

Caddy Shack

This article has nothing to do with the movie “Caddy Shack” starring Bill Murray and Rodney Dangerfield. However, as a former caddy, I can assure you that, like Bushwood and caddy yards everywhere, ANCC undoubtedly featured some real characters. For a good deal of the Club’s history ANCC had caddies. Given that caddies spend a good deal of time on Club grounds, primarily awaiting a “loop”, it was necessary to provide them with a facility to stay out of the elements (and out of sight), pass the time and be readily available to the summons of the caddy master, i.e. a “Caddy Shack”. Over the life of ANCC there were at least two Caddy Shacks at the Arlington course.

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The first tee of the original 18-hole golf course (known as the Newman course for its designer/builder, Major Richard D. Newman) was behind the original clubhouse (today’s parking garage). The first fairway crossed what is now Blue #9’s fairway in route to a green in the vicinity of the current Red #8 tee (see picture). As one would expect, the Caddy Shack was in the proximity to the first tee (see excerpt from the circa 1933 drawing). This first caddy shack was erected in 1929 for \$400.¹



Circa 1933 ANCC Drawing

When the Newman course gave way to the 27-hole Herbert Strong designed golf course in the mid/late 1930s, the Caddy Shack moved near the new first tee (today’s Red #1) as is depicted in the excerpt from



#1 Fairway c.1931. Clubhouse in background. In foreground, intersecting #1 is part of present #27 fairway. (photo ANCC)



1947 Topo Map Bunk House



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the 1947 topographic map survey. A closer examination of the 1947 map indicates that the old Caddy Shack was converted into a “Bunk House” as the result of a 1945 project.

¹ Minutes of the 3/21/1929 Executive Committee Minutes

The last mention of caddies or a caddy program in the minutes was July 1998. Joe Jordan, the long-time caddy master, had passed away a year earlier and may have carried the ANCC caddy program with him.