



## The Clubhouse Chronicles

**Petition for Membership**  
**HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB**  
 Franklin, Indiana

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

To the Membership of Hillview Country Club, Inc.:  
 I hereby apply for membership in your Country Club. I agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Club and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Directors. I am twenty-one years of age and promise to meet my obligations as to dues and indebtedness when they become due and payable.

One Month Membership fee and Assessment \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanies this petition  
 Initiation fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanies this petition

Wife's or Husband's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Children Date of Birth  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

### Golden story told

By CLIFF MELVIN, Sports Editor

Although they celebrated their 50th anniversary at Hillview Country Club on August 8, 1976, it all really nurtured back in 1926, 194 years ago with the building of the Hendricks cabin on land which is now part of Hillview.

In 1926, the building which was to become the clubhouse sitting on top of a large hill east of Franklin, Indiana (thus the natural name of Hillview) was built.

This building was later purchased and owned by J.W. July in 1928 when a group of men decided to purchase same and start a country club, which they did.

It took \$100 each to start the club, along with one cent who contributed more, Dayton D. Fertig.

There were 23 charter members of the first Hillview Country Club and six still survive, Frank Craven, Donald Dungan, Fertig, Jess Patterson, Alton Snyder and George Vandivier.

When Hillview had its first membership drive at the semi-private club in 1928, some 100 members were on the rolls, with the membership fee being \$20 per year.

The next big drive for members came in 1952 when the swimming pool was constructed on top of the hill.

At this time the membership limit was placed at 200 but finally ended with 275 on the docket at a fee of \$60 per year.

Then came time to expand and land adjacent to the club was purchased, but on January 12, 1971 a fire gutted the old clubhouse.

Undated the membership of Hillview moved on. They leased a pair of mobile homes, one as a clubhouse and the other for a pro shop.

Plans continued and on December 11, 1972 the present clubhouse at Hillview was ready to move into and the flourishing club now has a membership of 390.

Happy anniversary...  
 A golf tournament for men and women, a buffet dinner and awards program were the features of the Sunday, August 8, 1976 golden anniversary celebration at Hillview Country Club.

Some 88 men golfers and 28 ladies turned out for the journey played in ideal weather over a well-manicured course.

The opening men's foursome included club president Robert Lee, charter member and two-time past president Alton Snyder, three-time past president Ruth Fridele and this writer.

Fridele, playing very steady golf, fired 14 pars, three bogeys and one birdie for a round of 74 on nine of 35-37 and won the trophy for the low score of the day.

The ladies' winner was young Nancy Murphy who fired an 81, but since Ms. Murphy is not a dues paying member the trophy for the ladies in gross play went to runner-up Lois Sheehan.

The net winner for men was Bill Sheeks while Barbara Grimmer took home the net trophy for the ladies.

Following, Fridele, in order were Tom Jones, Bob Stultz, Kim Sanders, Chuck Wenzel, Dean Aphelquist and Gary Admire.

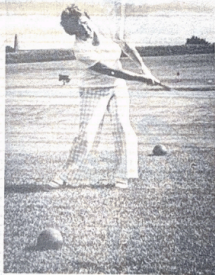
Other ladies' gross winners were Sharon Murphy and Bert Owens.

More ladies' net winners in order were Jean Broadbent, Elgie Andrews and Nancy Crandell.

Behind Sheek in the men's net category were Bill Cusack, Gordon Dunn, Glen Olson, Steve Short, Russ Carr and Paul Keebler.

Special recognition was given to all past presidents in attendance along with charter members or their descendants.

The flags which have been flying from the pins at Hillview were given to the aforementioned club by the aforementioned club.



**First off**  
 The first to tee off in Sunday's Golden Anniversary golf tourney at Hillview Country Club was Freda Montgomery. (Daily Journal photo.)

**CHARTER MEMBERS**

*Oral S. Barnett	*William Johnson
*Wallace Bowman	*Sam E. Lanam
*Elba Branigin, Sr.	*Adair Overstreet
*William Clark	Jess Patterson
Frank Craven	*Hugh A. Payne
*Ralph Crawford	*J. B. Payne
Donald Dungan	*Fred R. Owens
*Edward Dungan	*Dr. William H. Schlosser
Dayton D. Fertig	Alton Snyder
*William V. Hemphill, Sr.	George Vandivier
*Loral Hendrickson	*Edward Ware
*D. M. Houglund	

\*Deceased

### Membership by the Numbers

Since its founding, Hillview Country Club has experienced remarkable growth in membership. The Club began in 1926 with just 23 charter members who joined together to establish the organization and purchase the property that would become Hillview Country Club. During the Club's first membership drive in 1928, records show that the Club grew to approximately 105 members. This early increase in membership reflected the community's enthusiasm for golf, recreation, and fellowship. After Hillview was rebuilt in 1972 following the fire, it was home to 390 members. Today, the Club continues to thrive with 490 golf and social members.

**Fun Fact:** Of the original 23 charter members, 7 of them went on to become Club Presidents!

Do you have a historical artifact or story pertinent to Hillview Country Club's tapestry? Connect with Jess Giles at [jess@hillviewtime.com](mailto:jess@hillviewtime.com) to schedule a time to chat!

## Swim Lessons

**KIDS SWIM LESSONS**

- 30-minute private lesson
- By appointment
- Monday through Saturday mornings
- Coached by experienced collegiate swimmer
- \$30 per lesson: Member account only

This summer, we are offering swim lessons at Hillview Country Club! Coached by collegiate swimmer, Reagan Graves. Use the link below to sign your child up for swim lessons today!

[Swim Lesson Sign Ups](#)

## Pearl Coffee at Hillview Country Club

**PEARL Coffee**

**AT HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB**

**EVERY MONDAY** | Open 7am-1pm  
 Walk Club 7am-10:30am

Hillview Country Club EST. 1926

Start your Monday mornings off with a delicious cup of coffee! Pearl Coffee is at Hillview Country Club every Monday from 7 AM - 1 PM,

located across from the fountain.

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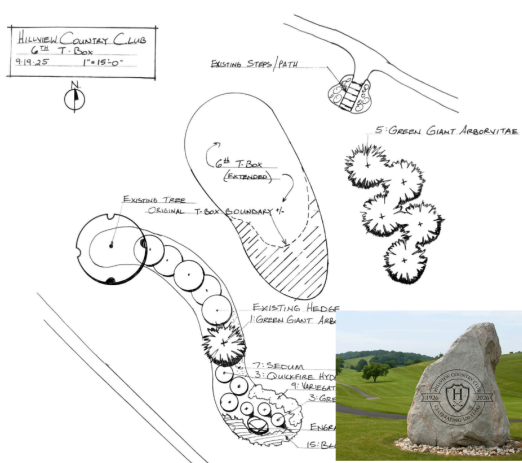


### History Wall

Installation to honor the people, milestones, and moments that shaped the club's journey. A curated display featuring archival photographs, artifacts, and stories that reflect a century of growth. To be displayed in the Augusta Room.

### The 6th Tee Box

The wished-for project of expanding the 6th tee box paired with a monument crafted from native Indiana limestone. Designed to stand as a quiet sentinel on the course, it marks a foundational moment in the club's history and represents the timeless elegance of the game.



HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

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*6<sup>TH</sup> TEE PROJECT OR HISTORY WALL*

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- ★ COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR BOOK
- ★ HILLVIEW HUNDRED MATERIALS

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