

The Henry C. Ulen File...

...historical anecdotes, incidents, and attributes of Henry C. Ulen, founder of Ulen Country Club and the Town of Ulen, presented by The Henry C. Ulen Foundation.



Mr. Ulen's Caddy

When Ulen member Fay Isenhower was 14, he caddied regularly for several years for Mr. Henry C. Ulen, creator of Ulen Country Club and the Town of Ulen.

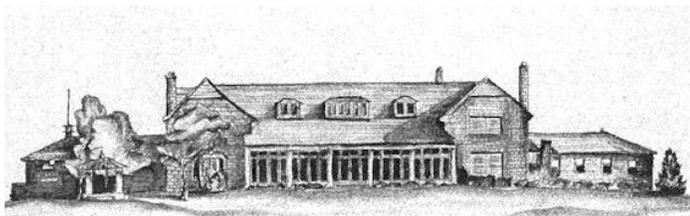
Fay recalls that, before he started caddying for Mr. Ulen, Dave Laflin, another Lebanon teen who went on to become a well known Indiana amateur golfer and basketball player, would caddy for Mr. Ulen promptly at 8 a.m. Laflin would go to Mr. Ulen's house to pick up his clubs which were always kept in the closet next to the garage, then walk to the first tee to meet Mr. Ulen.

When Laflin moved on, Fay continued caddying for Mr. Ulen who usually played 9 holes at 8 a.m. with Lester Jones, Lebanon banker, and newspaper publisher Eugene Pulliam, both of whom lived in the Town of Ulen. Rounding out the foursome frequently was Ulen golf course architect Bill Diddel, who went on to design many other Indiana courses after first designing Ulen. Fay commented that Mr. Ulen golfed as much to be social as to play the game.

Mr. Ulen's two other favorite courses were Highland and Meridian Hills Country Clubs in Indianapolis. In order to have his own caddies, he usually took Charlie Heath and Fay to these courses. He would play 9 holes and then have lunch. Mr. Ulen also belonged to Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, NJ; South Shore Country Club, Chicago; and the Evanston Country Club, Evanston, IL, all located in cities where he had maintained offices.

Fay recalls that Mr. Ulen always took good care of his caddies with generous tips at the end of rounds. Other caddies called Mr. Ulen "Hank", but Fay always called him "Mr. Ulen" out of respect. He also admired Mr. Ulen for being "ahead of his time," noting that Ulen saw that the Town of Ulen had some of the first roundabouts in the country, and installed underground utilities.

The Henry C. Ulen Foundation, named for the founder and benefactor of Ulen Country Club and the Town of Ulen, was incorporated in the state of Indiana as a charitable, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) entity on September 22, 2010. It is a separate and distinct legal entity from Ulen Country Club and the Town of Ulen and is governed by its own Board of Directors with its own set of Bylaws. The Foundation's primary purpose is to preserve, maintain and enhance the historical integrity and significance of Ulen Country Club, its historic clubhouse and golf course and/or the Town of Ulen, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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