

**Mountain Ridge Country Club**  
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**History:**

The Mountain Ridge Country Club is a country club located in West Caldwell, New Jersey. In 1912 the club was founded as a result of some community members being denied membership to the Essex County Country Club because they were Jewish. Notable founding members were Abe Dimond, Louis Bamberger and Felix Fuld.

The popularity of the country club saw rapid growth in membership and “At one point, Mountain Ridge had a 200-person waiting list...”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Helmrich, William B., *The Jews of Newark and MetroWest: The Enduring Community* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 1999)

In 1929 the country club moved from its original location in West Orange, New Jersey to Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell. The course was designed by infamous golf course architect Donald Ross of Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The club hosted many events, participated in charitable work and became a meeting place for many local organizations. During World War II, the club was eager to assist in the war effort and participated in fundraising activities and implored members to ration certain goods.

Notably, in 1968 the Professional Golf Association held its first professional national championship in Scottsdale, Arizona. The tournament hosted many notable players of the time, but “it was a 28-year-old assistant professional from Mountain Ridge Country Club, Howell Fraser, who earned the right to hoist the Walter Hagen Cup”<sup>2</sup>

As time passed, the club had many building and course renovations, but to this day, the course remains one of New Jersey’s finest. This exceptionally scenic course is located at the base of a mountain and "Golf Digest" rated this as the 10th "Best in State" course for 1995-96, and 13th best for 1997-98.

**Scope and Content:**

The arrangement is alphabetical, then chronological. This collection is comprised of paper and is divided into one series as follows:

- I. Administrative – Minutes, 1924-1967

**Conservation Notes:**

N/A

**Removals:**

N/A

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.pga.com/nationalchampionship/2009/history/>