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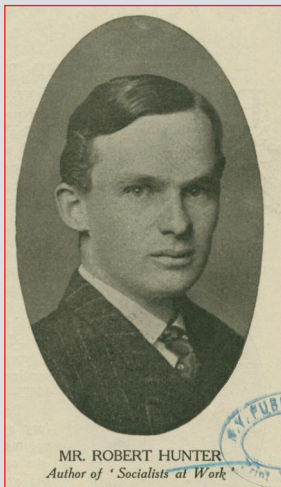
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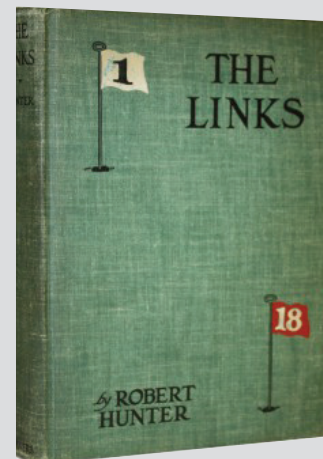
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Robert Hunter: An Influential Student of Both Golf and Society



Cypress Point



Seventh in a series of articles on the history of Del Monte Forest by Neal Hotelling

Socialist, writer, teacher, millionaire, golfer, and golf architect; such dichotomy describes Robert Hunter, an active resident of Del Monte Forest in the 1920s. His books included *Poverty* (1904), *Socialists at Work* (1908), *Labor in Politics* (1915), *Why We Fail as Christians* (1919), *The Links* (1926), *Inflation and Revolution* (1934) and *Revolution: Why, How, When* (1940).

Robert Hunter was born at Terre Haute, Indiana on April 10, 1874 to an affluent family. He graduated from the University of Indiana in 1896, in the midst of an economic depression. He eschewed his family's business and moved to Chicago to work with the Bureau of Charities and volunteer at Hull House, helping to bring opportunities to the disadvantaged. In 1899, he moved to Toynbee Hall in England, and interacted with George Bernard Shaw, H.G. Wells and Russians Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky and Peter Kropotkin at meetings of the Fabian Society.

In 1902 he moved to New York City and managed the University Settlement, which shared socialist philosophies with Hull House and Toynbee Hall. While working on a committee to end child labor, he met Caroline M. Phelps Stokes, the daughter of multi-millionaire banker Anson Phelps Stokes. They married in 1903. The next year, he published his first book, *Poverty*.

While working to bring about reforms to help the poor and disenfranchised, Hunter's physician advised he needed to make time for outdoor physical activity. Golf was his solution; he joined the Weeburn Club of Stamford, Connecticut, near the country home he shared with his wife. He often competed at Pinehurst, North Carolina, where in 1911 he finished runner-up to Chick Evans at the North-South Amateur, and in 1914 he defeated three-time U.S. Amateur Champion Walter Travis in the Mid-April championship.

In 1917, Hunter moved west with his wife and three children ages 10 to 14, and taught Economics, English and Sociology at UC Berkeley. He joined the Claremont Country Club in Oakland, and then gathered interest in establishing a University club. Initially working with Claremont pro John Black and later Willie Watson, he created a routing on the scenic hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay. The course opened in 1921 and is known today as Mira Vista Golf & Country Club.

Hunter regularly competed on the Monterey Peninsula and in 1920, Hunter was medalist in the State Amateur. In 1922, Hunter left teaching, rented a home in Monterey, won the Pebble Beach Gold Vase tournament and finished runner-up to Jack Neville in the State Amateur. The family traveled to Europe in 1923, where Hunter made a study of

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Union Bank Gives to Del Monte Forest Foundation



Nurten Atila (left) Union Bank Branch Manager VP, Monterey Office and Union Bank Priority Banking Manager, Gloria Aguon-Wilgus present a \$2,500 check to Del Monte Forest Foundation Board President, Rick Verbanec as a grant in support of preservation of the Foundation's more than 700 acres of open space within the Del Monte Forest.

The Del Monte Forest Foundation, working to conserve Del Monte Forest within Pebble Beach for the benefit of present and future generations, was greatly aided in its efforts by the generosity of Union Bank.

Union Bank funds donations and sponsorships supporting a broad range of charitable categories, including the environment. Monterey Branch Manager Nurten Atila felt the \$2,500 donation was very much in line with the bank's aim. "Our branch currently donates to beach clean-up and enhancement programs, so supporting the Foundation in its forest conservation efforts seemed to round out our support of the local environment very nicely. Union Bank is excited to give to such worthwhile programs throughout the community."

