



## LADIES GOLF CLUB OF TORONTO

### FACT SHEET

#### LADIES' GOLF CLUB OF TORONTO (LGCT) IS ...

- The only private golf club in North America owned and governed by women where women can play, learn and enjoy golf
- A place where women of all ages have priority access to the tee and can play and learn the game in an encouraging, friendly atmosphere
- A club where men are welcome to play as seasonal card holders and as guests of members
- A 21-hole Stanley Thompson course designed to favour a woman's game and that requires accuracy
- Conveniently located on Yonge Street on the northern GTA border in Thornhill; easily accessible from four highways - #7, 401, 404, 407

#### NOTABLE FACTS

- LGCT was founded in 1924 by Ada Mackenzie, businesswoman and five-time Canadian golf champion, to provide a place for women to play unrestricted golf
- Mary Jane Hall, now retired head professional at Ladies' for 33 years was the first female head golf professional in Ontario. She was inducted into the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.
- Member Elizabeth Tong began playing as a junior member in 2003, earned a golf scholarship at Indiana University, and is currently working at obtaining professional status. She competed at the 2015 US Women's Open and has been recognized by Golf Canada as #2 on the National Order of Merit for 2015.
- LGCT has been proactive in developing the recent golfing trend of the USGA's "*Play it forward*" program
- Operates one of the largest women's golf academies in Ontario focused on introducing beginner golfers to the game

#### LADIES' GOLF ACADEMY

- Provides an encouraging environment for women to learn the game of golf and improve their skills through a variety of clinics, private and semi-private lessons
- Has five qualified golf professionals experienced in teaching women
- Conducts lessons on the Club's three practice areas, on course throughout the summer, and at the University Club in downtown Toronto
- Runs a popular Winter Golf Academy December 15 – April 1 for members and non-members
- Offers clinics and programs for corporate events and groups of colleagues

## **HONOURARY MEMBERS**

- Gayle Borthwick
- Mary Jane Hall
- Mary Ann Hayward
- Lorie Kane
- Sandra Post
- Laurie Rybski
- Cathy Sherk
- Marlene Streit

## **OTHER KEY FEATURES**

- The 2005 renovation by leading course architect David Moote (member of the Stanley Thompson Society and whose father was assistant to Stanley Thompson) maintains the original Thompson features. Five irrigation ponds were built and new irrigation system installed to ensure compliance with environmental and government regulations
- Five sets of tees accommodate all levels of players; total length of course 6002 yards
- The Clubhouse, maintained in the original style of the 1920s estate home, caters to casual and formal dining as well as meetings
- Course and grounds are environmentally friendly (Audubon Certification and Integrated Pest Management Accreditation) providing a natural habitat for birds and wildlife
- Pro Shop stocks one of largest selections of ladies golf attire in the GTA as well as leading brand golf equipment
- Provides free range supervision for members on all three practice areas by qualified professionals from May through August
- Members benefit from lower rates than comparable private golf clubs, while men have the opportunity to enjoy the flexibility of seasonal memberships
- Has reciprocal privileges with nine other private golf clubs and with the University Club of Toronto downtown as well as winter dining privileges at many private sports and family clubs in the City of Toronto

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