

## In the Beginning

The New York Athletic Club was founded in 1868 by Henry Buermeyer, John Babcock and William Curtis. All accomplished athletes, they shared a singular commitment to the growth and development of amateur sport in the United States. They possessed the foresight to realize that the time was right to introduce organization into sporting endeavors across the country. Therefore, on September 8th of that year, Buermeyer, Curtis and Babcock, with 11 similarly inclined sportsmen, gathered in a Manhattan tavern known as the Knickerbocker Cottage for the first meeting of what would become the NYAC. Though all were men of vision, none could have foreseen the impact their club would have on the world of amateur and Olympic sport.

In the years since, the NYAC has become a part of the cultural fabric of New York City, hosting banquets, receptions and weddings, and welcoming leaders in the world of business, politics and the arts to its magnificent dining rooms and 187 overnight guest rooms. The Club remains steadfastly committed to its roots, supporting athletes at the highest levels of Olympic competition while providing world-class facilities at its two locations, the Manhattan City House and Travers Island in Westchester County.

## City House

The NYAC's first City House opened in 1885 at 55th St and 6th Avenue. The opening gala was heralded as a glamorous success, attended by countless members of New York's high society. The Club's second City House was situated at 59th St and 6th Avenue; while the third—and current—is located at 59th St and 7th Avenue and opened in 1929. With 24 floors housing incomparable dining, athletic, social and overnight facilities, the City House is an oasis amidst the hustle and bustle of New York City.

## Travers Island

Named for Wall Street tycoon, yachtsman and NYAC president William Travers, who guided its purchase in 1888, Travers Island is the NYAC's home in Westchester County. Sixteen miles north of the Manhattan City House, Travers Island's focal points are the Club House, the gorgeous saltwater swimming pool, the 18 tennis courts, the all-weather playing field, the Yacht Club and Marina, Rowing House and Field House.

## Olympic History

Since Thomas Burke won two gold medals at the Olympic Games in 1896, the NYAC has seen its members compete at every summer Olympic Games. The Club's Olympic medal tally is a source of enormous pride among members, with NYAC athletes having claimed well over 200 Olympic medals. With that has come a steadfast commitment to the creation of an environment in which excellence will flourish, be it in athletics, commerce, the arts or personal well being.

The New York Athletic Club is an innovative organization, firmly adhered to its history but with its eyes set on its future. For this reason, its winged foot emblem is recognized around the world as being synonymous with excellence.

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# FLOOR BY FLOOR MAP

**24.** Solarium

**21.** Racquetball, Handball, Squash Doubles

**20-14.** Members' and Guests' Overnight Accommodations

**12.** Office of the President, Executive Offices,  
Communications Office, Membership Services,  
Catering Office

**11.** Main Dining Room

**10.** Billiards Room and Conference Rooms

**9.** Card Room, Lounge, Library and Terrace

**8.** Athlete's Fund Office, Winged Foot Awards Office

**7.** Athletic Office, Golf Simulators, Squash, Boxing,  
Judo, Pilates Studio

**6.** Gymnasium  
Fitness Equipment, Track, Basketball Courts

**5.** Men's Locker Room (incl. Sports Shop, Lounge, Sauna,  
Steam Room, Shoe Shine)

**4.** Women's Locker Room (incl. Sports Shop, Lounge,  
Steam Room), Fitness and Wellness Center, Physical  
Therapy, Pool Viewing Gallery

**3.** Aquatics Center (incl. Massage Rooms, Sauna,  
Steam Room, Spout Room, Poolside Dining,  
Hot Tubs)

**2.** Hall of Fame, Hall of Olympic Champions, Tap Room,  
Boardroom, Committee Room

**1.** Reception, Coat Check, Gift Shop, Cocktail Lounge,  
Communications Center, Concierge Services

**B.** Fencing and Wrestling Room

