

## **MARION HOLLINS** - by Neal Hotelling

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Already in the NCGA Hall of Fame, former Del Monte Forest resident Marion Hollins (1892-1944) has been selected for induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame next year. Tiger Woods, also a Class of 2022 inductee, will likely get most of the publicity. Still, Hollins, the 1921 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, won numerous tournaments in both the East and the West, including eight tournaments on the Peninsula.

In addition to championship play, Hollins had a direct hand in creating three golf courses in the 1920s, two of which – Cypress Point (#2) and Pasatiempo (#59) – are ranked among the Top 100 Courses in America. She also had a minor hand in Augusta National (#6) and was captain of the first U.S. Curtis Cup team in 1932.

Born in 1892 and raised on New York's Long Island, Hollins was raised with wealth, traveled to Europe often, and loved competitive sports. A 1911 news story on the amazing debutante, reported "Miss Hollins can ride and drive, row and swim, play tennis and golf better than most girls of her set."

Her first visit to California was to play polo rather than golf. She was an expert with horses. She competed at jumping, driving teams, and could play polo with the best of the male players. After being guest captain for a women's match at the



*Marion Hollins was a successful athlete in several sports, but after winning the 1921 U.S. Women's Amateur she became known for her golfing prowess.*

San Mateo Club in March 1916, she came to Del Monte to play against the men. On a 1917 polo visit she saw the new Pebble Beach course under construction and contemplated buying a lot near the course.

In March of 1920 she played the new course and bought a home site, indicating an intent to "spend a few months of every year playing over the Monterey links." When Hollins won the 1921 U.S. Women's Amateur, the California papers declared her "a semi-Californian."

In 1922, Hollins traveled to England and Scotland to better familiarize herself with those

courses. She returned to New York in April and announced plans to build the Women's National Club at Glen Head, Long Island.

Hollins organized the Pebble Beach Championship for Women first played in February 1923. The tournament continued annually until World War II, with Hollins winning the first four years played at Pebble Beach. She also won in 1928 at MPCC, and in 1933 at Cypress Point. Six times she was runner-up and she won for a seventh time at Pebble Beach in 1942.

After opening of the Women's National Club in 1924, she suggested to S. F. B. Morse building a private club at Cypress Point. He gave her an option on 150 acres if she could pull it together.

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# Del Monte Forest Property Owners

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Dear Property Owner,

The Board of Directors wishes each and every property owner a healthy and happy New Year. The New Year offers many opportunities, one of which is to join the Del Monte Forest Property Owners ("DMFPO"). You are encouraged to take full advantage of the benefits offered by this organization at a very reasonable cost of \$50 annually.

The annual dues fund the quarterly *Forest News* publication updating you on current issues. Once COVID restrictions are lifted, members will receive invitations to Sunday afternoon seminars featuring interesting speakers, and semiannual meetings in May and November held at The Inn at Spanish Bay. These meetings offer not only a chance to learn about current events impacting Pebble Beach, but also to enjoy wine and appetizers while socializing with other property owners.

As a member of this organization, you can receive assistance with neighborhood issues such as noisy parties, unsightly debris, road conditions, or public safety to name a few. The DMFPO is the only entity providing this type of comprehensive service in Del Monte Forest.

Directors on the DMFPO board are property owners from all walks of life. They take pride in volunteering to accomplish DMFPO goals by serving on committees and boards of numerous other Peninsula/County organizations and are aware of what most impacts those living in the Forest. I think you will agree there are many benefits to becoming a supporting member! If you are interested in serving on a DMFPO committee or on the board please contact the office at (831) 373-1618 or [office@dmfpo.org](mailto:office@dmfpo.org) for further information.

We look forward to a productive year serving you and wish you a prosperous New Year,

Kendra Evans, President

On behalf of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners Board of Directors

