

## *CCNA History Snapshot*

By Julie Enersen

# The Country Club of Lincoln

(Editors Note: Resource materials for this article include a recent Lincoln Journal-Star piece by Lincoln historian, Jim McKee and a written history compiled by Roger Bacon, manager of the Country Club of Lincoln, in honor of the club's centennial anniversary this year. Unless otherwise indicated, the quotes included come from the anniversary material.)

**T**he Country Club of Lincoln was officially chartered in 1903 and began its existence at 7th and Washington streets. These first quarters were in a grand home built by Nebraska's first governor, David Butler. (He was subsequently removed from office for embezzling the funds used to construct the house...but that's another story.) It wasn't long, however, before club leaders began to search for a site on which a new, larger clubhouse and a more usable golf course could be built. The soaring membership numbers had caused the organization to outgrow its current building and the golf course's location near Gooch's Mill meant that portions of the greens were intersected by railroad tracks.

At that same time, the Woods Brothers were beginning to develop the area south of South Street between 20th and 27th. The land past 24th and Woodsdale was particularly hilly and posed difficulties for the construction of homes. However, Mark Woods determined that this area would make an excellent location for a new country club. He sold 65 acres of the land to the Country Club of



The clubhouse as seen from the north in approximately 1926. Photo Courtesy The Country Club of Lincoln

Lincoln for \$100,000 and arranged to lease additional land south of the club (running almost to the St. Thomas Orphanage, now Bishop Square) for the golf course.

"On July 7, 1917, members approved the acquisition of new club grounds and began planning for a bright future on the corner of 27th and High Streets." Golf course architects, William Tucker and Gregor MacMillan were hired to plan the new course. "They took advantage of the natural terrain and developed a prairie course with only one tree on it. It is a design that has survived the passage of time. The course played today closely resembles the one laid out in 1922" although the greens have been refurbished and hundreds of trees have been planted in the intervening years.

Once the golf course was open for play, focus naturally turned toward the construction of the clubhouse. In early 1922, a Lincoln architectural firm, Fiske and Meginnis,

was hired to design the new building. A 1925 Lincoln State Journal article reported, "A special building committee canvassed the country for a suitable design. Features drawn from the most successful buildings in different cities were looked over and the best ones were incorporated into the Lincoln design."

The original building plans show a crescent shaped structure with a two-story center section and adjoining wings. The center portion included a vestibule, dining room and lounging room on the first floor and employee bedrooms and dining room on the second floor. The south wing was dedicated to a grand ballroom with capacity for 500 diners. The north wing was the service area and included the locker rooms and kitchen. A swimming pool and garden area were located to the east of the building and three clay tennis courts (which would later be replaced with a prac-

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# Upcoming CCNA Meetings:

Mark your calendars to come join your Country Club Neighborhood Association at one of our meetings:

