

**GOLF HERITAGE TEE #3
SAND HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

DIMENSIONS: 25 FEET LONG, APPROXIMATELY 1,200 POUNDS

**COMMEMORATING AUGUSTA AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMPION CADDIES, 1932-1982
AND DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN AMERICAN GOLF HERITAGE STORIES**

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The larger-than-life faces of Augusta National Golf Club Masters Tournament Champion Caddies William Stokes, Willie Peterson, Jr., Edwin B. McCoy, Jr., Jariah Beard, Sr., Carl Jackson, and Roosevelt Smalley, Sr., span multiple eras, representing the enduring global legacy of Augusta's African American caddies.

Muralist and arts educator Baruti Tucker applied his *awfingah* technique to vibrantly captivate their images and iconic fairway scenes. These caddies played an essential, but often overlooked role in professional golf. Their expertise guided champion golfers to historic victories, while their own names remained in the shadows—often either erroneously recorded or forgotten. Caddie names for the Augusta Invitational, renamed the Masters Tournament, are considered lost to history. The azalea wreath at the flat end of the tee represents the crucial 11th, 12th, and 13th holes of the Augusta National collectively named “the Amen Corner.”

The accompanying written tributes also acknowledge other well-known career employees whose collective behind-the-scenes mastery helped define the Augusta National experience. For generations, African American contract caddies were the dominant presence on Augusta's courses, from the Augusta Country Club (1899) to Forest Hill Golf Club (1925), culminating at the Augusta National Golf Club, constructed during 1931-1932.

Many caddies had worked as youth alongside their relatives to transform Fruitlands Nursery into what would become the world-renowned Augusta National. Over time, these homegrown caddies amassed an unrivaled knowledge of the course's terrain. Their own love of the game and skills as golfers were pursued more readily among themselves and golf enthusiasts at the Augusta Municipal Golf Club, affectionately named “The Patch,” after its desegregation in 1964. Participation in annual events such as the Augusta National Caddie Tournament, The Augusta Herald Amateur Golf Tournament, and the Augusta Black Festival Golf Tournament exhibited their own competitive strengths as golfers.

The path to Augusta National often began at the Augusta Country Club. Successive Caddie Masters served as mentors, honing core competence and building corps camaraderie. Known also as “men on the bag” and “loopers,” the majority of these caddies came from the Sand Hills and Harrisburg Historic Districts, within walking distance from the course. Others carpooled from across the city notably Laney-Walker Historic and Bethlehem Historic Districts to take part in this storied tradition. The inscribed bricks are a tribute to early caddies. A QR code on the permanent outdoor interpretive panels will accommodate additional names, as they are received.

This sculpture joins those installed by Edward Durant at Forest Hills Golf Club and First Tee-Augusta, symbolizing Augusta's profound influence on the world of golf and its significant social and economic impact.

A heartfelt thank you towards this project is acknowledged to our sponsors and collaborators: Augusta-Richmond County Commission, Former Commissioner William “Bill” Fennoy, Department of Parks & Recreation, Department of Engineering, Greater Augusta Arts Council, Golf Historians Dr. Russell K. Brown and Ramona Harriet, Caskets & More, Everlasting Granite & Marble, Maner Building Supply, Pro Mark, Inc., and Sand Hills Neighborhood Association.

The most significant breakthrough of this project is the revelation of the correct name of the first recorded Masters Champion Caddie to be John Henry “Stovepipe” Gordon, previously published since 1935 as Thor “Stovepipe” Nordwall. Personal interviews with the King-Thurmond Family and Mr. Jariah Beard, along with official documents corroborated necessary details to support the change. The following families also provided indispensable historical information, lending greater authenticity to collection of the caddies' personal information: The Bennett Family, Choice-McCoy-Carpenter Family, Dent Family, O'Bryant Family, Hawes-Smalley Family. The recollections and artifacts of Mr. Philip R. Wahl II have enhanced the overall promotion of this legacy.

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MASTERS TOURNAMENT CHAMPION CADDIES

YEAR	CADDIE	GOLFER
1935 (FIRST YEAR RECORDED)	JOHN HENRY "STOVEPIPE" GORDON	GENE SARACEN
1936	RECORD NOT FOUND	HORTON SMITH
1937	FRED "WHEEZY" SEARLES*	BYRON NELSON
1938	WILLIAM "PAPPY" STOKES*	HENRY PICARD
1939	RECORD NOT FOUND	RALPH GULDAHL
1940	ROOSEVELT "BENNIE" SMALLEY, SR.*	JIMMY DEMARET
1941	PERLIE DORSEY	CRAIG WOOD
1942	FRED "WHEEZY" SEARLES (2)	BYRON NELSON
1943 - 1945	TOURNAMENTS SUSPENDED DURING THE HEIGHT OF WWII	
1946	THOMAS EVANS	HERMAN KEISER
1947	ROOSEVELT "BENNIE" SMALLEY, SR. (2)	JIMMY DEMARET
1948	WILLIAM "PAPPY" STOKES (2)	CLAUDE HARMON
1949	O'BRYANT WILLIAMS*	SAM SNEAD
1950	ROOSEVELT "BENNIE" SMALLEY, SR. (3)	JIMMY DEMARET
1951	WILLIAM "PAPPY" STOKES (3)	BEN HOGAN
1952	O'BRYANT WILLIAMS (2)	SAM SNEAD
1953	WILLIAM "PAPPY" STOKES (4)	BEN HOGAN
1954	O'BRYANT WILLIAMS (3)	SAM SNEAD
1955	CLARENCE "EIGHT-BALL" HARRIS	CARY MIDDLECOFF
1956	WILLIAM "PAPPY" STOKES (5)	JACK BURKE, JR.
1957	GEORGE "FIREBALL" FRANKLIN	DOUG FORD
1958	NATHANIEL "IRON MAN" AVERY*	ARNOLD PALMER
1959	HENRY HAMMOND	ART WALL, JR.
1960	NATHANIEL "IRON MAN" AVERY (2)	ARNOLD PALMER

