PATTI SHOOK BOICE

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"Arguably the finest woman golfer Saginaw County has ever produced."

Patti was the daughter of Loren and Gertrude Shook who owned and managed the golf course which is now called Clearbrook. She graduated from Saugatuck High School in 1961. At the age of 16 she won her first title at the Spring Lake Women's Championship. She is considered the finest golfer this area has ever produced.

Boice attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, which didn't have a women's golf team because this was prior to Title IX (the law passed in 1972 requiring equal opportunities for men and women) and very few opportunities were available for women in sport. But as a senior in 1964 she represented the school in what was called the Women's Collegiate Golf Championship. Ironically, it was held in Michigan that year at Forest Akers on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Patti held off an MSU student, Joyce Kazmierski of Grosse Ile, 2 and 1 in a 36-hole match final. It was Kazmierski who beat her in the 1966 Michigan Women's Amateur at Farmington Golf Club, the 50th anniversary tournament of the championship. Kazmierski, a two-time champion in the state championship, went on to a distinguished LPGA career, and is also in the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

She would go on to play in the state championship well into the late 1980s when back troubles sidelined her from competitive golf. Along the way she amassed the most wins by any one golfer, seven between 1967 and 1979, the most runner-up finishes by any one golfer, six, and what is believed to be the most times as medalist in the stroke play qualifying, six. As a resident of Spring Lake, she won the prestigious Spring Lake Invitational, a historic and nationally prominent invitational, a record 10 times.

She was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame (1985) and the Michigan Amateur Hall of Fame (1982). Boice was recognized in 1999 as Michigan's Female Golfer of the 20th Century by the Golf Association of Michigan.

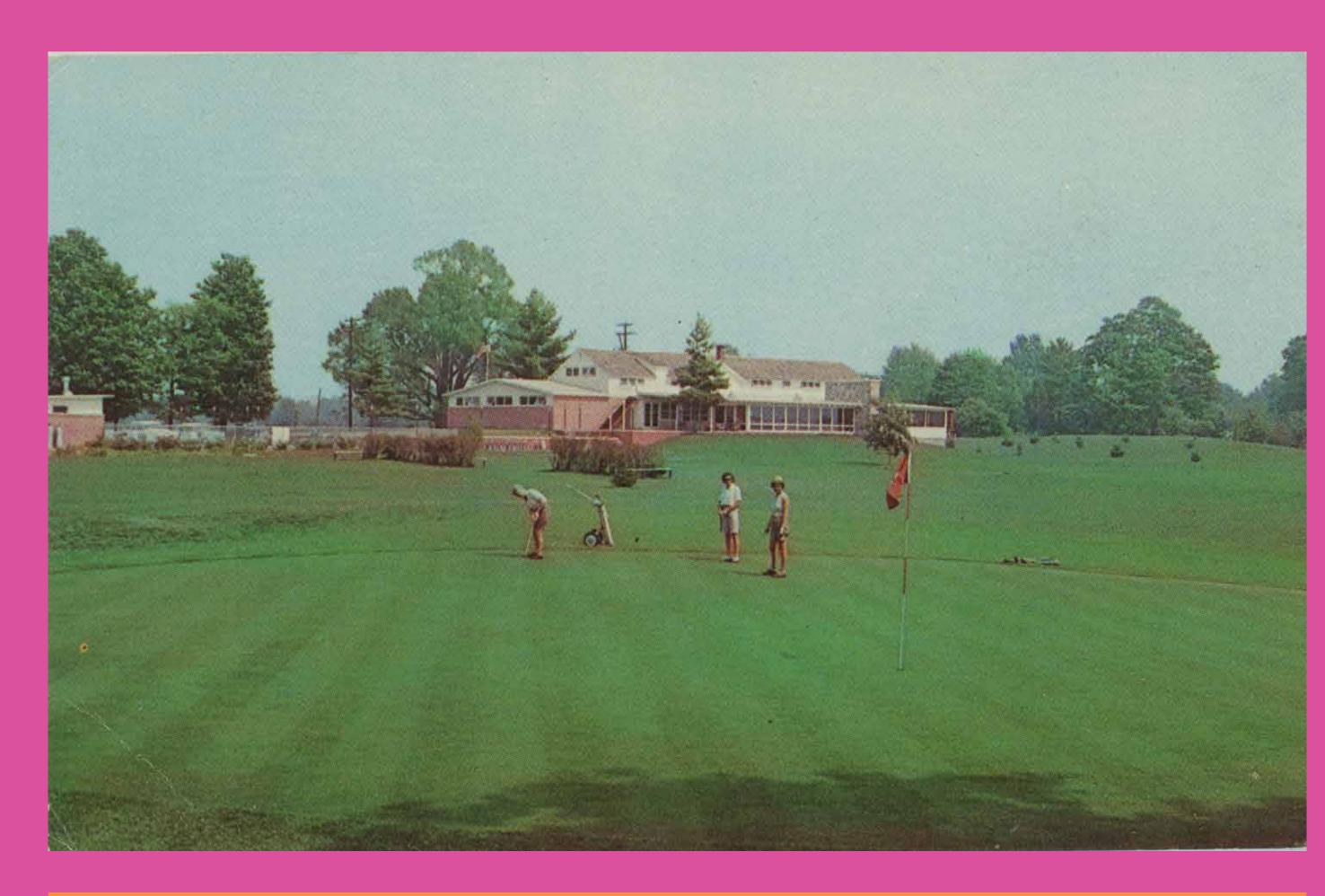
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