

LEE MERIWETHER is a real swinger at home.

The 67-year-old actress and her husband Marshall Borden like to practice their strokes on the poolside putting green they installed at their San Fernando Valley, Calif., home after a 1994 earthquake.

"The chimney fell off, the walls cracked and windows burst," says the 1955 Miss America, best known as Buddy Ebsen's co-star on *Barnaby Jones*. "We thought we'd just fix up the house and sell it. But thanks to Marshall's creative redesign, we fell in love with it all over again."

Borden, also an actor, praises his wife's golf form — from a safe distance.

"Lee has marvelous technique and a great stroke," he says. "When she was just a kid, her powerful swing accidentally knocked out two of her father's teeth."

Now, little outside the lure of the footlights can drag the ageless beauty away from her homey haven.

"Theater has always been my first love," says Meriwether, set to perform in *Nunsense: The 20th Anniversary All-Star Tour*. "I don't care for traveling, but if you have to tour to do theater — it's worth it."



Ebsen and Meriwether

