

Herbert H. Barker
(-1924)
Born: England
Died: England

After winning several tournaments in Great Britain in the early 1900s, including the Yorkshire Amateur in 1904 and 1906, the Irish Open in 1906 and the Dartmouth Bowl for three consecutive years starting in 1905, Herbert Barker moved to America and served as head professional at Garden City (New York) Golf Club from 1908 to 1911. He found golf to be more competitive in America and failed to win any events. But he also discovered less challenging courses and soon began designing and remodeling layouts with the intention of elevating the game in the United States.

Barker moved to the South after leaving Garden City, and laid out Roebuck Country Club in Alabama and stayed on as its pro for a time. But then he renounced his professional standing and worked solely as a golf architect. After designing several Southern courses, Barker returned to Britain in 1915 to enlist in the military. Although he told friends he intended to return after the war, Barker never returned to America. He died after an extended illness, reportedly related to injuries he sustained in the war..

Courses by Herbert H. Barker:

Alabama: Don Hawkins Muni (FKA Roebuck CC) (1914)

Georgia: Capital City C (1911); Druid Hills CC (1912)

Maryland: Columbia CC (1910)

New Jersey: Arcola CC (1909); Raritan Valley CC (FKA Somerville CC (1911); Rumson CC (1910)

Ohio: Mayfield CC (1911), with Bert Way

Virginia: CC of Virginia (Westhampton Course 1908)

Courses remodeled or expanded by Herbert H. Barker"

North Carolina: Grove Park Inn CC (1911)