

THE CAPTAINS YEAR  
BOOK

1931 – 1953

THE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF  
ASSOCIATION

LANCASHIRE BRANCH

# The Veteran Ladies' Golf Association

Founded 1921 by Miss M.E. Stringer.

Members :- { must have attained the age of 50 years  
must be or have been a member of a recognized Golf Club.

BRANCHES :- { Northern Division :- Lancashire (1931)  
Yorkshire  
Cheshire (1937)  
Northumberland  
Durham (1960)  
Cumbria (Oct. 1980)  
Southern Counties  
Midland Counties  
Scottish Counties  
Welsh Northern Counties  
New South Wales  
British East Africa ?

Lancashire members could be Country Members of the V.L.G.A. (cont.)

In 1961 these Lancashire Veteran Ladies were Country Members :-

Mrs Abraham, Mrs Forbes-Cooper, Miss Corlett, Lady Fell, Miss Firth, Mrs Newton  
Mrs Stewart, & Mrs R. Hodson.

In 1954 ~ Miss E. Corlett won the Championship (played at Rly. Wimbledon)  
(as a Country Member)

## The Veteran Ladies' Golf Associations -

- ~ run Meetings (competitions) for Members,
- run a County Team,
- run a Championship (started in 1938 ~ Lanes),  
("1986 - Northern Division Championship")
- collect Subscriptions from the Members,
- and set a minimum age for entry to the  
Association.

The Divisional Veteran Ladies' Golf Associations  
ie North, South, Midlands, and Scotland,  
run Teams for the Jamboree (started in 1960),  
and host the Jamboree in rotation.

Lancashire hosts in 1962 and 1982 ✓ 2006  
Mrs Miller-Stirling gave the Trophy.



# LANCASHIRE BRANCH

## The Veteran Ladies' Golf Association.

Founded in 1931 by Mrs T. H. Miller and Mrs A. Whitehead.  
(photograph)

### BOOK I ~ CAPTAINS

1931 - 33.	~ Mrs T. H. Miller	~ Ryl. Lytham & St. Anne's G.C.	
1934 - 35	~ Mrs A. Whitehead	~ Formby Ladies'	" "
1936 - 37	~ Lady Fell M.B.E. J.P.	~ Ulverston	" "
1938	~ Mrs P. Schofield	Ryl. Lytham & St. Anne's	" "
1939	~ Mrs Forbes Cooper	West Lancashire	" "
1940 - 41	~ Mrs A. M. Sagar	Ormskirk	" "
1942 -	~ Mrs A. Leibert	Ryl. Lytham & St. Anne's	" "
1949	~ Mrs D. I. Abraham	Formby Ladies'	" "
1950	~ Mrs Matthew Clarke	West Lancashire	" "
1951	~ Mrs E. Medrington	Ryl. Birkdale	" "
1952	~ Mrs W. P. Scott	Formby Ladies'	" "
1953	~ Miss L. Jones	Manchester	" "
		Ryl. Lytham & St. Anne's	" "



# BOOK I

# PRESIDENTS

1934 - 41 Mrs T. H. Miller

1950 Mrs Leggatt

1951 - 65 Lady Fell.

# VICE - PRESIDENTS

1932 ~ 35 Mrs A. Whitehead

1950 ~ 70 Mrs P. Schofield

1950 ~ 57 Miss L. Jones

1950 ~ 51 Lady Fell.

# SECRETARIES

1931 ~ 33. Mrs Leggatt, Assistant ~ Mrs Hernon

1934 ~ 38 Mrs Hernon

1938 ~ 47 Mrs Leggatt

1948 - 64 Mrs Forbes-Cooper.

# TREASURERS

1931 - 33 Mrs Leggatt, Assistant ~ Mrs Hernon.

1934 - 57 Miss L. Jones.



Marta Miller

Jessica  
Tosette  
Frances  
Miller  
née  
Pearson

born on Anglesey (Wales)

1931 - 33

Mrs T. H. Miller (Issette)

(1861 - 1941)

died 1941

Ryl Wimbledon & Ryl Llytham & St Annes.

Founder of the Ladies Golf Union and the Championship 1893

Presented the Miller Shield (Fylde Clubs) in 1926.

Presented the Lancashire Handicap Shield in 1928.

Founder of the Veteran Ladies Golf Association, Lancashire Branch 1931

"To bring together the Lancashire Veteran Lady Golfers"

First Meeting - March 1931 at Formby - 26 present  
(Chaired by Mrs Miller Miss E Corlett <sup>was</sup> asked to take the Minutes)

Second Meeting - Sept. 1931 at Ryl Llytham & St Annes G.C.

