



LADIES GOLF IN QUEENSLAND

A Journey Through the Decades

1950s — 2010





Golf is a game for life. Welcome to this story covering an era when women had their own national and state bodies, guiding the development of women's golf with wisdom and expertise. Information and valuable knowledge was circulated to the golf clubs by these national and state bodies, ensuring all players, both junior and senior, were nurtured and supported. This is a personal story in which you will read about the culture of golf during this era, the work of the Australian Ladies Golf Union and the Queensland Ladies Golf Union, the major tournaments and promotions, my introduction to the game and my lifetime involvement as a player and as an administrator.

Pam Langford — July 2021

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The Story Begins

To tell this story I have to start when I first became aware of the game of golf.

I was about 10 to 12 years old, during the early 1950s, and my parents, George and Agnes Tait, talked and played golf as often as time would permit. My dad owned a Sports Store in Brisbane - Tait's Sports Store - located in the Public Curator's Arcade in Edward Street, Brisbane. Dad was a very keen sports person and before playing golf he was a State ranked tennis player. His sports store specialized in tennis, with his business being one of the leading tennis businesses in Brisbane and the headquarters for the Men's Metropolitan Tennis Association.

We lived at Alderley, with Keperra being the nearest golf course, and Mum and Dad would often go to Keperra for a game in the late afternoon and take me with them. At that time I was not very interested, and walking around a golf course was not my idea of a "good time". I remember my parents playing the two holes down to Ferny Grove and back while I waited for them. I should mention that at this time there were no golf buggies. All players carried their clubs in bags with a strap over their shoulders. My mother had a special patch sewn on to her skirt to stop the golf bag rubbing a hole in her skirt. They did encourage me to "caddy" but to no avail. Little did I realise that in the years to come my mother would be my caddy through all my golf championship play.

I played tennis during my school years, and Dad, being the dedicated sports person he was, dragged me out of bed early in the mornings to practise tennis. I enjoyed my tennis, and when Dad booked my first "golf lesson" I was not enthused. My very first golf lesson was with Doug Katterns, the golf professional at Keperra. I cannot remember exactly how old I was but know I was about 14 or 15. My father, of course, insisted I practise and he would collect the practice balls I hit, bringing them back to me saying, "Hit them again!" This happened at the Mitchelton Football Oval, and in those days we practically had the Oval to ourselves. When Dad realised I had a talent for golf his encouragement and enthusiasm knew no bounds.

In 1955 I joined Keperra Golf Club, and after 12 months I followed my parents to Indooroopilly Golf Club where Mum had won the Club Championship in 1948 and Dad was a Pennant player for the Club. I joined Indooroopilly Golf Club in 1956 and this was the start of my long involvement with golf as a player and later as an administrator.

The Culture of Golf — Early Days

Golf in the 1950s was a game for the more privileged and affluent, and male chauvinism was very real in society, particularly in the game of golf. I was indeed fortunate as my dad, obviously, did not have a chauvinistic attitude. Looking back, it is obvious now that many of the traditions of ladies' golf at that time came from the attitude of men in our golf clubs. Ladies played their golf on Ladies Day, as many clubs do now, however ladies were forbidden to enter the car park, and certainly not the Clubhouse, on the traditional Mens Day that was Saturday. When ladies were at the golf club, even on Ladies Day, the bar was "out of bounds" for us, and at Indooroopilly we were served through a small window opening into the bar. I would like to add that this did not stop the ladies from enjoying their alcohol and, at certain events during the year, "letting their hair down". There were definitely no functions at the Club. In 1961 I turned 21 and my parents, who were both members of Indooroopilly, requested that I have my 21st Birthday celebration at the Club. The answer was "No", even though I had just won the NSW Match Play Championship and Gail Corry and I had won the Junior Interstate series.



*Pam and Mrs Dixon at Indooroopilly.
Opening of the season 1959.*

In those early days at Indooroopilly there were rules that no one broke. For example, changing our shoes in the car park — "not allowed". In fact the culture of ladies' golf could be rather overwhelming for new players in all golf clubs as indeed there was a "pecking order" and no one broke those boundaries. If you took the "honour" on a hole which you had not earned at the last hole - earning it was having the best score on the last hole - big trouble for that player. We now play "ready golf" which all agree is a great procedure. At this time the rules of golf stated that once players were on the putting green the flag stick had to be attended, with a penalty being incurred by the player executing the shot, if their ball hit the flagstick. There were also strict caddying rules. I recall one year when I was playing State Championships at Gales and my husband arrived and attempted to caddy. He had a wall of women descend on him, as at this time men were NOT ALLOWED to caddy for women. Had he caddied it would have meant disqualification for me. It is difficult to realise that such rules applied, but that was how it was in that era of ladies golf.

