



90 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MESSAGE

**FROM LADY JUSTICE, MARY ANGAWA
LADY CAPTAIN
2017**



It is indeed a privilege being Lady Captain during the 90 years Anniversary Celebration of the Muthaiga Golf Club.

Background

Our first Lady Captain was Mrs. Huggard in 1927. In 1976, K Desai became our Lady Captain. Our first African Lady Captain was M Gatere in 1985, the same year that S. Karanja became captain.

Between 1927 to 1987, Ladies and junior members, were permitted to play golf competitions only on Wednesday Mornings. This was then changed to Tuesdays' which is maintained to date. In 1987, Solomon Karanja became the Chairman of the club. He kindly not only permitted women to play competitions with men on Wednesdays but also allowed women to be represented on the board. To this we are most grateful to him and the many women who worked with him to realize this achievement.

The Lady Captains

Lady Captains who contributed towards the section are many but they include Mary Modera, who had been lady captain five times (1939, 1940, 1945, 1946 and 1949) Her husband was a Captain/Chairman to which the Modera Mixed foursomes played was named.

Winnie Webb, Lady Captain in 1950, (grandmother to David and the late Charles Farrar) donated the Webb Cup towards the Medal of Medals competitions that is played among the qualifiers of the medal games from the previous year.

Jean Gore, Lady Captain 1980. In order to have more ladies participate in ladies competitions she inaugurated "The Lady Golfer of the Year Award" 'presented annually to the lady member who has gained the most points in club and Kenya Ladies Golf Union Competitions.'

Mrs. Shamji, donated the Shamji trophy towards the Ladies 36 hole Strokeplay Championship (Shamji Trophy) and Bronze Championship. This competitions is usually, sponsored annually by Gitonga Kabera.

Competitions

The ladies section of the Muthaiga Golf Club is one of the most active clubs in Kenya. It hosts up to 12 Medals and 12 Stablefords competitions throughout the year, among others mention below.

The Muthaiga Ladies Invitation is a greensomes format played over 18 holes, Stableford competition. It is annually sponsored by **His Excellency retired President Mwai Kibaki, to whom this section is most grateful for his kind gesture in his support of the ladies section.**

Other competitions held within the ladies sections are the Club Championship, Four Ball Better Ball Vs Bogey and the Hi-Lo Competition.

The section has seen past members such as Olive Karanja, Virginia Muriuki, Muthoni Muthiga leave a legacy that strengthen the section. It has seen young junior golfers such as Kellie Gachaga, a single handicap, contribute tremendously towards the game of golf. Many ladies among them, Florence Maina and Grace Mucheru achieved 'hole in one' J. Wood got an Albatros on hole 18 and Njeri Mugo got an eagle on hole number 9. Not least is Christina Andersen the youngest lady captain and former director of the club to have served in that capacity.

The section is also under the Kenya Ladies Golf Union with the current 2017 Chair June Waweru, The Vice Chair Lucy Muhinga, members Terry Obath and Mercy Wambugu being members from the Muthaiga Golf Club. Mercy is also one of the elected directors of the club together with club director Agnes Wanjiru.

On behalf of the Ladies Section I wish the club hearty congratulations, Happy Celebrations and God's Blessings.

Sincerely,

Mary Ang'awa

Lady Captain

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