

FRENCH LICK RESORT first welcomed guests in 1845, the same year Texas became America's 28th state. Its buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the resort is recognized as one of the Historic Hotels of America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



A Legacy of Competition **FRENCH LICK RESORT**

"The Senior Women's LPGA Championship celebrates the legends of the game. French Lick Resort is an ideal host." – MIKE WHAN, COMMISSIONER, LPGA

FRENCH LICK, INDIANA: Marilyn Smith, one of thirteen founders of the LPGA in 1950, had an unusual introduction to golf. "At the tender age of 12, I was the pitcher, coach, and manager of a boys' baseball team in my hometown of Wichita, Kansas," explained Marilyn. "After playing baseball one day, my mother asked about the game. I threw my glove against the wall and blurted out a four-letter word that I had picked up from the boys. My mother promptly took me into the bathroom and washed my mouth out with Lifebuoy soap!"



Marilynn Smith
circa 1964.

"I HAVE VISITED all 50 states, toured 37 countries, and met six U.S. Presidents. To this day, French Lick is one of the finest resorts I have ever visited." – MARILYNN SMITH

Soon afterward, Marilyn's father decided she needed a more ladylike activity so he took her to the Wichita Country Club where she was introduced to golf.

"During the inaugural year of the LPGA in 1950, the total prize money for the *entire year* was \$50,000," recalled Marilyn. "We were like family caravanning around the country, working hard to keep the LPGA in business."

With 21 LPGA wins (including two majors), Marilyn was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2006 through the Lifetime Achievement Category.

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French Lick Resort, with two sister hotels (West Baden Springs Hotel and French Lick Springs Hotel) first welcomed guests in 1845. The AAA four-diamond property has invested over \$600 million in recent years. Amenities include the largest resort conference center in the Midwest, a full-service casino, two spas, the Kidsfest Lodge, a bowling alley, and 54 holes of golf (including the Ross and Dye designs).

"I was fortunate to represent French Lick Resort and to teach there many years ago," said Marilyn. "Its setting is picturesque and locals are most hospitable. But, most importantly, the resort has been a major supporter of women's golf, including two events this year: the Symetra Tour Donald Ross Classic and Senior LPGA Championship. It's important to support those who support you." ■

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