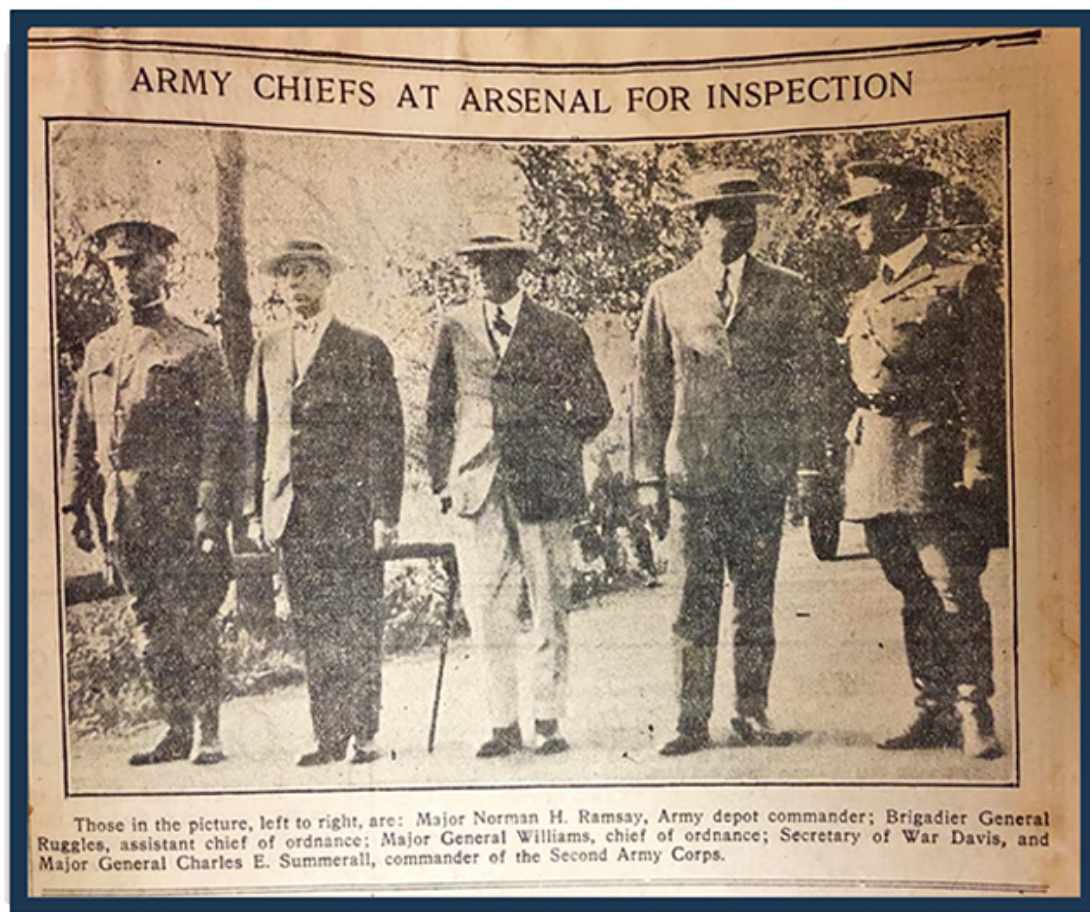


1921: Humble Beginnings

The Picatinny Golf Course began its slow evolution in 1921, when Captain Hartrick (first name unknown) persuaded the then commander, Major J. H. Pelot, to permit a four-hole affair using 3-inch cartridge cases for cups, bamboo fishing poles for flag staffs, and cartridge cloth for flags. The smallest version of the course was originally located on what is now Hole #16.

Captain Hartrick partnered with future Arsenal Commander, Captain J.P. Harris who, already a likely prospect for major league baseball, accepted the invitation to play golf and invested \$7.50 in a set of 5 clubs: a brassie (2 wood), a mid-iron (2 iron), a mashie (5 iron), a niblick (9-iron), and a putter. Harris quickly displayed a natural athletic talent for this sport as well.



1925: The First Expansion

By 1925, the course had 9 holes and was able to host its first tournament. The additional holes were constructed by filling in swampland and a pond, which was located where today's 18th fairway is played. It also included the removal of temporary barracks along the fairway of what is now the first hole of the course.