(Mrs Miller and Mrs Whitehead thanked for starting the Association)

First Committee:-  
N.W. Miss Holloway & Mrs Walton  
S.W. Mrs Whitehead & Mrs Hernon (Formby)  
E. Mrs Bird (Nelson) & Mrs Green (Burnley)  
S.E. Mrs Lloyd Jones (M/j) +

Members' Subscription 2/6.

Hon Sec:- Mrs Leggatt. Ass. Mrs Hernon.  
(1932) County Captains:- Mrs Forbes Cooper  
(1932) Mrs E. B. Walker (1931) Mrs Lloyd Jones

Matches Lancashire v Yorkshire.

1. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1931 at Ryl Llytham & St Annes G.C.: Yorkshire won 4-3.

2. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1932 at Ilkley: Lancashire won 5-2.

3. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1933 at Fairhaven: Lancashire won 5-2.

Lancashire team members:- Mrs Miller, Mrs Schofield & Mrs Heibert (Ryl Llytham)  
Mrs Campbell, Mrs Rollo, Mrs Gittins, Miss Evans, & Mrs De Beis Adam (Formby)  
Mrs Brookes & Mrs Holdsworth (Fairhaven) Mrs Lloyd Jones (Manchester)  
Mrs McConnell (Withington) Mrs Hargreaves (Birkdale) Mrs Davidson (Huyton)  
Mrs Gardner & Mrs Mason (West Lancashire)

Match North v South. 1932 (April) at Beaconsfield.

Northerneam - 3 from Cheshire: 2 from Yorkshire: 2 from Lancashire

Mrs Halsale &

Members' Competition May 1933.

(1933) Mrs Campbell







1934-35 Mrs A. Whitehead (Laura)

Formby Ladies.

(died early 1935.)

Co-founder of the Veteran Ladies' Golf Assoc. Lancashire Branch  
Vice President of the Lancashire Lady Veterans' Association.

Matches. Lancashire v Yorkshire

1934 at Starbeck (Harrogate) : Yorkshire won 6-1.

1935 at Formby : Lancashire won.

Lancashire team members:- Mrs Forbes Cooper v Mrs Gardner (West Lancashire)

Miss Sproule Mrs Shackleton Mrs Holdsworth (Fairhaven)

Miss L. Jones (Manchester) <sup>Ryl. Lytham & Anne.</sup>

Mrs Sagar (Ormskirk) Mrs P Schofield (Ryl. Lytham)

Mrs Campbell (Formby)

Mrs Herbert (Ryl. Lytham & Anne)

Mrs Walmsley (Burnley)

Matches: North v South.

1934 at Pannal C.C. : North won.

1935 at Wentworth : South won.

Lancashire members considered for the teams:- Mrs Forbes Cooper  
Mrs Campbell, Miss L. Jones, Mrs De Bels Adam, Mrs Herbert (reserve)

Meetings (Members' Competitions)

1934-County Captain - Lady Fell M.B.E. J.P.

1935-County Captain Mrs P Hodson.

1934 Spring - at West Lancashire C.C.

Autumn at Blackpool North Shore C.C.

Entrance Fee 2/6 Putting 6d.

Committee 1935-36

Hon. Secretary - Mrs Hernon <sup>(Formby)</sup>  
1934-38

Hon. Treasurer - Miss L. Jones  
1934-57.

N.W. Miss Holloway & Mrs Herbert (Ryl. Lytham)

S.W. Mrs Leggatt (Formby) Mrs Mason (West Lanes)

E. Mrs Green (Burnley) Mrs Walmsley (Burnley)

S.E. Mrs L. Jones (Manchester) Mrs McConnell (died)



1936-37     Lady Fell     M.B.E. J.P.     died 1965

Ulverston G.C.

1950 ~ Vice President.     1951-65 ~ President.

1950 ~ Donated the "Silver Slipper" Trophy (for <sup>members</sup> over 65 years).

1934 ~ County Captain.

MATCHES

1936     North v South at Birkdale G.C.

Open Meeting the following day.

Lancashire v Yorkshire ~ Yorkshire won.

Present Committee elected until 1937.

Member for S.E. co-opted owing to Mrs McConnell's death.

Jan 1936     £15 in the Bank.

1937     Cheshire formed their Branch of the V.L.G.A.

County Captain - Mrs E.E. Smith M.B.E. J.P.





1937 - 38 Mrs P. Schofield (Agnes)

Royal Lytham & St Annes G.C.

? Vice President 1970 from 1950, 1950.