The Foundation welcomes the donation to continue its more than 50 years of conserving the open spaces of the Pebble Beach community. Vital operations are funded solely by donations from the community and businesses such as Union Bank. The Foundation is the only private organization watching over the Forest's open spaces to ensure that the beauty and magnificence is sustained for posterity.

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Forest Foundation's 50th Celebration

The Del Monte Forest Foundation dedicated its new Directors' Grove at Indian Village on December 7th, 2011, celebrating with a gathering of board members current and past. Young pine trees had been transplanted to the site in 2010 in preparation for the dedication.

With the guidance and inspiration of Rev. Bill Roland from Church in the Forest, the Foundation unveiled a plaque-embedded rock commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Foundation and recognizing those who have served as board members, contributing to conserve and enhance open space within the Del Monte Forest.



Left to right: Rev. Bill Roland, Paul Gullion, Jim Sullivan, Jody LeTowt, Suha Kilic, Jeff Froke, Mark Verbonich, June Stock, Mike Niccum, Janet Hayslett, James Hill III, Stephen Staub, Lynn Carmichael, John Love, Cheri McCarty-Hamelin, and Rick Verbanec.

golf courses, competed at the British Amateur, and likely first met his future partner, Dr. Alister Mackenzie.

While overseas, a blaze leveled their Berkeley neighborhood, so on return to California the family moved into a home on the second fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links. There Hunter compiled his golf course studies. *The Links* was the first American book on golf course architecture. Curiously, while he references both Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, co-designers of Pebble Beach Golf Links, the references are to their play at the 1923 British Amateur, and not their work on the course on which he lived.

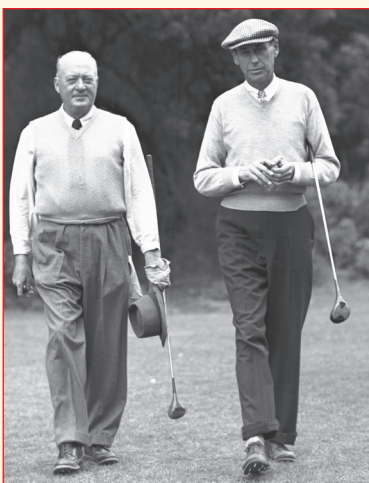
In 1924, S.F.B. Morse began expanding golf at Pebble Beach, retaining Seth Raynor to layout the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and providing an option on 150 acres at Cypress Point to Marion Hollins for a second club. Both of these projects would soon involve Hunter. In late January 1926, Alister Mackenzie met Hunter in San Francisco to discuss opportunities in California including the Meadow Club, in Marin County. Hunter brought the news that earlier that month Raynor had died, and the two clubs at Pebble Beach needed an architect; the MPCC Dunes Course was just short of completion, and Raynor had completed preliminary routings of the Shore and Cypress Point courses.

In 1926, Mackenzie and Hunter conferred on Cypress Point, completed The Dunes course, and then added bunkers to holes 8 and 13 to show the difference proper design would make at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Mackenzie traveled the globe designing courses while Hunter supervised their projects in California, with his son's American Golf Course Construction Company executing the designs.

In addition to working with Mackenzie, Hunter was retained to work with H. Chandler Egan to prepare



Dr. Alister Mackenzie
Photo from the Cavendish Golf Club web site



Jack Neville and Douglas Grant circa 1950
Julian Graham photo / Pebble Beach Company
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Pebble Beach Golf Links for the 1929 U.S. Amateur. They added dozens of bunkers, rebuilt most of the green complexes, yet retained the basic routing of Neville and Grant. Hunter is credited with assists on nine courses in California. One of his last was the Valley Club at Montecito which opened in 1929 and drew him to leave Pebble Beach for Santa Barbara.