**We meet at 7 PM  
the 3rd Tuesday  
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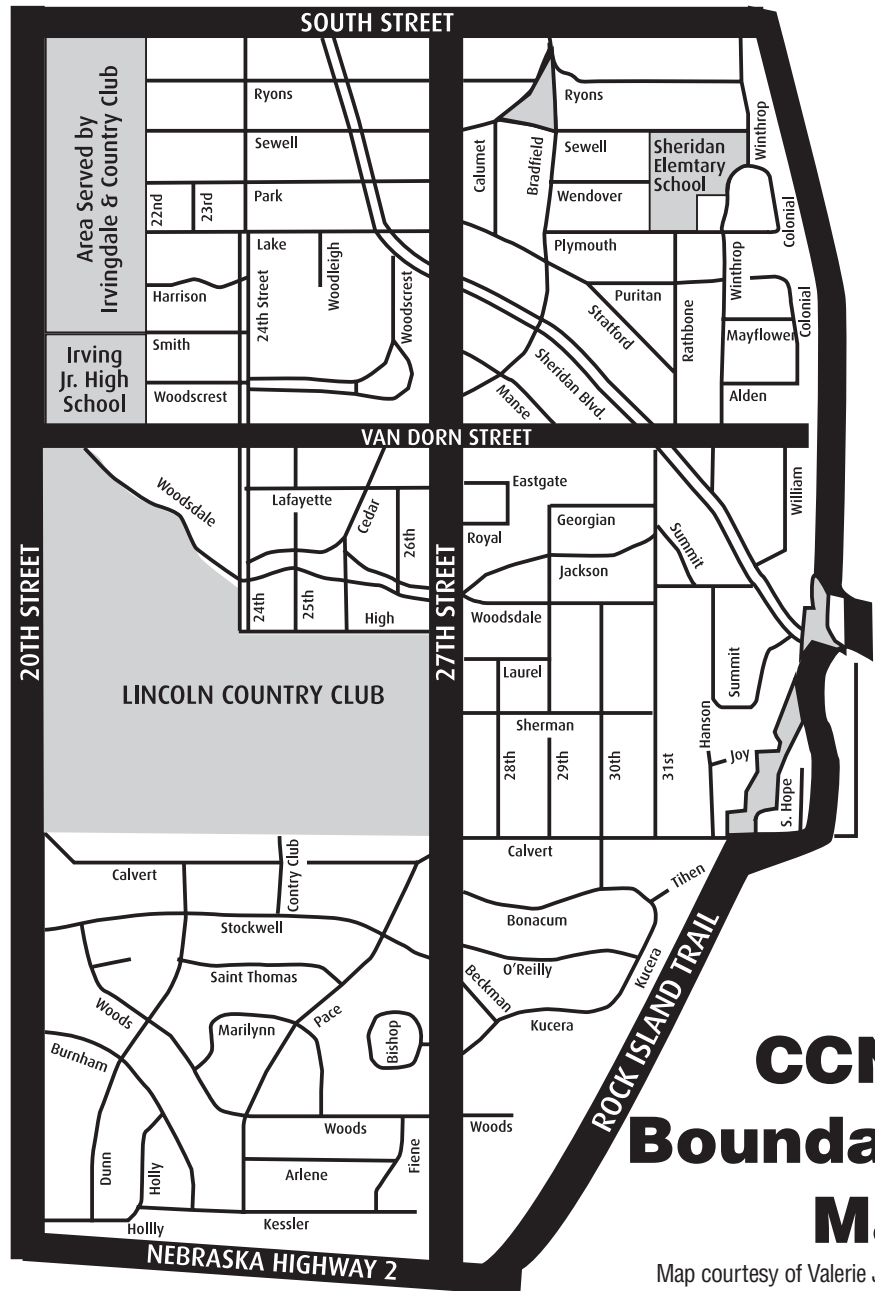
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Map courtesy of Valerie J. Dayton

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# CCNA Committee Updates

CCNA needs volunteers! Contact committee chairs to become involved with an existing group or contact Julie Enersen (475-9988, [JulieEnersen@yahoo.com](mailto:JulieEnersen@yahoo.com)) to organize a committee.

## CCNA Board of Directors

Contact VP of Operations, Terry Schaaf at [tschaaf@neb.rr.com](mailto:tschaaf@neb.rr.com) or 489-1100, if you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the CCNA Board.

## Telephone/Calling Tree

In need of an organizer.

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If you are interested in contributing to or advertising in the CCNA newsletter, contact Ian Doremus at 435-8625 or [idoremus@neb.rr.com](mailto:idoremus@neb.rr.com).

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If you have suggestions concerning CCNA's role with regards to the local government, please contact Terry Schaaf, at 489-1100 or [tschaaf@neb.rr.com](mailto:tschaaf@neb.rr.com)

## Tour of Homes

Contact Rifka Keilson, 323-7800 or [rifka.keilson@iuniverse.com](mailto:rifka.keilson@iuniverse.com), if you are interested in helping with the tour.

## Neighborhood Party

The board of CCNA has authorized the creation of a Social Committee to reactivate the annual Country Club Neighborhood party of years past. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or hosting an organizational meeting is encouraged to contact Terry Schaaf the Operational Vice President of the Association at 3172 Sheridan Blvd. 68502 or by Fax at 489-2341 or by email at [tschaaf@neb.rr.com](mailto:tschaaf@neb.rr.com)

## Garden Tour

In need of an organizer.

