

## Adrienne Coad - A Driving Commitment.....



For Adrienne , the sound of a golf ball coming sweetly off the club remains one of the most satisfying sounds for her while dedicating more than 50 years of service to the Tauranga Golf Club..... no mean

feat for the long-time golfer's involvement, cumulating in more than half of the Club's proud history leading up to its' November 2014 Centenary celebrations.

The 66 year old admits to being proud of recently notching up 51 years of service since becoming a Junior member in 1963.

"I was a junior from 1963 until 1973 because then, Junior memberships were until the age of 25" Adrienne said. "I have been a full member since 1973. I feel very proud to have reached the milestone of over 50 years as a Club member. I just love the Golf Club. In fact my husband Maurice was Secretary-Manager for a period of four years in the 1980s, so the two of us have had quite an association with the Club."

After playing and trundling around the course and serving on countless committees, Adrienne says her passion and drive for the Club is unwavering.

"I am very passionate about the Club. I have been on various committees since 1976. I served on the Women's committee, have been Saturday Supervisor and then 36-plus Convenor for new members. I have been involved with Women Vets for the past five years and am currently their President."

Following her mother, Barbara Carlyle – who died from cancer in 1979, aged 52 - around the golf course while a school girl, ignited Adrienne's excitement for the game. The family's strong connection to the Club was strengthened in 2006 when she and her sister, Margaret Mabey (also a keen golfer and member of Tauranga Golf Club) donated a gazebo and plaque on the fifth hole in memory of their mother ; something for which they are very proud.

"Our mother loved the game; we lived very handy to the Course, at the beginning of Pyes Pa; we played together when I was just a school girl and I've just continued. I have been down to an 18 handicap but now I play more socially than competitively."