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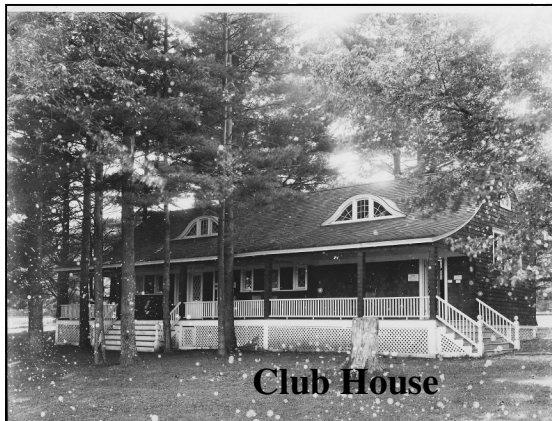
SACANDAGA GOLF CLUB 1898

MUSEUM NEWS

The museum is Open

We have acquired some new items in the last couple of weeks. Below is a picture of an antique ice fork donated by the Fish House Community Center.

In the 1890's a Scottish craze was becoming popular. In 1898 the FJ&G built a 4 hole course in the Sacandaga Park. It was the first course built in Fulton County and one of the earliest 20 in the state. The course was expanded to 9 holes in 1903. A club house was also built.



Club House

Velma Venner worked at the golf course in the 1930's when a \$1.00 green fee was the charge for all day play. Her husband, Arthur, was one of the 60 caddies at the club in the late 20's. He received 15 cents plus tip for 9 holes of toting.

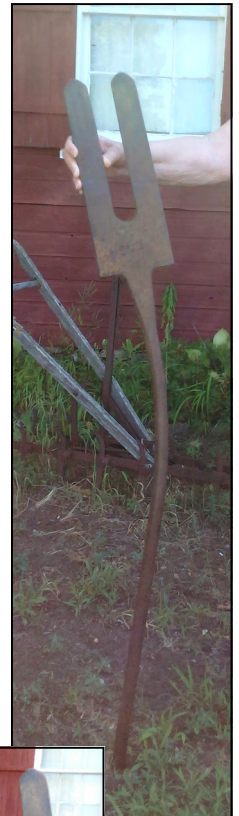
In the late 40's and early 50's teenager, Bill Crannell worked as a "helper" at the course. He was paid 55 cents an hour, mowing greens and fairways.

Bill and Sparakus Delia purchased the golf course in 1952. From 1954 to '56, the course was leased to Stan Cruz.. The Singer brothers operated the course for 25 years until he sold it to Pat Palmieri in 1980 .

1987 Richard "Dick" Osborne, a PGA Professional and Life member purchased the course. He had been a Professional at the Ballston Spa Country Club for 20 years. Dick became Owner, Superintendent and Pro. He gave lessons, repaired carts and mowing machines and everything else that occurred on the golf course, 365 days a year. We'll miss you Dick, a fine job and friend for many years.



Dick Osborne



Golf Course 2018

Written by
Pete Cohan

Augustin Isernia has bought the course to save this historic property from going under. His motivation is to provide the community with a place to enjoy themselves and to make memories while playing golf and a place to enjoy good food and drink. His motivation is truly an altruistic one. He hopes for it to be profitable but realizes the short summer season will make that a challenge. He has fond memories from his childhood of the Sacandaga Park and wants to provide people today with those same opportunities. I could not be more appreciative of Auggie's and his wife's investment if both capital and their hard work to make this happen. The entire region will benefit from the reinvestment in the Sacandaga Park. Next years goals include further improvement of the golf course. The Pines Bar and Grill will offer a venue for weddings, private parties, corporate meetings and golf outings. The new head chef, Sean Monk will provide varied menu with various choices, healthy options and many tasty specials. The decor is rustic and Adk inspired. Presently the bar and restaurant will be open Wednesday - Sunday for lunch and dinner.

Restaurant will be open officially August 1
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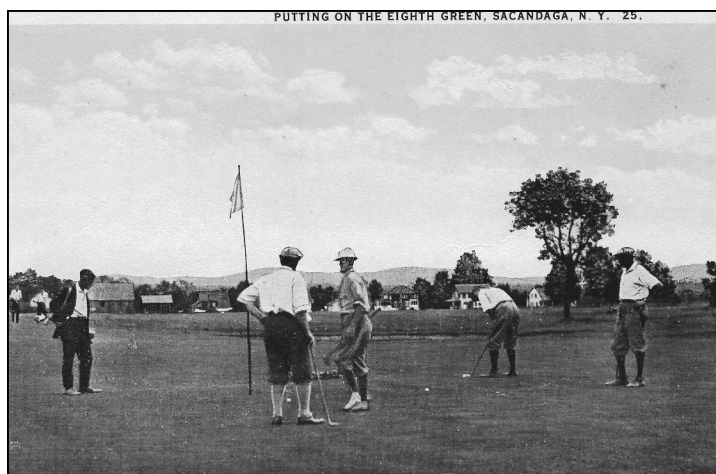


