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At 88, this golfer keeps things swinging at OCC

One of the sports superstars in Our Honolulu who doesn't make commercials is Millie Goring, proclaimed by her fans as the oldest lady golfer in Hawaii.

At age 88, she still plays at least twice a week at the Oahu Country Club.

Not only is Millie a phenomenon of the female sports world, but she admits to her age, and the older she gets, the bigger a star she's going to be.

Greg Nichols, golf pro at the Waialae Country Club, admitted, "I'm sure we don't have a woman player who's 88, but then you don't go around asking lady golfers how old they are."

Members at Mid-Pacific Country Club can't think of a female golfer there as old as Millie. So it's time she got some recognition.

However, unlike other superstars, she's shy of the press. The only way I could talk to her was to sit in during a birthday lunch with her favorite foursome at the Outrigger Canoe Club: Alice Burgess, 78; Millie Greig, 66; and Pasha Baker, a baby at 50.

The game these ladies described is played with clubs and little balls. But there the similarity to golf as played by men comes to an end. It turns out that the traditional challenge for a woman golfer is not



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to break par but to get on the first tee.

"My husband and I and joined the Oahu Country Club in 1946," said Millie Goring. "We paid caddies 20 cents for 18 holes. Women were barely tolerated on the course. It was a men's club."

About 1954, Millie helped inaugurate the Hit & Giggle, a mixed doubles group in which women could play. "The men named it that," she said. Her handicap then was 15.

Today the men at Oahu Country Club turn the course over to the women two mornings a week, which is better than the one day a week women get at Waialae Country Club, the women said.

"The men can't wait for us to finish at 10:30 a.m.," said Millie Greig. "I was in the last four-some of women to tee off before the deadline not long ago. Some men were impatiently waiting for us to get started."

"One of them said, 'You girls have the whole fairway open.' I said, 'Yes, isn't it lovely?'"

Another thing the lady golfers talk about over lunch is getting hit by a golf ball. I've never heard that conversation among golfers before. They said it happens all the time. But men don't talk about it.

"I got hit on the temple at the old 14th hole," said Alice Burgess. "And on the back of the head in Puerto Rico."

"Alice Anderson hit me," said Millie Greig. "She's my best friend."

"A Titist (brand of golf ball) bounced up and hit me in the stomach," said Alice. "The most unusual thing that ever happened to me was getting hit by a line drive in the belly button," said Millie. "The ball belonged to a doctor. He rushed over to see if I was hurt. When he heard where I was hit, he said, 'Oh, a hole in one.'"

Millie Goring said her worst injury was when she sat on a bee on the 11th hole. She said she's been hit by four golf balls. Millie Greig by four, Alice Burgess by at least three and Pasha Baker by more than one.

All of these women are enthusiastic golfers who play every week. They said they don't take the game as seriously as men do. But I doubt that. Millie Goring is as eager to hit a good shot as she was 50 years ago.



Links ladies, from the left: Millie Greig, Millie Goring, Alice Burgess and Pasha Baker.

29th Haili VB tourney to open

The 29th annual Haili Men's Invitational Volleyball Tournament opens at 5 p.m. today at Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium with the first of 246 games to be played over the next six days.

The popular tournament, which began with eight teams at Haili Gym almost three decades ago, has a record 131 teams entered this year. Besides teams from California and Illinois, Hawaii has 90 teams from Honolulu in the expanded field.

Big Island teams will open the tournament at 5 p.m. today and tomorrow at the civic with novice women's and men's play. Action begins at noon Wednesday with games at the civic, University of Hawaii at Hilo gym, Hilo Armory and Carvalho Park.

Thursday through Saturday, play begins at 8:30 a.m. with the massive field dwindling eventual down to the finals in four categories in the men's and women's divisions: Novice, A, AA and

Masters. According to spokeswoman Pat Engelhard, several outstanding teams are entered again in this year's tourney, the largest in the nation outside the USVBA National Championships.

The University of Hawaii will send both its men's ("Team Burmys") and women's teams. Also competing will be UH-Hilo's women's team ("Spencer's") and alumni team ("Hawaiian Son") and the perennial powerhouses Outrigger Canoe Club and Lokahi of Oahu.

Engelhard said the USVBA's No. 3 women's AA team, Ocean Pacific, will also compete in the highly competitive women's division.

The Haili tournament, coordinated by the Lindsey family, relies upon many dedicated volunteers like Engelhard to help continue the event as one of the nation's finest.

Dave Donnelly's WAIL

SINCE gift-giving is a nationwide custom in Japan, that country's minister of labor, Takashi Hirai, purchased 3,000 copies of the biography of Hawaii's late astronaut, Ellison Onizuka. The books will be given out to guests at a party Hirai is hosting in Tokyo next month, but to cap the occasion, the labor minister invited Dr. Dennis Ogawa, author of "Ellison S. Onizuka, A Remembrance," to fly in for the reception and autograph the books.



The folks at Reyn's in Kahala Mall got a long distance call from Laurance Rockefeller the other day—yes, the Laurance Rockefeller. He was looking for gift ideas and was so taken with a Reyn's ad in the Outrigger Canoe Club Magazine that he requested they send him a sloop dress just like the one worn by model

Shirley Albrecht in the ad. No sooner said than done.

MAY Day is traditionally Lei Day in Hawaii, and that's the day which striking model and photog Sri Leinani Maiava has chosen as her wedding day. On May 1 she'll marry Ruz Rusden at Paradise Park. . . . Speaking of photogs, Joe Carini is back from Thailand where he and 40 other top lensmen participated in a book project called "Seven Days in the Kingdom," a sort of "Week in the Life..." picture book. When he moved to Hawaii 13 years ago, Carini tossed away his watch, figuring he'd operate on Hawaiian time. In Thailand, he was on a strict schedule, so he had to buy a watch—to catch the on-time trains if for no other reason. Now that he's back, Carini has chucked the watch once again, preferring the relaxed, non-Mickey



Maiava

Mouse pace of Island life.

