



— Long Lost Trophy Recovered —

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The above plaque was placed on the 13th tee of the Round Hill Club golf course by my grandfather Henry J. Fisher. I learned this in 2005 when I installed a plaque at Fisher Field and mentioned to my Uncle Everett that I'd been inspired by the Newell plaque. He responded "Father put that up?" Emerson Root Newell and my grandfather were both founding members of the Greenwich Riding Association, as it was called then, in 1914. Mr. Newell was Chairman of the Bridle Path Committee of the Greenwich Riding Association from 1922 to 1924. In 1923 he was a major supporter of the building of the Round Hill Stable on Round Hill Club property.

Fast forward several years . . .

My Aunt Joan Fisher Faulkner lived in Wilton, Connecticut. After I moved to Bedford, New York in 2004, I started visiting her Sunday afternoons until her death, at the age of 103 years, in 2014. She was an accomplished horsewoman and enjoyed stories of my horse, my hunter pace and horse show events, my various horse treks, and my numerous cross country rides. On the occasion of her 100th birthday, I trailered my horse to Wilton so she could

feed him carrots and pat his nose from her wheelchair. One Sunday I arrived to find her napping so I wandered the house and on the trophy shelf came upon a silver bowl entitled "The Emerson Root Newell Memorial Trophy" presented by Mrs. Emerson Root Newell and Sealy Newell for Cross Country Competition. Being the GRTA board member in charge of recovering our trophies each year to re-award at the June horse show, I was shocked! My Aunt had won this trophy once and decided to keep it. Upon closer examination, I discovered that the trophy was won in June 1938 by "Flying Man" owned by William Brianard, in November 1938 by "Al Capone" owned by Vica Schniewind and in June 1944 by "Play Boy" owned by Joan Fisher.

I spoke with Joan's children and was assured that, upon her death and settlement of the her estate, the trophy would be returned to the GRTA. This was recently accomplished and this year the Emerson Root Newell Memorial Trophy will, after 73 years, be re-awarded with much appreciation to the Fisher Faulkner family. Of note, the cover of this year's program is a photograph of a painting of Joan Fisher Faulkner, perhaps astride her favorite horse "Play Boy". ■