

A Brief History Of The Hatherly Country Club

Hatherly Country Club began through the efforts of a few members of The North Scituate Beach Improvement Association to create something out of the many acres of scenic, but wild terrain lying between the western edge of the neighborhood of North Scituate Beach and the salt marshes and estuaries on the south entrance to Cohasset Harbor.

The year was 1899 and the new entity was called The Hatherly Playground Association. It included tennis courts, a baseball field, a golf course of six holes and a clubhouse that was to be called "The Casino." In 1906, ten acres of land were added to the property and in 1909, twelve acres more.

Eventually, the club's holdings would extend south of Gannet Road to include what's now known as the outside nine and that actually includes land where its namesake and Scituate Forefather Timothy Hatherly maintained his orchards.



HATHERLY CLUB HOUSE, NO. SCITUATE BEACH, MASS.

The Casino – North Scituate Beach, MA Circa 1900

The terrain lent itself to the creation of a links-style course and Hatherly Country Club would soon become known as one of the more scenic, Oceanside golf courses in New England; a reputation it has maintained to this day. It was also a club with a very active social calendar.

The Casino, located in and around what's now the First Green and Second Tee, was a landmark within the North Scituate Beach Community and, befitting its name, was a venue for some of the best card players in the area. Several of the larger homes in the neighborhood were said to have sported playing card symbols carved into their shutters indicative of an owner who wasn't averse to a friendly wager between friends

The Casino Was also known throughout the South Shore in the nineteen thirties and forties for its numerous dances and dance contests featuring major Boston area bands. It was after one such occasion that a fire started which quickly consumed the wooden structure with the club pro and his family barely escaping with their lives.



Today, all that remains of The Old Casino are the two pillars shown here that mark the entrance to the parking lot for the Club's tennis courts.

Hatherly Country Club has also always prided itself on the quality of its tennis programs and in offering some of the best clay courts in the area. Its' also worked hard to provide its members with what many consider to be the best dining room of its kind on the South Shore.

Today, the club counts among its many legacies an on-going commitment to members, both long standing or recent, to ensure their continued enjoyment of the sports they look forward to, the seasons they love and the companionship of family and friends that go along with it.