

***says Mrs. Hart***

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***Family chores before golf,***

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Browsing through the results of this summer's New Jersey distaff golf events, one might come to the conclusion that this was the summer that wasn't for Mrs. A. Sherburne Hart of Baltusrol.

Ever since she entered the world of competitive golf on a local level in 1965, Mrs. Hart, better known in most circles as Hatsie, has been recognized as one of the better lady shotmakers in the state.

She lived up to all expectations in 1970 by winning three major events, the Women's Metropolitan championship, New Jersey State Match Play event and New Jersey Women's 54-hole stroke-play title. Mrs. Hart also combined with Mrs. Henry Cross of Essex County in winning the Better-Ball-of-Partners crown.

**BUT 1972 HAS** been quite another story. Mrs. Hart did advance to the finals of the Women's Met on Long Island before losing out to Gwen Straub and made a fair showing in the Met 54-hole tournament. That's been it, however.

Mrs. Hart failed to make an appearance at the New Jersey 54-hole stroke play championship, a title she won in 1971. Other important events that went by the boards included the State Amateur and the 20th Women's U.S. Open at Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

"I was sorry not to have played in some of the tournaments," she stated. "But I had to set up my priorities, and they were easily spelled out—inside the house."

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**WHILE IT MAY** not be a situation that would thrill Women's Lib, it's one which

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failed to bother Mrs. Hart. She has four children, a boy and three girls ranging from 10 to 15 years old.

"They're too young to drive and too big to stay in the house," she explained. So, being a mother came first. "I've tried to play golf when it was available to me, rather than turn my family upside down to get a chance to compete."

The long-hitting resident of Short Hills (she hits from men's tees at Baltusrol) also cited weather as a problem in her getting started this season. She played seven rounds in the rains dumped by hurricane Agnes at the WMGA event on Long Island, and was too tired to compete in the Women's Open the following week.

"I regret that," Mrs. Hart noted, "because that tournament was on a super golf course (Winged Foot)."

**THE COMBINATION** of a hectic home life and inclement weather has made concentration difficult, to say the least.. "I don't think I've had the mental effort this year I need to win," she commented.

Despite the growing children and increased responsibilities, Mrs. Hart is still confident she can put together another season like 1970 and looks forward to playing in the Women's U.S. Open when it returns to the New York Metropolitan area.

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**SHE'LL ALSO BE** shooting for a spot in next year's National Amateur, scheduled for the Montclair Golf Club. And keeping in condition over the winter for the 1973 golf season won't be much of a problem.

With four energetic children, Mrs. Hart is always on the move.



**Mrs. Hart on practice tee**