All clubs had their own Ladies Committee and a Match Committee, a Treasurer and a Handicap Manager. The ladies ran their own competitions, and any rule dispute was handled by the Match Committee. In fact the ladies saw their own fields off, did all the checking of cards and handled their own handicap system. This was put in place by the national body, the Australian Ladies Golf Union.

The Australian Ladies Golf Union (ALGU) which was established in 1922, was functioning very efficiently when I first entered the golf world as a Junior. The Junior age was then under 21, and it was many years later that the definition of Juniors was changed to under 18. There was a good reason why the age was under 21, as at that time there were very few young players. The Queensland Ladies Golf Union (QLGU) was under the Presidency of Miss Gertrude McLeod, who realised the importance of encouraging Juniors to play and excel at golf. It is interesting to note that McLeod Country Golf Club was named after Miss McLeod, who was a life member of Indooroopilly Golf Club. The establishment of McLeod Country Golf Club was a history making event in ladies golf in Queensland as it was the first golf course established in Australia for Women by Women. It opened as a nine hole course in 1969, and then as an 18 hole course in 1972. The organizing committee had worked tirelessly to raise funds to make this dream a reality.



Miss Gertrude McLeod

The QLGU, thanks to the foresight of the president, Miss McLeod, decided to send Gail Corry and me away with the Senior State Team to play in the Australian Championship, as Juniors, to gain experience playing Interstate golf. This was in 1959 and the Australian Championships that year were played at Royal Sydney. As there was no plane travel for State teams we travelled by train to these championships. Judith Percy, who was a Queenslander and an icon in ladies golf in Australia, won the Australian Championship that year. The team stayed at Kings Cross, and Gail and I were practically under lock and key. The door of our room was locked at night - no going out on the town at Kings Cross for us. We wore skirts, almost down to our ankles and I got into big trouble for wearing my socks turned up! Such behaviour!!!

Now the ALGU in its wisdom recognised that without young players, the game of golf would not grow to its full potential, so they introduced the Junior Interstate Series. At first only Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland could field a team, but later other states joined the competition as the number of junior players increased. For many years this annual Junior Interstate competition was held in conjunction with the Gladys Hay Senior Interstate matches, and eventually it became a stand alone tournament known as the Burta Cheyney Junior Interstate Matches. I was fortunate to be part of that first Junior Interstate team held in 1961 at Long Reef Golf Club in NSW.

My team mate at this inaugural Junior Series was Gail Corry and Gail and I won that Tournament. That year I went on to win the NSW Match Play Championship, also played at Long Reef, and Gail went on to represent Australia in International Events. Gail's father was the golf professional at Bargara Golf Club so she also came from a sporting background.

As the years went by I continued to play state golf and weekly ladies' club golf, including Club Championships and Pennants. As mentioned earlier my mum caddied for me until she became a grandmother and looked after children while I played Pennants for Indooroopilly. Audrey Holt (later Lady Holt) was the captain of the first Indooroopilly Pennant Team in which I played in the late 1950s. Audrey had been a member of the Queensland state team playing in the first Interstate "Gladys Hay" matches in 1938.

Before I leave the journey of my playing days in an era long ago I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support I received from the ladies at Indooroopilly at that time. I was young and fairly shy and everybody was Mrs. never called by Christian names. The Ladies were 100 per cent behind me and were my greatest supporters. I thought everybody was on "my side" until I hit the Administration journey. In 1979 Claire Cummings, who was Ladies President of Indooroopilly, asked me to be Indooroopilly's delegate to the Queensland Ladies Golf Union. I was delighted to accept as the timing was right for me and the opportunity to represent Indooroopilly was an honour.