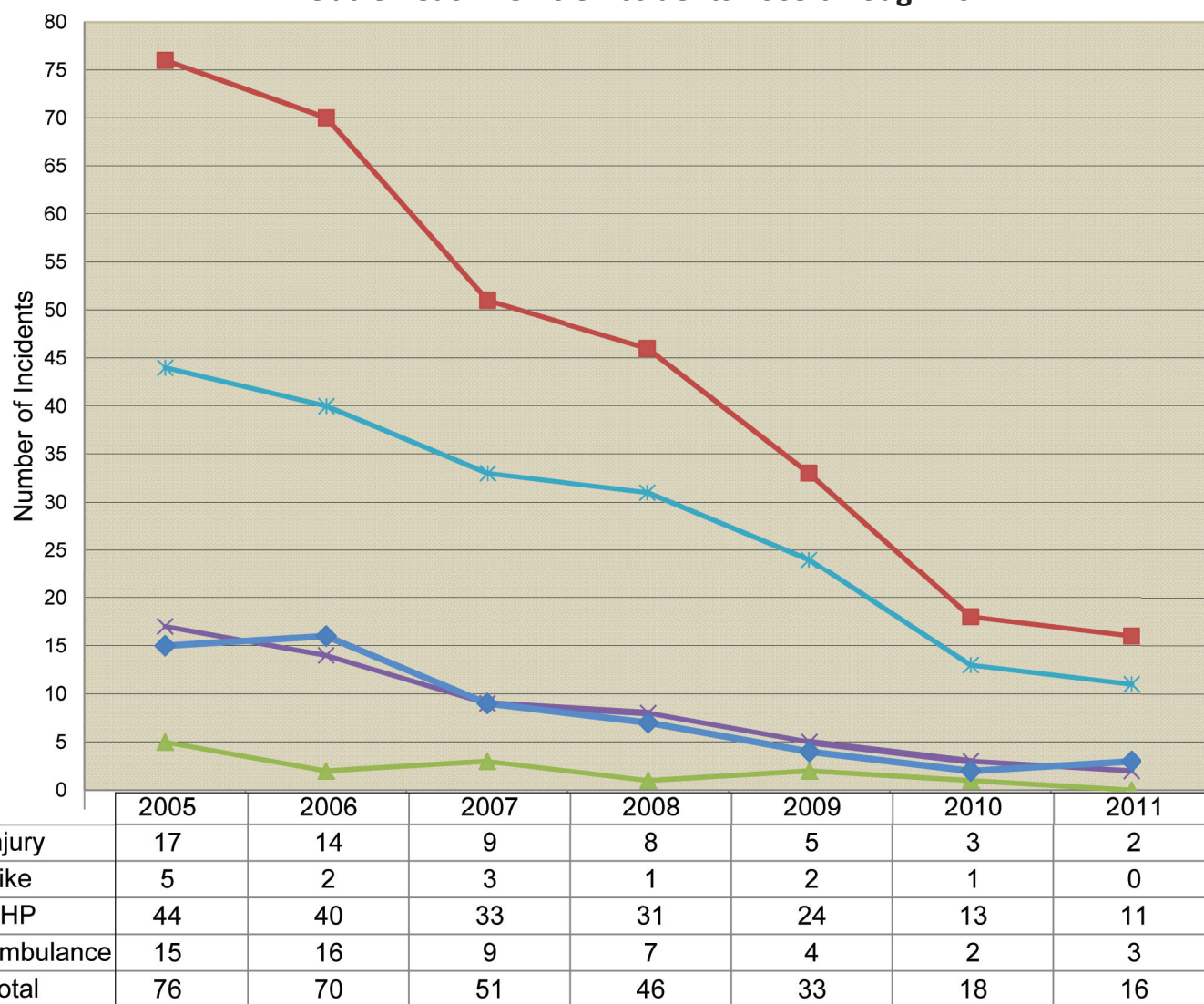
Hunter continued to be active and outspoken in helping the poor and disenfranchised—a class that grew dramatically as America entered the Great Depression. Largely remembered for the great golf courses he helped develop, his efforts to improve society also had long lasting effects; helping to bring about Minimum Wage, Worker's Compensation, and even Roosevelt's "New Deal."

Still, his socialist views tempered as Mussolini, Stalin and Hitler rose to power. In his final treatise, *Revolution:*

Why, How, When, he wrote: "the Bolsheviks now rule Russia while Fascism, Nazism, New Deals and Planned Economy are gaining grounds on all fronts. State Socialism or State Capitalism, whichever one may prefer to call it, is having its day." He cited that over millennia, "Wherever the State has attempted to control the hours, wages and prices of private enterprise, capitalism has languished, the people have been impoverished, and the government has become more despotic." He added, "areas which have permitted democracy and capitalism to bear their fruit have given to the people of high and low degree the highest standard of living ever known to the inhabitants of the earth."

Robert Hunter died in 1942, without seeing the end of World War II, but a study of his thoughtful and evolving social views is nearly as interesting as playing the courses he helped create.