(1st) 1938. (at West Lancs Prestons)  
 { Championship Meeting - Match Play (scratch) 16 lowest handicaps  
 (see next page) Trophy - A Silver Salver (£8.45 - bought out of funds)  
Winner - Mrs P. Forbes Cooper (defeated Mrs E Gardner in final) (34 entries)  
Subsidiary Competitions 1st Day - Medal  
 2nd Day - Bogey.  
Autumn Meeting (record entry 54 members from 15 clubs)

Matches:- { North v South at Wentworth: South won.

Lancs v Cheshire (1st match) at Formby: Lancs won

Lancs. v Yorks. at Ryl Lytham: Lancs lost.

Lancashire Team members - Mrs Forbes Cooper Mrs Sagar  
 Miss Sproule, Miss Kirkham, Mrs Holdsworth Mrs Whitehead  
 Mrs Wallwork (reserve) Mrs Shackleton.

(Ass. Sec. 1931-33. Secretary 1934-38) Mrs Hernon retired (sent a gold wristlet watch + silver cigarette box from members.)

Entrance forms introduced

Annual Subscription increased to 5/-

New Committee Members:- Mrs Schofield (Ryl Lytham) Mrs Thornber (Burnley)  
 Mrs Shackleton, Mrs Leibert

Retiring Members of Committee:- Mrs L. Jones (M.C. Major)  
 Miss Holloway (Ryl L.) Mrs Bird

County Captain - Mrs A.D. Dean.



## CHAMPIONSHIP SALVER. (see previous page)

1938~

- { 16 lowest handicaps
- { Match play over 2 days (scratch)
- { 2 Subsidiary Competitions - Medal + Bogey.

1973~ to 1985

(Lost in transit from the Jewellers. Replaced in 1978)

- { 4 best gross scores (Championship Meeting)
- { Match play on a neutral course.
- { (from 1973 to 1990 Silver Slipper Medal Competition took place along with Championship Meeting)

1986 ~ 1996

- { 8 best gross scores.
- { Match play on the two following days. Venue the same as the Championship Meeting.

1996~

- 16 best gross scores ~ the Match play
- 3 day event ~ the same Venue.

NB. 1947 and 1948 - Trophy for Best Aggregate Scratch Score for Spring & Autumn Meetings (after War Years)





Owned by Mrs (Maud) Dean  
County Capt  
1932.  
Mrs Pratt's  
(West hanes)  
Mother.  
1939 Ladies Golf  
Veteran Assoc. 1939?  
nothing in records about this!

1938-39 Mrs P. Forbes Cooper

died 1962

West Lancashire G.C.

County Captain 1933

Secretary of the Association 1948-58-64

Vice President 1959-66 President 1966-68 of the Association.

Matches. North v South<sup>50</sup> at Alwoodley: North won.

Lanes v Yorks. postponed - Political Crisis - played at Bradford later.

Cheshire v Lanes. at Wirral Ladies - Cheshire won.

40 members - (membership fallen)

3 Competition Meetings.  
1939.

(S. Moor Hillside) (Formby) (Ryl. Lytham)  
Spring: Championship: Autumn.

Committee (new members.) 1938 Lady Fell, Mrs Tagg, Mrs Wallwork.

County Captains Mrs A. Steel. 1938

Mrs G.B. Wallwork 1939.

{ Hon. Secretary - Mrs Leggatt. 1938-47.  
Hon. Treasurer - Miss Lily Jones 1934-57

1940 ~ 47 Mrs A.M. Sagar

Ormskirk G.C.

1953 County Captain

WAR YEARS.

SPRING 1947 ~ Notices sent to all the Lancashire  
G.Clubs, to revive the Association.

County Captain 1947 - Mrs A.M. Murphy



photo-copy on the right

1948 Mrs A. Leibert. (Audrey K.)

Royal Lytham and St Annes G.C.

1913 ~ County Captain.

(sister of Mrs Meddington  
Captain 1951)

1947 and 1948 ~ Championship Trophy ~ for best  
aggregate scratch score for Spring and Autumn

Hon. Secretary - Mrs Forbes Cooper.

Hon Treasurer - Miss Lily Jones.

County Captain ~ Mrs A. Gardner.

Meetings.  
Lancs. v. Cheshire Match - photo \*  
Team Members - Clark, Gardner, Meddington,  
MacDonald, Scott, Walker, Mr Holmes.





Mrs A. M. Sagar



1949 Mrs E.C. Abraham J.P (Doris I) died 1968

1936 - Captain British Team v France.

Formby Ladies' G.C.