YOU'VE heard of the Singing Nun and the Flying Nun? Now meet the Walking Nun. She's Sister Francine Gries, director of the St. Francis Hospice program and she's entered for the fourth time in the Hospice Rainbow Stride '87, coming up April 12. Each year, the miles she strides for the Hospice have brought in the most money and each year she returns prizes won back to the hospital. Sister Francine has also participated in such events as WalkAmerica, Healthy Hustle (careful, Sister) Pepsi 10K run and Jog-A-Thon.

ALSO on the run beat, Opus 8, the Symphony Guild's fundraising run gets underway Sunday with a cast of thousands. Last year's Opus 7 netted \$92,000 for the Symphony, and some 10,000 are expected to tour the leisurely four-mile course this year. One group of 35 Punahou fifth-graders and two teachers plunked down \$518 in entry fees to participate.

OVERHEARD at the UH Rainbows—UH-Hilo baseball game in Manoa. Fan No. 1: "Smells

like rain." Fan No. 2: "Naw, when this many Hilo people get together, they smell like rain!"

Photos of many members of the Dallas Cowboys who have visited the Hungry Lion Coffee Shop now grace the walls there, thanks to Cowboys fan (and owner) Roy Shimonishi. But now, the first Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader stopped in and needless to say, her photo is going up on the wall alongside the players. She's Susan Schroeder, the petite (5-2) spokesperson for Miss Petite Fashions, who's in town to oversee a fashion show. Looking around, I'd say she came to the right place. . . . When Damien Memorial High School kicks off its 25th anniversary commemorative festivities April 12 with a luau at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, the entertainment will feature a graduate of the class of 1967, comic Frank DeLima. (He graduated?)



DeLima

Weekend

TOMORROW

On Base. St. Louis plays Hawaii Baptist at Moiliili Field at 3 p.m. and Punahou visits Mid-Pacific at 3:30 in ILH baseball games.

Top Guns. The Outrigger Canoe Club and University of Hawaii men's volleyball teams collide in a 7 p.m. exhibition match at Klum Gym on the UH campus.

SATURDAY

Swim 'n Run. The annual Tin Man Biathlon gets under way at 6:30 a.m. in Ala Moana Beach Park.

On the Go. The five-mile Kekoa walk/run starts at 8 a.m. on the Pearl Harbor Bike Path.

Hit Parade. U.S. Volleyball Association tournament play begins at 8 a.m. for Men's Masters in the Kailua High School gym, at 8:30 a.m. for Men's A at Palama Gym, at 9 a.m. for Men's AA at Klum Gym and Men's B at Koko Head District Park Gym, at 1:30 p.m. for Women's AA at Palama Gym, and at 5 p.m.

for Men's B at Pauoa Gym.

Diamond Doings. An Aloha Stadium OIA tripleheader highlights a busy day of prep baseball action, with Kailua playing Kailua at noon, Campbell taking on Waipahu at 3 p.m. and Kaiser meeting Kalani at 6.

Lift-Off. A multi-event weightlifting meet—to include the State Olympic Championships, the State High School Clean & Jerk Contest and the "Mr. High School-Hawaii" competition—starts at 5:30 p.m., Kaiser High Gym.

SUNDAY

Aloha Points. The U.S. Volleyball Association tourney slate: Men's B, 8 a.m. at Damien Gym; Women's B, 8 a.m. at Kalani Gym; Men's A, 9 a.m. at McCabe Gym; Women's B, noon at McKinley Gym, and Men's B, 2 p.m. at Kalani Gym.

Coming On Strong. The Kamehameha Schools Weightlifting Festival starts at 10 a.m. in Kekuaupio Gymnasium.

Rainbows host OCC

The 14th-ranked University of Hawaii men's volleyball team will host Outrigger Canoe Club at 7 tomorrow night in an exhibition match at Klum Gym.

The Rainbows, 6-0, are led by sophomore Allen Allen, last week's Mollen-WIVA player of the week. Outrigger, coached by UH assistant coach Tony Crabbe, feature former collegiate stars Matt and Scott Rigg (Pepperdine), Marc Haine and Kainoa Downing (San Diego State) and Ralph Smith (CSU-Long Beach).

Isle Briefs

● The University of Hawaii Wahines and eight other teams are unbeaten entering today's final rounds of the 29th Haili Easter Volleyball Tournament. The Wahines and Ocean Pacific of Manhattan Beach, Calif., are unbeaten in the women's open division and the Outrigger Canoe Club is undefeated in the men's open. In masters action, Outrigger is unbeaten in the men's division and Burmy leads the women's. Championship play starts at 8:30 today at two sites with the men's and women's masters and AA (open) teams competing at Hilo civic. The A and novice titles will be decided at two courts at the UH-Hilo Athletics Complex.

● Hawaii's David Ishii shot a second round 6-under-par 66 Friday to tie for second place at 139 with Taisei Inagaki of Japan, three strokes behind Norio Mikami, in Japan's Bridgestone Aso Open. Ishii opened with a 73 in the \$245,000 event.

● Pacific Lutheran (19-5) rallied from 2-1 deficits twice yesterday to sweep a women's softball doubleheader from Hawaii Pacific College (2-8) at Cartwright Field. PLU scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning in the first game to win its 3-2. In the second game, PLU scored two runs in the fifth to claim another 3-2 victory.