

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## *Spring Lake Country Club: A Fresh Future for Timeless Tradition*



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Spring Lake Country Club celebrates 112 years of history this year. It all began when William Savidge (1863-1916) became enamored with the game of golf that was spreading nationwide, envisioning one of Michigan's first golf courses here in the tri-cities area. In the fall of 1910, Savidge negotiated the sale of 160 acres of the Soule Family Farm for \$6,034. Spring Lake Country Club was officially incorporated in 1911.

The original clubhouse was the property's existing farmhouse that was renovated to be more open-concept, and included a porch expansion. Only three members owned automobiles in the first year, where a small patch of the grounds were designated as a parking area. As the number of vehicles increased, one of the first major improvements was a parking lot for ten cars.



Original Clubhouse, 1911

SLCC remained a 9-hole course until after the First World War. In 1921, Golf Course Architect, Tom Bendelow was hired to turn SLCC into an 18-hole course. The need for a new clubhouse became more apparent, and seasonal Floridian Architect, Chauncey Blakeslee, was hired in 1925, becoming responsible for the Spanish-style façade seen for much of the last century.



Spanish Style Façade, 1925

Fast forward many renovations to today, the club has experienced tremendous growth, as the game of golf resurges in popularity. But golf is not the only sought-after amenity at SLCC. Families enjoy summer days by the pool and kid-friendly activities, while those of all ages can enjoy racquet sports, a calendar full of social events, and delicious meals on the patio. SLCC is a year-round club that also offers snowshoe and cross-country trails, Trackman Simulators, and fireside dining in the winter months.

As other clubs in the industry plan for change and upgrades, SLCC looks to follow suit in providing its members an even more enhanced experience. A current renovation proposal has plans to expand the building's footprint outward and upward, adding a second story dining area with balcony patio, upgraded fitness center, clubhouse spa, expanded golf shop and a year-round Trackman Simulator area.

If you share excitement for the future of SLCC, schedule a tour with **Membership & Marketing Director, Kelsey Neuberger**, [kelsey@springlakecc.com](mailto:kelsey@springlakecc.com) or call (616)842-4200



Future plans for SLCC

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