Queensland State Team (L to R Judy Percy, Biddy Anderson, Joan Fletcher, Blanche Otto, Pam Tait, Gail Corry)

Administration

When I first joined the QLGU as the delegate from Indooroopilly Golf Club, the three Constituent Clubs—Royal Queensland, Brisbane Golf Club and Indooroopilly Golf Club — had two delegates and other Metropolitan Clubs had one delegate. The Council of the QLGU also included three Divisional Representatives from Queensland Country. The executive consisted of a President, a City Vice President and a Country Vice



Pam Langford - QLGU delegate

President who represented the six Country Districts of Queensland. In 1983 the QLGU became incorporated, with Brisbane and District being formed, giving Queensland seven Districts. Representation on the QLGU Council changed at this time with each of the Metropolitan clubs having one delegate and the Country Districts having pro rata representation, based on the number of golfers in the various Districts. QLGU executive still consisted of a President, a City Vice President and a Country Vice President, who was elected by the Country Districts.

In 1986 QLGU moved into its own Headquarters at Bowen Hills shared with the Queensland Golf Union (men's State body). This provided the QLGU with a permanent base where meetings were held, our Secretary had her own desk, and a comprehensive filing system was established. We had many Perpetual Trophies. The major ones are listed below.

THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP donated by Associates of Brisbane Golf Club and Royal Queensland Golf Club.

THE CANNAN CUP to recognise Mrs Cannan's efforts as Treasurer of QLGU for 23 years - a match play tournament for first round losers in the State Championships.

GERTRUDE MCLEOD MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by McLeod Country Golf Club for the leading qualifier at State Championships.

MARY MADDICK SALVER for Junior players, funded by interest raised from the bequest, to bring Country junior players to compete in Junior teams at State Championships.

PRESIDENTS CUP FOURSOMES donated by Miss McLeod.

STATE FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP commenced in 1938 for Telegraph Cup, replaced in 1973 by a new Cup until 1987 then the Sun Newspapers Cup commenced in 1988.

QUEENSLAND 72 HOLE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Jug presented by Mrs N G Hatton MBE in 1978.

STATE BRONZE CHAMPIONSHIP Cup presented by Miss McLeod.

STATE BRONZE FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP SALVER in honour of Mrs N Day.

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP - Courier Mail Cup.

SAND GREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - established in 1988, Silver Division presented by Frances Seeman and Bronze Division by Norma Lovelace.

LAUREL WREATH BROOCH - the first time a player equalled or broke SS (Scratch Score).

The Australian Ladies Golf Union

The A.L.G.U., established in 1922, with headquarters in Melbourne, looked after the interests of women golfers. The knowledge and enthusiasm of the members of the early committees ensured that women's golf was taken successfully into the future. Before Amalgamation in 2006, the ladies and men had their own national governing body and state bodies. The ALGU was made up of the six states of Australia with each state having one or two delegate to the national body. They were known in the early years as - Queensland Ladies Golf Union, New South Wales Ladies Golf Union, Victorian Ladies Golf Union, Tasmanian Ladies Golf Union, South Australia Ladies Golf Union and Western Australian Ladies Golf Union. The Committee of the ALGU and the Committees of all the State Unions consisted of volunteers. The ALGU had a paid Secretary, but for many years the State Unions had volunteers as secretaries with many working from their homes.

When the ALGU was being formed, Victoria and New South Wales were the wealthy states and their golf courses were world class. The Sand Belt courses of Victoria were renowned throughout Australia. These states had two delegates to the ALGU with all other States having one. This of course changed later. Mention should be made here that very strict amateur rules applied at this time in all sports, and golf was no exception. It was trophies only — no prize money. Breaking this rule caused a player to be declared a Professional immediately. Most winners of major events and club events received trophies often donated by members of the clubs.

As previously stated the ALGU was a strong and well managed organization that gave Womens Golf in Australia a wonderful start. A document called the Year Book was published every year. This book had a wealth of information with submissions from every state that included information about all clubs in their state. It reported on the current handicap system used by lady golfers, it listed the president and committee members of each state, the phone numbers of every golf club in Australia, and the winners of all major tournaments in every state. This was invaluable for everyone, keeping lady golfers connected. The ALGU was responsible for publishing this book

The name Australian Ladies Golf Union was changed to Womens Golf Australia in 1995. All states followed with a similar name change, and in December 1995 Queensland Ladies Golf Union became Women's Golf Queensland.

Major ALGU Promotions and Tournaments

The Gladys Hay Interstate Matches starting in 1938, were held on a rotation basis with each state hosting these matches in turn. The Australian Ladies Championship followed the Interstate Matches providing each State with the privilege of hosting both the Interstate Matches and the Australian Ladies Championships. For many years The Australian Junior Championship was held in conjunction with the Australian Ladies Championship until the Junior events — The Australian Junior Championship and the Junior Interstate Matches — were held independently. The Junior Interstate Matches became known as the The Burta Cheyney Interstate Matches.

