



Miriam Burns (Horn) Tyson

(1904-1951)

At the age of 16 **Miriam Burns** won the first of her many golf championships. In an era when men and women played from the same tees, she set numerous course records throughout the Kansas City area, often battling fellow Hall of Fame honoree Opal Hill in city, regional and national tournaments. The young Ms. Burns honed her game under the guidance of Milburn Head Professional Harry Robb Sr.

Later, traveling the country, winning tournaments from California to New York, the by-then-married and divorced Mrs. **Horn** drew national attention to Kansas City, especially during her successful march to the 1927 Women's US Amateur Championship where she defeated renowned amateur Maureen Orcutt (5&4) in the final.



Mrs. Horn was the first USGA Women's Champion from west of the Mississippi River and something of a celebrity, often followed by large galleries wanting to see what sportswriter O.B. Keeler called the "IT girl" of women's golf.

In 1930, at the age of 26, she retired from competitive golf. After traveling the world with her second husband **George Tyson**, Miriam died of pneumonia at the age of 47 in Kansas City.

For her accomplishments as a pioneer of the women's game and as a National Champion, the Board of Directors is proud to include Miriam Burns (Horn) Tyson in the inaugural (2013) class of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Tyson's record:

Kansas City Women's Match Play champion 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1929

Missouri Women's Amateur champion 1922, 1923

USGA Women's Amateur champion, 1927

Women's Trans-Miss champion, 1927

Women's Western Amateur champion, 1924, 1930