## Membership/Welcoming Committee

Interested in helping us welcome new neighbors? Contact Julie Enersen at 475-9988 or [JulieEnersen@yahoo.com](mailto:JulieEnersen@yahoo.com).

## The Welcoming Committee recently welcomed these neighbors into the CCNA:

**Jeffrey & JoLynn Bomberger** moved to 2901 S. 26th St. JoLynn teaches Spanish at Southwest High School and tutors at Sylvan Learning Center. Jeffrey is an assistant vice president and loan officer at Pinnacle Bank and a mentor with the Teammates program.

**Connie Brancheau** moved to 3135 Puritan Ave from Traverse City, Michigan. She is a registered nurse, working as Executive Director of Silvercrest Assisted Living. She has one daughter in Southern California.

**Darrin & Julie Brittenham** moved to 2630 Winthrop Road from 33rd and Randolph. Julie works in Human Resources at Lincoln Benefit Life and Darrin owns Fairway Lawn Care.

**John Cai & Lora VanEtten** moved to 2610 S. 24th St. from Iowa City, Iowa this summer. John is a cardiologist. They have one son, Ethan, 13.

**Jeff & Amy Feriozzi** moved to 2418 Calumet Ct. Amy is advertising manager at University of Nebraska Press and Jeff is a real estate appraiser at Raasch Appraisal.

**Scott & Linda Rediger** moved to 2700 O'Reilly Drive from Indian Village. Linda is a stay home mom to their four children-Tyler, 8, Natalie, 6, DJ, 3 and Ryan, 2. Scott is a CPA at Rediger & Sipherd.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Wagner** moved to her first home at 2144 Harrison Ave from an apartment in Lincoln. She is a paraprofessional at Elliott.

We are compiling information from our New Neighbor Questionnaires and will publish detailed information about these and other new neighbors in upcoming issues of The Chronicle. If you know of additional neighbors who should be welcomed into the neighborhood, please contact Kim Kaufman at 477-2680.

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The clubhouse as seen from the east in approximately 1926. Photo Courtesy The Country Club of Lincoln

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tice green) were situated to the north.

Of note on the original plans was a space marked "Jim's Room." That area was for Jim Dean, a longtime employee who "ran the locker room, served snacks and, more than anyone else, provided a smooth transition from old to new clubhouse."

The building was situated near the center of the property and faced west toward sunset and a small airfield. ("Legend has it that patrons often played to the drone of an aircraft overhead piloted by a young, shy, aviator-in-training. Charles Lindbergh.") Ernst Herminghaus, Nebraska's first professionally trained Landscape Architect and the designer of Pioneers Park and the Nebraska State Capitol grounds, was hired to design the landscaping.

In 1925, the Lincoln State Journal proclaimed, "The new grounds are exceedingly attractive. They rise from a series of lagoons between Twentieth and Twenty-Seventh streets ...and command a wide

view of the city and the country to the west and south."

The initiation fee upon the club's opening was \$300 with annual fees of only \$80. The organization thrived, membership boomed and initiation rates eventually reached \$1,000. By 1928, the club's roster was full and the future looked bright.

The Great Depression changed all that. "People began to leave the club en masse. Resignations became so common; the club simply quit accepting them. The number of past-due accounts grew and the practice of posting the names of delinquent members only hastened a further rush toward the door.

"In order to rebuild, incentives were offered, fees were waived, and a salesman was hired to sell memberships on commission. People came slowly, cautiously back into the club." By the 1940s, the Country Club was once again prospering and was able to buy the previously leased acres to the south for \$20,000.

Over the years, the Country Club

of Lincoln continued to change and evolve. During WWII, women were, for the first time in the club's history, actively recruited to become members. After the war, club leaders found the organization cash-poor but in need of major renovations. They solved their problem by installing slot machines on the premises. This method of creating "THE OTHER INCOME" (as it was called in club minutes) was eventually discontinued but did allow the club to make major expansions, including a sizable addition to the north wing in the 1960s.