MASTERS TOURNAMENT CHAMPION CADDIES

YEAR	CADDY	GOLFER
1961	ERNEST "SNIPES" NIPPER	GARY PLAYER
1962	NATHANIEL "IRON MAN" AVERY (3)	ARNOLD PALMER
1963	WILLIE "PETE" PETERSON, JR.*	JACK NICKLAUS
1964	NATHANEIL "IRON MAN" AVERY (4)	ARNOLD PALMER
1965	WILLIE "PETE" PETERSON, JR. (2)	JACK NICKLAUS
1966	WILLIE "PETE" PETERSON, JR. (3)	JACK NICKLAUS
1967	JOHNNY FRANK MOORE	GAY BREWER
1968	FRANK "MARBLE EYE" STOKES	BOB GOALBY
1969	FRANK "SKINNY" WARE	GEORGE ARCHER
1970	MATTHEW "SHORTY MAC" PALMER	BILLY CASPER
1971	WALTER "CRICKET" PRITCHETT	CHARLES COODY
1972	WILLIE "PETE" PETERSON, JR. (4)	JACK NICKLAUS
1973	CLEVELAND RANDOLPH	TOMMY AARON
1974	EDWARD "E.B." MCCOY, JR. *	GARY PLAYER
1975	WILLIE "PETE" PETERSON, JR. (5)	JACK NICKLAUS
1976	FRED "HOP" HARRISON, JR.	RAYMOND FLOYD
1977	LEON MCCLADDIE*	TOM WATSON
1978	EDWARD "E.B." MCCOY, JR. (2)	GARY PLAYER
1979	JARIAH "JERRY" "LITTLE EARL" BEARD	FUZZY ZOELLER
1980	MARION "WAYNESBORO" HERRINGTON, SR.	SEVE BALLESTEROS
1981	LEON MCCLADDIE (2)	TOM WATSON
1982	MICHAEL "BEN" BUSSEY*	CRAIG STADLER
1983	PLAYERS' CHOICE OF CADDIES BEGINS	
1984 & 1995	CARL "SKILLET" JACKSON	BEN CRENSHAW

2025 *MR. BUSSEY REMAINS THE LAST LIVING CHAMPION CADDIE OF THE ANGC CADDIE ONLY ERA

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Augusta National GOLF CLUB

Caddies of Legend

Career Caddie **Henry Brown**

Career Caddie **Mark Eubanks**

Career Caddie **Matthew Palmer**

Caddie Master **Fred "Freddie" Bennett**

Charter Caddie Master **John Henry Williams**

Lee Elder's Inaugural Caddie, **Henry Brown**

Patricia "Patty" Berg, (Women's) Titleholder Champion Caddie,
Clarence Harris

Presidential Caddie, **Willie Perteet**

Presidential Caddy, **James L. Ricks**

Presidential Caddie, **Roosevelt Smalley, Jr.**

Tiger Woods' Amateur Championship Caddie, **Tom "Tommy" Bennett**

**Professional Golf Association (PGA) Caddies
originating from the ANGC**

Tom (Tommy) "Burnt Biscuit" Bennett

James "Jim Big Boy" Lacy Dent

Carl "Skillet" Jackson

PGA Caddie and ANGC Chauffeur,
Robert "Cigarette" Jones

Otis "Buck" Moore

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LEGENDARY NAMES BEHIND-THE-SCENES

AUGUSTA COUNTRY CLUB OPERATIONS

Butler and Presidential Waiter, **John H. Blount**

Caddie Master, **“Big” Henry Avery**

Caddie Master, **Willie “Tassall” Mason**

Carving Chef, **Timothy Tutt**

Golf Links Supervisor, **Albert Taylor**

Greenskeeper & Maintenance Service, **Henry Hillary**

Halfway House[position], **Ruby Calhoun**

Locker Room Attendant, **Robert Bacon**

Locker Room Attendant, **Willie “Jeff” Philpot**

Locker Room Attendant (Women’s), **Willie Bacon**

Maître D,’ **John O’Bryant, Jr.**

Maintenance Service, **William Harris**

[Mr. Hadden to provide more names of notable employees. Many of these listed are early 20th century.]