1952. County Captain  
County Secretary 1939.  
County President  
Chairman of L.G.U. and ELGA. 1935-36  
and 1937-40

(ELGA Abraham Junior Trophy dedicated to her memory.)

1965 Vice President & Trustee L.G.U.

MATCHES ~ { North v South at Ry'l. Liverpool G.C. - North won.  
Lancashire v Yorkshire at Formby - followed by Dinner in Southport.  
No match with Cheshire

MEETINGS ~ { Championship ~ Winner ~  
Autumn Meeting ~ Ladies of Fairhaven G.C. offered prizes  
SILVER SLIPPER TROPHY ~ given by Lady Fell.

See next page.

1. Best Nett Score for Ladies 65 yrs old and over.
2. 1949-1972 : Played for twice each year at Spring and Autumn Meetings.
3. 1973-1990 Played in conjunction with Championship Meetings.
4. See Silver Slipper Albums for photographs and names of the winners.

COMMITTEE ~ Miss E. Dickinson resigned ~ Mrs Chambers took her place.

DRAFT RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION ~ passed and circulated.  
County Captain ~ Miss A. Blunn. (see next page.)

1950

# VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION LANCASHIRE BRANCH

1.—The Association shall be called "The Veteran Ladies' Golf Association, Lancashire Branch" (hereinafter called "The Association").

Every year of the Association shall begin on 1st January, and the term "The Association Year" shall mean any year commencing on 1st January.

## Memberships.

2.—The following persons are eligible for membership of the Association, viz., Any lady who has attained the age of 50 years and who is a member past or present of any Golf Club which is a Lancashire Club within the meaning of the Rules of the L.G.U., and who is also qualified for membership of the Lancashire Ladies' County Golf Association under the County Golf Regulations of the L.G.U.

Any such lady wishing to become a member of the Association shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Association, and her name shall be submitted to the Committee hereinafter mentioned. The Committee shall have power, subject to these Rules, to elect members to the Association as they may deem advisable, and may also in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion and without being liable to account for their action in this respect refuse to admit into and may expel from the Association any person whatsoever.

## Subscriptions.

3.—The annual subscription of each member shall be 5/- and the same shall be payable in January.

No member whose subscription is in arrears may play in any match or competition promoted by the Association nor vote at any General Meeting of the Association.

Any member desiring to resign membership of the Association must give notice in writing to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association on or before December

The Committee shall also act as the Selection Committee and shall choose the players to take part in matches promoted by the Association.

5.—(b) The Committee may delegate all or any of its powers of management to any sub-committee which may be nominated by the Committee.

(c) The Officials of the Association shall retire annually, but all or any of them shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) All Officials of the Association shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

## Meetings.

6.—(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during January or February of each year, on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Committee, for the purpose of:—

- (a) Reading and confirming of Minutes of last Meeting.
- (b) Reading Statement of Accounts and passing them
- (c) Captain's Report.
- (d) Election of President and Vice-Presidents.
- (e) Election of Officials.
- (f) Election of Committee.
- (g) Any other Business.

(b) Fourteen days' notice of such Annual General Meeting shall be sent in writing to each member of the Association. Notices of Motion for the agenda of such Annual General Meeting must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than December 1st of each year.

(c) Special General Meetings shall be called by (a) the Committee; (b) on a requisition signed by at least ten members and lodged with the Hon. Secretary of the Association. Such Meeting shall be forthwith convened by the Hon. Secretary and at least nine days' notice given to each member of the Association.



photo required.

## THE SILVER SLIPPER TROPHY. (French)

presented by Lady Fell in 1949.

for the best nett score ~ for ladies 65 years old & over.  
(the winner gives a prize for the winner the following year.)

Engraved on the sole of the Slipper, "Presented at the Veterans' Meeting  
Ranelagh ~ 1930"

1949 ~ 1972 Played for twice yearly at the Spring and Autumn Meetings.

1973 ~ 1990 Played for at the Championship Meeting.

{ 1987 - the Slipper was stolen from Ryl. Lytham & St Annes G.C.

{ 1988 - A new Slipper bought £575 - £45 donated by Ryl Lytham ladies section. G.C. Council.

1991 ~ A separate Competition (owing to increase in competitors.)

See Silver Slipper Albums ~

~ giving names and photographs of the Winners.



Mrs H. Leggatt  
PRESIDENT



1950 ~ Mrs Matthew Clark (Gertrude Agnes "Tommie")  
West Lancashire G.C.

1927 - County Captain

1928 ~ Presented the County Scratch Shield.

1952 ~ Northern Counties' V.L.G.A ~ Secretary.

