

THE CAPTAINS YEAR
BOOK

1954 – 1969

THE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF
ASSOCIATION

LANCASHIRE BRANCH

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The Veteran Ladies' Golf Association

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

BOOK II CAPTAINS

1954	Mrs A. E. Gardner	West Lancashire G. C.
1955	Mrs A. Coates	Ryl. Lytham & St Anne's - -
1956	Mrs D. N. Stewart	Ryl. Birkdale " "
1957	Mrs G. E. Openshaw	Ryl. Lytham & St Anne's - -
1958	Mrs A. Chambers	Whalley " "
1959	Mrs M. Cheetham	Ormskirk " "
1960 - 61	Miss J. D. Firth	Formby Ladies' -
1962	Miss E. Corlett	Ryl. Lytham & St Anne's - -
1963	Mrs W. G. Williamson	West Derby " "
1964	Mrs B. M. Newton	Royal Birkdale " "
1965	Miss E. Shutt	Pleasington " "
1966	Mrs K. P. Taylor	Manchester " "
1967	Mrs H. W. Garforth	Blackpool N th . Shore " "
1968	Mrs A. R. G. Robertson	West Lancashire " "
1969	Miss M. C. Stewart	Penwortham " "

BOOK II PRESIDENTS

1951 - 65	Lady Fell
1966 - 68	Mrs Forbes Cooper
1969 - 71	Mrs G. E. Openshaw.

VICE - PRESIDENTS

1950 - 57	Miss L. Jones.
1950 - 66 - 70	Mrs P. Schofield.
1959 - 65	Mrs Forbes Cooper.

BOOK II SECRETARIES

1948 - 64	Mrs Forbes Cooper
1965 - 68	Miss E. Corlett.
1969	Mrs H. W. Garforth.

BOOK II TREASURERS

1934 - 57	Miss L. Jones.
1958 - 68	Mrs G. E. Openshaw.
1969 - 75	Miss E. Corlett.

Championship Trophy ~ see Book I ~ 1938

Silver Slipper Trophy ~ see Book I ~ 19⁴9

Richardson Trophy ~ see Book I ~ 1950



1954 Mrs A.E. Gardner (Dora)

West Lancashire G.C.

1948 County Captain. County Champion ~ 1908
County Treasurer ~ 1910

MATCHES

{ Richardson Trophy won by Lancashire
for first time since the inauguration in 1950
North v South at West Hill ~ South won.
East v South-East Lanes. v South West v North West Lanes.
at Clitheroe.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY ~ winner Mrs M. Brooks.

Spring and Autumn Meetings as usual ~ with Silver Slipper Competition!

VETERANS ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP ~ winner Miss E. Corlett.

County Captain ~ Mrs D. Redmayne.
(at Royal Wimbledon)

Country Member.
See Book I. p.1.



ELSIE
CORLETT

FIRST of the 1954 crop of champions is Miss Elsie Corlett who captured the Veteran Ladies' Golf Association championship at Royal Wimbledon when she defeated Mrs. Sturges-Wells by 3 and 1 in the 18 holes final. Enid Wilson ~ May 1954.



1955 Mrs A. Coates (Dorothy E.)

Royal Lytham & St Annes G.C.

Captains' badge introduced. (see 1987 - larger photograph.)

MEETINGS.

Championship Trophy ~ winner Mrs D. Wood.

Silver Slipper ~ Mrs Hickson had won trophy 5 times
Winners Mrs Fairbairn } suggested that small memento be
 Mrs Almond } given to her.

MATCHES.

NORTH v SOUTH at Starbeck ~ NORTH WON
"Jamboree" started 1960.

RICHARDSON TROPHY ~ Cheshire won.

143 Members of the Association.

County Captain
Miss Frances Stephens.
(later Smithy)

Circular sent to all Lancashire G.Cs. - re the Association and its activities.



(Mrs Openshaw in the cream coat - see photograph.)

1957. MRS G. E. OPENSHAW (Gladys) died 1975.

Royal Lytham & St Annes G.C.

President ~ 1969 to 1971.

Hon Treasurer ~ 1958 to 1968.

MATCHES.

{ NORTH v SOUTH at Mere G.C. ~ North won.
Two Lancashire players - both won their singles & four-somes.
RICHARDSON TROPHY ~ Cheshire won
VERERANS v COUNTY at Ryl. Lytham - County won.

MEETINGS

{ CHAMPIONSHIP ~ winner Miss J.D. Firth.
SILVER SLIPPER ~ see book ~ played for at

Hon Treasurer - 1934-57 ~ Miss L. Jones ~ died.
County Captain ~ Mrs H. Garforth.

Spring & Autumn Meetings
winners { Mrs Cheetham
Mrs Fairbairn



GIRL GOLFER IN TROUSERS



Photo taken when Mrs Chambers was 90,
but a "good likeness" she writes. died 1986 aged 94.

1958 Mrs J. CHAMBERS (Annie E.) J.P.

Whalley G.C.

1951 County Captain

County President.

MATCHES.

Richardson Trophy ~ Yorkshire won

North v South at Royal Mid Surrey ~ South won

Miss J. Firth (Lanes) won both her matches.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY ~ winner Miss M. Barron

Spring & Autumn Meetings.
Silver Slipper Winners - Mrs Coates; Mrs Allen.

Record entry 112 for Spring Meeting
at Formby.

New Treasurer - Mrs Openshaw. (Miss L. Jones Treasurer 1934-54)

AGM. - NORTHERN COUNTIES: Any member can attend but only 2 from
County Captain ~ Mrs Haslam-Fox Each county can vote.



Mrs M Cheetham

1959 ~ Mrs M. Cheetham (Muriel)
Ormskirk G.C.

MATCHES. North v South at Gosforth Park ~ North won
Richardson Trophy ~ Yorkshire won

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY ~ winner Miss J. Firth

Spring and Autumn Meetings. Silver Slipper winners
Mrs Coates & Mrs Wilson

Mrs Forbes Cooper - Hon. Secretary for 11 years - elected Vice President

Mrs K.P. Taylor represented S.E. on the Committee.

County Captain ~ Mrs E. Morland.

THE MILLER STIRLING TROPHY.

The V.L.G.A Divisions' "JAMBOREE" Trophy

given by Mrs Miller Stirling - Captain V.L.G.A (South) 1960-61.

Scratch Matches between Northern, Midlands, Southern
and Scottish Divisions.

* See { Book III 1982 Jamboree at Royal Birkdale.
 { Book II 1962 " " Ryl Lytham & St Annes.