became Champion of the Tacoma City Amateur.

2003 – President - Andy Bergman Secretary - Ron Hovey
Vice-President- Ron McClellen Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Vice-President- Bob Erickson
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

Cash Awards for Sweeps participation was renewed.

TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Kellen Eakin
Casey Deskin
Tim Bartz
Sung Lee

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Greg Ott.

2004 – President - Andy Bergman Secretary - Dave Clark
Vice-President- Ron Hovey Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Vice-President- Bob Erickson
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents

John Ladenberg, Pierce County Executive, provided an insightful update concerning proposed Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place.

The Tacoma City Amateur Champion was Sean Packer

TGA Grand Notifier George Egge was deservedly named WSGA Volunteer of the Year.

Neal Scott passed away.

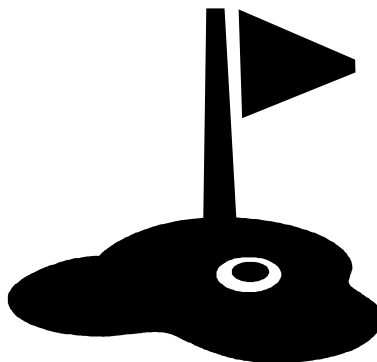
2005 – President - Andy Bergman Secretary - Dave Clark
Vice-President- Ron Hovey Treasurer - Chet Hasting
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TGA Junior Scholarship recipients were:

Sidney Solomonson
Joel Schenfeld
Ricky Owens

Dick Kanda passed away.

2006 - President - Ron Hovey Secretary - Chris Goodman
Vice-President- Dave Clark Treasurer - Chet Hasting
Vice-President- Ken Johnson
Executive Board - all active Past-Presidents



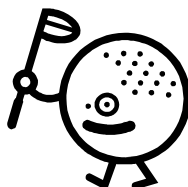
Tacoma Golf Association

Champion of Champions

	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>	<u>Team</u>
1949	Jack Walters Fircrest	Jean Walters Fircrest	Jack & Jean Walters Fircrest
1950			Morgan Barofsky & Mrs. Al Carter Brookdale
1951			Jack Walters & Mrs. Dewey Busch Fircrest
1954	Jack Baty Fircrest	Ruth Ward Meadow Park	Jack Baty & Mrs. Henry Hulscher Fircrest
1955	Aaron Aikeii Linden	Shirley Baty Fircrest	Ernie Althuser & Mrs. Robert Allard Brookdale
1956	Aaron Aikeii Linden	Ruth Ward Meadow Park	Dick Baker & Mrs. Martin Fopp Allenmore
1957	Ronnie Hume Fircrest	Barbara Hulsher Fircrest	Ronnie Hume & Barbara Hulsher Fircrest
1958	Ronnie Hume Fircrest	Shirley Baty Fircrest	Ronnie Hume & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1959	Bob Johnson Fircrest	Barbara Hulsher Fircrest	Bob Johnson & Barbara Hulsher Fircrest
1960	Louis Youngman Allenmore	Helen Johnson Fircrest	Louis Youngman & Mrs. Martin Fopp Allenmore
1961	Bernie Hren Brookdale	Barbara Hulsher Fircrest	Neil Leslie & Barbara Hulscher Fircrest
1962	Ernie Arnone Earlington	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Charles H. Hunter & Mrs Robert Snead TC&GC
1963	Ron Hume Fircrest	Pat Brewitt Kitsap	Ron Hume & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1964	Clint Names Allenmore	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Clint Names & Shirley Fopp Allenmore
1965	Bob Morris Allenmore	Pat Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Dr. Herm Dahl & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1966	Orrin Vincent North Shore	Linda Challman Linden	Aaron Aiken & Merry Linda Challman Linden
1967	Glen Malm College	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Lloyd Petty & Mrs. Robert Allard Lake Spanaway
1968	Jerry Hedding Fort Lewis	Joann Washam Green River	Gordon Severson & Joanne Washam Green River
1969	Gordon Hersey Fircrest	Shirley Baty Fircrest	Gordon Hersey & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1970	Randy Puetz Tyee Valley	Patty Strait Fort Lewis	Richard Lee & Pat Strait Fort Lewis
1971	Clint Names Fircrest	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Clint Names & Mrs. Pat Johnson Fircrest
1972	Paul Colby Fort Lewis	Patty Strait Fort Lewis	Paul Colby & Patty Strait Fort Lewis
1973	Frank Keenan Lake Spanaway	Pat Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Dr. John & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1974	Dr. John Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Shirley Baty Fircrest	Dr. John Harbottle & Shirley Baty TC&GC

