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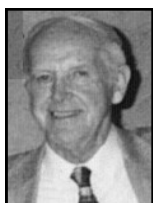
CLEARVIEW SENIORS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message



This year's Hudson Valley outing was the best ever! The facility was great and the dinner menu was varied and well prepared. A welcoming table and refreshments greeted our members and guest as they arrived on Monday. The outings to the Winery and the Hudson Valley River Cruise were a new addition to the week's agenda. Plans are already being made for next year's excursion and to expand some of the daily activities.

The notice for the election of officers for the 2003 season has been posted. We urge our new/old members to sign up and run for offices and Board of Governors. GSGC has benefited by the variety of experience of many of our relatively new members. Be part of the team!

Annual dues of \$75.00 are now being accepted for the 2003 season and must be paid by October 23rd, 2002. Make check payable to Clearview Senior Golf Club and forward to Sal Italiano, Treasurer.

The Awards Dinner-Dance will take place at Verdi's Restaurant in Whitestone, October 17th, 2002. The food and ambiance are exceptional. Come one and all let's make it a grand finale to the season.

Bill Doyle, President

## Al Marcus—Last Active Charter Member

By Joe Valenza

I find it intriguing that at the age of 91 years young Al continues at a very active pace. Many of our members marvel at how young he looks and the incentive that he generates for all of us to keep up with him and enjoy the game of golf as he has for many years.

Al started playing golf in 1928 and the first course he played was at Silver Lake in Staten Island. At that time Al worked for the B & O Railroad and played most of the city golf courses when green fees at that time were \$1.25. Once Clearview Golf Course went public he played there from time to time. He eventually moved to Forest Hills South, Queens in 1941 and began to play at Clearview regularly.

During the early 1970's Al played with a group of

Seniors and they would play two to three times a week. Al's most memorable moment occurred August 20, 1973, his first and only hole in one on the 12th hole at Clearview Golf Course. As the group of Seniors began to grow, the idea of starting a golf club began to fall into place and in 1975 The Clearview Seniors Golf Club became a reality. In 1976 Ben Sander was elected as the club's first President and following are some of the early members instrumental in organizing the club: Ruben Adelman, Al Black, Jim Burke, Bob Cole, John Furey, Ed Golden, Ted Helkowsky, Bob Mayer, Bob Rodgers, Sol Schoenberg, Emil Zerenga, Sid Ziegler.

Some of the memorable moments Al has of CSGC was of Bob Rodgers who ran Golf outings at Stevensville, Kutsher's, Mid-Island and Bethpage to name a few. Ruben Adelman was chairman of the first of many Annual Dinner Dances and

became a very popular M.C. because of his battery operated flashing bow tie. Al was very impressed with Steve Melish and Nick Derrico, both of these men had a great golf swing and personalities to match. Other close golf buddies in the early years were Leon Fiedler, Sam Smith, Al Forman and Morris Gustav.

For the past 22 years Al has averaged three rounds of golf a week, both here and in Florida. Al's record year was in 1976 when he played 132 games of golf on city courses and he still has the cashier stubs to prove it. Al has been a Florida Snowbird since 1980 and presently has a place in Delray Beach. Al's wife Maxine expresses a desire to relocate in Florida and this may well be Al's last year as a CSGC active member.

Over the years Al Marcus has been a loyal and dedicated member and his generosity to the club has been very much appreciated and he will long be remembered.



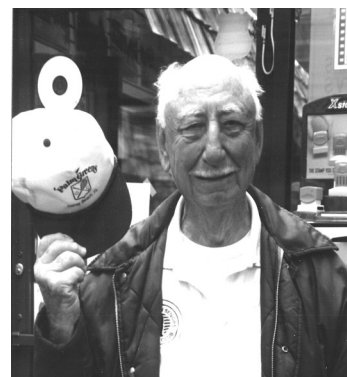
Al Marcus—1928



Al Marcus—1975

### Bio:

Age: 91  
Date of Birth: June 4th, 1911  
Born: Manhattan  
(few blocks from Chinatown)  
Married: 62 years, wife Maxine & son Robert  
1966—Retired from Social Security Office  
1975—Retired Bd. of Education  
Started Golfing: 1928  
Lowest Club Handicap: 24



Al Marcus—2002

# Hudson Valley overview

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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1. Tournament Committee: (left to right) Joe Valenza, John Gomilas, Bill Doyle, Joe Salvato, Liam O'Reilly and Honorable Mention (not in picture) Sal Italiano, *Financial Analyst*. 2. Awards Dinner (left to right) The Tobacco's, The Berini's, The Byrne's, The O'Reilly's, The Donnelly's and The McKeever's. 3. Coordinators of the Room Setup, Dinning Setup and Day Trips (left to right) Tom Faraone, Vita, Vinny Buccheri and Julie Faraone—Thank you for a job well done. 4. Starting up on Tournament Days. 5. Ladies Miniature Golf Tournament and their scorers. 6. Ladies Golf Clinic. 7. Barbeque— leading the line Shelley (Hop Along) Friedman. 8. The Comedy Club (top l to r) Charlie Baran and Tony Gadler two very funny guys kept the group below well entertained. 9. Tennis, Anyone? Brendan and Marie Donnelly vs. Irgard and Hugh McKeever found time to play a few matches after golfing.

MANY THANKS TO JOE MARTINEZ FOR CONTRIBUTING SOME OF THE ABOVE PHOTOS.

## League Play Finalists

Congratulations to the four finalists in each of the below Flights.

**Flight A:** John Yacavone, Bill Doyle, Frank. Savarese, and Jim Akins

**Flight B:** Tom Devins, Gino Ciancanelli, Frank Holler and Morris Fabricant

**Flight C:** John Murphy, Mort Kraus, Gil Cus and Joe Martinez

## Winners of Closest to the Pin

Date	Front Nine	Back Nine
July 24	R. Ollen & R. Murphy #4	Mort Kraus #12
Aug. 7	Jim Reynolds #4	None
Aug. 14	Frank Savarese #4	Bill Doyle #12
Aug. 21	Mort Kraus #7	Hugh McKeever #12
Aug. 28	Hugh McKeever #7	Frank Holler #12
Sept. 4	Liam O'Reilly, #7	Sy Wasserman. #12

## GOOD AND WELFARE

*Mort Kraus, Chairman*

Warm welcome to new member—  
Ed Kenny.

Congratulations to Shelly Friedman who became a grandfather for the 6th time—Brett Schutzman August, 2002.

Speedy recovery to Chris LaRocca.



God Bless America