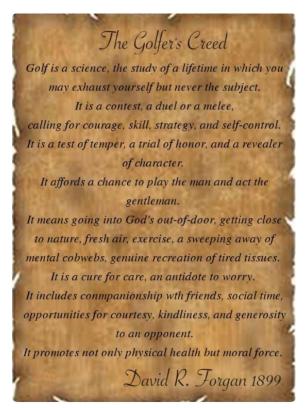
## February 2022 – Did You Know? Forgan's Tribute to Golf

This month DYK is going to step aside and let an historic golfer take over. Here's a bit of his prose that you might enjoy. It might help get you through these last weeks of our Michigan winter.



Who was David Forgan? Does he have any connection to Blythefield CC? And why is his tribute to golf in DYK? Even though Forgan wrote this 30 years before Blythefield opened, there is a little connection to golf at Blythefield. Read on.

David R. Forgan won the very first Western Amateur, played in 1899. Just over five decades later that tournament was played at Blythefield. DYK intends to feature the 1953 Western Amateur next year, on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blythefield as the host club.

DYK won't have as much information about the Western Amateur as the DYK's sent out last year that featured the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blythefield as host of the 1961 Western Open. Unfortunately, most folks who would have been around in 1953 are now gone, or at least were so young in 1953 that they don't have memories of the

Western Am at Blythefield. But DYK will dig some stuff out of Grand Rapids Public Library archives.

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