

GCSANC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

H. CHANDLER EGAN



The man who added the finishing touches to Pebble Beach, H. Chandler Egan

RENOWNED GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT, SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB, EARLY REMODEL WORK

Henry Chandler Egan and Alistair Mackenzie were hired in 1930 to redesign the Sequoyah golf course and the drawing of their work may be seen in the Sky Room at Sequoyah. Only a small portion of his redesign was ever completed by Sequoyah.

In 1928 Egan was asked if he would redesign the Pebble Beach course to make it in top form for its first US Amateur tournament scheduled for 1929. He then formed a partnership with Alistair Mackenzie, the famous golf architect who had designed Augusta National, Cypress Point and others. Egan, by the way, participated in the 1929 US Amateur. He was 47 years of age and reached the semi-finals. Egan fell in love with the area and bought a home in Del Monte.

Egan was born in Chicago in 1884. At age 12, he learned to play golf at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where his family had a summer home. He became quite accomplished at the game and in 1902, at age 18, won the Western Amateur title. In this same year, as a sophomore at Harvard University, he won

the Inter Collegiate Championship. Egan won it again in 1904.

A summary of his golf accomplishments include U.S. Champion 1904 and 1905 and Finalist 1903; Western Amateur Champion 1902, 1904, 1905 and 1907 and Finalist 1903; Pacific Northwest Golf Association Amateur Championship 1915, 1920, 1923, 1925 and 1932 and Finalist 1914 and 1921; Walker Cup Team Member 1934 (at age 50). Egan was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame in 1985.

Egan bought property containing 115 acres of apple and pear trees in Medford, Oregon in 1911. While there he was asked to upgrade the Medford Golf Club. He was next asked to design what is now the Rogue Valley Country Club. So began his 25 year career in Golf course design beginning in Oregon at the Eugene CC, Oswego Lake CC, Riverside Golf and CC in Portland, Tualatin CC and then in Washington at the Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane and the West Seattle Golf Course. While supervising the construction of the

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Everett Legion Memorial Course, he came down with pneumonia and died in April 1936.

Henry Chandler Egan was well respected by all in the world of golf. The sportswriter Grantland Rice wrote of Egan: "He represents one of the most remarkable figures left in golf. [Egan is] a fine swinger and a cool, stout-hearted competitor." And E.B. Yoakum, president of the California Golf Association designated that the award to the low gross winner of the California Amateur Championship was to be the H. Chandler Egan Memorial Trophy.

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