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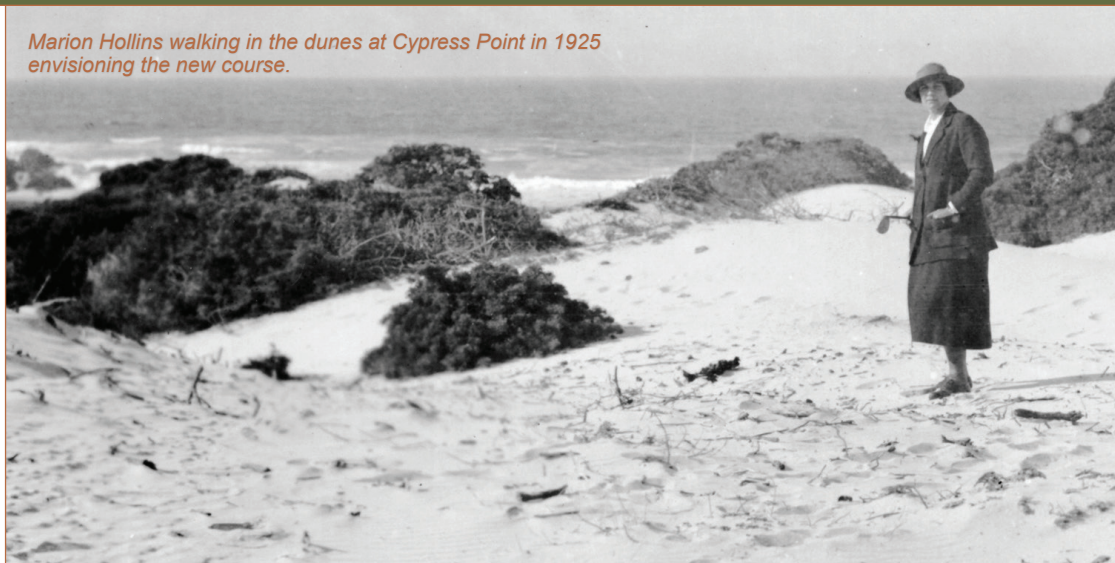
**Del Monte Forest Property Owners January – December 2021 Membership Dues.....\$50.00**

*As you send in your \$50 annual dues, please be sure to provide the information requested on the flap of the enclosed remittance envelope. If you prefer to pay by credit card, go to the DMFPO website "Membership" menu for on-line renewal at <http://www.dmfpo.org>.*



Having worked with Seth Raynor in New York on the Women's course, Hollins called on him to help with her plans at Cypress Point. Golf writer Scotty Chisholm toured the site with Hollins in September 1925 and was impressed with her plans, especially for "the 16th, which calls for a carry of 180 yards clean over the bay."

*Marion Hollins walking in the dunes at Cypress Point in 1925 envisioning the new course.*



Raynor died in January 1926. Fortuitously, Scottish golf architect Alister MacKenzie arrived at the invitation of Pebble Beach resident Robert Hunter. MacKenzie initially objected to Hollins' plan for the 16th hole, but she hit a ball across and convinced him. Work on Cypress Point began in 1927 and it opened for play in August 1928.

Hollins partnered with friends to form the Kettleman Oil Corp. in January 1927, drilling in the Kettleman Hills between San Ardo and Paso Robles. Confident the oil would pay, in early 1928 she acquired 500 acres and began making plans for Pasatiempo golf course and a surrounding development.


She again called on MacKenzie who completed the course design in June 1928. They hit a geyser on October 9, 1928. With the oil success, construction began on Pasatiempo in November 1928. In March 1929 Kettleman Oil Corp sold for \$15 million. Hollins' personal profit was about \$2.5 million.

Pasatiempo opened on September 8, 1929 with an exhibition match featuring Bobby Jones and Cyril Tolley who had just competed in the 1929 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach. Jones' experience that month with MacKenzie's work at Cypress Point and Pasatiempo led to a winning partnership in the creation of the Augusta National course. MacKenzie sent Hollins to inspect Augusta's construction in January 1932, stating in a letter to Jones: "I do not know any man who has sounder ideas."



*Marion Hollins and Mary Morse (daughter of S.F.B.) both competed in the 1940 U. S. Women's Amateur played at Pebble Beach.*

With financial challenges during the Great Depression the bank took over Pasatiempo and closed it in 1940. Hollins went to work for Morse and continued to be a competitive golfer. She won the 1941 Del Monte Championship and 1942 Pebble Beach Championship.

Hollins died broke on August 28, 1944. Her end was sad, but her life had been grand. What she added to the world of golf remains as treasures of the game. 



Listen carefully. If you hear this call "ka-kah-ko" and the following response "tchew tchew tchew", you are lucky to be in the company of a pair of California Quail talking to each other.

The male sports a black head plume made up of six overlapping feathers. The female has a shorter brownish plume. Both have a striking scaled pattern on the belly.

The female builds a nest typically on the ground near grasses, shrubs, or trees. It will lay a clutch of 12-16 eggs. Sometime two females will lay eggs in the same nest. If you have noticed a very large covey of quail, they are most likely multiple broods attended by all the parents.

Babies will hatch in about three weeks and leave the nest within a day to start feeding on their own. Wow, mom gets quite a break! You will often see dad perching high above acting as sentinel, this is a sign that the brood is hidden below.

It is fun to notice the quail's peculiar behavior. The covey will hide in the brush and then one by one quickly dash through the open areas to the next covering, the head plume bobbing up and down. Here they go: one, two, three... ten, eleven, twelve!!!