60mm M302 White Phosphorous Cartridge



Lightning Triggers First Explosion

Shortly after 5pm on July 10, 1926, several golfers remaining on the course noticed a storm approaching. As thunder and lightning raged overhead, they ran for cover. Suddenly, one of them looked up to see not the thin, jagged line of lightning he expected, but a huge orange-colored flame. It lit the sky behind the knoll dividing Picatinny from the Naval Powder Depot at Lake Denmark. Lightning had struck a tree overhanging a magazine that housed some 600,000 pounds of TNT on the Navy portion of Picatinny.

1926: Increasing Popularity

A 1926 guide to Army posts rated Picatinny Arsenal as “one of the most desirable of all of the Ordinance Stations”. The golf course and two tennis courts helped encourage this rating, as did the area’s large supply of deer and pheasant for hunting, and bass and pickerel for fishing. Swimming around Lake Picatinny was also a popular past-time.





PICATINNY ARSENAL GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB

Main dining room and fireplace completed during the early 1940s by W.P.A. employees.

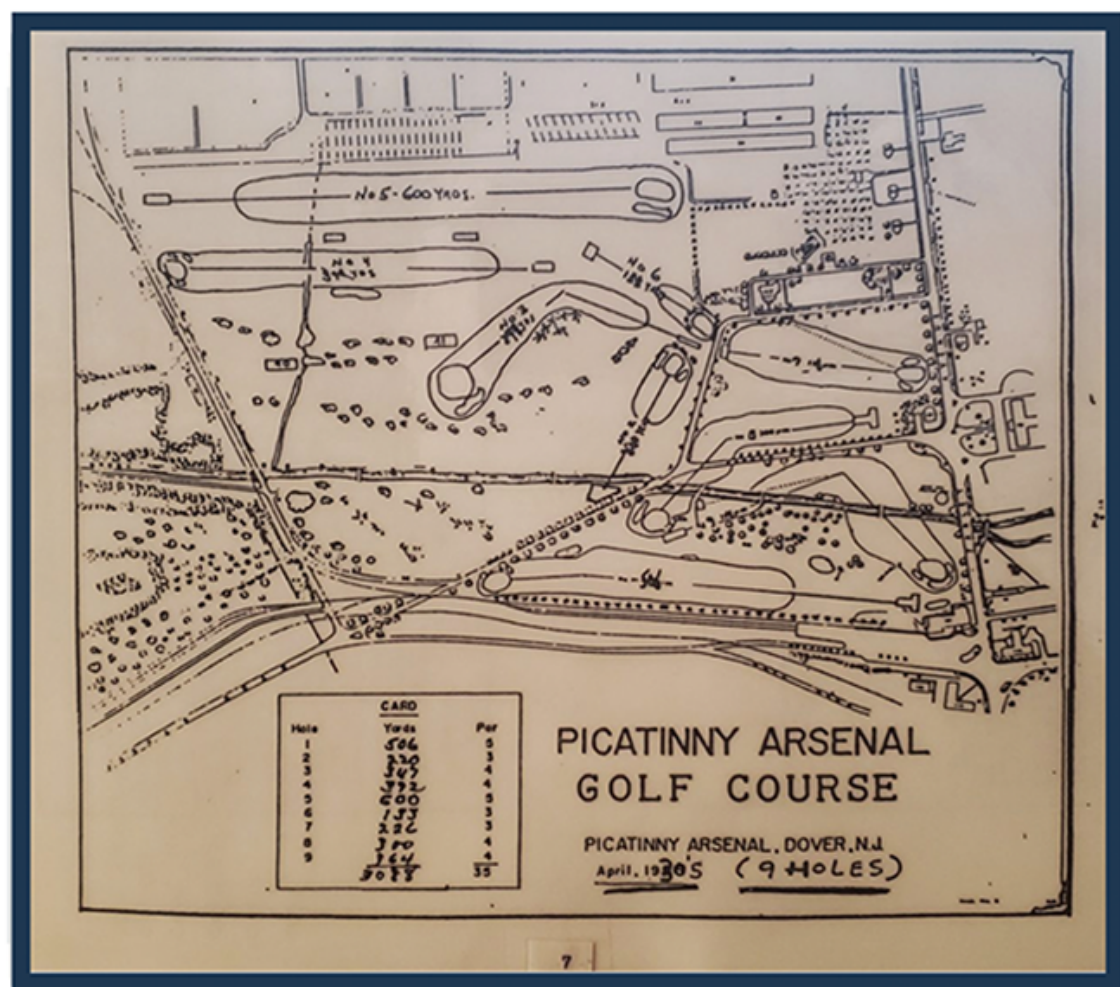
Note: White Building, right background - Former Civilian Personnel Office moved and attached to Building 121 in 1958.

