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CHAMPION GOLFERS – WOMEN

KATH MORROW (nee Dixon) won the Club championship seven times between 1930 and 1938. She won her first Queensland Ladies Amateur Championship in 1932 and was again successful in 1934 when the event was played at Indooroopilly.

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Kath Dixon, of
Indooroopilly Golf Club,
has a Sensational Win

NEW GOLF CHAMPION

A new star has risen on the golfing horizon, and followers of the game are feeling quite dazzled by her brilliance. In her first championship match Miss Kath Dixon, who is just out of her teens, has gained the coveted State title, and proved herself to be one of the outstanding players in Australia.

GRETA FRASER won the Club championship five times between 1947 and 1959. Unfortunately there are no photographs of Greta in Club archives.



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AUDREY HOLT was born in NSW in 1907 and was a professional dancer, touring to Western Australia in the chorus of JC Williamson's Rose Marie. She never lost her love of being on stage as she starred in many Indooroopilly Golf Club Christmas concerts. Audrey married James Holt, a brilliant young engineer, and started her golf at Ryde Golf Club where she was Associates Champion in 1931. James transferred to Brisbane as chief engineer on the Story Bridge, later became Coordinator General and earned a knighthood. When they arrived in Brisbane transport was a problem so Audrey joined Brisbane Golf Club where she travelled by train from Brunswick Street to Yeerongpilly. She was in the first Queensland team sent away for interstate matches (Sydney 1938) and in 1945 she beat the legendary Dot Hood to become Brisbane Golf Club Associates Champion.

The Holt family moved to a house opposite Ironside State School in 1939 and after the war she joined Indooroopilly, often walking to golf with club professional, Ossie Walker, a great friend who lived opposite. Audrey had four children and son Adrian remembered when his mother was playing 36 holes, being left with the greenkeepers whilst the younger children were brought over by their nanny for lunch.

Audrey captained the winning Queensland Gladys Hay team in 1956. She was Women's Captain from 1948-52, Women's Club Champion in 1954 and '56, Women's President from 1972-74 and in 1981 was awarded life membership of the Club.

In her later years Lady Holt still contributed to the Club and was in charge of the cake stall for Charity Day for years. Even after a stroke left her with one weak arm, she managed to turn out magnificent fruit cakes – her last one at the pennant party in 1993 judged her best ever.



Audrey Holt (Women's Vice-Captain) (left) with Phyl Dixon (Women's Captain) in 1947



Audrey Holt & Marjorie Godbold watching 1950 Australian Women's Champs at RQ



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1951 Queensland team
Standing L-R: Blanche Otto, Hilma Taylor, Gloria Small
Seated L-R: Joan Fletcher, Audrey Holt (captain), Judy Percy



1956 Queensland team
Back L-R: Jean Cudmore, Judy Percy, Audrey Holt (Capt), Joan Fletcher, Gloria Small
Front: Meg Stewart



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JOAN IRVING was a member of Indooroopilly from 1948 until 1967 and worked in the office, firstly with John Armstrong and then with Alby Willett. Joan was a fine golfer and won the women's championship in 1952, '53, '62, '63 and '64 and the foursomes championship ten times. Pam Langford remembered playing Joan in Club championship finals many times during the fifties and sixties and had a vivid memory of one wet final with the 9th and 10th fairways at St Lucia flooded. Jack Surman loaded players, caddies and clubs onto the back of a tractor and ferried them across the flooded fairways. Joan represented Queensland for many years as a player and a captain and in 1986 she began a long list of Australian team captaincies and also became a national selector.



1963 Queensland team

L-R: Joan Irving, Margaret North, Biddy Anderson, Anne Alletson, Joan Fletcher, Pam Langford



Joan Irving in her Australian blazer – 1986



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PAM LANGFORD joined the Club in 1957 and went on to win ten Club championships, her first at age eighteen. Her mother, Mrs G W Tait, had been Club Champion in 1949 and her father was a pennant player of considerable ability.

Pam represented Queensland with Gail Corry, when they won the first junior interstate series to be held in Australia. They later donated the Junior Jug trophy for match play between the districts of Queensland to commemorate their win. Pam played in and captained many Queensland teams and represented Indooroopilly in pennants for decades.

Twenty years of golf administration culminated in Pam being named President of Women's Golf Queensland in 1996. Pam and her male counterpart, Queensland Golf Union President Peter Davies, completed an historic double for Indooroopilly. It was the first time that presidents of WGQ and QGU had come from the same club.



1960 Queensland team

L-R: Judy Percy, Biddy Anderson, Joan Fletcher, Blanche Otto, Pam Langford, Gail Corry

Pam remembered the 1960 Queensland team catching the train to compete in the interstate series in Sydney.



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L-R: Pam Langford, Gail Corry, Sue Nagel & Sue Morphett in Sydney at the 1961 NSW match play championship, which Pam won.



Pam Langford – President of Women's Golf Queensland 1996

MARGARET DIXON was first encouraged to take up golf by her sister-in-law, Kath Morrow (nee Dixon) who was a former women's Indooroopilly Club Champion.