Ansett Airlines sponsored a Sub Junior Girls Tournament which was played annually and provided valuable experience and encouragement to young junior golfers. It is interesting to note that Karrie Webb and Rachel Hetherington, who represented Queensland and were in winning teams in the Ansett Sub Junior Tournament, went on to become very successful professional golfers.

A Golfing Package was put together in 1992 by the Australian Sports Commission in conjunction with Australian Golf Union, Australian Ladies Golf Union and Professional Golfers of Australia to promote Junior Golf. It was called Go-Go Golf and targeted Junior and Sub Junior golfers. Both male and female juniors benefited from this programme. Projects like this are vital for the future of golf as it is the young golfers who will carry golf forward in this country.



Doug Baccli from Ansett airlines and QLGU Administrative Team

International Events

There were several Ladies Amateur International team events held regularly. Some of these being the Women's World Amateur Team Championship (the Espirito Santo Trophy), the Queen Sirikit Cup, the Commonwealth Tournament for Commonwealth countries and the Tasman Cup between Australia and New Zealand. The ALGU financed these teams so it was necessary for funds to be raised.

Fundraising: Players from every club paid capitation fees but additional fundraising events were essential to enable Australian Amateur teams to compete internationally. For this reason the International Bowl Competitions were introduced by the ALGU in 1933 with players originally paying one shilling to compete. The ALGU provided a perpetual trophy, the Bowl, for each state, to be held for 6 months by the club with the lowest nett scores in each division - Silver and Bronze. Each club entered their teams and held the competition in conjunction with their weekly ladies competition. The Spalding ALGU National Teams Event was another innovative fundraising competition. As this was a gross and nett teams event all golfers had the opportunity to represent their state at the finals held in Canberra. The ALGU took the best gross team and best nett team from each state to the final which was played at Royal Canberra. In 1979 Indoeroopilly won the best gross and Cairns won the best nett. I was fortunate to be part of the best gross team and Rene Baker part of the best nett team.



Rene Baker and Pam Langford

Major Queensland Tournaments

The QLGU was responsible for organising the annual Queensland State Championship and Queensland Junior State Championship events and the Queensland Country Championship events. These competitions were a guide for the selection of state teams.

In 1984 Queensland played host to the Queen Sirikit Tournament. This was an International event played at Kooralbyn, and players from all Asian countries competed. Kooralbyn was the first resort course in Queensland and the use of golf carts was essential. The teams had to be supplied with caddies and so a "practice" was needed for players and caddies as at that time most golfers in Queensland did not have carts and Kooralbyn was, to say the least, a challenge.

Two Queensland competitions that have always been run by the districts are the Meg Nunn Salver and the Junior Jug. The Meg Nunn Salver is for senior players and the Salver was donated by Meg Nunn who for many years was Country Vice President of the QLGU. To provide junior players with matchplay experience Gail and I instigated the Junior Jug, which is a Junior Matchplay Tournament played between the Districts of Queensland. These events are still played and move around Queensland to the various districts and are run successfully by the Districts.

In 1996 the inaugural Women's Golf Queensland Corporate Day was held at Keperra. The Commonwealth Bank was a generous supporter of women's golf and at this event the bank's Queensland general manager presented a cheque to Women's Golf Queensland.



Inaugural Junior Jug winners, Karen Pearce and Alison Munt (Centre) with donors, Gail Corry (left) Pam Langford (right)



CBA cheque presentation

My Role as Delegate to the QLGU

At the first meeting I attended as a delegate to the QLGU in 1979, I was appointed a State Selector, followed later by appointments to Scratch Score Sub Committee and Junior Sub Committee. Thus began a long involvement in Queensland Golf administration and I will endeavour to tell the story and history of the development of the game and players during this time.

State Selector: My time as a state selector was a long learning curve and I found there were very good guidelines in place to select our state teams. As well as the State Championship results there were other criteria. The Pennants of the day was one of the selection criteria. The QLGU ran the Metropolitan Pennants (until Brisbane and District was formed and they took over the running of the Pennants in Brisbane and District), and players were allocated points on their performances. There was also a State 72 Hole Event, and of course the players own Club Championship. The Country Championships, which were held in Country Districts around Queensland, was another selection event. Only country players were eligible for this event but it was a prominent event in our ladies calendar. As a state selector we attended as many events as possible and this was a positive for our elite players. I was a state selector for 25 years and this role was very rewarding. I had the privilege of being non playing state captain many times and witnessed the development of wonderful potential in players. I will talk more about the players and the heights they reached when I describe my role as Chair of the Junior Sub Committee.

