

# Geigle Recalls Soper, Neville, Schott, White

(NOTE: Bill Geigle is one of the long-time members of the Coudersport Golf Club and he has several thoughts on persons who contributed to his memories.)

By BILL GEIGLE

**COUDERSPORT** — If you want me to name the one person that I think had much to do with the formation of the Coudersport golf club, it has to be Lynn G. Soper.

As I recall, he was the one who put it all together back in 1935 and was the one who was determined to make it go — even if it killed him. He had one heckuva time getting 10 fellows to come up with (each) \$100.

Seems as though I remember his saying, "If I get 10 men, we'll start this thing." That's what he did. He was the Coudersport school's superintendent at the time, then he retired to be the greenskeeper and he sold school books.

Now, if you want me to name one player that stands out, it has to be Jack Neville. He was from Port Allegany and is still a fine golfer. He was the complete golfer, his swing and his concentration on his play.

In fact, in 1973 he came up to the course (Coudersport) and he had a 74.

There's Dr. Edwin Schott, a marvelous golfer, and he has to



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bring back memories. There's Lou Schaub (Coudersport teacher) and I remember when he was one of the caddies in 1938 and 1939.

I can't forget Jim White, either.

He was our golf 'salesman,' in that he sold our course to so many would-be members. He was always working for the betterment of the club, through the years. He sold golf club stock to members. He was the president of the bank (First National, Coudersport) and a real down-to-earth member of our club.



Lou Schaub

# Coudersport Country Club-- Old Farm Barn Was The Start

Times Herald Golf Special

**COUDERSPORT** — One of the finest clubhouses on the golf links in the area — the present Coudersport Country Club facility — had its beginnings as an old farm barn.

In fact, the first year of play in 1936, the golfers relaxed at the "19th hole" in the wagon shed that was attached to the barn.

**THIRTY-SIX** acres of land, located six miles from Coudersport, were purchased in 1935 and one of the key persons — of about 10 men — behind the move to form the golf course was Lynn G. Soper, the Coudersport school's superintendent. Upon retiring, Soper became the first greens superintendent.

The original clubhouse was destroyed by fire in 1948 and the present clubhouse was completed in 1950. Two years ago, the clubhouse was remodeled at



Bob Toombs, president

a cost of \$80,000. With a membership of some 300, Coudersport has operated

at a profit in years when golf clubs are struggling to keep out of the red. "In fact," explained president Bob Toombs, a member of the Northern Potter High School faculty, "we still have the lowest membership fee in these parts, \$103 for family membership and greens fees at \$4 (during week) and \$5 (weekends, holidays)."

**THE** greenskeeper is Edwin (Chick) Furman and James Taubert is the club steward and pro shop caretaker. Richard Wilcox, Harold Sonmekal, Dr. Edwin Schott, Edwin Corey and Carl Roberts are chairmen of various committees.

Coudersport's tournament schedule (Men's Red-Black event every Tuesday and Women's Red-Black event every Thursday, starting June 3):

- MAY
- 18 — Men Member best-ball.
- JUNE
- 9 — Scotch foursome.
- 12 — Four-Club (tams) event, at Coudersport.
- 23 — Men's member best-ball.
- 27-28 — Member-Guest Tournament.
- JULY
- 14 — Scotch four some.
- 18 — Women's member best-ball.
- AUGUST
- 8 — Women's Open.
- 11 — Scotch foursome.
- 18 — Men's tournament.
- SEPTEMBER
- 1 — Scotch foursome.
- 8 — Men's tournament.

## Creature Sighted

**VANCOUVER (AP)** — Whatever it was, it wasn't your average beachcomber.

Three Vancouver fishermen all saw what may be the latest sighting of the legendary Sasquatch, the fabled, man-like ape which roams the mountains. Nick Pisac, one of the fishermen, said he spotted the thing walking slowly along the beach. "It stood about 10 feet tall and was sort of lightish gray," he said.

## Limits Lowered For Fish Citations

**HARRISBURG (UPI)** — The Pennsylvania Fish Commission has made it easier for anglers who catch trophy brown and rainbow trout, bluegills carp, channel catfish and crappie to receive fishing citations.

The commission lowered the minimum citation size requirements on those species. It also said citations will now be awarded for bowfin flathead catfish, amur pike and steelhead trout.