1927: The Tennis Club

As the Tennis Club came to full-swing, a team was formed in 1927 to compete in the Morris County Tennis League. The Technical Division sent participants to doubles tournaments in Dover throughout 1928, and in 1930, 28 people formed The Picatinny Arsenal Tennis Club with Colonel Crain as President. The club immediately set up two full courts by the Administration Building and eventually a third by 1933. The Club opened its doors to non-Picatinnyans in 1936.

1930: The Original Pro Shop

The Pro Shop was initially located in the rear of a truck, until it moved into a room in Building 119 across from the course, before finally locating to what is now Building 121A, next to The Club at Picatinny. The course remained mostly unchanged until the 1940s.





PICATINNY ARSENAL OFFICERS' OPEN MESS

Renamed in 1958 by Commander Col. C. F. Buck

1936: The Officer's Club

The Administration Building was then located to where one of the original 1921 greens had been, but the now 9-hole course was considered one of the best courses in the area. There was a Golf Pro in attendance, and tournament fees helped alleviate costs at the Post Restaurant. By now, it had acquired a clubhouse, now known as The Club at Picatinny.

1937: The Apple Orchard

Around this time, Picatinny Arsenal hosted a 3.5 acre apple orchard, hosting over 200 trees bearing a variety of healthy fruit. Honorary “Superintendent of the Grounds”, Mr. J. H. Gunther, conserved this land along with the thousands of surrounding flowers with nothing more than 3 motorized lawn mowers, a power sprayer, garden tractor, and a few hand-powered mowers, pruners, etc.

He and his small horticultural force accomplished this monumental task with pride. (Right) J.H. Gunther, Foreman, A. Yorkstow, W. Zalaski, S. Urban, J. O’Dell, & D. Gould





PICATINNY ARSENAL GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB LATE 1940's
Practice Putting Green in Foreground

1942: The New Pastime

By the time Harris returns to Picatinny Arsenal in 1942, golf at Picatinny had become more popular than ever, and the course and tennis club were thriving.

1948: Harris's Third Assignment

Now the Commanding Officer, Harris assured the course would further improve. Five more holes were added to the layout, representing one of the final moves toward the ultimate development of the championship 18-hole course.





1957: Wogan & Sons

Wilfred “Bricky” Hosking was part of a six-member committee who worked with Eugene F. Wogan & Sons, an architectural firm in Worcester, Massachusetts, to plan the golf course’s expansion to 18 holes. This committee consisted of Hosking, Frank Ferry, Len Zeek, James Walsh, Al Tietscheid, and Seth Ely, who were all appointed after Harris’s retirement. Planning began in 1954, and the new greens were finished in 1957. The principal funding source for the project was member donations, some reaching high amounts such as \$500. The committee insisted on arranging the holes so players had to cross Green Pond Brook and thereby face a water hazard.

1958: Locker Rooms and Expansion

In 1958, Picatinny moved a wooden building from across the road and annexed it to Building 121, the Golf Club, to house locker rooms for both sexes and a Pro Shop. This is the current structure and layout our members and guests see today, with the addition of Sam Adam's Pub.



HOLE #11



1963: Engineers Move In

The most recent major structural change to the course was undertaken in 1963, when the construction of Buildings 92 and 94 compelled the relocation of the 600-yard 14th hole. The change was finalized in 1965, resulting in the modern layout you see today, with engineering and research offices overlooking the course.

1972: The Officer's Club

1972 brought the US Army tradition of The Officer's Club to Picatinny. The Gold Room addition was completed, which was a sunken private dining room, and the original putting green was removed.





1974: The Driving Range

At the 1974 Golf Awards Dinner-Dance, Commander Colonel J.I. Holman announced he had approved plans for the development of an additional 9 holes along the east side of Parker Road. Designed by the Golf Committee of that time, the expansion presented many new challenges to the game, due to the hilly terrain. Player skills would be tested, and the rearrangement allowed foursomes to tee off simultaneously from Hole 1, with the 3 finishing holes located just a short walk from the club house. A driving range was also constructed during this project.

1984: Halfway House

Behind what is now Gunpowder Grill there is the remnant of a stone wall, which was part of the original historic entrance to the Arsenal. 1984 marked the reconstruction of this Halfway House, before being rebranded into Lil' Skeeters in 2003 and eventually Gunpowder Grill, known for the best burger in Morris County.



