

## Dorothy Pearson (1908-1994)

Dorothy Marion Westall Pearson was born 2 May 1908 in Hampstead. Her father was John Westall Pearson & her sister Maud (Corbett after marriage), see separate articles.

While at school Dorothy met Dimmie Hill, who became Dimmie Fleming after she married, and they become friends. When she left school Dorothy helped her mother run the bulldog kennels. She also exhibited some of them at dog shows. After the closure of the bulldog kennels Dorothy took up a job in London, she was working in London by 1948.

Dorothy took up golf at an early age & was a member of the Nevill Golf Club in Tunbridge Wells. In September 1924 she reached the final of the Girls Golf Championship at Stoke Poges but was defeated by 4 and 2 in the final by the French champion, Simone de la Chaume. In 1927 Dorothy reached the final of the British Ladies Amateur Golf Championship where she lost 5 and 4 to the same French lady. She was made an honorary life member of the Neville for this performance. Subsequently in October 1928 Dorothy reached the final of the English Ladies Championship where she lost to Miss Enid Wilson. She did win the Kent County Championship in that year though. In 1929 she played in all the home international matches. A few years later in October 1933 she reached the final of the English Ladies Golf Championship at Westward Ho & won the final by the score of 5 and 3 over 36 holes. Dorothy continued playing at the Neville for many years. The club still has an annual competition for the Dorothy Pearson cup.

She started playing duplicate bridge in the 1930s, one of the first events in which she played was a league in Tunbridge Wells run by George Scott Page. Dorothy formed a partnership with Dimmie Fleming & they played together for many years mainly in ladies competitions. As well as playing in English competitions they played for England in the Lady Milne, the home internationals and in 1948 they were part of the ladies team in the European championships. Dorothy also sometimes played with Leslie Fleming, Dimmie's husband. A list of the cups won by Dorothy is listed below.

Outside golf & bridge Dorothy was also a keen tennis player & she played in many local competitions.

Dorothy did not marry. She died 2 November 1994 while living at Carlisle Road in Eastbourne. She was buried at Tunbridge Wells Cemetery.

Major competitions won by Dorothy include the following:-

Whitelaw Cup

1947, 1951, 1953, 1959

She represented England

Lady Milne

1951, 1953