

World War II veteran still golfing with goals at age 97

At 97, Edward "Beany" Mitchell has seven hole-in-one trophies in his den, but he has saved space for one more.

Mitchell and I met early on a Wednesday morning. Realizing he had played golf on Tuesday and would play again on Thursday, I appreciated him giving up Wednesday golf for our interview.

It wasn't the fastest interview on record, but not much dust settled. I understood why when escorted out of the Mitchell home — two sons-in-law were waiting in the driveway to take Pop-Pop out for a round of golf.

He's known by many names. A daughter provided "Beany," the sons-in-law and one grandson call him "Pop-Pop," and Cedarcrest Golf Course owner, Becky Lowdermilk, knows him as "Mr. E." I'm sticking with "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell usually plays golf two days a week. Although he now uses a golf cart, his trim and slim physique tells of thousands of rounds of golf in the walking mode.

"We count Mr. Ed as family at Cedarcrest," Lowdermilk said. "He was a paying member for many years, but several years ago we made him an honorary member with complimentary golf for the rest of his years. Even our ducks loved Mr. Ed — he often went by the bakery and bought them something to eat."

Born the son of a post office supervisor, Mitchell followed his dad's footsteps. He worked 34 years for the Greensboro post office and has now been re-



Photos courtesy of Mitchell family

Edward Mitchell is on a mission for his eighth hole-in-one.



The three Mitchell brothers — Clyde, Edward and Earl — have an average age of 93. They also have a 93-year-old sister, Mary.

tired 44 years.

While baby boomers might find the fact he has been retired longer than he worked unfathomable, nonagenarians such as Mitchell think it's pretty cool.

Similarly, Mitchell doesn't consider shooting his age on the golf course particularly noteworthy,

even though that is something neither Tiger Woods nor Jordan Spieth have ever done.

In 1940, Mitchell married Margaret Lassiter, the daughter of Randolph County Sheriff W. P. Lassiter. They were married in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Clyde Turner,

iconic pastor of Greensboro First Baptist Church, with Turner officiating.

Margaret Mitchell was a hair stylist for Greensboro's Eula Mae Beauty Shop on North Elm Street. She died in 2000 after 60 years of marriage. The couple had four children, eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

"We had one child and another on the way when I was drafted," Edward Mitchell said.

He was sent to the Philippines, where he was working in a bombed out Army post office in Manila when the war ended.

"Neither of us knew it at the time, but my brother, Clyde, was stationed there, too," he said. "He was an aerial gunner instructor in the Army Air Forces. We were able to get together one time for a short visit."

Another of Edward's brothers, Earl, served with the Army's 25th Infantry Division during the Korean War. Harris Mitchell, the oldest of the brothers, died in 1998 at 85. Their sister, Mary, is 93 and lives in New Mexico.

The Mitchell family lived at 703 N. Eugene St. in Greensboro.

Edward Mitchell worked as a paper boy. Undoubtedly, he made timely deliveries and started early on his way to becoming an outstanding postman. A certificate from the school year of 1925-26 reads, "Prompt and steady attendance, neither absent nor tardy."

After graduation from Greensboro Senior High School, he was awarded a band scholarship at Culver Military Academy in Indiana.

"I played the French horn in high school and at Culver," he said. "All our children were musically

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievers

Steven B. Tanger, president and chief executive officer of Tanger Factory Outlets, was inducted into Value Retail News' Hall of Fame during the recent VRN Fall Outlet Convention, held at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, N.J.

Tanger

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin recently announced that Fire District 28 in Gibsonville received a 5 rating on the North Carolina Response Rating System.

The rating system ranges from one (highest) to 10 (not recognized as a certified fire department by the state). Most rural departments fall in the 9 category.

Greensboro attorney Janet Ward Black has been named to The Best Lawyers in America listing for 10 consecutive years. The 2016 Best Lawyers list recognizes Black for her expertise in the areas of personal injury litigation and mass tort/class actions litigation.

Local Allstate agency owners were recently recognized by Allstate for outstanding performance and commitment to putting customers at the center of their agency's work. The John L. Palmer Agency in Greensboro received the Premier Agency Designation. Chris Just and Associates in Greensboro and Clemmons received the Premier Agency Designation, Honor Ring and National Conference.

Eagle Physicians and Associates in Greensboro celebrated its 20th anniversary on Oct. 1. The physician-owned, independent, multi-specialty medical group, was founded in 1995 by five primary-care groups. Eagle now has 11 offices in a variety of specialties including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, gastroenterology, sleep medicine and endocrinology. Eagle also has an Endoscopy Center and a Walk-In Clinic.

