

COYOTE RUN GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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HISTORY OF COYOTE RUN - PART 1 -

During WWII Camp Beale served as a training base for US Army soldiers and as a holding location for enemy POW's. When the U. S. Air Force became a service of its own in 1948 Camp Beale was one of the little used post WWII facilities that were allocated to the fledgling Air Force. The newly commissioned Beale AFB had all of the facilities left behind when the Army departed; training areas, barracks, mess halls and a myriad of others building and warehouses, but no golf course.

Considering that the Air Force was pretty busy after it's commissioning in 1948, building and expanding to protect the United States and friendly foreign nations, fighting a war in Korea and later in Vietnam, it isn't surprising that the idea of having a golf course at Beale didn't stick until around the year 1965 when a loose group of men and women, with the support of the Base Commander, Col. J. J. Adelman, decided "Why don't we build a golf course?" And that they did!

The sweat aches and pains,

and the dedication and perseverance of that group can be summed up in the words of CMSgt (USAF ret) Virgil Ditch; a member of the original group: "So in the years since somewhere around 1965 when someone said "why don't we build a golf course" until today we have witnessed a rough rocky field being converted into a 9 hole golf course and later to a beautiful 18 hole course with management and permanent staff that can compete with any course in the area." The golf course officially opened for business circa 1968.

In the almost 49 years since the labor of a small group of volunteers planted the seed of an idea to have recreational golf at Beale AFB the fruit of their labor has grown and is now enjoyed by thousands of players every year.

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles about Coyote Run, we hope you enjoyed it. Please submit your memories to the GAC for future articles. Our thanks to CMSgt Virgil Ditch for his input for this article.

CMSgt
Virgil Ditch,
one of the
first at
Coyote Run



Golf Advisory Committee (Members)

The Coyote Run GAC (Golf Advisory Committee) is comprised of volunteers from various golfing groups that play at and support our course: The Beale Women's Golf who meet and play Wednesday mornings, Ski's Gaggles which is open to all men and occasionally a woman, who play Thursday mornings, and the Beale Senior Men's group that calls Coyote Run home but usually play out of town. The current chairperson is the only appointed member of the GAC, LtCol Chad Clifton was appointed by BG Otto during November 2008. Members of the GAC have a variety of experiences in the military and as civilians in business and management and all are active golfers devoted to and enthusiastically supporting efforts to improve playability, access and the esthetics of Coyote Run. It is the responsibility of the GAC to be the "eye and ears" for the Director of Golf, to make suggestions and recommendations from our golfing community to benefit Coyote Run. We welcome any and all suggestions that will benefit our home course. You are

encouraged to contact any GAC member, your recommendation or complaint will be heard by the entire committee and forwarded to the Director of Golf and you will be notified of its disposition by the member you contacted.

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