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MAYOR'S CORNER



There's a scene in the movie *The Graduate* when the Dustin Hoffman character, Ben Braddock, returns home upon graduating with honors from college. At a homecoming party, a business friend of the family takes Ben aside to give him some advice. In a very serious, almost pompous tone, the friend says: "Now listen to me—are you listening?" He pauses dramatically, then says: "Plastics!" Ben appears to be more puzzled than helped by the suggestion.

I've had my own experience recently of hearing a single word that has, in fact, made a significant impression on me: *eucalyptus*.

Just a few weeks ago, a team of tree tenders from Southern California Edison left a note at my house that read: "If you would like your eucalyptus tree cut down, next Wednesday we'll do it at no charge to you." It wasn't much of a tree—maybe 15 feet high—along the driveway, but Edison felt it was significant enough to make the offer. Growing up in northern California, I'd always liked the appearance and the fragrance of eucalyptus. But I was about to learn something else: Eucalyptus trees explode when exposed to fire. I accepted the Edison offer.

A week later, I was sharing my amazement with Chief Doug Graft of the La Habra Heights Fire Department. The danger of highly flammable eucalyptus trees was certainly no news to him.

A week after that, coincidentally, I had the opportunity to speak to a chief in the Los Angeles County Fire Department. In the course of our conversation, he brought up the dangerous threat eucalyptus trees present for the Heights.

A few days later, I was having a conversation about the desirability of a heli-hydrant near La Habra Heights (see the "Mayor's Corner" in the last issue of *Heights Life*). Once more the extreme fire danger of eucalyptus trees was mentioned.



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Eucalyptus trees are beautiful, fragrant and fast-growing, which is why Edwin G. Hart planted them in our hills when he was developing the Heights in the early 1920s (see last month's issue). At that time, he didn't know about the fire danger these trees would eventually pose. In the dry, hot September of 1955, six firefighters were killed in a fire that literally exploded when flames from a brushfire reached a eucalyptus grove near the intersection of Hacienda Road and Canada Sombre Road (see the February 2017 Heights Life for details).

Four unsolicited references to the danger of eucalyptus trees in as many weeks have made me a believer.

John Pepsisa, chairperson of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for La Habra Heights, also told me how dangerous eucalyptus trees can be, and he is working on an article about it for *Heights Life* that will certainly be more definitive than what I have written. But the theme will be the same: Eucalyptus trees are a real danger in a high-fire-risk community like ours.

—Dennis Laherty



P R E S I D E N T ' S P E N



About this time last year, I regretfully conveyed to you the news that our Board of Directors had reluctantly canceled our annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Park because of restrictions recently imposed by Los Angeles County in response to the then-new COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, last month I had to deliver the same message after a year without Music in The Park, the Halloween Haunt, Morning With Santa or any other LHHIA events.

Even though we won't see the Easter Bunny at The Park this April, the improving public health situation has at least given us hope that we might be able to resume some activities this year. Watch *Heights Life* for updates. In the meantime, we wish you and your families a happy Easter.

