



*This portrait of the Turnesa family of golfers was taken at the Elmsford Country Club. From left to right: Phil, Frank, Joe, Mike, Patriarch Vitale, Doug, Jim, and Willie. This family keepsake was provided by Joe's son Joe Junior.*

a mile from the club. As the home of a devout Catholic family, it featured a shrine with lit candles in nearly every room.

## John 'JR' Inglis

In his association with Fairview, Turnesa soon had his oldest sons learning the caddie trade under the guidance of club professional J.R. Inglis. The club was private and the Turnesa boys were limited in their access to the course so they transformed an open field near their home into their own course and practice area. For clubs, they assembled discarded heads with broom handles. Every available non-working moment was spent at that field, often in competition with each other.

As the brothers proved their worth, Inglis began providing more attention to their games, ending with offers to serve as his assistants. It was a pattern he used with his best caddies, which eventually earned him the title as the "Knut Rocke of Golf" as he led many young caddies into the professional ranks. Counted among his protégés were the Turnesa brothers; 1928 U.S. Open Champion

Johnny Farrell and his brother Jimmy; Bill Creavy and his brother Tom, who went on to win the 1931 PGA; and 1936 U.S. Open Champion Tony Manero.

Inglis became a fixture in the Metropolitan PGA Section over his 57-year career at Fairview, and his service there included 31 years as the Met Section president.

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