

Fulton wins golf honor

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George Fulton Jr. has probably played more competitive golf over a wider area than any other Roanoke Valley golfer.

And his successes and contributions to the sport have been just as noteworthy.

For his more than 40 years of competition and off-course activities in the sport, Fulton has been voted into the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame as its only living member. The selection was made by representatives from each of the seven local clubs and sports editors of The World-News and Roanoke Times.

Two former Roanoke Valley golfers were initial inductees last year—the late Clarence King, long-time professional at Blue Hills and a leader in youth golf, and the late Paul Jamison, who was the first Roanoke to win the Virginia State Amateur in 1924.

Fulton's first title of note came in 1937 when he was a 15-year-old student at Woodberry Forest and won the state scholastic driving contest that included entries from all schools of all divisions in the state.

He repeated his win in 1938 and also added the Southeastern title to his honors.

Fulton's record in the Roanoke City-County tournament is unmatched. He won his first of eight titles in 1939 when he was 17—the youngest champion to that time.

His other titles came in 1950-54-55-56-57-60-67. His 273 for 72 holes in winning the 1956 tournament is a record that hasn't been threatened during the past 18 years of competi-



George Fulton (third from left) poses during his early playing days with Joe Kirkwood (left), Sam Snead and Johnny Thompson

Photo by Howard Hammersley

tion. But he claims his first title in 1939 gave him the most thrills.

Fulton has been a leader in Virginia State Golf Association affairs and served as its president in 1963-64. He was the first handicap chairman in 1950 when he and fellow Roanoke golfer, Connie Sellers established the handicap system that still exists today.

He has now broadened his off course activities and is sectional affairs chairman for The United States Golf Association a position he has held since 1972.

Competitively in the VSGA, Fulton won the state championship in 1954 and was runner-up to Sellers in 1952. He has been a member of 20 VSGA

teams that joined with West Virginia for competition with North and South Carolina and in competition against West Virginia and Washington D.C.

He won the old Fairacre Tournament at Hot Springs five times and retired the trophy in 1955. He also has played in more than 25 North-South Tournaments at Pinehurst, N.C. and reached the semifinals in 1940.

He was the low amateur in the VSGA Open in 1956, lost on the 19th hole in the British Amateur in 1962, played in numerous National Amateurs—losing one match 1-up to Jack Nicklaus in 1956.

Fulton also won the Kenridge Invitational in Charlottesville four times. He says his greatest day of golf came when he beat Wayne Jackson in the morning semifinals in 1966 and Vanny Giles in the afternoon finals.

Fulton holds the record for the par 71 Cascades Course at Hot Springs with a 62 shot in a VSGA match with North Carolina.

In other local honors, Fulton won 13 club titles at Roanoke Country Club and two at Hunting Hills Country Club.

Fulton is 54 and still has an active interest in competitive golf, although he claims, "I can't knock the ball out of my shadow and I have the vips when I putt."

He is married to the former Sally Fishburn. They and their two children live at 5091 Crossbow Circle SW.

Fulton will be inducted into the Hall during the second annual tournament next week. The 54-hole event will match the top golfers from seven Roanoke Valley clubs in individual

and team competition. The tourney opens Friday June 13 at Ole Monterey, moves to Arrow Wood for the second round June 14 with the finals June 15 at Hunting Hills.

Roanoke's Pirro is All-American

CHARLOTTESVILLE—Flash John Pirro of Roanoke College today was named All-American College Division defenseman by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Pirro, a sophomore, was perhaps the most colorful player on the young Roanoke squad that posted a 9-4 record and ranked seventh in the nation in the final coaches' poll.

Pirro replaced teammate Bill Ebeling, a senior, who was All-American last year. Ebeling was named to the second team this season. Roanoke's Jim Ebaugh, a midfielder, was named to honorable mention.

National champion Hobart has four All-Americans on a team that has three repeaters from last year. The holdovers are midfielders Jim Carcangelo of Towson State, Kirk Jurjevich of Adelphi and Beaver Draffen of Hobart.

Also named from Hobart were attackman William O'Hara, defenseman Tom Korn and goalie Larry Alexander.



John Pirro

The team is rounded out by Cortland State attackman Judson Smith and Towson State's Bob Griebel, also an attackman. The other defenseman is Robert Ortiz of Maryland, Baltimore County.

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Baseball standings

American

	East	West	Pct.	GB
Boston	24	19	.558	—
Milwaukee	22	21	.512	2
New York	22	24	.478	2½
Detroit	22	24	.478	2½
Cleveland	19	21	.432	5½
Baltimore	18	21	.400	7

	West	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	26	19	.576	—
Kansas City	24	20	.545	1
Minnesota	23	21	.520	2
San Diego	22	24	.477	3
California	20	26	.432	6
Chicago	22	25	.468	6½

Monday's Games
Chicago @ Boston 7
Milwaukee @ Oakland 3
Only games scheduled

Today's Games
Kansas City @ Boston 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland @ Detroit 4:41, 7:30 p.m.
Texas @ Oakland 4:21 at Baltimore (Torrer) 4:31, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago @ New York 7:30 p.m.
New York @ Boston 4:51 at Minnesota (Licht) 4:41, 6 p.m.
Detroit @ Cleveland 3:31 at California (Farzana) 3:21, 10:30 a.m.
Milwaukee @ St. Louis 3:41 at Oakland (Perry) 3:31, 6 p.m.

National

	East	West	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	24	20	.545	—
Pittsburgh	24	19	.558	—
New York	22	20	.520	1
Philadelphia	24	22	.519	1
St. Louis	20	21	.484	1½
Montreal	18	21	.460	2½

Monday's Games
Philadelphia @ San Diego 1
Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh 2-51 at Philadelphia (Lombro) 7:7, 7:35 a.m.
New York @ Houston 0
St. Louis @ Atlanta 0
Only games scheduled

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San Francisco @ Oakland 1:11 at Chicago (Burris) 6:41, 7:30 p.m.
San Diego @ Baltimore 2:51 at Philadelphia (Lombro) 7:7, 7:35 a.m.
Cincinnati @ Houston 2:11 at Pittsburgh (Reuss) 4:41, 7:35 a.m.
Los Angeles @ St. Louis 4:31 at Montreal (Rensko) 0:31, 8:55 a.m.
Houston @ Pittsburgh 2:21 at New York (Hall) 0:51, 8:55 a.m.
Atlanta @ San Diego 4:41 at St. Louis (Reed) 4:51, 8:30 a.m.

Hockey \$s clarified

Some controversy has arisen concerning figures given by Roanoke Valley Rebels' president Gene Hawthorne to The World-News for a story on Valley pro sports printed last Friday. Here are Hawthorne's comments on the figures today.

Budget, \$400,000—"Last year's (1973-74) was \$407,000, almost \$408,000. This past year we cut back to \$325,000 and that was exceeded. I have no figures yet on the exact amount."

Players' salaries, \$7,000-\$8,000—"Those figures sound about correct to me."

Bus transportation, \$15,000—"We traveled about 12,000 miles this year. I think that since we own our own bus it would cost less money than to hire a bus. That figure (\$15,000) might be a little high, but certainly no more than a couple thousand dollars. I really don't know an exact figure amount because I've never figured this."

Meals, \$20,000—"That figure is not correct. I think travel is included in that figure. That's bringing players in at the start of the season and sending them home afterwards. There is a misunderstanding somewhere, but that figure must include travel." Hawthorne said the actual figure for meals only was about \$4,900.