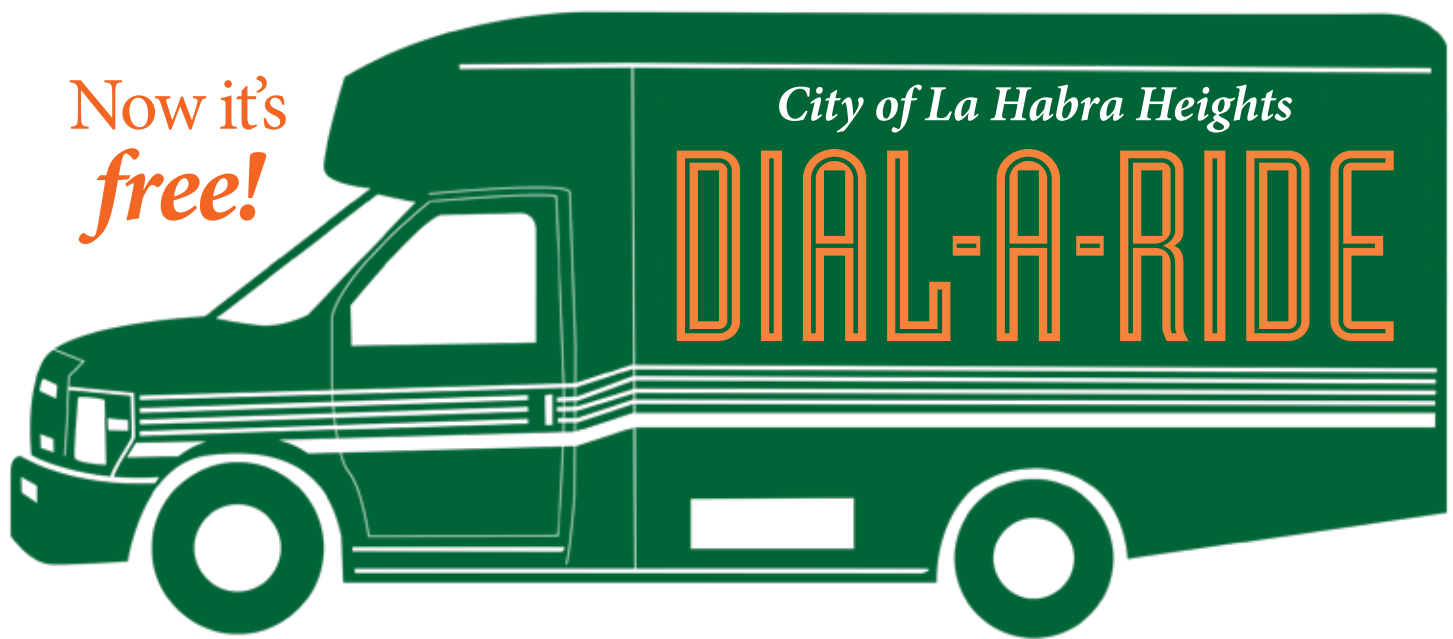
Don't forget that April 30 is the deadline to enter our annual LHHIA Photo Contest (see page 4 for details). Please send us your three best Heights-related shots!

—Pam McVicar



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To enroll in the Dial-A-Ride program, please call Nicholle Hornsby at La Habra Heights City Hall at **562-694-6302** or Whittier Uptown Senior Center at **562-567-9430**.

Annual LHHIA Photo Contest

Deadline for entries:

April 30, 2021

- To enter, you must be a member of La Habra Heights Improvement Association.
- Enter up to three photos as either high-resolution digital files or prints.
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- By entering, you agree to allow your images to be published or displayed, without any fee or other form of compensation, in *Heights Life*, on the LHHIA website and at La Habra Heights public events. Published photographs will include a photo credit.
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LESSON FROM TEXAS:

Store water for an emergency

A catastrophic winter storm hit Texas in February 2021. Many were completely unprepared for such a disaster, which left entire towns without electricity and basic necessities—most essentially *water*. Whole communities had no safe running water for long periods and were under orders to boil any available water, including melted ice and snow, before consuming it.

While it's unlikely that La Habra Heights will have a similar winter crisis, we could certainly find ourselves without water for extended periods because of a different kind of emergency—particularly a major earthquake.

There is an 86% probability of a magnitude 7.0 or greater earthquake in Southern California over the next 30 years. The proximity of La Habra Heights to the Puente Hills Thrust Fault—which caused the magnitude 5.9 Whittier Narrows quake in 1987—is of real concern to us. A magnitude 7.5 earthquake on this fault could kill up to 18,000 people and cause widespread devastation to all major urban areas and infrastructure near us. Such a quake would be nearly 20 times more powerful than the Whittier Narrows event. Water and other necessities would likely be in short supply (to learn more about this fault, see the April 2018 *Heights Life*).

To be prepared, we need to store enough water not only for ourselves, but also for our animals, because we have an unusually large number of small and large animals, including many horses, living in our city.

Let's have a look at water-storage recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Bottled water is best

Unopened, commercially bottled water is the safest and most reliable source of water in an emergency. Observe expiration dates.

How much water to store

People: For drinking and sanitation, store at least one gallon of water per person per day for three days. Store even more water in hot weather and for pregnant women and persons who are sick. If possible, store a two-week supply. Replace non-store-bought, stored water every six months.

