



Golf Canada Photo

Inducted: 2021

Category: Player (Amateur)

Born: 1897

Birthplace: Atlanta, Georgia

Deceased: 1977

Ottawa Golf Club Affiliation: Royal Ottawa Golf Club

Canadian Championships:

1920 & 1934 - Canadian Ladies' Amateur Champion

1921 & 1925 - Canadian Ladies' Amateur Champion Runner-up

International:

1916, 1919, 1920 - United States Amateur Champion

1921, 1922, 1925 - United States Ladies' Amateur Runner-up

Local:

1927, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1937, 1938 - Ottawa Ladies' City & District Championship

1925, 1927, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1952, 1957 - Royal Ottawa Ladies' Champion

Halls of Fame:

1950 - LPGA Hall of Fame

1967 - Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame

1978 - Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

One of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club's best golfers was an American-born lady, Mrs. W.G. Fraser, who was made an Honorary Member in 1934 in recognition of the distinction she brought to the Club in winning the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association Championship in that year for the second time.

Mrs. Fraser was born Alexa Stirling in Atlanta, Georgia and, as a girl, played golf with the not-yet-famous Bobby Jones. They were both students of the renowned Scottish-born coach, Stewart "Kiltie" Maiden, the professional at the East Lake club in Atlanta, who is credited with developing Jones' swing.

Alexa once beat Jones in a tournament but, as she later explained, she was 12 years old at the time and Jones was seven. As Alexa Stirling, she went on to win the US Women's Amateur three times in a row, in 1916, 1919 and 1920. (There was no contest in 1917 or 1918 because of the war.)

In 1920, she also won the Canadian Ladies' Championship for the first time, making her the undisputed leader of women's golf in North America.

During World War 1, she and Bobby Jones toured the U.S. and Canada raising money for the Red Cross. At an exhibition in Ottawa, she met Dr. Wilbert G. Fraser, who was originally from Pembroke, and they were later married. Dr. Fraser died in 1967 and Mrs. Fraser in 1976. She is buried in her husband's family plot in Pembroke.

Bio from Royal Ottawa Golf Club 1891-1991 Anniversary Book, written by Robert Majoribanks