The California Quail is our State bird. Originally a west coast resident, the quail has extended its range as far as Arizona. It has been introduced to several other parts of the world, including Hawaii, Europe, and New Zealand.

Since quail spend most of their time on the ground, they are very susceptible to become prey of cats, so please be thoughtful and leave those kitties indoor.

What better way to start the day then discovering a family of quail pecking at seeds, leaves, and insects. Be very quiet and still, or they will scatter to the nearest high perch.





With winter storms often disrupting electrical service, more homeowners are choosing backup generators to fill in the gap until power is restored.

Installation of a backup generator requires a Monterey County permit along with an inspection by Pebble Beach Fire Department for proper installation. A sign must be posted at the house electrical panel that identifies the location of the generator on the property. Improper installation of natural gas-fired generators venting in basements has led to carbon monoxide poisoning of residents. Use of an extension cord from a generator to a house electrical outlet could dangerously energize the dwelling. The possibility exists that current may feed through the house lines out to power distribution lines and be potentially fatal to line workers responding to area outages.

The increasing number of generators and the need to cycle them regularly are creating noise in previously quiet neighborhoods. Noise is measured in units of decibels (dB), named in honor of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the audiometer that measures how well a person can hear certain sounds. Consider the common sounds below and their associated noise levels. Generally, a portable generator without dampening has a noise level of 75 dB.

- 10 dB — Normal breathing
- 70 dB — Hair dryer
- 75 dB — Portable generator
- 80 dB — Police whistle
- 90 dB — Lawn mower

Installation of natural gas or diesel-powered generators require Pebble Beach Architectural Review Board approval of noise reduction...

*Wherever possible the generator shall be soundproofed and installed away from neighboring properties and enclosed with fencing or similar housing. Timing for cycling the generator when not in use should be scheduled to cause the least neighborhood impact.* Architectural Standards excerpt

If your generator needs dampening, here are a few options.

- Sound-Absorbing Enclosure: These protect your standby generator from the weather and keep noise down. Aftermarket enclosures are also available.
- Acoustic Barriers: Various versions of these barriers are available, from freestanding, movable versions to permanent solutions.
- Exhaust Mufflers/Silencers: A silencer performs the same noise reducing function for generators as the muffler does for engines in automobiles.
- Isolation Mounts: Placing the generator on an isolation mount made of rubber-type padding can help reduce sound amplifying vibrations.

Soundproofing can reduce the operational noise levels of generators by up to 20 dB, when a reduction of 5 dB is deemed significantly positive to the ears!

It is not only mandatory, but for the safety and greater good of everyone permits and approvals should be obtained for generators planned or previously installed.



## HELLO DARKNESS, MY OLD FRIEND

By Katherine Spitz, DMFPO Board Member



As Paul Simon sang, “Hello darkness, my old friend.” When it comes to the night sky, darkness is indeed a friend. We are lucky here in the Del Monte Forest- we can still see stars glittering in the

sky, framed by the trees. But millions of people never see a starry sky or observe the Milky Way, because artificial lights have created a bright glow in the sky that obscures the stars.

That artificially bright night sky is a form of pollution. Light pollution not only blinds us to stars, it affects our well-being. It can be harmful to relationships with our neighbors and affect the well-being of wildlife, by altering day/night patterns. Gathering scientific data becomes more difficult- astronomers require dark skies to study the stars. Its impact is so important that jurisdictions have established exterior lighting guidelines for both new construction and retrofitted exterior light fixtures. The Monterey County Design Guidelines for Exterior Lighting has been in place since 2016 and can be found at: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=10737>

The Del Monte Architectural Standards and Residential Guidelines can be found at: [https://dmfpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ARB\\_ResidentialGuidelines-4-1-20.pdf](https://dmfpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ARB_ResidentialGuidelines-4-1-20.pdf)

There are homes in Pebble Beach whose outdoor light fixtures are contributing to this environmental pollution. I think this occurs because we, as homeowners, forget to specifically select or ask for “Nighttime Friendly” lights when we replace a fixture. I confess that as a landscape architect I love looking at all the elegant lights available for our use outside, only to realize that a lot of them are not going to protect the night environment.

What should you look for when you need new outdoor lights? Choose something that is angled downward so it lights only what is needed- which, by the way, are not your neighbor’s windows or the sky. Lighting experts recommend using a timer for your outside lighting.