Animals: Daily water needs of animals vary dramatically by type and size. The following daily recommendations were developed by the University of California:

Horse—12-15 gallons

Cow—10-20 gallons

Donkey—6 gallons

Llama, alpaca—2-5 gallons

Sheep, goat, pig—1-2 gallons

Dog, cat, other small pet—1 gallon

Use food-grade containers



Use FDA-approved, food-grade storage containers that will not transfer toxic substances into stored water. Such containers can be found at camping supply stores and ordered online.

If you are unable to use a food-grade container, be sure the container you choose:

- Has a top that can be closed tightly.
- Is made of durable, unbreakable materials (i.e., not glass).
- Has a narrow neck or opening so that you can easily pour out water with minimum spillage.

Never use containers that previously had been used to hold toxic liquid or solid chemicals (bleach, pesticides, etc.).

How to make non-store-bought water safe to drink:

BOIL

This method will kill bacteria, viruses, and parasites.



Boil your water for 1 minute.

At elevations above 6,500 feet, boil for 3 minutes. Let the water cool.

DISINFECT

This method will kill most viruses and bacteria.

Add 8 drops or a little less than 1/8 of a teaspoon of 5%-8.25% unscented household bleach to 1 gallon water.

For cloudy tap water, use 16 drops or 1/4 teaspoon



Add bleach to water.



Mix well.



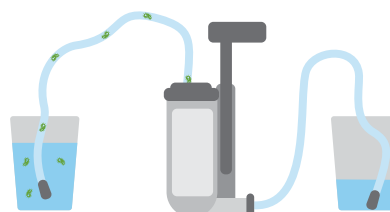
Wait at least 30 minutes before using.

FILTER

This method can remove parasites.

Most portable water filters do not remove bacteria or viruses.

Choose a water filter labeled to remove parasites, and follow manufacturer's instructions.



Next HFFT pickup dates in LHH: April 11 and May 16



Despite the pandemic, the group of La Habra Heights students who run the non-profit organization **Harvest Food For Thought (HFFT)** have remained very busy helping families in need by picking up surplus produce from the many gardens and groves in the Heights and donating it to local food banks and charity distribution centers.

The group held a successful food pickup on March 7, receiving 255 oranges, 81 lemons and 21 grapefruits. They'll also pick up avocados, tomatoes and any other home-grown produce you have available.

If you'd like to contribute to this worthy cause, please put your produce in boxes or bags marked "HFFT" and leave it at the roadside by your property or at the entrance to your driveway before 10 a.m. for pick-up on Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, May 16. Please call **562-367-0400** to let the students know that you're contributing, or reach them online by entering linktr.ee/HFFT on your computer. The students will practice appropriate COVID-19 preventive measures during all their pickups.

You can also email harvestfoodforthought@gmail.com and follow HFFT on Facebook and Instagram.

Since about 40% of the food produced in the U.S. is wasted each year—truly a shame when you consider that more than 40 million Americans face hunger annually—the goal of HFFT is to help eliminate food waste and to provide fresh produce to people and organizations in need.

The HFFT team thanks you for helping and asks that you please spread the word about their work to your neighbors in the Heights.

Watch *Heights Life* for notices about their upcoming food pick-ups and other activities.

Editor's note: As you may recall from earlier *Heights Life* articles, HFFT was founded by Heights native Shannon White in 2018 when she was a student at Troy High School. Shannon is now a college student. We're very proud of her and her worthy successors (shown at the right) who are carrying on this good work for the benefit of our local communities.

HFFT Team



From top: Mary Murphy, Caroline Chang, Ben Sirota, Lauren Krynen, Evan Torres, Lisa Noguchi and Tessa Young.



Garden Plot

By Beverley Lepak
Horticulturalist &
Landscape Consultant

Spring is here—a hopeful time of transition! Many of us will celebrate Easter (April 4) in small family groups at home because COVID-19 is still with us. Kids can have fun creating Easter decorations, like making little bird nests with Easter basket “grass” and filling them with party favors and candy. Festive flowers in colorful pots make good hiding places for a traditional colored egg hunt—and be sure to share your family fun with friends and relatives via social media!

Spring flowers—Local garden centers are in full bloom, so drop by and see their abundant annual flower selections. Planting blooming annuals will attract beneficial insects that we need to pollinate our fruit trees and vegetables. Easy-to-grow and colorful flowers to plant: ageratum, asters, bachelor’s buttons, cosmos, coreopsis, bedding dahlias, larkspur, marigolds and petunias. For shady areas, plant bedding begonia, bromeliad, coleus, polkadot plants and impatiens, as well as some ferns for tropical and forest effects. It’s also time to sow sunflower seeds.

