

Pound Ridge owner Ken Wang opened the renovated course in 2008 — during a recession.

“We kind of thought this part of the country needed high-level public courses.”



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Polishing a Gem

11 years, \$40M later, Pound Ridge glimmers with hope

Pound Ridge Golf Club has received accolades since the Pete Dye gem — his first design in New York — opened in 2008. But things weren't always pristine on the small-town site. Around 1939 or 1940, a short 18-hole country club was built on 50 acres straddling Stamford, Connecticut, and Pound Ridge. “In the 1960s or '70s the local denizens turned the property into a gambling/strip-tease-girl kind of thing,” says Pound Ridge owner Ken Wang, whose late father, born in China, purchased some nearby property while considering buying a house.