



Bobby Craigs - 1984

Bobby Craigs was born in 1880 in Monofieith, just across the river from historic St. Andrews, the cradle of golf. Craigs was a typical figure of an early 20th century epoch that laid the foundation of American golf. He was one of a small wave of Scottish professionals who came to the United States to teach and play their native game. After an apprenticeship in Scotland, he came to Louisville's Standard Country Club in 1911. In his early days, Craigs was much in demand as a clubmaker but still managed to distinguish himself for his playing ability as well. He won the inaugural Kentucky Open Championship in 1920 and was runner-up four times, and competed in several PGA Championships. After two years at Standard Country Club, he moved to Audubon Country Club in 1913, where he began an association that lasted until 1954. Craigs was a superlative teacher and his many successful pupils are a testimony to his talent. The most notable is Louisville's Bobby Nichols, the 1964 PGA Champion. Craigs moved to Alexandria, Virginia after his retirement and died there in 1970.