One hundred years have passed since the Country Club of Lincoln began in the house at 7th and Washington. Its second home continues to be a landmark in our community but the first was razed in 1950 after it had functioned as a dance hall, a radio station, and a clubhouse for the Ku Klux Klan. Gooch Foods now resides on that spot.

(For additional photos of both Country Club buildings, please visit the CCNA website at [www.ccnalinc.org](http://www.ccnalinc.org))

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# A Concierge for the Home

By Terry Schaaf

Do you need an antique table refinished; a crack in the plaster wall patched; a roof replaced; a picture framed; a chandelier hung or a child's room theme painted? If so, who do you call? A new breed of interior decorators and real estate agents have the answer. Some are now performing expanded services much like a concierge in a fine hotel.

Kerry Smith of Interiors by Kerry discovered many of her clients needed more than just interior design. They had valuable personal items in need of attention or desired basic repairs or improvement to the home itself. They demanded artists and craftsmen who could be trusted with their most valuable assets: their home and treasured belongings. Ms. Smith has associated herself with a variety of reliable providers she has learned through experience can be trusted to provide the quality service these clients require. She obtains the estimate for the client and upon approval, sched-

ules the work. The client receives the final statement directly from her upon completion.

Woods Brothers Realty and HOME Real Estate jointly participate in a program called Home Owners Plus. This free service is available to people who have bought or sold homes through either company. Clients can be put in touch with a wide range of prescreened services who are insured and, where necessary, licensed. Home Owners Plus maintains a record of client satisfaction and removes vendors who do not maintain a 95% approval rating. Kim Nelson who is the director of Home Owners Plus noted that this service is especially valuable to new residents who are unfamiliar with reliable providers in the Lincoln area.

Additionally real estate agents like Linda Wibbels of Woods Brothers Realty have extensive knowledge of reliable craftsmen after years of selling homes in Lincoln. She regularly advises buyers or sellers on sources

for improvements to their homes either before or after the sale. According to Linda, people buy according to price, condition and location and a well maintained home will always bring a higher dollar and sell faster.

Even first time home buyers who have lived in Lincoln for some time are generally unaware of how to find competent professional services said Kerry. Kim said "My job is to connect customers with quality businesses they can trust."

Asking around your new neighborhood for referrals is no longer the only way to find quality craftsmen. One source shopping for the full range of remodeling and repair services appears to be the way of the future.

Kerry can be reached at 486-0152, Linda at 434-3500 and Kim at 437-7600.

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## Holiday Tipping

By Julie Bright

It's the middle of the winter, 30 degrees outside and yet your paper arrives before you wake up, your mail is on time and your garbage is gone before you get home from work. Most people depend on these services and the services of several other people throughout the year. With the holiday season quickly approaching it feels like the appropriate time to consider who to tip or give a gift of appreciation to.

There are no hard and fast rules to holiday tipping. Special thank yous in the form of gratuity are greatly appreciated. How much a person chooses to give is based on what they can afford and the service they receive. Here are some general guidelines to tipping:

1. **Newspaper carrier daily - \$15-\$20.**
2. **Newspaper carrier weekend only - \$5-\$15.**
3. **Garbage collector - \$15-\$20 (each).**
4. **Mail carrier - federal law prohibits U.S. Postal Service employees from accepting cash or gifts worth more than \$20.**
6. **Baby sitter - at least one nights pay.**
7. **Cleaning person - one day's pay if they work for you once a week.**
8. **Day care worker/teacher - \$10-\$20 or a small gift.**



For those of us who do not get up at the crack of dawn or are not home during the day there are several easy ways to deliver these special "thank yous". According to a few of the local garbage collection agencies many of their customers tape an envelope to the lid of the trash can. While others

place a box that is clearly marked along side the trash receptacles. In order to deliver a note to your mail carrier it is fine to leave it in the mail box as long as it is clearly addressed to them (if you do not know their name you can address it to "Mail Carrier"). The Journal Star has made it very easy to tip your newspaper carrier by allowing you to check a box on your bill and include it with your payment. These tips are then distributed to the correct carrier. If a person wishes they may also drop off a small token at the newspaper and it will be delivered to the carrier.