LEGENDARY NAMES BEHIND-THE-SCENES

AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB OPERATIONS

Caddie House Cook, **Hurley Horace Avery, Jr.**

Caddie House Cook, **Walter "Round Head" Newton, Sr.**

Caddie House Cook, **Herbert Fryer**

Driving Range Supervisor, **Charles I. "Bull" Williams, Jr.**

Head Chauffeur, **Johnny Milton**

Head Chef, **James Henley**

Head Chef, **Fred Hiram**

Head Chef, **James Clark**

Head Houseman, **William "Bubba" Tillman**

Head Steward, Earliest Employee, and Sidney Walker's* Manager
Bowman Milligan

Head Wine Steward (Sommelier), **Frank Carpenter**

Kitchen Steward, **Elbert Weaver**

Maître D', **Ellis Dent, Jr.**

Maître D', **Arthur Williams**

Pastry Chef, **Louise Milligan**

Pastry Chef, **Margaret Gardenhire**

Locker Room Attendant and World Lightweight Boxing Champion
***Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker**

Locker Room Attendant, **Edwin Weed Dove***

Locker Room Supervisor, **Council Dandridge**

Pullman Porter and Houseman, **Arthur MacBowman**

Transportation Supervisor, **Lawrence Bennett**

*Mr. Dove is noted as a decorated World War I veteran and the Charter President of Screen-Ramsey American Legion Post 505, founded in October 1946.

DISTINGUISHED AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB CADDIES

WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION CADDIE HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

CADDIE	YEAR OF INDUCTION
CARL JACKSON*	1999
FRED BENNETT	2000
WILLIE PETERSON, JR*	2000
WALTER PRITCHETT*	2006
WILLIAM STOKES	2006
AMES LACY DENT*	2022

*PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (PGA) TOUR CADDIES

GEORGIA STATE GOLF HALL OF FAME RECEIPIENTS

JAMES LACY DENT	1994
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THE TRANSITION FROM CADDIE TO GOLF TITLEHOLDER

WALTER T. HOGAN, A SMALLEY RELATIVE, PERMANENTLY RELOCATED FROM SAND HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO PURSUE HIS YOUTHFUL DREAMS. IN **1960**, SPONSORED BY INDIAN WELLS GOLF CLUB, HE WON THE SHERATON-WEST CHAMPIONSHIP, FOLLOWED BY THE TWO-BALL FOURSOME JUNIOR TITLE IN THE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR AMATEUR TOURNAMENT. THESE SOLID VICTORIES LED TO WINNING THE BRITISH JUNIOR GOLF TITLE IN **1961**.

JAMES L. "BIG BOY" DENT, ALSO REARED IN SAND HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT, COURAGEOUSLY ENTERED THE PROFESSIONAL TOUR AS A CADDIE IN **1966**. HIS ASCENT IN **1970** FROM CADDIE TO EARNING HIS PGA TOUR CARD AS A GOLFER, IS MARKED BY 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE PGA CHAMPIONS TOUR. AMONG HIS MANY HONORS AS A SENIOR PLAYER, IN 1990 AND 1991 HE SERVED ON THE UNITED STATES DUPONT TEAMS. IN **1992**, HIS PERSEVERANCE AS A PGA GOLFER ACCUMULATED INTO THE MOST MONEY WON IN A SINGLE SEASON, WITHOUT A VICTORY. IN **2020**, THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUGUSTA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE ("THE PATCH"), CONSTRUCTED IN 1928, BECAME RENAMED JIM DENT WAY IN HIS HONOR.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN GOLF BEYOND "THE HILL"

IN **JULY 1930**, THE RISING NATIONAL AND LOCAL POPULARITY OF MINIATURE GOLF PROMPTED THE **OPENING OF SILVER PUTTER (MIDGET) GOLF COURSE** NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF SPRUCE AND NINTH STREETS (NOW JAMES BROWN BOULEVARD) IN LANEY-WALKER HISTORIC DISTRICT.

MANY OF THE BEST-KNOWN ENTREPRENEURS AND CIVIC LEADERS OF THE DISTRICT'S "**GOLDEN BLOCKS**" ERA BECAME AVID GOLFERS. NOTABLY AMONG THESE RECORDED ENTHUSIASTS ARE: CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE ALBERT BAMPFIELD, REALTY DEVELOPER O.M. BLOUNT, NEGRO NEWS EDITOR WALTER HARRIS AND BROTHER TAILOR NORMAN HARRIS, MASONRY CONTRACTOR JAMES C. MCNATT, NEGRO NEWS EDITOR JOHN C. MARDENBOROUGH, FUNERAL DIRECTOR W.H. MAYS, SR., REALTOR JAMES G. PICKENS, AND LENOX THEATRE MANAGER EARL S. PINKERTON, SR. IN ADDITION TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL STORIES OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION DURING AND AFTER THE PROTRACTED PERIOD OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THEY ADD GLEAM AND EXPENDANDED PERCEPTION TO AUGUSTA'S AFRICAN AMERICAN GOLF HERITAGE.