

Seaforth Golf & Country Club

Location: R.R. #4, Seaforth, Ontario
Year stone house was built: 1856

THE FIRST SEAFORTH GOLF and Country Club was located on the Thomas Dobbs farm in McKillop Township. This early 9-hole course, with its sand greens and fairways trimmed by sheep, was a popular spot. A problem arose, however, when Mr. Dodds objected to the playing of golf on a Sunday. An offer to purchase was refused and so the Seaforth Golf Holding Corporation bought the Francis Case farm east of Seaforth on Highway 8. Case's Maple Grove had long been a popular picnic spot for townspeople. The rugged terrain here was ideal for a challenging 9-hole course and the house made an elegant clubhouse. The Seaforth Golf & Country Club thrived here for a decade until financial difficulties occasioned by WWII lead to the course's closure.



In the 1950s, Ken Doig and his brother, Rod, took up the sport. Plans were soon underway to build a course on the Doig family farm in Tuckermith Township bought by their great-grandfather, John Gemmell, from Van Egmond in 1847. By 1961, the first golfers wound their way over the sparsely grassed, stone-covered fairways and onto greens with tin cans for cups and broom handles for flagsticks.

The course was operated from the farmhouse, built of stone from the farm in 1856. In 1967, a chalet-style clubhouse was built. The course was later expanded to 18 holes. Recently, construction began on *The Bridges*, an adult lifestyle community next to the golf course.

