

The course is nestled against the foothills of Rattlesnake Ridge and alongside the meandering Little Spokane River.



1898 Public House

“Over-reading breaks can prove vexing. Every downhill putt can get away and leave you with a tester coming back.”

—BOB CASTLE, GENERAL MANAGER AT KALISPEL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Distractingly Beautiful

Kalispel Golf and Country Club is an important footnote in the Pacific Northwest's golf history.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: The USGA Museum in New Jersey contains more than 100,000 items, in 25 languages, documenting golf's development from its origins. Artifacts range from big to small.

For example, did you know prior to the invention of the wooden tee at the turn of the 19th century, golfers made tees out of sand? Courses would supply each hole with a box of wet sand from which golfers would fashion a raised mound using either their hands or a cone-shaped mold. We can thank Boston dentist Dr. George Grant, frustrated with this tedious and messy process, for the invention that we now take for granted.

History plays an important part in our lives. How can we understand genius, the influence of technological innovation, or the role that beliefs play in shaping family life, if we don't use what we know about experiences in the past?

PRIOR TO STATEHOOD

Kalispel Golf and Country Club was established six years before Washington became the 46th state in America.

“Throughout our 125-year history, Kalispel Golf and Country Club [formally known as Spokane Country Club] has been an important part of golf's history in the Pacific Northwest,” said a pleased Bob Castle, general manager. “The club hosted the inaugural U.S. Women's Open won by Patty Berg in 1946, and Tom Watson holds the course record with an impressive 11 under par. With a nod of respect to the year the golf club was originally established, our dining room, named 1898 Public House, exemplifies our storied past, but with a modern flair.” ■

For information on membership, please visit KalispelGolf.com.

In the early years, membership dues were set at \$5 with tin cans for cups. As Spokane grew, the golf course was forced to relocate three times. Fast forward more than a century later, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians purchased the club in 2015, continuing the tradition of excellence at the renamed Kalispel Golf and Country Club. Today its setting of a traditional club, set among a forest of tall evergreen trees and wildlife, is a golf purist's dream.