

## Lake Placid Changes Name In Tribute to Craig Wood



Craig Wood, former U.S. National Open Golf Champion, has club named for him in his old hometown—Lake Placid, N.Y. Here the shot wizard receives congratulations of (L to R): Marshall Trusttum, club pro; Town Supervisor Harold R. Soden; Wood, Claude Harmon, Masters titleholder and Jim Searles, golf director, Lake Placid Club.

It was a perfect afternoon for Craig Wood, former U.S. National Open Golf champion, when his old home town re-named the Lake Placid Golf and Country Club in his honor July 19.

In an exhibition match highlighting the event, Wood and his teammate Jim Searles, golf director at Lake Placid Club, were vanquished two-up by Claude Harmon, Masters title-holder, and Marshall Trusttum, Lake Placid pro.

A plaque re-naming the clubhouse and course in Wood's honor was unveiled by Town of North Elba supervisor Harold R. Soden in ceremonies preceding the tee-off.

Craig's fellow townsmen pointed out that it was no empty honor Lake Placid desired him to have. The town plans a reconstruction program which will vastly improve the property to the benefit of all who use the facilities.

The course name was changed to Craig Wood "in loving tribute to him during his lifetime—and as a living memorial forever after."

The layout has unusual significance for Craig, inasmuch as the 18-hole course was once a farm where his grandfather grew up. Craig's ability as hunter and nimrod can be traced to love of these sports developed during his boyhood days roaming the ol' homestead.

Like many another bigtime golfer, Craig became interested in golf as a caddy, toting bags for players on the old Ruisseauumont course on the outskirts of Lake Placid.

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