



Sally Carroll

Sally Carroll won the West Virginia women's amateur golf championship seven times, was runnerup on six occasions and was a dominant player in the Mountain State for more than 20 years.

The former school teacher's influence in the game carried far beyond her native state, however, as she made an impact on the sport and young ladies who played it in her role as national chairwoman of girls' golf for 10 years.

Sally Carroll is also a member of the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, where the only woman to precede her was the late Fritzi Stifel Quarrier, also a Wheeling resident and one of the original inductees into the Wheeling Hall of Fame in 1978.

Miss Carroll advanced to the fourth round of the British Amateur in 1964, was second low amateur twice in the United States Women's Open and teamed with fellow Wheeling golfer Nancy King Stumpp in 1957 to capture team honors in the Trans-National tournament. She competed regularly for many years in the annual Virginias-Carolinas matches and has served as the Virginias' captain.

A past president of the West Virginia Women's Golf Association, she was on the women's committee of the U.S. Golf Association, which conducts national women's competition, for 20 years. She subsequently became a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Senior Women's Golf Assn. She was also chairwoman of the USGA girls' junior committee and for 10 years was responsible for conducting the national girls' tournament.

In 1984, Sally Carroll received the prestigious Card Walker Award, presented to her at Los Angeles by the Professional Golf Association in recognition of her contribution to junior golf. She received the award just a year after it had gone to Jack Nicklaus.

Educated in the parochial schools of Ohio County, she went on to obtain her degree at Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Pa., and later earned her teaching certificate at West Liberty State College. She taught at Wheeling Country Day, St. Michael Parish School, Fulton Elementary, Woodsdale Elementary, and Triadelphia Junior High.

She was introduced to golf at age 10 at Wheeling Country Club, where she was subsequently to become the off-time women's club champion. She did not take up the sport seriously until her junior year at Seton Hill.

She did not enter her first state championship until 1948 and went to the final at The Greenbrier that year before being defeated on the 21st hole of match play.

Carroll competed in the state tournament 10 years and was runnerup five times before winning her first title in 1959. She successfully defended her state championship in '60. In the years from 1963 through 1970, she won five titles, although she did not play in the 1965 and 1966 tournaments. She missed one of those because of a national tournament commitment and the other due to surgery.

She was a charter member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board.