Figure 2.49. Original stone entry wall for the area at Lil' Skeeters, Picatinny Golf Course, Pic

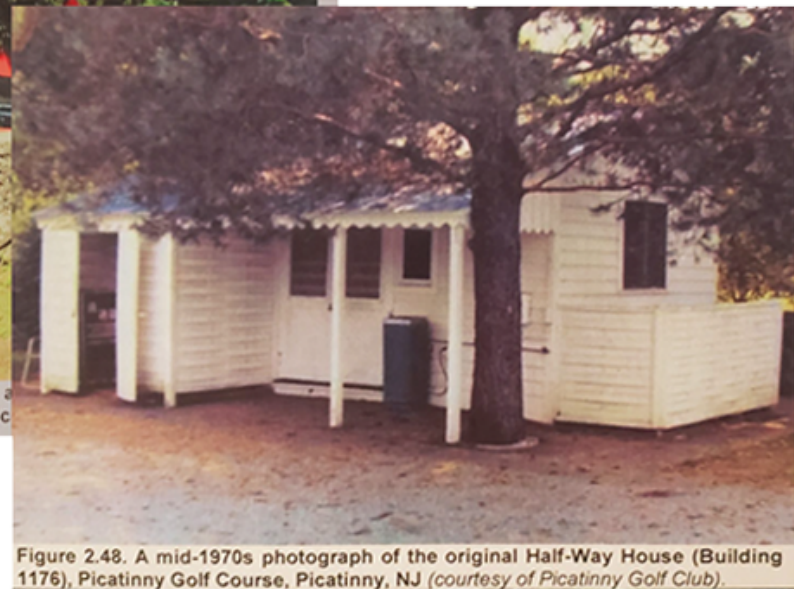


Figure 2.48. A mid-1970s photograph of the original Half-Way House (Building 1176), Picatinny Golf Course, Picatinny, NJ (courtesy of Picatinny Golf Club).



1989: Goodbye to Gold

1989 brought the first in a series of renovations to The Club. The Gold Room was removed and then brought to level with the rest of the building, creating the current layout utilized today.

1994: The Club Evolves

The Officer's Club conducted an expanded patio project, leading to the evolution of the club's name. In 1996, it became The Club, and then in 2002, FMWR renamed it to the Cannon Gate Catering & Conference Center. With new staffing and vision comes the current state, The Club at Picatinny, which upholds its promises of fine service to our Military, Civilian and General Public communities.





2000: The New Millennium

Course designed, Jim Blaukovitch of Quakerstown, PA, created a new master plan for the grounds, which included renovated course furniture and buildings. Through the use of white vinyl siding and more traditional architectural style, The Club House, Pro Shop, and Cart Shed were visually brought together in a modern, cohesive design. The large, elevated patio was added to the back of the Club House, (now The Club at Picatinny), and overlooks the 18th hole and new putting greens. Blaukovitch created a visually appealing layout that offers The Club greater flexibility for its flourishing party and special event business. Renovations also included all new Tee boxes and 3 sand traps.

2001: Practice Area

2001 marked another upgrade for the course. With the destruction of the Officer's Club pool to make way for what is now Frog Falls Aquatic Park, there was now room to create a professional short-game area for members to practice on. The area includes 3 USGA greens and sand traps.





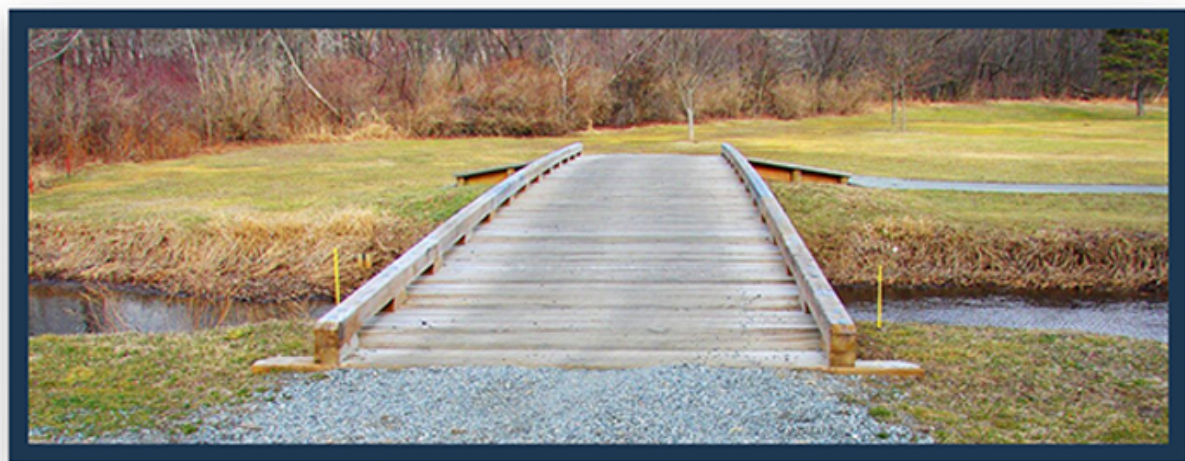
2002: Hole 15 Renovations

2002 renovations included a completely new USGA green and 3 sand traps for hole 15 of the course.