An important QLGU committee was the Match Committee . This was well run and again I must mention, all were volunteers. They arranged draws for tournaments, recorded all results and attended to any rule disputes that arose. During the playing of tournaments there was always a "Match" person on course. Just to reflect here, there were no motorised carts, so to attend to any on course problems the Match Committee had to go on foot. Rules Seminars were conducted by members of the Match Committee and they were of great value to the officials of all metropolitan and country clubs. The ladies from the Match Committee traveled to major country clubs. Representatives of the smaller clubs would travel to the seminars with some ladies traveling long distances. I look back now and realise how important these seminars were and how the state body reached out and helped these golfers, enabling them to run their own local Pennants and Championships with the knowledge they gained from the seminars.

Handicapping: Golf's handicapping system allows players of all standards to compete on a "level playing field". The QLGU had a State Handicapper responsible for monitoring ladies' handicaps throughout the State. In those days if lady golfers did not

return 5 cards for handicapping purposes in the current year their handicaps lapsed, and before they could compete in competitions they had to return 3 stroke rounds to re-establish their handicaps. Many reasons for lapsed handicaps arose, and if lady golfers suffered from an illness and recovered or were able to play but not as well as before, they could apply through their club handicapper to the State Handicapper for a temporary handicap. To play in major tournaments they always had to re-establish their ALGU handicap. The temporary handicap allowed them to play in their own club competitions.

An interesting footnote to handicapping is that during World War 11 handicaps were frozen from 1st January 1941 with only reductions to apply. No annual revisions were made for the duration of the War. Normal procedures resumed in 1946.

Scratch Score Sub Committee: During the early 1980s I was appointed to this committee, which did the ladies' ratings for all Queensland courses. In that capacity I traveled throughout Queensland with Noelene Lancaster rating and, if necessary, adjusting the ladies' scratch score of each club. Clubs could not decide their own scratch score. All scratch scores were decided by the QLGU Scratch Score Committee. The ALGU had put in place guidelines for establishing scratch scores, but the assessments were more accurate when made by the visiting Scratch Score Committee. Because I had been a State player I played a few holes on each course to get the "feel" of the terrain. All courses played differently. The country clubs welcomed our visits and the hospitality was outstanding.

The first country course we visited was Boulia, in far western Queensland. Noelene and I had been attending the Country Championships at Mt Isa and a plane, courtesy of Mt. Isa Mines, flew us to Boulia. The ladies met us at the airport and when we pulled up at Boulia Golf course I said, "Where is the golf course?" All I could see was dirt. Sure enough this was a true country course with dirt fairways and sand greens — my first experience of a golf course not being all "green". Next we were in the back of a truck driving down the 1st fairway defined by dirt. Dirt was graded to the side of all the fairways. On arriving at the "green" — yes, sand greens with players using a rake to make a line to the hole. Many of the country courses "teed up" to play their shots as there was no grass on the fairways and sometimes the fairways had dry, soft dirt. While we were in this area, Noelene and I took the opportunity to visit Normanton and Karumba Golf Courses, flying again courtesy of Mt Isa Mines. Our visit coincided with the opening of a new clubhouse at Normanton and included a train trip to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria. To cap that visit, after we had boarded the plane to fly back to Mt. Isa, the pilot radioed ahead



Karumba Golf Club sign



Mt Isa Golf Course

and discovered that the airport was closed as a storm had hit “drought stricken” Mt Isa. We spent that night in Normanton, arriving back at the Normanton clubhouse with the party for the opening of the clubhouse in full swing. We had the lady president of Mt Isa Club with us, so accommodation had to be found for three ladies and our pilot. This was a memorable night as we slept in our golf clothes and were without toothbrushes and other toiletries and, of course, didn’t have a change of clothes. We were up very early the next morning and although the storm was still around, the pilot was able to navigate his way around the stormy weather. It was a very

thankful trio landing at Mt Isa that morning.