Perennial blooming plants won’t need to be planted every season, and they’ll provide colorful displays for many years. These will do well in the Heights: azalea, carnation, columbine, Canterbury bells, day lilies, gardenia, dianthus, hollyhocks, penstemon and salvia.

Spring vegetables & herbs—It’s time to get those late spring and summer vegetables planted, but first clear out old and dead plants and mix in compost or soil amendment. Plant beets, carrots, corn, chard, cucumber, eggplant, endive, green beans, kale, melons (cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon), okra, peanuts, peppers, pumpkins, radish, spinach, sweet potatoes, Swiss chard, squash, tomatillos and tomatoes. That cute little bunny in your garden is *not* the Easter Bunny! Add some chicken wire fencing—and bury at least five inches of the fence underground—to discourage little long-eared nibblers! Place bird netting over the fence to help keep out squirrels. Apply a good layer of mulch to retain soil moisture and reduce weeds.

Plant an assortment of flavorful herbs. Sow seeds of basil, trying different varieties like large-leaf, Genovese, Italian and licorice. Sow in two-week intervals for a long growing season. Sow cilantro, chamomile, chives, dill and fennel. Plant mint, but keep it in containers to prevent its roots from spreading. Also plant oregano, parsley, thyme (including different varieties: caraway, English and lemon), cooking sage, rosemary and sorrel.

Spring gardening—Your actively growing plants and trees could use some fertilizer right now, so apply appropriate formations—but don’t apply more than recommended amounts, because too much can cause chemical burns and even stress out plants. Some insects love devouring new leaves, so watch for them and use a control method you’re comfortable with. And then there are gophers, rabbits and squirrels to contend with! Those rascals can destroy your garden, so you may need to set traps or use other means to keep them under control. All the new spring growth will require us to be diligent about brush clearance and trimming along roadsides. Remember that the La Habra Heights Fire Department will begin a new cycle of inspections for fire hazards on May 1. *Happy Easter!*



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The tale of the peripa

The online notice on NextDoor read: “Beautiful peacock spotted on Via Ladera!” When Heights residents Stephanie Dodson Chang and her husband Russell heard about it, they jumped into their car and headed off to see if it was their missing bird. But by the time they arrived, the peripatetic peacock had moved on—a scenario that had been recurring for days.

Stephanie grew up in the Heights, and one of her family’s neighbors had a peacock. “I was always enchanted with him,” she recalled. So when a “gentleman farmer friend” offered her a year-old peacock a couple of years ago, she eagerly accepted and added him to her and Russell’s typical Heights herd of pets: three dogs, two cats, a pony, a small flock of chickens and a turkey.

Stephanie is a Harry Potter fan, so she named the peacock Gilderoy (Gillie for short) after a character in the popular novels.

A year ago, the same friend offered her two baby birds, another peacock and a peahen, both siblings of Gillie. She took both and also gave them Harry Potter names: Molly for the female and Sirius for the male. “All three birds began a delightful relationship as a family and slowly made short forays in the yard, roosting high up in our 90-year-old jacaranda trees,” Stephanie said. “They would slowly travel around our garden, looking for goodies, and play tag on the roof of our house.”

But that idyllic existence was interrupted last Fourth of July when Sirius became very frightened by incessant loud fireworks down the hill. When the noisy barrage finally ceased, it took him quite awhile to settle down. He had a similar reaction when fireworks again blasted away last New Year’s Eve. Then, later in January, came a series of strong winter storms, complete with lightning and loud thunder. Soon after a particularly raucous thunderstorm, Stephanie discovered that Sirius had disappeared (which is rather interesting since, as “Potterheads” will know, his namesake character was a fugitive).

Stephanie and Russell alerted neighbors to be on the lookout, posted 25 signs in the Heights and drove around looking for Sirius without success. They even made a looped recording of his brother Gillie’s distinctive shrill call and played it over a boombox, but to no avail. They were especially concerned that coyotes would find Sirius before they did.

Reports of Sirius sightings kept their hopes up. He was seen on Via Ladera, Hidden Canyon, Virazon, Avocado Crest and Subtropic. “I was amazed that he made it over Hacienda Road several times!” Stephanie said. Neighbors posted photos of him online, and some people who saw him said that he looked tired and lost.



