

Hall of Fame Names First 15 Golfers

The American Golf Hall of Fame at Foxburg, Pa., recently held its first annual invitational tournament at the Foxburg C.C. and elected the first 15 giants of the game for installation in its shrine.

Those named were Francis Ouimet, Harry Vardon, J. H. Taylor, James Braid, Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr., Walter Hagen, Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., Henry Cotton, Joyce Weathered, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias.

Among distinguished guests of the club for the occasion were Dr. R. Vensel, first president of the Golf Hall of Fame and the man who secured its charter, and Congressman Albert Johnson of Pennsylvania.

Congressman Johnson presented Kenneth Christy with a copy of a Congressional resolution extending greetings and felicitations to the Golf Hall of Fame and mentioning the Foxburg Club as the oldest golf course in continuous use in the United States.

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Rep. Johnson presents plaque to Kenneth Christy, pres. Foxburg Golf Hall of Fame.

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also claimed for the St. Andrews Golf Club of Yonkers, N. Y. Both Foxburg and the Yonkers club were founded more than 75 years ago.)

Lowell Thomas was chairman of the Fame nominating committee, which included noted golf course architect Robert Trent Jones; John P. Sawyer, a member of the Royal & Ancient G.C., St. Andrews, Scotland; George Ferrier, former PGA Seniors' President; trick-shot artist Joe Kirkwood; Herb Graffis, executive editor of GOLFDOM, and Carl T. (Pat) Hogan of the Royal & Ancient.

Lew Worsham won the low pro trophy in the tournament with a 68. Seventy-three-year-old Lowell Thomas posted an outstanding 84. And he did not ride in a golf car, as did some younger members. •

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