One golf course that lives in my memory is a course just outside Rockhampton in Central Queensland District called Royal Dingo. Yes, their emblem was a dingo with a crown above his head. This course had sawdust greens (the sawdust was supplied by the local sawmill) and players had brooms to sweep their way to the hole. I don’t know if this course is still in play but I would like to think it is. This was many years ago, but I will never forget my first experiences with such courses. Many of the country courses in Queensland were just like those I have described, with local farmers often using their farm equipment to prepare the course for play. It did not spoil the golfers’ enjoyment of their golf. All the rules were followed and the handicaps in place for that era were adhered to strictly — hence the importance of ensuring the scratch score was correct. Noelene, my traveling companion on these visits to outback courses, called us the “Leyland Brothers”. These stories illustrate how different the handicapping system was then.

The Junior Sub Committee, was another committee on which I served as Indooroopilly’s delegate to the QLGU. Perhaps this was my most rewarding committee as in this role, particularly when I became Chair, I was able to help many of our young golfers on to the International stage. Some good programmes for Junior golfers were already in place, and camps were held during school holidays for our chosen squads. In early days a motel was used to accommodate our Junior golfers, but we then changed to boarding schools as our camps were held during vacation time. We also held camps at Kooralbyn where accommodation was readily available.

It would be remiss of me not to record that a magic Professional Coach, Ian Triggs, became our State Coach, and although it is not the intention to name many people in this story, mention must be made of Ian who has a talent for coaching that would be difficult to match. I also introduced a sports psychologist, Dr Ian Lynagh, who helped our junior squads. It also became clear to me that our golfers needed to be physically

fit and learn how to train for tournament play. I knew champion athlete, Daphne Pirie, who at that time was on the Board of the Queensland Academy of Sport and had been an Australian Hockey Champion. I invited Daph to come and instruct our squads, ensuring their fitness levels prepared them for the rigors of golf championships. It proved to be another wise move and the girls put into practice the advice given.

There were many junior camps, and not long after Ian became our State Coach we put in place a junior squad with such outstanding talent that I would like to name them. The squad in alphabetical order was Jo Anne Aitkin, Rachel Hetherington, Trudi Jeffrey, Lorraine Lambert, Nicole Lowien, Karen Pearce and Karrie Webb. The young golfers in this fantastic squad benefited greatly from Ian's expert coaching and communication skills, going on to represent Australia and become professional golfers. Many Queensland country golf clubs provided the opportunities that enabled young players to become elite golfers, including Karrie Webb from Ayr and Rachel Hetherington from Ipswich. Both Karrie and Rachel became world ranked players.

The first of the girls in this squad to turn professional was Nicole Lowien who signed a contract to play the pro circuit in Japan. The Company, JSM, was her sponsor, and Jack Sakazaki was the President of the Company. This association with Jack Sakazaki created the opportunity to stage the first ever Queensland Ladies Open Championship called the Hishiki Ladies Queensland Open played at Robina Golf Course on the Gold Coast. A representative from Ladies Professional Golf Association, Roberta Simpson, and I traveled to Japan to have further meetings for this inaugural tournament. The first tournament was held in 1991 and was an outstanding success. We staged another Hishiki Ladies Queensland Open the next year which was also an outstanding success. Unfortunately the tournament was only held for 2 years. The Japanese economy declined and JSM could not continue sponsoring the event. This had been a welcome sponsorship of women's professional golf tournaments in Australia. If Nicole had not been sponsored by Jack Sakazaki we would never have had the opportunity to hold the Hishiki Ladies Queensland Open, which we value as part of the history of Ladies Golf in Queensland.

Golf Australia was formed in 2006 as a merger



Hishiki Ladies Ticket



*The Hishiki committee (L to R
Pam Langford, Roberta Simpson,
Daph Pirie)*

(amalgamation) of the men's Australian Golf Union (AGU) and Womens Golf Australia. With amalgamation women's National and State bodies went out of existence, changing the culture of women's golf.



Jack Sakazaki with the volunteers

The Story Concludes

It has been a privilege to be part of the golfing world during these years and recall experiences over more than 50 years of Queensland Ladies Golf between the mid 1950s and 2010. You have read that it was a time when women had their own national and state bodies guiding the development of women's golf with wisdom and expertise. This story has highlighted the contribution made at state, national and international levels, by dedicated, willing volunteers, ensuring all players both junior and senior were nurtured and supported. A wealth of golf knowledge was passed on from generation to generation and programs were put in place to provide opportunities for talented golfers to reach their potential and for all golfers to enjoy the game. Yes, golf is a game for life.



This story is dedicated to my parents, George and Agnes Tait and my dear friend and supporter, Barbara Pyle.

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