1975	Chuck Hunter Allenmore	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Chuck Hunter & Shirley Fopp Allenmore
1976	Jim Biscay Capital City	Shirley Baty Fircrest	John Gazacki & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1977	Mark Sivara Fort Lewis	Shirley Baty Fircrest	Clint Names & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1978	Paul Colby Oakbrook	Ginny Burkey	Paul Colby & Pat Strait Oakbrook
1979	Walt Morgan Fort Lewis	Shirley Fopp Allenmore	Walt Morgan & Alean Cunningham Fort Lewis
1980	Clint Names Fircrest	Pat Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Clint Names & Ginny Burkey Fircrest
1981	Clint Names Fircrest	Jodie Knapp Auburn	Clint Names & Shirley Baty Fircrest
1982	Paul Carter McChord	Helen Johnson Fircrest	Paul Carter & Jane Cook McChord
1983	Dr. John Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Jodie Knapp Auburn	Clint Names & Helen Johnson Fircrest
1984	Brian Espe Tyee Valley	Renee Simon Lake Spanaway	Harold Bonnell & Liza Smith TC&GC Co-Champions Tim Juarez & Jan Cook McChord
1985	Dean Saffle Fircrest	Renee Simon Lake Spanaway	John Doyle & Renee Simon Brookdale
1986	Chuck Curtis Brookdale	Renee Simon Lake Spanaway	Chuck Curtis & Renee Simon Brookdale
1987	Scott Hood McCormick Woods	LeAnn Hines Capital City	Dr. John & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1988	Curtis Morris Auburn	Lorianne Johns Allenmore	David York & Lorianne Johns Allenmore
1989	Don Jacobson Tapps Island	Lorianne Johns Allenmore	David York & Lorianne Johns Allenmore
1990	Tom Welton Fort Lewis	Pat Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Dr. John & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1991	J. D. Rushton Lipoma Firs	Pat Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Mike Givins & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1992	Dr. John Harbottle Tacoma C & GC	Linda Pearson Riverbend	Dr. John & Pat Harbottle TC&GC
1993	Steve George Fircrest	Renee Knapp Lake Spanaway	Rich Hagen & Renee Simon Knapp Lake Spanaway
1994	Ron Ronydek Oakbrook	Renee Knapp Lake Spanaway	Dean Beaudreau & Carolyn Bolstad Twin Lakes
1995	Tom Lewis McCormick Woods	Renee Knapp Lake Spanaway	Rich Hagen & Renee Simon Knapp Lake Spanaway
1996	Greg Ott Classic	Stefanie Coleman Classic	Greg Ott & Stefanie Coleman Classic
1997	Tom Lewis Riverbend	Jennifer Ederer Riverbend	Tom Lewis & Jennifer Ederer Riverbend
1998	Gregg Kump Maplewood	Lorianne Johns Fircrest	Joe Bordeaux & Lorianne Johns Fircrest
1999	Ben Lensgrave Riverbend	Sharon Johnson Fircrest	Ben Lensgrave & Fran Zickes Riverbend
2000	Raymond Schuler Tacoma C & GC	Kim Titus Gig Harbor	Scott Schulz & Sharon Johnson Fircrest
2001	Skylar Wicklander	Sue Phemchinda	Tyler Lewis & Sue Phemchinda

	Nisqually Valley	Fort Lewis	Fort Lewis
2002	Brian Flannigan	Caroline Matelski	Brian Flannigan & Caroline Matelski
	Oakbrook	Oakbrook	Oakbrook
2003	Dustin Lyon	Mimi Elliott	Rich Weidman & Mimi Elliott
	Fircrest	Fort Lewis	Fort Lewis
2004	Rich Hagen	Sue Phemchinda	Bobby Beyer & Sue Phemchinda
	Lake Spanaway	Fort Lewis	Fort Lewis
			Co-Champions
			Kyle Wesolowski & Yase Adkins
			Whispering Firs
2005	Russ Mackey	Sue Phemchinda	Rich Wiedman & Sue Phemchinda
	Gig Harbor	Fort Lewis	Fort Lewis



Endnotes

This was a worthwhile and necessary project. There were a couple of lessons to be gained from this exercise. The Secretary's minutes need to have detail. What may not appear important at a meeting may have greater ramifications months or years down the road. The effort must be made.

The early notes, through the middle 1940's give excellent detail. As the association grew, the meetings and record keeping became more pedantic. Even when attempts were made at preserving the minutes, By-laws would go missing, and there was/is no formal indexing of motions, amendments, decisions, etc. The TGA's self-importance in carrying rating authority, reinstatement of amateurs, and the seemingly eternal quest for handicap enforcement being among the most flagrant.

Clint Darby had taken it upon himself to write a history of the first 50 – 55 years of the TGA in the mid-1970's, yet there were no copies to be found in any of the boxes that either H.M. Montgomery and I had stored. What H.M. had at Allenmore was the closest thing TGA had to a central repository, yet not all of the information got relayed to be stored. For example, we were completely missing three years of minutes.

When, and if, the 100-year history is written, would be my hope that better record keeping evolved. Minutes and tournament records were extra important. As much as TGA has been an institution with an extensive paper trail, it is by and for the players, the people. It is the participants more than the officials that this group was born to serve. We must not lose sight of that.