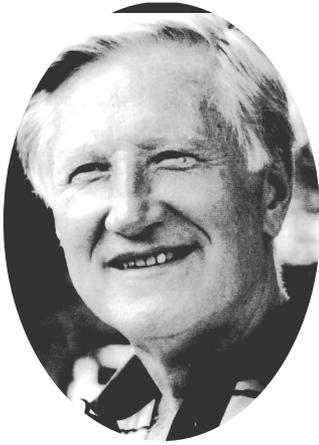


## Edward Zamm



**E**d Zamm admits he's been known to spend more time at the Shorehaven Golf Club than his own home. "I call it my second home," Zamm recently said with a laugh. "I've been connected to there for so long."

Indeed, at 91 years young, Zamm has enjoyed a near-lifetime association with Shorehaven. He was just 10 years old when he started playing golf and caddying at the East Norwalk club in 1936.

"They used wooden shaft clubs back then. Those days you could buy balls three for 25 cents at Schulte's Cigar store in South Norwalk. Now they're \$4 each."

Zamm had the distinction of caddying for the great Babe Ruth during a Norwalk Hospital benefit at Shorehaven. The foursome also included former world boxing champion Gene Tunney, legendary golfer Gene Sarazen, and three-time Masters champion Jim Demaret.

Zamm soon began to show his own skills on the links and won the Shorehaven caddy championship. He later became the caddy master, a club member, and eventually a "Guest of the Board."

Add it all up and he's been involved with Shorehaven for over 80 years. And he still gets out there at least once a week to "hit some balls" he proudly boasts.

A 1942 graduate of Norwalk High School (at age 15, the youngest in his Class), Zamm played three years of varsity golf and was team captain as a senior.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46, achieving the rank of staff-sergeant, and upon returning home from Japan he matriculated to the University of Connecticut. He played varsity golf there from 1950-52, helping UConn win the Yankee Conference championship all three years, and was captain his senior year.

After the military and college, Zamm could often be found playing at Shorehaven. He enjoyed his share of success, too, winning the club championship in 1968, capturing the Shorehaven Governor's Cup in 1970 and '74, and adding the President's Cup in 1971 and 1984.

And in 2003, at the age of 77, Zamm won the Ralph Greenwood Tournament. He also played in the prestigious Metropolitan Golf Association 'Ike' Tournament for two years as well as in the Anderson Memorial, one of the country's premiere amateur events, at Winged Foot. Over the years, Zamm has also participated in several CSGA events.

Zamm has a hole-in-one to his credit, coming on the second hole at Shorehaven in 1977, and he did it on his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. 'Bunny' Zamm, his wife of now 65 years, was playing in the same foursome with her husband that day.

At one time, Ed Zamm was down to a 1-handicap and he once shot a personal low of 68. His goal now is to shoot his age.

"When you're 70, it's tough to shoot your age," he noted. "But once you turn 90, it gets a little easier."

For several years Zamm was active in Shorehaven's Junior Golf Program, his way, he says, of "giving back." He also served as coach of the Norwalk Community College men's golf team for two years. His teams included two golfers who became professionals, as well as one of the first female golfers at a Connecticut state college.

But perhaps the achievement Zamm is most proud of was re-starting the career of Bill McMahon, an accomplished golfer at Shorehaven who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and lost his eyesight at age 25. But with Zamm's help, McMahon became a nationally ranked blind golfer.

Zamm's accomplishments in the community go well beyond golf. He served as Norwalk's City Attorney for eight years and negotiated the purchase of the Oak Hills Park property. Until recently Zamm was Norwalk's oldest practicing attorney.

He was also elected State Representative for the 139<sup>th</sup> District, was Third District Treasurer, Republican Town Committee Chairman, won the 1969 Republican nomination for Mayor, and was nominated for Connecticut Lt. Governor, but withdrew his name. He's also still involved with numerous civic organizations.