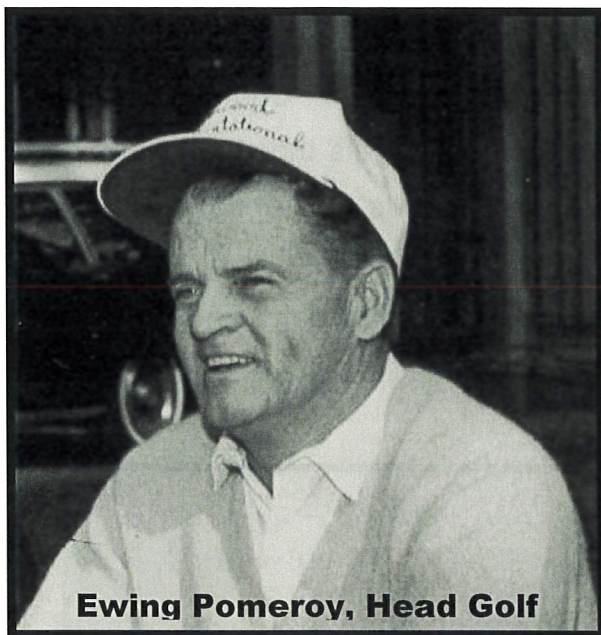


RECENT HISTORY



Ewing Pomeroy, Head Golf

In 1960, Lakewood was fortunate in obtaining the services of Ewing Pomeroy as golf professional, or, Director of Golf as it is now named. Ed Miles, veteran golf writer in Atlanta told the Mobile Press Register, "You're getting one of the best pros in Atlanta."

Ewing who was coming from the Ansley Club in Atlanta commented that although he had it good in Atlanta, he just could not turn down the job in Point Clear because it was "so beautiful in

every way." Ewing remained at Lakewood from 1960 until 1981. Both members and guest grew quite fond of Ewing and accepted him, as well as his two sons, Joe and Bobby, who worked as assistants. Today there is an annual golf tournament named in his honor. Bobby accepted another position; however, Joe remained at the Club from 1964 until 1983. Joe became Head Pro and took on many responsibilities, managing the pro-shop, as well as, being an active instructor. The Pomeroy name remains at Lakewood as Billy, Ewing's grandson, is now an intern at the club.

Due to the growth in membership and number of hotel guests, the club began to consider options for expansion of the staff and facilities. In 1965, the nine-hole Magnolia course, designed by golf course architect Joseph L. Lee, was added to complement the Old Course. Lee carved Magnolia through heavy swamp and low land along Point Clear Creek, creating three challenging water holes at numbers 2, 4 and 9. Ewing liked to talk about the spectacular number 9: "It can be a nightmare for the golfer who hooks. It's a 381 yard, par-4 that doglegs left around the lakes, with a creek fronting the green. The best you have ever played might just be good enough to take par". Ewing could take par!

In September of 1979 disaster struck the Grand Hotel and Lakewood. Hurricane Frederick paid a visit and took with him over two thousand trees. The majority of trees were the pines, however some century old oaks were also lost. It was