Margaret joined Indooroopilly in 1946 and was women's Club Champion in 1971 and 1973. She was also successful in the foursomes championship nine times. She captained the silver pennant team for many years during the sixties and seventies and was Women's Captain from 1969-70.

Her daughter, Jocelyn, continued the family tradition and in 2008 celebrated her own milestone of fifty years' Club membership.



Margaret Dixon in 1990



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FAY PAYNE won her first Club championship in 1977 and her 6 and 4 win over junior Jodie Green gave her a ninth title in 1995.

During her time at Indooroopilly Fay also won the women's foursomes championship an amazing sixteen times and won the Australian seniors championship three times in succession from 1994-96. In 1992 she was runner-up to Loraine Lambert in the Queensland championships and in the same year was beaten by Jane Leary (later a touring professional) in the final of the Australian Amateur Championship in South Australia. Margaret Davies (Women's President 1999-2000) travelled to Adelaide with Fay and caddied for the whole week.



Fay Payne, as captain of the winning Division 1 pennant team in 2000.



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JOAN FLETCHER started her golf at Maryborough and played at Brisbane Golf Club until she joined Indooroopilly in 1976.

Whilst working full-time for the Commonwealth Bank, Joan managed to carve out an amazing golfing career. She represented Queensland and Australia many times – as a player for twenty years from the late 40's through the 60's and as non-playing captain in the 70's.

Her accomplishments include:

- Runner-up – Australian championship 1948, '55, '56
- Winner – Australian foursomes championship 1956, '58
- Winner – New Zealand foursomes championship 1949, '56
- Semi-finalist – British and Italian championships 1959
- Winner of eight Queensland championships between 1948 and 1964
- Winner of two Queensland mixed foursomes championships (including with Peter Davies in 1959)



Joan playing at Maryborough GC in 1947



1950 Australian team - L-R: Joan Fletcher, Joan Fisher, Judith Percy, Leonora Wray, Pat Borthwick, Barbara Gowing, Maxine Bishop

This photograph was taken on board SS Orion on arrival at Tilbury Docks, England on 5 May, having left Sydney on 4 April. Joan recalled the team having 128 pieces of luggage which included huge quantities of food parcels. Team members were billeted by local families and always left a food parcel as the UK still had stringent food rationing in the postwar years.

The tour of the British Isles finished with a farewell dinner at The Dorchester on 7 July. Joan, together with Maxine Bishop and Judith Percy, then toured Scotland, England and the continent for two and a half months in an Austin A40 car provided by UK Motors in Brisbane, arriving back in Sydney on the RMS Orcades in late October.



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Joan served on the QLGU and ALGU committees for many years and was an Australian selector in 1975 and '76.

She represented IGC in weekend pennants and in Grade 1 pennants for more than two decades, was women's Vice-Captain in 1994 and worked with our junior girls for many years after that, continuing her commitment to junior golf throughout her golfing career.

In 2009 Joan was awarded honorary membership of the Club.



Joan Fletcher, still swinging sweetly during a semi final of the 1998 Club championships



Joan Fletcher – Indooroopilly Plate winner in 1999



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LYNDAL PLANT won her sixth Club championship in 2020, defeating junior and defending champion Ilani Short on the 38th hole in the final.

Lyndal's sixth Championship win came an incredible 35 years after her first in 1985".

Lyndal joined Indooroopilly in 1983 from North Queensland when she arrived in Brisbane to begin work at the Queensland Forestry Department. She had played schoolgirl golf for Queensland and was on a five handicap so was a welcome addition to the Grade 1 pennant team.

Apart from a brief sojourn in Perth Lyndal has been part of the pennant team for many years, in spite of full time work as an arborist with the Brisbane City Council.



Lyndal Plant – Club Champion in 2008

LORAIN LAMBERT and RACHEL HETHERINGTON

Loraine won the women's Club championship in 1991 and 1992 and Rachel was successful in 1993. They were members of Indooroopilly's winning Grade 1 pennant teams from 1991-93, won numerous amateur titles in Australia and New Zealand and were selected in Queensland and Australian teams during that period.

In 1994 both girls turned professional. Loraine and Rachel were winners on the European tour and Rachel went on to become a top ten player on the LPGA tour in the USA.



Queensland team after winning the 1993 Gladys Hay interstate series

L-R: Loraine Lambert, Carmel Hajjar, Cheryl Cowie (Non-playing Captain), Jane Bell, Karrie Webb, Simone Williams & Rachel Hetherington



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ANGELA HARRIS



Angela won Club championships in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2001. She turned professional in 2002.

EMILY TANKEY



Emily was women's Club Champion in 2006, '07 and '09.

JODIE GREEN



Jodie won Club championships in 2002, '03 and '04. She turned professional in 2004.

ILANI SHORT



Ilani was Club Champion in 2019, 2021 & 2022. She accepted an offer from Baylor University in the USA to join their Women's Golf Program in 2023. Further information on Ilani can be found in the Junior Section..



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