



Karen Schull MacGee

(1939-)

"The One to Beat" on the Women's Amateur Scene

A 1957 graduate of Kansas City's Southwest High School and the University of Kansas (1961), **Karen Schull McGee** began as a junior player under the knowledgeable eye of Blue Hills pro and 2013 Hall of Fame inductee, Leland "Duke" Gibson.



While at the University of Kansas, she competed in the Women's Intercollegiate (the forerunner of today's NCAA tournament) at Ann Arbor, Michigan finishing as runner-up in 1961 (one down in the 36 hole final). That same year she made the quarterfinals of the US Women's Amateur.

After college she continued playing golf as a member at Blue Hills, Indian Hills and later at Brookridge. She won the Country Club District Women's Championship in 1960, '62, '63 and 1964.

There is an interesting symmetry to her golfing accomplishments: twelve Kansas City championships balanced against twelve state Women's Amateur Championships with five in Kansas and seven in Missouri.

Her run of eight Kansas City Women's Match Play Championships over a twenty-two year span from 1958 to 1980 places her among the game's elite and made her "the one to beat" in the Kansas City area.

After her 1980 Kansas City Match Play win, Mrs. MacGee opted to focus on her career in nursing and ended her competitive golfing pursuits.