2003: Cart Staging Area

This year brought additional renovations to the Pro Shop area of the course, including a small deck patio and cart staging area.





2004: Bridge Renovations

Due to normal wear-and-tear, the bridges on holes 6, 7, & 8 were replaced entirely.

2005: Bridge Renovations

Continuing with the bridge renovations, 2005 included the complete replacement of bridges on holes 9 and 18.





2006: Building 40

Building 40, aka the cart barn, was renovated to fully house and recharge the golf cart fleet. Forward tee boxes on 5, 7, and 8 were constructed while the hole 17 tee box was rebuilt.

2007: New Fleet

80 brand-new battery-operated ClubCars were purchased for the course. Industrial sharpening equipment was purchased for the golf maintenance staff and their work on the course.





2008: Men's Tee Boxes

Men's tee boxes on holes 3, 4, and 6 were constructed.

2009: Sand Traps

Sand traps on holes 9, 12, 15, and 18 were rebuilt to add Sandtrapper material, which lines the sand traps and helps prevent washouts and further wear on the bunkers.





2010: Sam Adams Pub

2010 brought the building renovation and installation of Sam Adam's pub, the 19th hole of the golf course. Sam's Pub offers lunch to both the golfers and Picatinny Arsenal workforce, and provides a relaxed environment for private events and after-hours get-togethers.

2011: Rain

2011 marked a new loss for the course. Extreme weather for the year caused the massive loss of 94 of the 190 available days of the golf calendar.





2012: A Time to Rebuild

The golf maintenance team took the opportunity in 2012 to rebuild the grounds of the course with an immeasurable amount of top soil and seeds, allowing for new growth and healthier greens.

2013: Forward Tee

The forward tee on hole 16 was constructed, adding to the continual course upkeep and grounds renewal. (Hole 17 tee construction pictured)





2014: Carts

70 additional carts were purchased to replace and build-up the existing cart fleet.

2015: Forward Tees

Forward tees on holes 12, and 13 were constructed. The hole 10 tee was rebuilt and enlarged to improve course of play.





2016: Cart Paths

Cart path paving on holes 1 through 5 were completed, offering a smoother ride for golfers.

2017: Hole 11 Renovation

A new bridge on hole 11 was installed, branded with the Golf Club name and logo. Cart paths on holes 8 through 10 were completed for course improvement.



2018: Drainage Project



2018 marked the beginning of the planning for the new course drainage project, spearheaded by Superintendent Mike Brown. After his plans and strategy were approved by the installation, Brown and his team immediately got to work to alleviate the drainage issues caused by decades-old design. Within just a few short months, our members began to notice and enjoy the positive changes in the course conditions, experiencing dramatically decreased play modifications due to harsh weather.

Cart path paving on holes 11 through 18 were also completed.

2019: The Pavilion

In 2019, the brand new outdoor pavilion project was completed. With built-in lighting, power, and ceiling fans, this addition to the grounds created a modern, welcoming atmosphere for golfers to enjoy outings on and brides to decorate for their wedding day. It continued to evolve through 2020, with organized important renovations, redesigned menus and rebranded to The Club at Picatinny, a nod to the structure's origins and post-wide nickname.

Back on the course, drainage ditches on holes 3 through 9 were cleaned for improved course drainage and improved play experience.





2020: EZ-GO Carts

Although many local businesses and government facilities faced an onslaught of telework and temporary closures, the Picatinny Golf Course saw an increase in play. We would like to thank all of our staff, members, and guests for their diligence in adhering to the safety guidelines put forth. We experienced minimal affects on the golf club, and were still able to invest in course improvement projects, such as 39 new EZ-GO golf carts.

2021: Centennial Year

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our 100th year! This momentous occasion is a reflection of 100 years of not only an amazing game, but the hard work and dedication of our valued members and staff.

After a challenging year in 2020, we thank you for your unwavering trust and faith in our club as we continue to proudly serve our Nation's Military, their families, and the Civilians who support them.