Pebble Beach Vehicle Accidents 2005 through 2011



2011 Calls for Service Crime Report Statistics
Beat Area: 6Z-DMF / Pebble Beach

MONTH:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD 2011	ALL 2010
False Burglar Alarms														
	20	27	26	25	17	33	12	21	14	18	9	26	248	328
Disturbing the Peace														
	2	2	4	4	4	3	2	3	2	5	1	4	36	32
Burglary	1	2	5	2	1	3	1	8	1	5	3	0	32	37
Thefts	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	3	5	8	6	0	34	23
Vandalism/Malicious Mischief														
	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	7	15
TOTALS	24	33	39	35	22	43	16	37	22	36	19	31	357	435

Source: Monterey County Sheriff's Office for DMFPO Traffic & Safety Committee

Pebble Beach Company
Supporting and Respecting Neighbors
by Mark Verbonich, Pebble Beach Company

One of Pebble Beach Company's core values is "respecting our neighbors" by recognizing that we live in a very special place, by working with others to improve our community, and by sharing our success with those less fortunate. The Company strives to uphold this value through its daily operations and community relations activities within the Del Monte Forest and communities throughout the Monterey Peninsula and Monterey County.

In 2011, Pebble Beach Company partnered with numerous local non-profit organizations to raise funding for their ongoing activities and special projects. The Company recently concluded its annual corporate giving campaign in which Pebble Beach Company employees contributed \$106,000 to the United Way of Monterey County, which was matched by the Company for a total contribution of \$212,000. The Company also partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County by co-sponsoring their annual Comics for Kids fundraiser. In December, our management team also donated hundreds of toys to the Boys & Girls Club annual Christmas campaign.

Over the year Pebble Beach Company hosted on its property several fundraisers such as the Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula Culinary Classique, Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula Red Kettle Kick Off, Panetta Institute Jefferson-Lincoln Awards Dinner, and the Pebble Beach Riding and Trails Association 'A Table Affair' that benefited several local non-profit organizations. The Company also contributed cash sponsorships and in-kind donations to support non-profit fundraisers held throughout Monterey County. In 2011, the Company supported over 400 fundraisers with over \$200,000 in cash or in-kind contributions.

Additionally, the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, the non-profit arm of Pebble Beach Company, funded grants supporting educational

organizations and activities benefiting the youth of Monterey County. In 2011, the PBC Foundation funded a total of \$225,000 in grants to forty-six schools and educational organizations and activities in Monterey County, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center, and the MEarth Hilton Bialek summer eco-literacy program benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County. In 2011, the PBC Foundation awarded twenty renewable \$5,000 annual college scholarships to deserving children of Pebble Beach Company employees under the Pebble Beach Company Scholarship Program for Employees' Children. Since its inception, the PBC Foundation has awarded a total of nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to 58 students of Pebble Beach Company employees through this program, which is managed by the nationally-recognized firm Scholarship America.

Special events at Pebble Beach provide enormous financial benefits to our local charities. In 2011, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance contributed over \$1 million to local charitable organizations including Pebble Beach Company Foundation, United Way of Monterey County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, Natividad Medical Foundation, Kinship Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Animal Friends Rescue Project, and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Since its inception, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance has contributed over \$15 million to these and other local charitable organizations. Pebble Beach Company is also proud to host the annual AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. The Monterey Peninsula Foundation funded over \$7 million in grants in 2011 to charitable organizations within Monterey County and surrounding communities. Since its inception in 1947, the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am has raised over \$100 million for local area charities.

"A Table Affair - 2012"



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ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT,
PEACE OF MIND DOG RESCUE, AND
REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY



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TRAILS ASSOCIATION AND
PEBBLE BEACH COMPANY

"A Table Affair - 2012" sponsored by Pebble Beach Company and Pebble Beach Riding & Trails Association is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th. The event will be held at the Conference Center, The Lodge, Pebble Beach from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be no entrance fee but donations are requested for three beneficiaries: Redwings Horse Sanctuary that rescues abandoned and neglected equines; Animal Friends Rescue Project of Pacific Grove that cares for abandoned, stray and abused animals; and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, an organization that cares for older animals that have suffered the loss of their owner.

Each of the three beneficiaries does sterling work in the care and welfare of animals in our community, providing aid to horses, burros, donkeys, dogs, cats, rabbits, and older animals.

Any inquiries should be addressed to the Co-Chairs of "A Table Affair - 2012," Averil Nero at 644-0833 or e-mail acnero@comcast.net or Sandi Verbanec at 277-5263 or e-mail svgraphicdesign@gmail.com.

DMFPO Semiannual Meeting
Save the Date!
Sunday, May 20, 2012
The Inn at Spanish Bay
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Interesting topics,
questions answered, and
refreshments served.
All 2012 members and their
guests welcomed.

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