MATCHES ~ { North v South at West Hill G.C. ~ South won.

see opposite page -

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP ~ Yorkshire won.

THE RICHARDSON TROPHY given by Miss Richardson (Yorks)  
Scratch matches with Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland  
and Cheshire.

MEETINGS ~ { Championship ~ winner Mrs Barbour

Silver Slipper at Spring + Autumn Meetings.  
usually May + September.

PRESIDENT - Mrs Hilda Leggatt. { Lancs V.L.G.A. Secretary 1931-33 and 1938-47.  
County Captain 1923.  
County Secretary/Treasurer 1914 - 1951

VICE-PRESIDENTS ~ Mrs P. Schofield; Lady Fell; Miss L. Jones.

COUNTY CAPTAIN ~ Mrs W.P. Scott (Formby L.) see photo 1952.

Secretary - Northern Counties V.L.G.A ~ Mrs Temple-Dobell. (Cheshire)





## THE RICHARDSON TROPHY.

The Northern Division V.L.G.A. Trophy,

given by ~ Miss Richardson ~ a Yorkshire County  
(Baildon G.C.) 1933 and 1935 played for Yorkshire veterans

Scratch Matches with Northern County V.L.G.A. teams.

Teams of 7 players, and matches at home one year and away  
the next year.

Result { 1) on matches  
2) on points (if necessary.)  
With equal points Counties share possession

Started 1950 ~ with Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, and  
Northumberland.

1960 ~ Durham included.

1981 ~ Cumbria included.

photo of Members  
brooch



1951

Mrs C. Medrington . (Frances Elsie)

died 1986  
aged 98 yrs

{ Lytham + St Annes G.C. (early years)  
Birkdale G.C. and Formby Ladies' G.C.

{ 1909 - played 3 times for England in Home Internationals at Birkdale.  
1909; 1910; 1920, and 1922. ~ County Champion (brother Rex, lanes Champion)  
in 1920.  
1904 - 1913 - played for Lancashire 36 times.  
1927 - 28 ~ played for Lancashire 9 times  
1922 - COUNTY CAPTAIN.

(sister Mrs Herbert - Capt. 194)

MATCHES - { Richardson Trophy ~ Cheshire won  
North v South at Alnmouth ~

MEETINGS ~ { Championship at Hillside ~ winner Mrs B. Newton  
Spring and Autumn Meetings with Silver Slipper Trophy (Birkdale)

{ President - Lady Fell.

Suggested that Association should have its own badge  
19/6 each.

County Captain ~ Mrs Chambers J.P. (Captain 1958)

V.L.G.A. Northern Division - President - Mrs Allsop. 1951 - 67. (4th time) (2nd)  
Secretary - Mrs Temple Dobell. 1950 - 1951





1952 Mrs W. P. Scott (Isabella) *died 1960*

**FORMBY LADIES**

1950 County Captain (*County Treasurer after Mrs Leggatt*)  
Donor of Scott-Leggatt Trophy - County Foursomes  
*presented originally by Mrs Scott in memory of Hilda Leggatt.*  
*- County Captain 1923: County Hon Treasurer, 1914-1951*  
*Secretary*

Matches.

Richardson Trophy (*between Lancs. Yorks. Ches. & North H.*)  
 won by YORKSHIRE.

North v South at Royal Mid-Surrey - South won  
*Four players from Lancashire chosen from North.*

Meetings

Championship Trophy - winner Mrs B Newton  
*(Birkdale)*

*Spring & Autumn Meeting as usual.*  
 V. h. G.A. Northern Division: - Mrs Matthew Clarke - Secretary

County Captain - Mrs E.C. Abraham J.P.

*in place of Mrs Temple Cobell*

*Cheshire - mother of Mrs Nottingham  
 Captain Northern Division 1981.*

Photo copy - <sup>County</sup> Mrs Scott - presenting the Championship Trophy to Frances Stephens  
 at Southport & Ainsdale - in 1950 (when County Captain)



1953 ~ Miss L. Jones (Lily)

Royal Lytham & St Annes G.C.

1930 ~ County Captain.

1934-57 ~ Hon. Treasurer of the Association

1950-57 ~ Vice-President of the Association. ?

*may have been Mrs Lloyd Jones*

MATCHES ~

Richardson Trophy ~ Yorkshire won

North v South at Royal Birkdale - North won.

MEETINGS ~

Championship Trophy ~ winner Mrs B. Newton  
(Ryl. Birkdale)

Autumn & Spring Meetings.

121 Members of the Association.

County Captain ~ Mrs Sagar.