

When Rob Simpson proposed membership in the Fairway Club to me I was honored. I had heard of the Fairway Club and thought of it as a prestigious private golfing society. I have now been an active Fairway Club member since 2012.

While my original assumptions about the Fairway Club were accurate: prestigious; private; golfing society, what I learned quickly was the fact that this was simply a group of really good guys who just want to play a nice golf course with other really good guys and then stick around for a great meal. Oh yeah, there should be a few cocktails and a few dirty jokes to really make the day.

I look forward each season to receiving the upcoming calendar and can't wait to block off the Fairway Club days each month. I enjoy the golf matches but even better is sharing stories of recent golf travel or talking about a special round with my competitor for the day.

Maybe my fondest Fairway Club memory was a round I played against Dick Goldbeck at Wilmington South. Despite my being a good 40 yards longer off the tee Dick and I battled down to the last putt. During the match Dick shared stories of his 40+ years in the Fairway Club and his golfing prowess as a longtime member at Aronimink. We talked about our favorite golf courses and our most memorable golf trips. Who won that match? Honestly, it didn't matter. It was just a great day playing a really nice golf course with a really good guy.

I am looking forward to many more years in the Fairway Club and sharing memories with the next-generation of Fairway Club members. Congratulations gentlemen on 100 fine years.

Richard Kupersmith - since 2012