

## Fun Facts

...Initially our founders discussed naming the Club the **St. Patrick's Club**! We were chartered, however, as the **Sadahqueda Golf Club** which was the best attempt at the spelling of the word **Seddaquaia** which is what the Indians called the area now known as the Village of Whitesboro. The name was amended to **Sadaquada** at a Board meeting in May of 1896.

...Our insignia began as a shamrock, and our Club color was designated as olive green. The insignia of a crossed tomahawk and a shamrock was designed by **Brooks Brothers** of New York in 1896.

...One dozen golf balls cost \$3.25 in 1896 according to our ledger of that year.

...On July 14, 1896 the Greens Committee introduced a ground rule that it was permissible to **clear a path for the ball in thistles** as long as no more than 25 thistle stalks were cut down. Now there's a "rough" to be reckoned with!

...**W.B. Wilcox** crafted the first Club Cup in 1896 at a cost of \$31.50.

...The House Committee reported in 1910 that the receipts were as follows:

\$957.41 from the restaurant,  
\$839.32 from the bar, and  
\$234.67 from cigar sales.

...In 1912 H. Kernan was elected Captain of the **Sadaquada Baseball Team**.

...Lessons from our first pro **Horace Rawlins** were **75 cents/hour**.

...Reading the list of early members of the Sadaquada is like looking at a listing of Utica street names and Central New York landmarks. Brinckerhoff, Crouse, Calder, Dunham, Proctor, Kernan, Devereux, Maynard, Kellogg, Pixley, Swan, Sherman, Bradley, Ellinwood, Baker, etc.

...On April 2, 1896 the Board voted to allocate \$500 for the construction of a clubhouse. On April 4th James Constable had good news and bad news. He drew up construction plans at no charge to the Club. That's the good news. The bad news was that his estimate of construction costs was \$800. The Board then decided to seek additional bids and amended the original approved figure to \$650.

...Our first full year of operation (1896) generated an opening deficit with receipts of \$2,487 and expenditures of \$2,738. That resulted in a \$12 assessment per member.

...In 1897 it was determined that caddies who planned to work on Sundays needed a permission note from their parents.

...\$800 was allocated for a locker room. In 1902 glass was installed in the rear porch restaurant area. Membership at that time was 85 members.

...The records of 1906: 95 Class A, 19 Class B, 32 Class C, and 34 Class D members.

...The members allocated \$1,000 in 1901 toward getting a **train (trolley) line extension** from New York Mills to the Club entrance. Mr. Andrews, of the Utica Belt Line R.R. graciously rejected the money offer but agreed to build this spur line at his own expense.

...In 1903 a **dormitory** with 6-8 bedrooms and a large sleeping room for an additional 15 men was built at the cost of \$2,500. Rooms could be rented for \$20/month or \$5/week. A bed in the sleeping room cost 75 cents per night. Suppers had been served at the Club since 1897.

...The Club land was leased from the **Kernan** family from 1895-1906 for an annual cost of \$200. On March 26, 1907 the Club purchased the 50.17 acres with a mortgage for \$6,428.75 and \$350 in cash. An additional \$3,500 was allocated for extensive repairs to the clubhouse. A \$3,500 second mortgage bond was secured, and each member was assessed with a \$50 bond.

...A **“motor lawn mower”** was purchased from Roberts Hardware in 1907 for \$1,300. The journal from that same year shows purchases of steel lockers and 60 chairs with tables for the dining room.

...**E.F. Kernan** was the Club's insurance agent in 1910. The insurance policy covered the Clubhouse for \$6,000 and \$1,500 for its furniture, the bungalow for \$2,200 and \$300 for its furniture, the stable for \$250, the shed and tools for \$250, and the mower for \$1,000. The rate was \$1.50 for a 3 year policy for this total \$11,500 in coverage. **Annual cost = \$57.50.**