



Next season will mark the

100th Anniversary of Springville Country Club

The committee has been hard at work to prepare a memorable season that will incorporate fun events and provide the membership insight into the rich history that makes up this wonderful club.

If you are interested in helping, donating your time or contributing memorabilia and photos, please contact :

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Continuing with the creation of Springville Country Club in 1922, we must mention two gentlemen that were very instrumental, those being Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner and Dr. Ralph B. Waite:

Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner



Glenn was born on April 5, 1871, in a farmhouse at the crest of Nunweiler Hill, located at the corner of the Rte. 391 and Genesee Road.

Glenn graduated in 1889 from Springville Griffith Institute and pursued a law degree at Cornell University where he also played varsity football. He was given the nickname "Pop" because he was the oldest member of the football team. Upon graduating from Cornell in 1894 "Pop" practiced law in Buffalo, NY. Being an expert in football, he was a head coach for 44 years. He coached at Iowa State, University of Georgia, Cornell, University at Pittsburgh, Stanford, Temple and at the Carlisle Indian School. While at Carlisle he discovered and coached one of the greatest athletes of the 1900s Jim Thorpe. Glenn Warner was a football innovator of many basics which include:

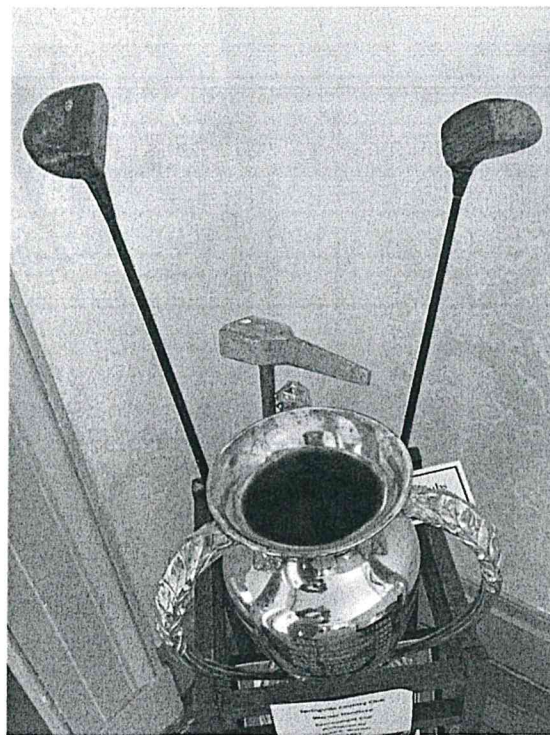
- Three-point stance
- Shoulder and thigh pads
- Spiral punt
- Screen pass
- Single and Double wing formations
- Player numbers on Jerseys
- Improved helmets
- Blocking sled and tackling dummies



Pop Warner coached his teams to over 319 NCAA victories. During a 1934 Junior Football Conference, he spoke to over 800 young men with numerous gridiron stories, impressing people, they honored him by renaming their program to “Pop Warner Conference” and thereafter youth football was tagged “Pop Warner Football”.

Using his coaching skills, Pop Warner can be accredited with spearheading a group of local Springville residents that purchased the club’s land from B.R. and P Railroad. After the purchase was complete, Warner was elected as the first president for the newly incorporated Springville Country Club. He, along with R. Persons from East Aurora, would design the layout of the first nine holes in 1922.

Pop Warner besides being a lawyer was a fine artist and avid golfer who designed and crafted his handmade golf clubs.



In the later 1920s the primary focus of Cascade Park turned to golf only. Playing partners of Warner would often say that he would wander off during a round and sit down with paper and pencil and jot down a new football play or formation that he just thought of. On July 25, 1997, the US Postal service issued a postal stamp in Canton, OH with the images of Pop Warner along with other football greats, Bear Bryant, Vince Lombardi and George Halas. Warner is enshrined in Cornell’s Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1951 he was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame, and in 2001 was posthumously enshrined into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. The home football field of Springville Griffith Institute is name “Pop Warner Field”. The Village of Springville houses a museum honoring the village’s most famous son.

Glenn Scobey “Pop” Warner died at the age of 83 on September 7, 1954 and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Springville.