



The Jack Boyes Award

As described in Policy 3.2, the Jack Boyes Award may be given to an existing member or members of Whitevale Golf Club who have had significant achievements in golf in the current season, or to a member or members who have provided an outstanding contribution to the Club in the current season. This award is given in honour of an existing member of the Wall of Fame, as approved by the Board of Directors.

Each year an awards committee is formed to research any potential new candidates to be given the Award. The awards committee is selected by the President and consists of the President, the Captain and at least three long-standing equity members.

Whitevale equity members may nominate one or more candidates by completing the form below (one for each nominee) and submitting it via email to the Awards Committee Chair or by letter to the Whitevale Office (Attention: Awards Committee Chair). Please include your name, the name of the candidate you are nominating and a brief summary of his or her accomplishment and/or contributions(s).

Submission Deadline:

November 5th of the current year.

Committee & Board decision:

All nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee which will recommend the award winner(s) to the Board of Directors for approval. The Committee may choose to not recommend any recipients for the current year.

Some Whitevale Golf Club History and Jack Boyes

Whitevale's first architect, Mother Nature, must have been a golfer when she decided to melt a massive glacier that created the Oak Ridges Moraine, a dynamic landform with undulating topography, an abundant aquifer, and a diversity of vegetation that includes rare and endangered species. On this natural canvas, Jack Boyes fulfilled a lifelong dream of designing and building his own golf course (with some help from an old friend and accomplished golf architect Bill Diddel).

Jack's vision included three tenets that continue to characterize Whitevale Golf Club today: a high-quality golf experience, genuine hospitality and friendships, and a place where members have a financial stake and a say in the future of the Club.

In 1955, Jack Boyes purchased the property for \$25,000 from the Seebeck family, who had farmed the land for over 100 years. The original farmhouse was incorporated into the clubhouse, the farm's driving shed served as pro shop and its foundation can still be seen adjacent to the first tee. The Beatty Pump windmill was restored and remains a fixture of the Club today.

On June 14th, 1958, the first game of golf was played, and soon after, 140 members incorporated Whitevale Golf Club as a private golf club. Being new afforded Jack the opportunity to be progressive and Whitevale quickly became known as an inclusive private golf club that was particularly supportive of women and juniors, with no ethnic or religious boundaries, just a common love of golf. Jack and Winnie Boyes, along with daughter Carol and Greens Superintendent Ab Reeves, ran the Club until 1970.

