

# The Class of 2013



## Opal Hill

(1892 - 1981)

### Outstanding amateur and founding member of the LPGA

Advised by her doctors to get more fresh air and exercise to combat a chronic kidney infection, **Opal Hill** took up the game of golf relatively late in life (age 31).

Under the watchful eye of Meadow Lake Country Club professional Al Lesperance, Mrs. Hill practiced her new-found love for hours every day.

Between 1929 and 1936 she won four Trans-Mississippi titles, three Women's Western Amateurs, the North & South Championship, three Missouri Women's Amateurs, two Women's Western Opens, fourteen various KC Women's Championships as well as numerous regional tournaments.

Mrs. Hill played on the first three Curtis Cup teams (1932, '34 and '36) representing the United States in matches against teams from Great Britain and Ireland.

With nothing left to prove among the amateur ranks, she became just the third American woman to turn professional and was one of the thirteen founding members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

When her playing career ended, Mrs. Hill spent nearly forty years teaching the game she loved to countless students at Hillcrest and Kansas City Country Clubs.

