

History of The Sagamore



SAGAMORE I

- 1881:** Myron O. Brown convinced four investors to purchase Green Island for \$30,000. and construct a hotel. Construction began on the first bridge from the mainland to the island.
- 1883:** The first Sagamore, which means “The respected Chief or Great One” opens as a luxurious resort in the Queen Anne Style indicative of the era. Myron O. Brown was the hotel’s first Manager catering to the elite traveler. The cost to stay at the hotel was \$4.00 per day.
- 1893:** The hotel was completely destroyed by fire which started in the drying room. There were 150 guests and associates present and no one was injured.



SAGAMORE II

- 1894:** Constructed on the same foundation as Sagamore I but in combination of Victorian and Adirondack Style, The Sagamore re-opens with 350 rooms.
- 1914:** The Sagamore was again destroyed by fire on Easter Sunday. The cause of this fire was unknown. That year, 188 acres were purchased on Federal Hill, a few miles from The Sagamore, to construct a golf course.
- 1914-1918:** Re-building discussions were on hold due to the economy after the war. The Island was for sale but not purchased.



SAGAMORE III

- 1920:** Construction on the smaller Sagamore “Club” begins
- 1923:** The Sagamore Club opens with 100 rooms. It was constructed in a Colonial Style and is the center of what stands today. Karl Abbott, a famous hotelier agreed to manage it on a bet that if he had a successful season the investors would build him a 200 room hotel.
- 1928:** The Donald J. Ross-designed golf course opens
- 1929:** Karl Abbott wins his bet and construction starts on the expansion of the hotel with the addition of the Cupola being the first major change.
- 1930:** The Sagamore re-open as a resort once again.
- 1946:**The property was purchased by the Brandt family of NYC.
- 1980:** In spite of continued acclaim, age finally took its toll on the grande dame of Adirondack resorts, and the Brandt family closed The Sagamore.



THE SAGAMORE TODAY

- 1982:** The Sagamore is bought by the Wolgin family and Kennington LTD, Inc. Renovations began to keep the hotel open year round.
- 1985:** After spending \$75 million in upgrades and renovations, the Hotel re-opens under the management of Omni Hotels.
- 1995:** After earning a reputation as one of the finest resorts in America, The Sagamore became an independent resort.
- 2008:** Green Island Associates sells The Sagamore to Tom Walsh, owner of Ocean Properties LTD for \$90million. Ocean Properties is the largest privately held hotel company in the country with over 150 properties in the US and Canada. They immediately started with renovations and have invested over 50 million in renovations to help restore the property to its full potential.
- Today** we are a Four Diamond AAA rated resort, a member of Historic Hotels of America and Preferred Hotels and Resorts.