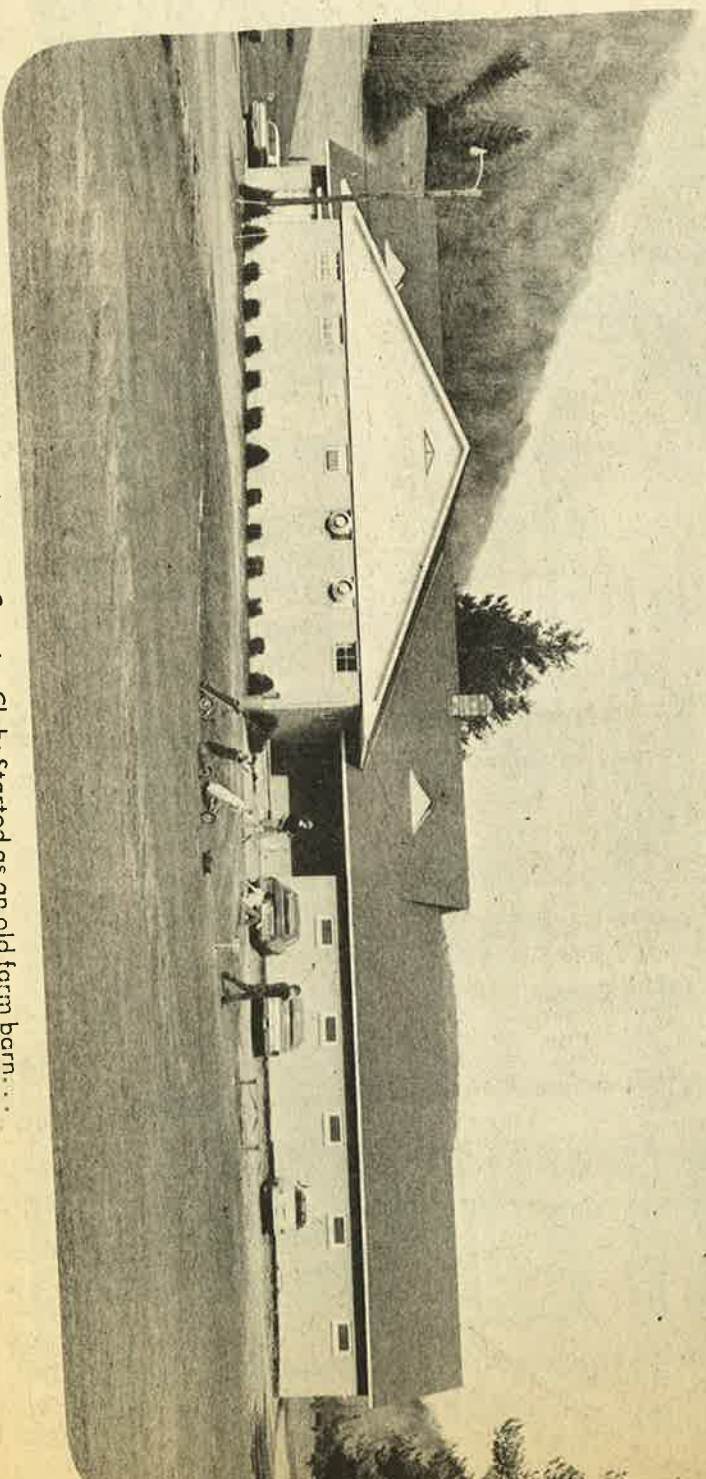
The new minimum sizes for senior and junior citations are:

- Brown trout, 24 inches instead of 28 inches. The junior citation size remains 18 inches.
- Rainbow trout, 24 inches instead of 27 1/2 inches. The junior size also remains at 18 inches.
- Bluegill, 10 inches instead of 11 inches for senior, 9 inches instead of 10 inches junior.
- Carp, 33 inches instead of 36 inches for senior, 28 inches instead of 25 inches for junior.
- Channel catfish, 28 inches

## Early Opening

**ELMONT, N.Y. (AP)** — The New York racing season for thoroughbreds opened at Aqueduct on Monday, Feb. 25, and many horses saddled by trainer Allen Jerkins were ready for the early season. Jerkins stabled thoroughbreds owned by Jack Dreyfus at Belmont Park during the winter.

- Coudersport Golf Club Championship**
- 1936—H. B. Lincoln
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  - 1939—H. B. Lincoln
  - 1940—Carl Linman
  - 1941—H. B. Lincoln
  - 1942-43-44—Mar Years
  - 1945—Jack Neville
  - 1946—Jack Neville
  - 1947—Howard Signor
  - 1948—Bill Geigle
  - 1949—Harold Martin
  - 1950—Bill Geigle
  - 1951—Bill Geigle
  - 1952—Jack Neville
  - 1953—Jack Neville
  - 1954—Charles Decker
  - 1955—Charles Decker
  - 1956—Charles Decker
  - 1957—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1958—Jack Neville
  - 1959—Buzz Von Neida
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  - 1962—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1963—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1964—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1965—Gordon Mulicany
  - 1966—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1967—Bob Darr
  - 1968—Tom Roberts
  - 1969—Ed M. Schott
  - 1970—Ed Schott, Jr.
  - 1971—George Raup
  - 1972—Buzz Von Neida
  - 1973—George Raup



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