



### Woussickett Golf Course – A Historical Overview

Fall 1979 the Crockett's first stepped foot on the 130 acres of property located on Mason Road between Rt 4 and Patten Tract Road, in 1980 Bob and Tom Crockett purchased the property with visions of an 18 whole golf course. Soon after the auto industry went flat and with a time of uncertainty the brothers opted to hold the property and continue to walk, design and dream up the course layout.

#### **What's with the name??**

In a time before Google search and the internet the wives [Beverly and Joanne] worked in the library searching for a name to call this pending business venture. A unique, historical piece of land that has pipe creek running throughout the property and knowing the Indians had spent time using the clay to make pipes - the women were determined to search out something other than your "typical" golf course name! WALA!! Woussickett was founded!!! WOUSSICKETT comes from Indian name meaning running stream and with double "T" at the end to give tribute to the Indian heritage along with complimenting the double "T" in the name Crockett. So the name is created and in 1982 the golf course construction begins.....



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Then years fast forward and in August of 1984 the Front 9 OPENS and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baptista was welcomed as the first managers to help oversee the day to day operations while Woussickett was in its infant stages. Bob and Tom both realized with WOUSSICKETT being their 2<sup>nd</sup> family operated golf course a couple familiar faces would be helpful.

Green fees were slated to be between \$3-\$4 The Original golf-dinner special package included 2 - 9 hole rounds of golf, riding cart, and steak dinner \$27

A LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL COURSE there were 8 traps on the first 6 holes and a DOUBLE GREEN for holes 2 & 9. The idea of a double green originated national television at St Andrews for the British brothers had seen a few courses in Florida and wanted to bring it to their new design.



from the ones seen on Open tourney then the liked the idea and

1985

The Back 9 opens and in 1986 the



Clubhouse and tavern are built. The original trailer which was first used as makeshift Proshop and starter station is now gone. With a full 18 holes being open the double green is now the landing zone for number 12 and 18.

1987 The back 9 layout got changed and through 1999 a few greens were moved and improved upon and a couple tee boxes were expanded.



Vowing to keep on a timeline of improvements and growth through 2006 cart paths were extended tee boxes made larger and an entire new pump station was built to improve upon the output for irrigation and offer the best possible course conditions for this shale foundation.

Seeing a need for more space and to better accommodate the growing golf outing business the construction of a 4000 square foot party pavilion was built in 2006. Then 2009 and 2010



were focused on improving and expanding the practice facility improving both the driving range and practice green.

The years of the Emerald Ash Boar -- NOT good for many campers, parks, naturalists and golf courses --- YIKES! The



removal of Ash Trees began in 2008. To date over 350 Ash Trees have been removed from Woussickett. This was a difficult experience to witness for back in 1983 the brothers intended for this land to be kept as natural as possible with the hundreds of established trees and winding creek with soft valleys and hills.

“A thinking man’s course, where you have to think on every shot you take and every club you use” was Tom Crockett’s way of describing this original layout. So to be witness to hundreds of trees NEEDING to be removed was a disappointment. On the “flip side” with 25 years golf course experience as the family foundation they understood the importance of having a nursery to draw from and immediately began planting with the anticipation that over time every Ash tree would be gone.

In 2012 the tavern and pro shop got remodeled with new paint, lighting, counter tops and table tops this much needed improvement was a welcome sight to the interior.

May of 2013 with heavy hearts Bob surrounded by family, he was 82. Grandchildren, 22 Great



Crockett “Boss” passes at his home Survived by his wife, Bev, 6 children, 23 Grandchildren, 2 brothers and 2 sisters



Proud business old on the

family history, for many it’s hard to understand how a is “woven in you”, this photo is Bob as a mid twenty year family tractor working the farm land in Clyde into fairways which would open in 1958. As Green Hills became established and his son Robert S. became superintendant Bob began to oversee the entire outside operations of Woussickett and as Woussickett Celebrates 30 years in business we proudly honor Bob and his endless hours of work and creative ability to fix anything!



**THE LOGO?**

The 2 brothers BOB on the right and TOM on the left – the actual photo was taken just above the double green at Woussickett in 1984??