

Gene Bone and His First Buick Open

Gene Bone's first head professional golf job was at Warwick Hills CC in 1959.

He was part of the team that put on the first Buick Open 50 years ago. At the time Bone was always in the sports pages of the Pontiac Press, Detroit News and Free Press because of the success he had in golf.

He would try out his skills by going on the PGA Tour in 1963 and while his game held promise, it was a tough grind and he missed his family.

He returned to Michigan and worked at the now extinct Lancaster Hills.

From there he moved to the new Bay Pointe Golf Club in 1966. He was the head professional there for 27 years until his retirement. He still gives lessons at the club and that is where Jack Berry and I caught up with him to record our interview.



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Gene Bone tees it up with Buick representatives, Waldo McNaught and Ed Rollent, just prior to the first Buick Open.



Gene Bone had a television show on WJRT-TV in Flint for a couple of years.


However, our story really begins when you click onto Jack Berry's You Tube interview of Gene Bone <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMfLaoRqVa0>

Berry, the recipient of the PGA Lifetime Journalism Award for his golf writing, was also on hand at that first Buick Open. It is a great interview and captures that wonderful time and place in Michigan's golf history. **MG**



Gene Bone (r.) is pictured here with a caddy from the Buick Open.

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