



THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB

Flourtown Clubhouse
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Championships

US Open

1907, 1910

Philadelphia Open

1903, 1907, 1910, 1933,
1939, 1960, 1962, 2015

Philadelphia Amateur

1900, 1904, 1911, 1940,
1946, 1956, 1963, 1971,
1976, 2004

Philadelphia Mid-Am

1990, 2003, 2010

Pennsylvania Open

1931, 1969, 1983, 1998

Pennsylvania Amateur

1913, 1950, 1954, 1958,
1960, 1973

Philadelphia Women's

Championship

1887, 1900, 1905, 1910,
1915, 1919, 1932, 1974,
1997

Pennsylvania Women's

Championship

1985, 2001

PGA Professional

National

Championship

2015

PGA Tour Senior

Players Championship

2016

USGA Four Ball

Championship

2020

Founded in 1854, The Philadelphia Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country devoted to the playing of games. As the name indicates, the Club was formed by a group of young men of English descent who had played the game while students at the University of Pennsylvania. With the wish to continue to play together after their graduation, they formed the Club under the leadership of William Roach Wister. While playing cricket on any grounds available for the first 30 years of the club's existence, in 1883, the Club "came home" to Chestnut Hill through the generosity of a benefactor, Henry H. Houston. Houston arranged for them to settle down at the Club's present location on West Willow Grove Avenue in the St. Martins section of Chestnut Hill.

When the Golf Association of Philadelphia was organized in 1897, the Club was one of four founding members with Merion, Philadelphia Country Club and Aronimink. The original nine-hole course was built in 1895 by famed architect Willie Tucker (St. Andrew's Golf Club, Sand Point Country Club and Argyle Country Club) and was quickly replaced by a new eighteen-hole course in 1897. The old eighteen-hole course, known as St. Martins and now playing as a pleasant nine-hole layout, hosted the United States Open Championship in 1907 and 1910. The 1907 winner was Alec Ross, brother of famed architect Donald Ross, who chalked up a remarkable score of 302 for 72 holes. It was also during this championship that the first hole-in-one in U.S. Open competition was achieved by Jack Hobens. The 1910 Open victory went to Alex Smith, who shot 71 on the final day. Also entered that year was Cricket Club's own professional, Scottish born Willie Anderson, one of four golfers who have won the U.S. Open four times. Anderson remains the only person to win in three consecutive years. Because the Club did not own the grounds on which the St. Martins golf course was built, a large tract of land was purchased in 1920. It was A.W. Tillinghast (Bethpage - Black, Baltusrol, Newport, San Francisco and Winged Foot) who recommended the Flourtown site and who designed the new course, which opened in 1922.

In 1999, the Board of Governors made a decision to begin the development of a third golf course located on land acquired in the original purchase of the Flourtown property nearly eighty years before. After submissions by several top designers, the Club selected Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry, who had already designed a number of highly rated courses throughout the United States and Canada (Erin Hills, Calusa Pines, Hamilton Farms and Naples National). The Club named the new course 'Militia Hill' in honor of the adjacent Militia Hill section of Fort Washington State Park, which had been occupied during the American Revolution by the Pennsylvania Militia just before moving on to their legendary winter encampment at Valley Forge.

The name chosen for the "old" course at Flourtown was "Wissahickon", in reference to the Wissahickon Creek, which runs near one side of the property. In addition, the Club dedicated the Militia Hill course to the memory of Willie Anderson and the Wissahickon course to the memory of A.W. Tillinghast. Both the Wissahickon and Militia Hill courses have been recognized for their outstanding layouts and course conditions over the years. (Wissahickon has been named a top-100 classic course multiple times and Militia Hill a top-25 golf course in Pennsylvania).

The Philadelphia Cricket Club is a place where an uncompromising commitment exists to provide our members and guests with friendly, attentive, personalized and memorable service. It is our goal to fulfill the expressed and unexpressed needs and wishes of our members and guests by empowering our staff to initiate innovative service, product, and process standards that demonstrate genuine care and pride in protecting and enhancing the traditions and assets of The Philadelphia Cricket Club.