

# Marion Morris

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The 1950s, 60s and 70s were a different time for women's golf. Marion's personality and perseverance helped change women's golf in Ontario and across Canada. Her creativity and hard work resulted in women taking on roles and responsibilities in all aspects of the sport and business today.

One of Marion's greatest undertakings was to ensure that women's golf received the recognition it deserved. In the early years, the press were reluctant to provide editorial space to a sport perceived as having a limited following. Additionally, it was very much a man's world in those years. Marion managed to break through those barriers and succeed in advancing women's golf in the press.

Marion joined Burlington Golf and Country Club in 1944 and her potential both as an ambassador of the sport and as a talented player were quickly recognized. In 1959, she was elected President of the Women's section and won her first of two club championships.

By the early 60s, Marion was very active in the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association, (it later become the OLGA) and served as Vice President and Pres-

ident. This introduced her to members of the CLGA across Canada, and in 1970 she became National Vice President of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association. She subsequently served as President in 1972 and 1973, and was Past President in 1974.

Under Marion's leadership, the CLGA saw unprecedented growth and changes that included: • implementation of a separate Canadian Junior tournament ( 1970); • establishment of a National CLGA office in Ottawa to leverage the benefits of a shared facility with other amateur sport associations (1971); • creation of a 9-hole handicapping formula to support the 47% of affiliated clubs that were 9-hole courses; • introduction of a National Senior Championship ( 1972); • growth in member clubs of the CLGA from 500 to over 600 (1970 to 1972).

Marion joined Markland Wood in 1971 and quickly became known around the club as a mover and shaker. She served as Vice Captain of the Ladies' section, was the Senior Ladies' Club Champion from 1975 to 1977, and was a winner of Al Balding's Timmy/Tammy tournament for Junior Golf.