



## Maxine Johnson

(1923 - ?)

### The '50s (and beyond) Belonged to Maxine

Golf in Kansas City following the second World War was booming and the decade of the 1950's and early '60's virtually belonged to **Maxine Johnson**.

In the 1950, '51 and '52 Kansas City Women's Match Play she was runner-up each time to 2016 Hall of Fame honoree Marian Gault. Then she captured the first of her seven championships in 1953, was runner-up again in 1954, then went on a run of final round victories in 1955, '57, '59, '60, '61 and 1962.

In the early 1950's she played out of Belle Aire Country Club, later moving to Hillcrest. Ms. Johnson was known as one of the fiercest competitors of her time. She captured the Missouri Women's Amateur in 1951, was runner-up in '56 and defeated 2016 Hall of Fame inductee Karen Schull (MacGee) for the 1957 championship.

Her combined match play record in the Kansas City Match Play and the Missouri Women's Amateur was an astounding 66 -16 over a twelve year span.

Playing against the LPGA stars of the time, she had a very respectable record in the KC Women's Open which was held at various clubs around Kansas City. She was low amateur in 1956 and never worse than T-5 low amateur in the six years she competed. In 1955 she was 17th over-all in the championship.

In 1951 Ms. Johnson received the KCGA's *Local Lady Amateur Award* recognizing her outstanding accomplishments on the course. Ms. Johnson entered the Hall of Fame as the first ever "Committee Selection".

