



# Altadena Historical Society

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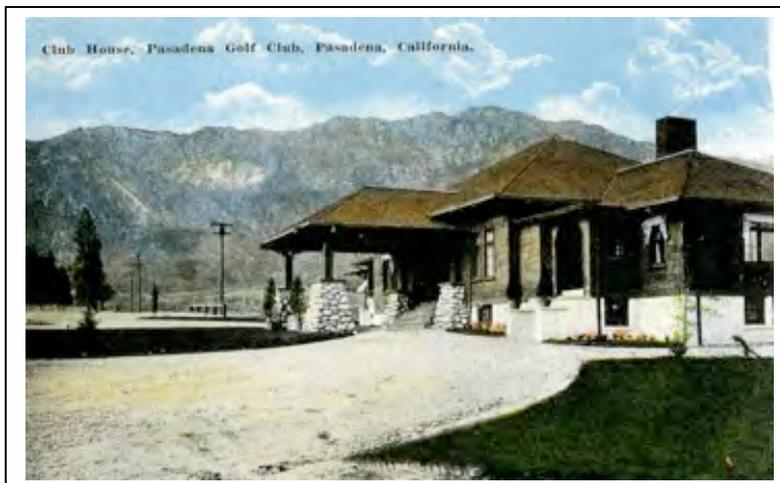
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Above: Sunbathers line up poolside at the Altadena Country Club.

*Photo from the August 7, 1949, issue of The Altadenan.*

Below: Numerous postcards depict the country club at various stages of ownership. This photo was probably taken before 1920. Note the absence of development in the background. *Postcard from AHS collection.*



In spite of Santa Ana winds, hundred year floods, financial downturns, ownership changes, and name amendments, the **Altadena Town and Country Club** still stands as a monument to the community's perseverance. A consortium of Pasadena and Altadena businessmen opened the club in 1910. The first club house, a one room bungalow, was repaired and enlarged after sustaining major wind damage the year after it was built. Wind gusts sent golf course topsoil sailing into Pasadena, delaying the course opening for another year. Less than a decade after it opened the club reorganized under new ownership and a new name, the Pasadena Golf Club. In the late 1920s, the club was renovated, leaving it much as it looks today. But good times didn't last long and in 1932 the bank foreclosed. In the mid 1940s the property was sold again, this time to a woman who intended to build a college campus. Soon after the purchase, her relationship with the community soured. The furniture was auctioned, the golf course split up, half going to the county and the other to a developer. Mr. Rollin Dixon along with other like-minded Altadenans purchased the empty building and reorganized the club, laying the groundwork for what is today one of Altadena's loveliest historic landmarks.

Below: swimmers enjoying the pool on July 4, 1926. *From the Chamber of Commerce 1926 pamphlet, Altadena the Beautiful.*



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