Peeking peacock.



Sirius paid a visit to a home on Virazon.

stetic peacock

Stephanie and Russell almost caught Sirius when he was seen sleeping on a doormat at a home on Virazon (see the photo below), but he eluded them again.

After a week or more of wandering, Sirius was spotted on Encanada. Stephanie rushed over with a crate and his favorite treats: grapes and crunchy worms. With the help of a young neighbor, she guided him toward the crate—“And he hopped in!”

Gillie and Molly were happy to see their brother, and Stephanie was both glad and greatly relieved as she reunited the little family, which she has nicknamed “the Order of the Phoenix.”

Stephanie and Russell now have their peafowl confined in a large enclosure with a shade-fabric roof. But several neighbors have mentioned that they miss seeing the three birds making their stately rounds in the yard and garden, and they’ve asked if they can come visit them from time to time.

Peacocks are beautiful birds. “But they’re not good pets for everyone,” Stephanie noted. “Our little group is more the exception than the rule.” Out-of-control peafowl populations can cause major problems—for example, consider much-publicized issues in Rolling Hills Estates. The big birds can be quite destructive, especially if they alight on cars and scratch the paint. So if you’re thinking about getting a peacock or two, first do some serious research.



Molly the peahen.



'The jewel of the canyon'

Hacienda Golf Club founded in 1920

A HISTORY of the HEIGHTS (10th in a series) by Dan Stracner

Editor's note: Hacienda Golf Club was planning a public celebration of its 100th anniversary in 2020—but unfortunately, the pandemic forced postponement of that event. This article primarily focuses on the early days of the club's illustrious history, and we look forward to providing additional coverage in *Heights Life* when the club belatedly commemorates its first century.

ALPHONSO EDWARD BELL, a Los Angeles native and the scion of a wealthy Southern California family, loved playing tennis and golf. At the age of 28, he had won two medals at the 1904 Olympic Games in St. Louis—a silver in doubles and a bronze in singles—and he had built a private tennis court at his 200-acre estate in Santa Fe Springs.



Bell played golf as often as his wide-ranging business ventures would allow, and for some time he had been considering building a new golf course closer to home.

Because he was involved in real estate development, Bell knew a good deal about the activities of Edwin G. Hart, who had successfully developed nearby North Whittier Heights. In August 1919, Bell read with great interest the news that Hart had purchased 3,600 acres of the former Rancho La Habra, renamed it La Habra Heights and announced plans to develop luxury agricultural estates on the property.

Bell had once considered investing in the same land, so he was aware of its topography, which included a canyon that he thought might be a good site for a golf course. So he got in touch with Hart to discuss an initial deal on 133 acres. He was impressed to learn that Hart

was already building a large water reservoir and laying pipe at a rapid pace, because plenty of water would be needed to turn the "jewel of a canyon," as he called it, into a golf course.

However, in late 1919, Bell's financial situation, especially his debt load, had become a bit precarious, and he realized that he could not purchase the Heights property on his own. He reached out to his many business contacts and offered to sell individual shares in the golf venture for \$250 each. In a fairly short while, he had attracted 200 investors and secured about \$50,000. In May 1920, he consummated the land purchase from Hart for \$64,000, becoming Hart's second-largest customer to date. Later Bell bought additional land, enlarging the parcel to 156 acres.

Hart noted that he was delighted to have Hacienda Golf Club built in the Heights, because it fit in perfectly with his vision of a high-quality country community and was likely to increase property values. (For more about Hart's development activities, see the March 2021 *Heights Life*.)

From sheep ranch to golf links

Bell and his partners hired Scottish immigrant and nationally-known golf course designer William (Willie) Watson. A professional golfer, Watson had already designed popular courses in Minnesota, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and he eventually created more than 100 courses throughout the country.

Watson initially planned for an 18-hole course of 6,152 yards configured in a "sporty" way that would encompass many nature features of the canyon. Also working as design consultants were George C. Thomas and E.B. Tufts, and Watson sought assistance from

Charles Mayo, a British golf professional. The construction supervisor was Charles Shaw, who had helped build courses in Long Island, N.Y., and San Francisco.