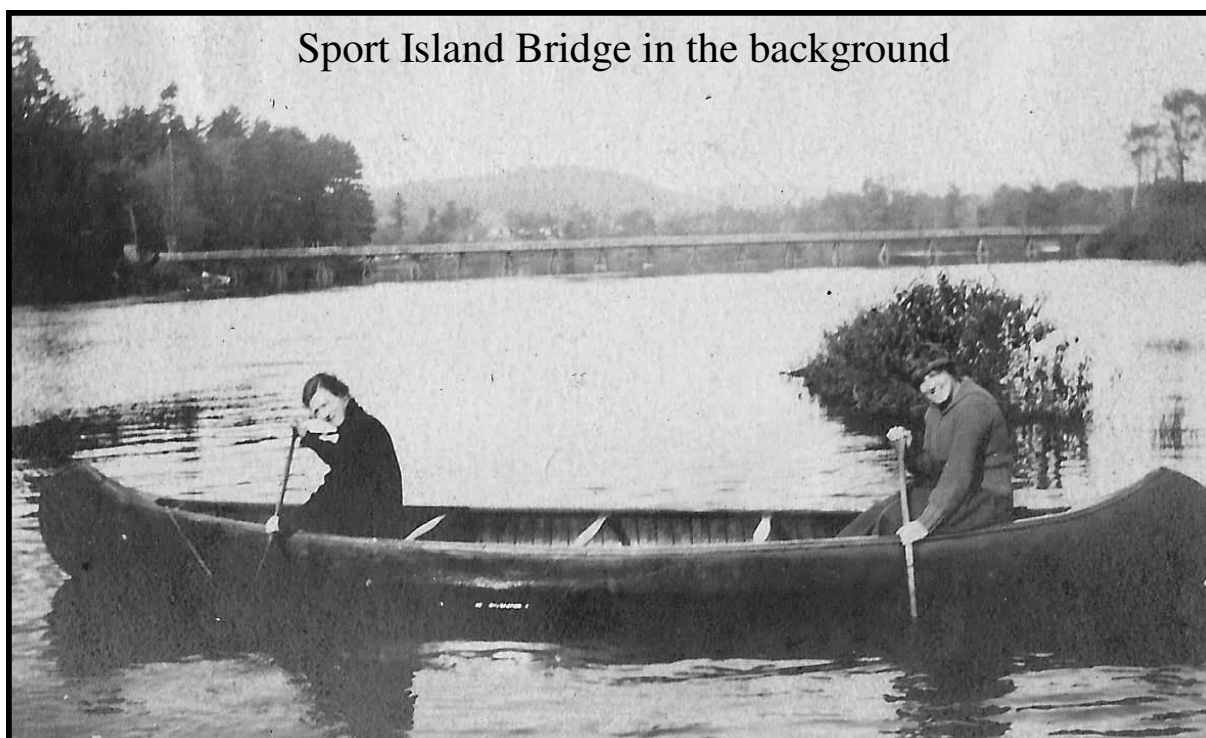
PROFESSIONALS

C. W. Singleton Cyril Strong, Channing
Floyd, Frank McGuiness, Robert Ray, Lionel
Callaway, Ross Carino, Gene Kunes, Scott
Craig, Bob Tuthill, Frank McGuineness, Randy
Fox, Bob Palmieri, Dick Osborne, Eric
Schumaker, Bill Gormley

SUPERINTENDENTS

1930's Art King and Al Ginter
1940's Loren Crannell and Loren Blowers
1950's Harry Kuhne
1964- 1980 Bob Venner
1987 to 2017 Dick Osborne





Sport Island Bridge in the background

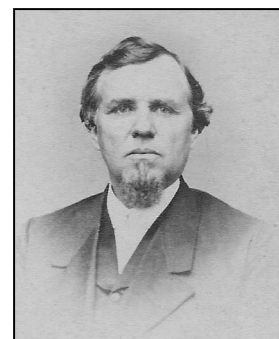
A PIECE OF HISTORY

The Northville Granite Works was operated about 1905 by James A Cole on the corner of First and Washington Streets. Granite was quarried nearby and in Hope . It was hauled in by wagon. Several workmen then created and inscribed the tombstones, many of which are in the Northville cemeteries. One granite mine was up Hard-scrabble Road in Maple Grove. Today you can still see a huge pile of granite rocks left over from mining. After the Granite Works mining ended, the local kids in Maple Grove spent may hours playing there among the rocks and trees. It's been told over the years that there is a rock up there inscribed with 3 horses heads. Many folks have tried to find it without success, including those local kids.

