

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Highland Park Women's 18 Hole League Collection**

Processed by  
Matt Simeroth  
Fall 2018

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 Boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1934-2018
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	None

## **Brief History**

The Highland Park Women's 18 Hole League was started in July of 1932 at the Highland Park Municipal Golf Course in Bloomington. Ann Donovan, the wife of golf pro Max Donovan, is credited with organizing the association with 12 charter members: Ann Donovan, Ruth Bach, Frances Meyer Fassett and her sister Helen Meyer Prochnow, Mildred Parker Harris, Virginia Miller, Berta Freeman, Ester Hoover, Marcella Normile, Katherine Salmon, Amy Skinner, and Mabel Smock. Virginia Miller served as the Association's first President.

The association held its first tournament in 1932 at the Bloomington Country Club. Their first invitational was held at Highland Park in 1934 with Lakeside and Bloomington country clubs as guests. By 1957 the membership count had grown to 80. In 1975 the Association was involved with the reorganization of the Bloomington-Normal City Wide Women's tournament.

## **Scope**

The collection includes the notebooks containing secretary's reports and meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, member rosters, member's booklets, scrapbooks with newspaper clippings regarding members and club events, paper's on the reorganization of the Bloomington-Normal city tournament, correspondence, and photo albums.

## **Box and Folder Inventory**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1: General**

- 1.1.1 Gift Agreement from Highland Park Women's 18 Hole Golf Association dated 10/18/18.
- 1.1.2 Handwritten list of materials donated, presumably from donor.

#### **Folder 2: Misc.**

- 1.2.1 List of Officers: Highland Park Women's Golf Association 1932-2012.
- 1.2.2 Newspaper clipping, "50 Years: Friendship, camaraderie still growing among Highland Park women's group" Pantagraph July 11, 1982.
- 1.2.3 Photocopy of newspaper clipping of charter members on 8/2/1982. Handwritten note indicating Mabel Smock's death in 1983.
- 1.2.4 2018 Calendar of Events

#### **Folder 3: President's Book and Secretary's Reports 1934-1969**

- 1.3.1 Contents list provided by donor.

- 1.3.2 Envelope containing pages of "President's Book" 1934-1969 (envelope mislabeled 1960). Pages include handwritten and typed notes regarding members, events, tournaments as well as secretary's reports.

**Folder 4: Loose Papers**

- 1.4.1 List of members 1953-1960.  
1.4.2 Treasurer's Reports 1953-1960. Records of money, fund raising projects, clippings, fundraising expense reports  
1.4.3 Constitution & By-Laws dated May 1958.

**Folder 5: Booklets Created for Members 1951-1957**

- 1.5.1 Contents list provided by donor.  
1.5.2 1951 Booklet, Mildred Harris "1<sup>st</sup> Book Made," annotated member list  
1.5.3 1951 Booklet, Handwritten dates on top  
1.5.4 1952 Booklet  
1.5.5 1953 Booklet, Mildred Harris  
1.5.6 1954 Booklet, Mildred Harris  
1.5.7 1954 Booklet, Virginia Guttschow, annotated  
1.5.8 1955 Booklet  
1.5.9 1956 Booklet, Mildred Harris  
1.5.10 1957 Booklet  
1.5.11 1957 Booklet, Mildred Harris  
1.5.12 1957 Booklet, Virginia Guttschow  
1.5.13 1957 Booklet

**Folder 6: Booklets Created for Members 1958-1960, 1969-1970**

- 1.6.1 1958 Booklet, Mildred Harris  
1.6.2 1959 Booklet  
1.6.3 1960 Booklet, handwritten copy  
1.6.4 1960 Booklet, Mildred Harris handwritten copy  
1.6.5 1969 Booklet  
1.6.6 1970 Booklet

**Scrapbook: Secretary Reports 1940-1948**

- 1.7.1 Notebook contains secretary's reports, meeting minutes and newspaper clippings.

**Scrapbook: Secretary Reports 1949-1959**

- 1.8.1 Notebook contains secretary's reports, meeting minutes and newspaper clippings.

**Scrapbook: 1940s to 1966**

- 1.9.1 Binder contains photos and clippings about club members, course pros, records of officers, reports on winners of tournaments.

**Scrapbook: 1958 to 1973**

- 1.10.1 Binder contains membership lists, correspondence, play day events, invitational plan, secretary's notes, treasurer's reports, trophy winners.

**Scrapbook: 1974-1989**

- 1.11.1 Binder includes: papers and correspondence on the reorganization of the Bloomington-Normal City Tournament, club reports on meetings, events, tournaments, tournament brackets, blank recorder cards, fee schedules, and meeting minutes. Other items of note include: papers on modifying handicaps and tournament

**Scrapbook: 1990 to Present (2010)**

- 1.12.1 Binder includes: club notes and reports, 1997 and 2007 reports from invitational with booklet (1997), new members orientation sheets (2007 and 2009).

**Box 2**

**Folder 1: Miscellaneous Items**

- 2.1.1 Highland Park Women's 18 Hole League – League Recognition and Tournaments, 2010.
- 2.1.2 Highland Park 18 Hole Ladies' League New Member orientation, 2010, 4 pp.
- 2.1.3 Photocopy, "Friendly Golf Test", 2006, 2 pp.
- 2.1.4 Minutes describing individual responsibilities and reminders, November 4, 2006, 2pp.
- 2.1.5 Highland Park 18 Hole Women's Golf League Rules and Operating Procedures, undated, 4 pp.
- 2.1.6 "Women's 18 Hole Invitational Report," Betty J. Baumgardner & Diana K. Chiles, August 1997, 31 pp.
- 2.1.7 Photocopy of "Our Story" by Amy Skinner, Club Historian, 1957.
- 2.1.8 Photocopy of "Highland Park Golf Course site of old German brewery," *Pantagraph*, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- 2.1.9 Highland Park Women's 18 Hole Golf Assoc. Rules, Adopted March 3, 1984, 16 pp.
- 2.1.10 The Constitution and By-Laws of the Highland Park Women's Golf Association, 1984.
- 2.1.11 Photocopy of "Golf Etiquette," undated, 4 pp.
- 2.1.12 Photocopy of "Golf Lessons – A Quick Review," undated, 3 pp.
- 2.1.13 Photocopy of "Equipment – Lesson 1, undated, 31 pp.
- 2.1.14 Photocopy of "Golf Lesson Plan" – undated, 8 pp.

**Scrapbook: City Tournament Book 1951-1962**

2.3.1 Includes newspaper clippings on members and the Women's City Golf Tournament.

**Scrapbook: City Tournament Book 1963-1966, 1974-1991**

2.4.1 Includes newspaper clippings on members and the Women's City Golf Tournament. Other item of note: Memorandum from John Wolter of Illinois State University with a list of the "Original 17" committee members involved with the organization of a Bloomington-Normal Golf Association.

**Scrapbook: 1932 – 1956**

2.5.1 Binder includes: *A History of Highland Park Women's Golf Association 1932-*, annotated "Nellie Gard 1932-1956." Also includes newspaper clippings on members and the Women's City Golf Tournament, and members' booklets.

**Scrapbook: 1978-1979 Awards Dinner Pictures, Clippings, Invitational Pictures**

2.4.1 Includes photos of the Awards Dinner, newspaper clippings and a photo from the invitational tournament.

**Scrapbook: 1982 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures**

2.5.1 Includes newspaper clippings related to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Highland Park Women's Golf Association, photos of members, invitation to former members for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House. Item of note: Article on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that includes information on original order of holes at Highland Park.