Construction proceeded quickly, and by the end of 1920, the first nine holes of the newly named Hacienda Golf Club were ready for play, although the course was still very much a work in progress. Perry Gail was hired as the club's first golf professional, and membership dues were set at \$8 per month.

The land on which the course was built had once been a sheep ranch owned by the Sansinena family, immigrants from the Basque Country in Europe (see details in the October 2020 *Heights Life*). In fact, the family's old sheep barn was converted into the first clubhouse for the new golf course. Several members of the Sansinena family (see photo above) later joined Hacienda Golf Club, and Marian Sansinena won a club championship.



Gene Sarazen plays at Hacienda

The new course received beneficial publicity on February 8, 1921, when Gene Sarazen, one of the dominant professional golfers in the 1920s and 1930s, paid a visit to La Habra Heights and played an exhibition round that drew a considerable crowd. Competing with local pros, Sarazen played the nine holes twice, shooting a 70 and establishing a course record.

Many golfers, including professionals, found Hacienda a challenging course, in part because of the natural barranca and meandering creek that wound through many of the holes, necessitating numerous bridges and requiring players to shoot over the barranca to reach most greens.

This converted sheep barn served as the Hacienda clubhouse until 1927.



PGA Champion Gene Sarazen played an exhibition round at Hacienda in 1921.

Bell's personal good fortune

While Alphonso Bell was pleased with progress at the new golf club, he was still embroiled in personal financial issues. But that abruptly changed on October 30, 1921, when Union Oil drilled down 3,768 feet on Bell's property in Santa Fe Springs. Mud and water roared out of the well, followed by a classic "gusher" of oil in what turned out to be the richest well in the west at the time.

Other highly successful wells followed, and geologists discovered that much of Bell's Santa Fe Springs property sat atop the richest oilfield in California. Bell founded Bell Petroleum Company with his father, James G. Bell (after whom the Los Angeles County cities of Bell and Bell Garden are both named).

Alphonso Bell invested some of his initial oil profits in luxury real estate developments in Westwood, Beverly Hills and Pacific Palisades. He also founded Bel Air Estates (now known as Bel-Air), developed the Bel-Air Country Club and donated the land for the Riviera Country Club.

The Bell family lived in a 42-room home on a hilltop in Bel-Air. (The house was later torn down, except for gardens, walls and portions of equestrian stables that are now part of the Bel-Air Hotel.) In 1926, Bell provided land for the location of UCLA in Westwood.

18-hole course completed

After oil made Bell a multi-millionaire, he continued to invest in Hacienda Golf Club.

The back nine, which included many ideas from Charles Mayo, was completed in October 1923 and lengthened the course to 6,180 yards. Harry Pressler became the new club pro the following year. In 1925, East Road was paved all the way to the golf course.

In 1927, the club opened a spacious new clubhouse that was a far cry from the former sheep barn that members had been using. As the photo show, trees planted on the course and surrounding hills were still quite small,

but they were growing apace, and additional improvements to the course were continually being made.

Nature made an unplanned modification to the seventh fairway on March 10, 1933, when the magnitude 6.4 Long Beach earthquake collapsed a hillside.

Financial problems at Hacienda

The Great Depression and the advent of World War II took a toll on the club, but thanks to financial and legal skills of A.R. "Scotty" McGregor (five-time Hacienda president) and L.A. "Fay" Lewis, the club not only made it through those difficult times, but accumulated sufficient resources to renovate its clubhouse in 1955 and launch major changes in the 1960s.

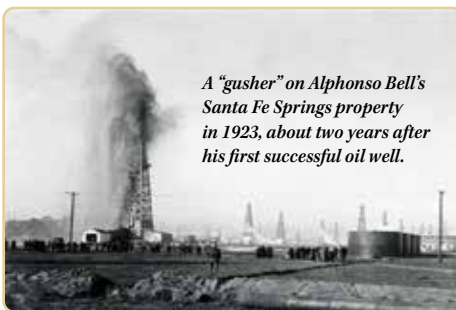
A championship course

The course layout itself had remained relatively unchanged from the 1930s through the 1950s, but in the early 1960s, Mike Fitzpatrick, Hacienda president at the time, started planning major modernizations.