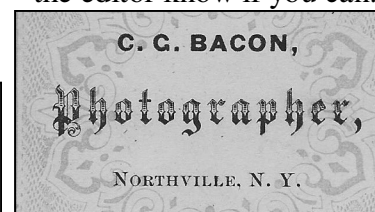
Here is an excellent website on the history of Fish House, Town of Northampton.
<https://www.northamptonnyhistory.com/>

Joanne Blaauboer is the Deputy Town of Northampton Historian. She is the compiler editor, and owner of this website. Look it up and click on all the sites she mentions.

If you are newly receiving the NNHS newsletter, you can go on [The Northville Library website](#) or [the Town of Northampton website](#) and find all the past issues.



This unidentified man's picture was donated recently to the archives . Does he look like your relative? Can you identify him? Let the editor know if you can.



C. G. Bacon was the photographer who lived on the corner of Second and Bridge Street where the stone fence is. The house burned several years ago.

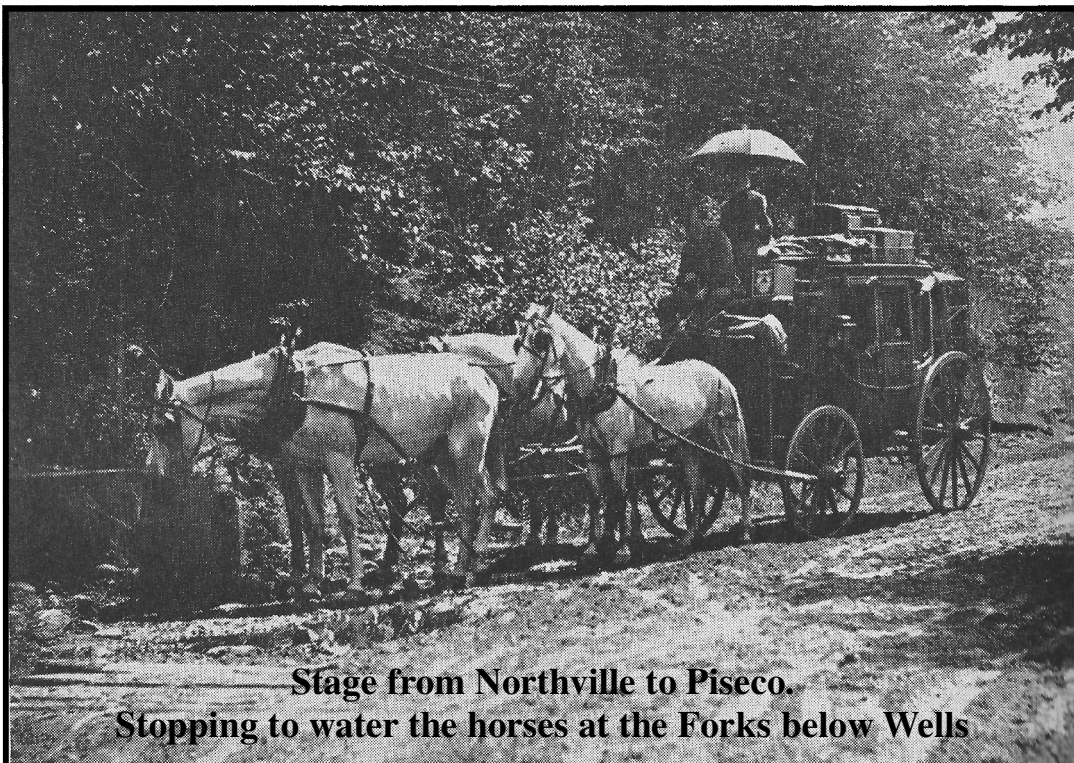
Third Grade 1950 68 years ago!



First Row: Romona Wilson, Barbara Fraiser, Bruce Rhodes, Stuart Van Nostrand, Donald Siver, Gary Davenport, Carol Wildermuth, Elizabeth Van Arnam, Helen Burgess, Ann Angell, Henry Rogers

On the sides: Carlton Nellis and Yvonne Laprairie, Debbie Yates, Howard Bennett **Second Row:** Thomas Giblin, Scott Hook, Dennis Alter, Nancy Weaver, Helen Olmstead, Janet Warner, Adeline D'Onfrio, Gary Sweet, Judy Martucello

Third Row: Richard Bailey, Arnold Blowers, Robert Bailey, ?, LeRoy Sweet, Larry Ostrander, Orra Brownell, Philip Boudreau, Nina Wadsworth, Teacher Sybil Remunda



Stage from Northville to Piseco.
Stopping to water the horses at the Forks below Wells