*Happy Tipping.*

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# CCNA'S NEW WEBSITE

## Note from the Editor

By Ian Doremus



I am very happy to announce a new birth; the birth of the new Country Club Neighborhood Association's web site. For the past couple of years we have had discussions about building a new web-

site, we have sketched out ideas, we have seen prototypes. Now we have our site. The new address is <http://www.ccnalinc.org>.

The website is a reality because of much hard work from one of our neighbors, Craig Connolly. Craig came to me offering his services and we put him right to work. I have been the expectant parent hoping that when the site is finally live it will be the best neighborhood site on the web (Wouldn't any proud parent?).

The site is a work in progress. It is here to serve our neighborhood. We will have an archive of the CCNA board's minutes available. We will have two years worth of Chronicle newsletter available in PDF format to download and print out. We have a page on how to get involved in the neighborhood. We also have links to many resources in the Lincoln area, weather and bus schedules. Soon I hope to have current events and news on the first page. This I hope will keep you interested in visiting our site. We have more plans down the road that I will announce as they arrive.

[www.ccnalinc.org](http://www.ccnalinc.org)

**Country Club Neighborhood Association**

Welcome to the CCNA!!!  
Welcome to the Country Club Neighborhood Association (CCNA) of Lincoln, Nebraska! Our web site hopes to introduce new residents to our little slice of Lincoln, as well as to keep our members updated with what is going on in our neighborhood and community. The links to the left will provide a great deal of information to both audiences ... so click away !!! With that being said let's take a look at what's new!

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Can't get enough of the moon ... ??? Plan to visit the **'Quest for the Moon'** exhibit at the **Strategic Air & Space Museum**.

**Star City Holiday Festival**  
It's hard to believe, but it will soon be time for the 2003 edition of the **Star City Holiday Festival**. On **Saturday, December 6, 2003** the city of Lincoln and the **Updownowners** will produce the largest parade in the five state region. Mark your calendars!

Check back to find out what is going on in the neighborhood. If you have information you think we should share with the CCNA membership, please contact one of the **Board** members.

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It takes a lot of work for a site like this to be successful. If your part of the neighborhood is planning an upcoming event, let us know about it. If there is something that the neighborhood needs to take action on, spread the word on our website. If we don't know about it, we can't post it. Along with

this, if you would like us to change something let us know. We want our baby to grow up and be successful.

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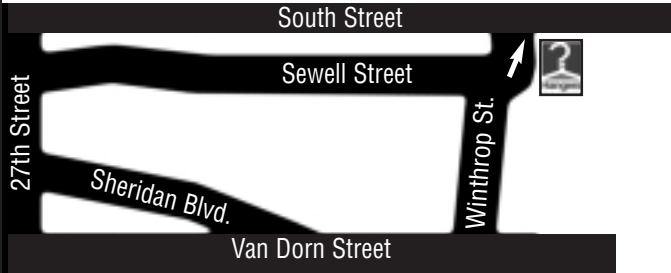
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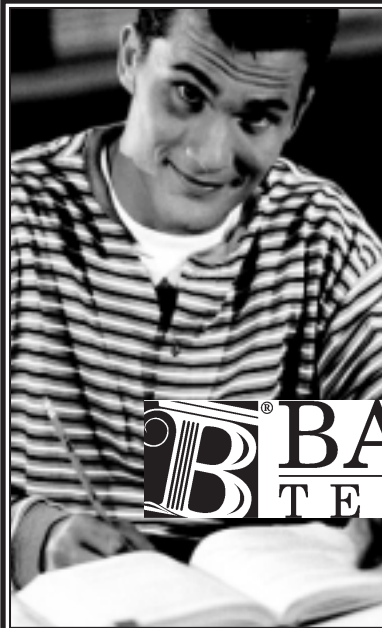
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