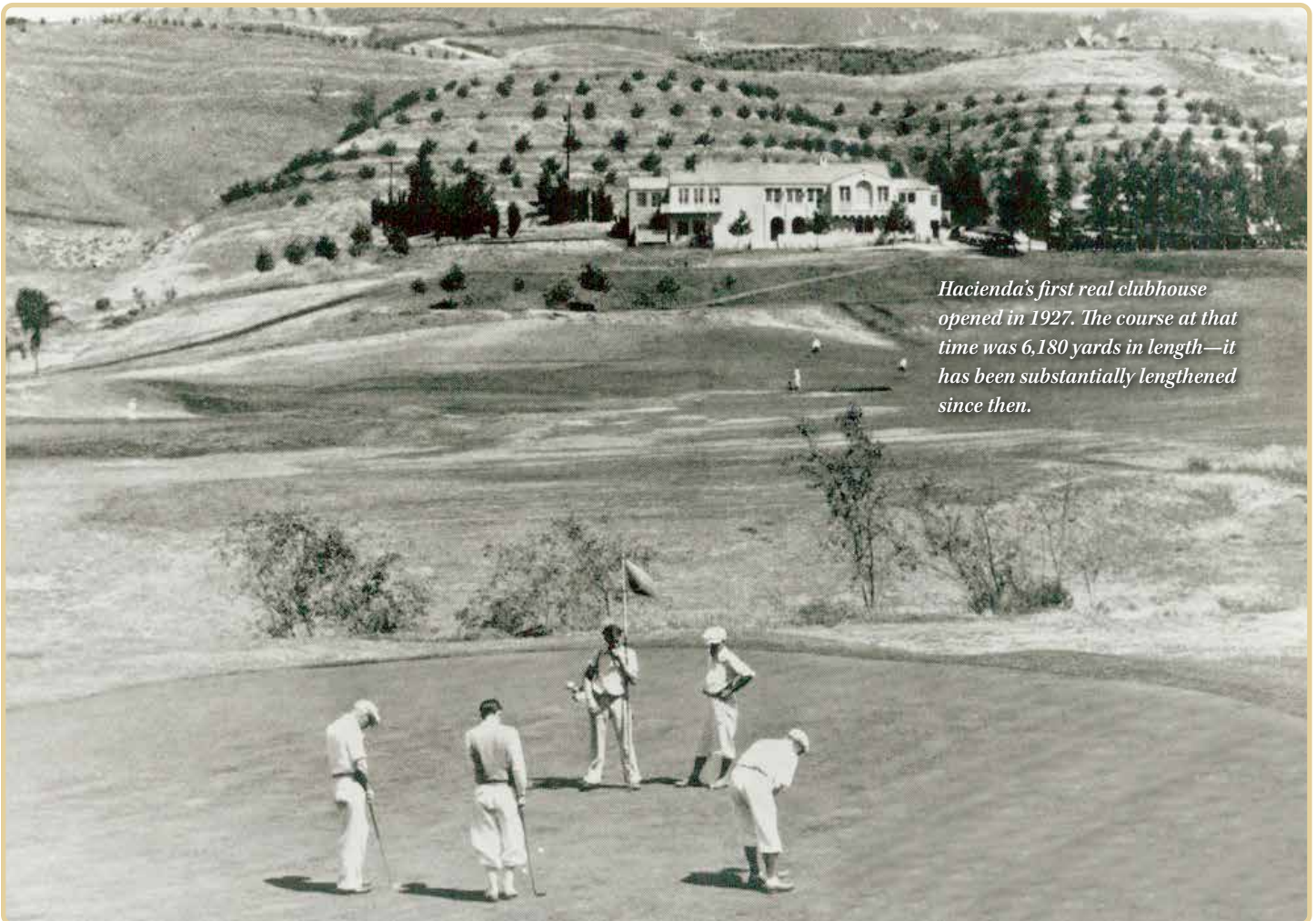
Construction work commenced in 1964, when the course was shut down for nine

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Image: Santa Fe Springs City Library



A "gusher" on Alphonso Bell's Santa Fe Springs property in 1923, about two years after his first successful oil well.



Hacienda's first real clubhouse opened in 1927. The course at that time was 6,180 yards in length—it has been substantially lengthened since then.



The latest, completely rebuilt clubhouse opened in 2006. Its construction coincided with extensive renovations and changes to the Hacienda course.