Stay away from those pretty lights that look like lanterns - with glass surrounding a bright, often LED light source. If you can see the light bulb, it’s creating glare, and along with glare, comes temporary blindness. Electrical engineers will tell you that glare creates very unsafe places, and that low, even light provides the most security. But not to worry! There are many lantern-like fixtures on the market with hidden bulbs that provide light in a downward direction, labeled, of course, “dark sky” or “nighttime friendly” compliant.

Next time you replace a light, please follow the Del Monte Architectural Standards and Residential Guidelines, which state, in part: “The use of lighting at night should be minimal and non-intrusive...Light fixtures shall be located and directed to illuminate so that only the intended area is illuminated. Exterior fixtures whose light sources are overly visible from neighboring properties or road traffic will not be permitted. Indirect lighting is preferred, especially for light fixtures located at driveway entrances.” If you have questions, ask Jean Mendez, the Del Monte Forest Architectural Review Board project manager. Let’s be thoughtful neighbors and protect night time in our cherished forest.



Bats are our fly-by-night neighbors, and take no umbrage for being called such. All hunt on the wing, usually between sunset and sunrise, and when they leave town to warm-up way down south, its just for the season. Good thing, because their welcome habits include consumption of vast quantities of flying insects, many of which are at least annoying to us; for example, mosquitoes. By the way, a pregnant female bat will eat her weight in bugs each day, every day. Several species are crucial to distributing seeds of forest trees, especially in the tropics where 95 percent of hardwood regrowth may be seeded by bats! Further, bats pollinate many species of flowering plants, worldwide and exclusively, including important crops. Therefore, the next time you enjoy a 'Passion Paloma' with friends at The Bench, lift your glasses to the mammals that alone pollinated the Blue Agaves that made the Patrón that made the evening possible... Viva los murciélagos!

Our lack of steeples and belfries is compensated by many thousands of hollow, snaggy pines, cypresses, and oaks that fit the bill for cozy denning, roosting, and hibernating sites. There are plenty to go around — for what appears to be a diverse community of year-round resident bats, seasonal migrants, colonial and solitary roosters. When you take an evening walk or end up on the 15th just before sunset, consider this sample trio of species swooping overhead, most snatching biting insects that might otherwise disrupt your backstroke:

- The MEXICAN FREE-TAILED BAT is a mammal of heroic dimension with amazing stats. At 100 mph, the MFT Bat, not the Peregrine Falcon, is the fastest animal on earth when under its own power. Then there is Braden's Cavern near San Antonio (TX) where each year 20 million MFT Bats form a summer maternity colony!



- The YUMA MYOTIS likes to clump together when roosting in streamside tree hollows, larger culverts, and occasionally under golf cart bridges.



- The HOARY BAT is distinguished by its frosted pelage and is striking when seen overhead, hunting usually alone, powered by wings spanning 12-inches.



Confirmation of these species, and more, is due to the diligence of Bethany Schulze. Bethany is a chiropterist (she studies bats) now earning her Master's degree from

CSUMB. For her thesis on the Hoary and Western Red Bats, she has selected study sites on lands owned and protected by Del Monte Forest Conservancy. DMFC is proud to support Bethany's study and looks forward to learning from her discoveries. Knowledge sustains our growth and success.

DAILY REMINDERS: 1) Bats can carry rabies — do not handle bats. If you find an injured bat, SPCA will recover it. 2) If a bat flies into your home, the best approach is to leave your doors and windows open until it departs. (Chasing about with a broom can be hazardous to your companion, and your objects d'art!)



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Visit the DMFPO website at <http://dmfpo.org> for local updates and information

## TOILET PAPER ONLY!

### Don't Flush Trash (even if labeled flushable)

Baby wipes, tampons, kitty litter, facial towelettes – even a toilet brush – are now being marketed as “flushable” or “biodegradable.” Despite this marketing trick, they do not break down in the sewer system. Using a toilet like a trash can is the main cause of backups and clogs in your home. It also causes trouble in Carmel Area Wastewater District sewer lines and treatment system, and can be extremely dangerous to the environment. It is of utmost importance for the community to make a habit of only flushing bodily waste and toilet paper down our toilets.



### EVERYTHING ELSE (even if labeled flushable)



### Don't Flush Drugs

The wastewater treatment process does not completely remove flushed drugs so traces end up in our bay. The Pebble Beach Fire Department Fire Prevention Office lobby accepts both controlled\* and non-controlled home-generated drugs (and “sharps” needles too).

Disposal Tips: (1) Remove personal information from container labels or combine pills and capsules and seal in a plastic bag. (2) Leave liquids and creams in their original containers (black out personal information) and seal in a plastic bag.

*\*Controlled drugs include sleeping pills, pain killers, behavioral drugs, cough syrup with codeine, and other drugs with great potential for abuse or addiction.*