

Maureen Orcutt



Ms. Orcutt, who won more than 65 major championships in her lifetime, was twice a U.S. Golf Association champion, won the Eastern Women's Amateur in 1925, the Senior Women's Amateur in 1966, and was the runner-up for the U.S. amateur title in 1927 and 1936. She played on four Curtis Cup teams (where amateurs from the United States played against British amateurs) and her team won each time. At the time of her death in 2007, Ms. Orcutt was the last surviving member of the Curtis Cup teams.

Known as much for her charisma as for her long iron play, Ms. Orcutt would routinely play against (and with) the best men players in the world, including Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones (shown to the right with Ms. Orcutt).

Already an established champion golfer, Ms. Orcutt would turn her attention to becoming a pioneering journalist. She joined the New York Times in 1937 as the second female sportswriter in the history of the paper (succeeding Maribel Vinson). She wrote a column called "Women in Sports," writing her final column for the New York Times in 1972.

After her retirement from the New York Times, Ms. Orcutt moved to Durham, NC, and joined Croasdaile Country Club. The four distinct seasons and the mild winters allowed her to play golf year-round. At age 69, she had a hole in one.

At age 82, Ms. Orcutt won her final championship – the Croasdaile Ladies Club Championship, her 9th.

A collection of more than 25 trophies and recognitions that Ms. Orcutt earned during her celebrated career is on display in the club.