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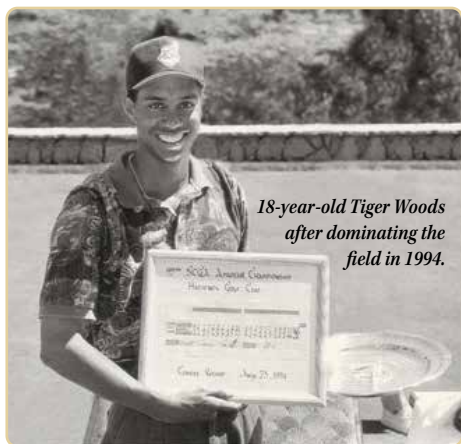
months while the back nine was completely transformed by engineer Don Hogan, who smoothed out the barrancas, removed the creek and bridges and installed a new irrigation system. Significant modifications were also made to the second and fifth holes.

These changes lengthened the course to 6,660 yards, the distance required for qualification as a championship course.

During the 1970s and 1980s, additional improvements were made, especially to greens.

Tiger Woods sets a course record

An 18-year-old recent high school graduate named Tiger Woods came to Hacienda Golf Club in 1994 to compete in the Southern California Amateur tournament. He shot a record-breaking 62, beating his nearest competitor by 10 strokes! In the final round of the tournament, Tiger wore a red shirt, and it became his personal tradition when he soon turned pro and became a legend in the sport.

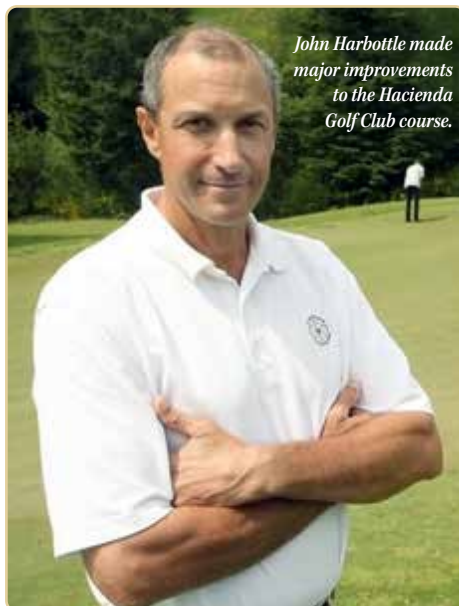


18-year-old Tiger Woods after dominating the field in 1994.

Another major course redesign

By 2004, the course had become short and the greens were considered slow by modern standards. Locations of some cart paths, as well as a number of large trees, were impacting playability of many holes.

Renowned golf course architect John Harbottle III was hired to address these



John Harbottle made major improvements to the Hacienda Golf Club course.

problems and to rebuild all 18 green complexes to meet current United States Golf Association specifications, to adjust bunkers and to lengthen the course yet again.

Harbottle had great respect for historical aspects of the course, and he set out to bring back much of the classic Willie Watson design in a more modern form, including restoring the creek running through the course both to improve drainage and to present strategic challenges for players. He enlarged and deepened greenside bunkers to reflect the look of early "golden era" 20th-century golf course architecture; reshaped and relocated fairway bunkers and added new ones; and removed trees where needed. Overall, he lengthened the course to 6,955 yards.

In addition, in 2005 the clubhouse was razed and completely rebuilt. Designed by architect Doug Lee, the new Hacienda-style building opened in 2006.

Harbottle created a master plan for future renovations and upgrades and regularly returned to the club from 2007 to 2010 to oversee additional changes, including lengthening the course for championship



Above: Hole 15 as it looked in 1973 and (below) as it looks today after Harbottle's redesign.



play to well over 7,000 yards. Although Harbottle passed away in 2012, his innovative plan is still being followed today.

Visit haciendagolfclub.com to see additional photos and historical information about the club. When we cover the public celebration of the Hacienda Golf Club centennial, we'll have more to say about upcoming events and future plans for the club.

Suffice it to say for now that Hacienda Golf Club has been a major part of life in La Habra Heights during the entire time that our rural community has existed.





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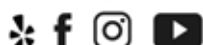


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APRIL 4 Happy Easter!

APRIL 12 La Habra Heights City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 15 Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting: 6 p.m.

APRIL 27 Planning Commission meeting: 6:30 p.m.

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TOTAL INCIDENTS: 21



LHH Fire Report

FEBRUARY 2021

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TOTAL INCIDENTS: 49

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