Safe Campus, The National Campus Safety Summit, has ranked High Point University's security team among the top 25 university security departments in the nation. HPU is No. 21 on the list.

The North Carolina Association of Health Underwriters recently installed its 2015-2016 executive



Courtesy of U.S. Rep. Mark Walker

Kristy and Don Milhollin

board. Local members include: Immediate past president, **Blake Spell**; executive director, **Carol Matznick**; health underwriters political action committee, **Herb Pennington**; and media relations, **Carol Pennington**.

Awards

U.S. Rep. Mark Walker awarded the October 2015 "Community Hero of the Month" to **Don and Kristy Milhollin**, Out of the Garden Project founders.

Each month, Walker awards a "Community Hero of the Month" to recognize extraordinary acts of service and generosity by individuals, businesses or organizations in the Sixth Congressional District that are compelled to make a difference in the lives around them and better their community.

The Family Service of the Piedmont and its two foundations, Family Service of Greensboro Foundation and Family Service of High Point Foundation presented the

2015 Julia B. Nile For Love of Family Awards to **Charisse Daly Kleinman** (Greensboro) and **Pete Callahan** (High Point) at its annual meeting luncheon Monday at the Sedgefield Country Club.

Kleinman

Callahan

These awards represent the highest honor given to individuals from Greensboro and High Point who make a significant impact on Family Service of the Piedmont and their community in helping to build safe and healthy families.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums awarded the North Carolina Zoo and Wildlife Conservation Society with its 2015 Significant Achievement in International Conservation Award for their program to conserve the critically endangered cross river gorilla.

This annual award recognizes exceptional efforts toward regional habitat preservation, species restoration, and support of biodiversity in the wild.

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High Point Museum happenings

By TERESA LOFLIN

High Point Museum

In September, the High Point Museum opened a new exhibit, "Stacy Pearsall: A Picture of Courage," in the lecture gallery.

A decorated aerial combat photographer and two-time Military Photographer of the Year award winner, Retired Air Force Staff Sgt. Stacy Pearsall captured the stories of conflict in her unforgettable images. This photographic exhibit, open until Nov. 25, focuses on photographs taken in Iraq during three of Pearsall's four combat tours.

The museum plans two free programs associated with this exhibit.

The High Point Theatre will show "Hell and Back Again: A Film by Danfung Dennis" at 7 p.m. Nov. 6. This award-winning documentary tells the story of North Carolina Marine Sergeant Nathan Harris and his journey from a life-threatening injury in Afghanistan to his recovery. The film features graphic images of war.

From noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 14, experts will lead a session on post-traumatic stress disorder at the museum. The discussion will include the combat causes of PTSD, repercussions and symptoms. Information will be provided on where to find help. Veterans and families are invited to come and share their stories and experiences.

Harris will attend both events.

The second exhibit, "All Fired Up: A Look Back at Organized Firefighting in High Point," opened Oct. 3 and will be on display until



Photos courtesy of High Point Museum

Families roast marshmallows at last year's Ghost Stories in the Park at the High Point Museum. This year's event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 24 and takes place rain or shine.

WANT TO GO?

What: The High Point Museum, located at 1859 E. Lexington Ave., High Point

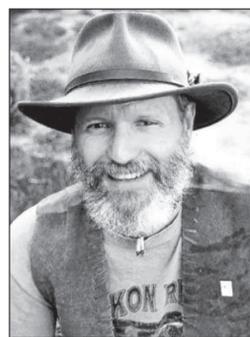
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; Historical Park is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Admission: Free

Information: Call (336) 885-1859 or visit www.highpointmuseum.org.

April 30. The High Point Fire Department is celebrating 125 years of service to our community. The exhibit tells the story of how the fire department developed and changed throughout its history. It includes photos, memorabilia, a video and uniforms.

Visit our Historical Park Oct. 17 to discover how



Wright Clarkson, a nationally renowned storyteller, will share family-friendly ghost stories Oct. 24.

early Americans prepared their households for the winter season. Participate in seasonal tasks with our historical interpreters.

Also in our historical park this month, our costumed blacksmith will conduct demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 and 24.

These drop-in programs are free.

Don't forget our Early American Life Program where visitors can earn badges for participating and watching programs in our Historical Park. After completing 12 programs, participants receive a certificate.

High Point Historical Society
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Non-Show Show Time Changes: Martian 1:00 4:10 7:20
The Walk: 1:15 (instead of 7:20)
Thursday Preshow: Bridge of Spies, Crimson Peak, Goosebumps, Woodlawn

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