



## WOMEN GOLFERS

- Charlotte Country Club's history of supporting amateur and women's golf goes back to the beginning of the Club's history. In 1922, the Club hosted the first invitational tournament of the Women's Carolinas Golf Association, a recently formed organization to promote excellence in all levels of women's amateur golf. Dorothy Dotger of Charlotte won the first tournament and broke three golfing records at Charlotte Country Club.
- North Carolina is the home of exceptional female golf talent. Several famous North Carolina amateur golfers include:
  - o *Peggy Kirk Bell* - Amateur and pro golf star. Member 1950 Curtis Cup team. Won prestigious Titleholders Tournament in 1949. Named LPGA Teacher-of-the-year in 1961. Recipient of Bobby Jones Award in 1990. Founded, with late husband Bullet, famed Pine Needles Resort.
  - o *Marge Burns* - A five-time winner of the Teague Award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the Carolinas. Ten times State golf champion, six times Carolinas champion. LPGA Teacher-of-the-Year in 1976. Member Carolina's Golf Hall of Fame.
  - o *Page Marsh* - Continued family tradition of outstanding golfers as a 4-time MVP on women's golf team at UNC-Chapel Hill. Won the 1989 North-South Amateur. Qualified for three U.S. Opens as amateur. Women's International Four-Ball champion in 1994.
  - o *Estelle Lawson Page* - Generally regarded as North Carolina's greatest woman golfer. Won U.S. Amateur Championship in 1937, was Carolinas Amateur champion seven times and also won North Carolina Amateur title three times.

## AMATEUR STATUS

The USGA writes and maintains the Rules of Amateur Status. An "amateur golfer" is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules.

### **THE USGA** - *What is the difference between the USGA and the PGA or the LPGA?*

The USGA is the not-for-profit governing body of the game of golf. Existing to preserve and protect golf's tradition, this organization monitors the rules of golf and equipment standards in an effort to ensure that skill rather than technology represents the essence of the game. The USGA also provides a variety of other services to the sport of golf including maintaining a National Handicap and Course Rating System and preserving an extensive collection of golf memorabilia at its museum and library. On behalf of all golfers, both amateur and professional, the USGA conducts three Open championships each year - Men's, Senior Men's and Women's - and 10 Amateur championships.

The PGA (the Professional Golfers Association of America) and the LPGA (the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America) are organizations of individual professional golfers. Both the PGA and LPGA conduct tournaments for their members. Also, members of these associations provide expert golf instruction and are involved in a number of other local activities. The USGA has a close working relationship with these organizations.