



J. HAMILTON GILLESPIE

Ninety-one years after he started it all the man who built the first golf holes in Florida, J. Hamilton Gillespie, will have a five event round of tournaments, parties and a dinner dedicated to him, May 18-23, in Sarasota.

The doughty Scot, who more than once observed to those not playing the game, "Mon, y're missin' half ye life," built two holes, connected by a stretch of meadow, near what is now Sarasota's Main Street. The site, where the city's old Central School used to stand, is a five iron shot from the Florida State Golf Association's state office in Sarasota.

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AMATEUR ASSOCIATION TEAM EVENT REPLACES FSGA OPEN AT SARASOTA

91st Anniversary of state's first
 golf holes to be observed during
 Gillespie Golf Week May 18-23.

SARASOTA — Conflict between the Florida PGA and the proposed FSGA Open has been solved with a simple format change.

The tournament which had been scheduled as a \$25,000 open competition at County Club of Sarasota, May 20-22, will become an amateur event featuring four-man teams representing local and district golf associations from around the state.

The 54 holes for cash, proposed by Florida State Golf Association, was planned for the three days preceding the Central Florida U.S. Open qualifying, Monday, May 23, also be conducted by FSGA at the same site.

It is not to be. Florida PGA officials objected to the FSGA Open saying it would compete with the PGA's long established Florida Open usually played later in the summer.

"We take this personally," said Mike O'Sullivan, golf professional at Riviera Country Club, Ormond Beach, and a member of the PGA's state executive committee when FSGA and PGA officials met early in February to discuss the tournament and the professionals' objection to it.

"Your FSGA event would be another state open and we interpret that as a conflict and to mean that the professionals are not doing a good job with their existing tournament," O'Sullivan added.

Bobby Goodman, new PGA Section President, and executive committee members Hank Davis, Jr., and Chuck Brasington, agreed with O'Sullivan.

Brasington, professional at Gainesville Country Club, had been the first to knock the proposed FSGA event in a letter printed in a state golf publication.

Spokesmen for the amateur association pointed out that in addition to scheduling the FSGA Open to help stimulate the following Monday's U.S. Open qualifying entry, the event was planned as a "thank you" tournament for professionals at FSGA member clubs in Florida for their cooperative efforts in behalf of FSGA through the years.

Dexter Daniels, Jr., President; Austin Jones, Vice President; Bill Carey, Executive Director and Jim Tobin, Field Representative of the state association met with the PGA group to discuss the issue.

After stating FSGA's position in the matter Carey said the



FSGA WILL PRESENT a reincarnated version of Mixed Pairs competition during Gillespie Golf Week May 18-23 at Country Club of Sarasota. Contestants will be attired in golf togs of the day as pictured in the early Sarasota

Golf scene above. Entry forms for the "dress-up" event are in this newsletter.

SARASOTA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

Gillespie continued

FSGA will sponsor "Gillespie Golf Week," along with a variety of area business and golf interests.

First event of the gala is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, with a mixed pairs tournament which will be played at Country Club of Sarasota. Male and female contestants will be attired in golfing regalia of the late 19th century. Knickers, vests and bowl caps for the men; wide brimmed hats and full skirts for the ladies.

An awards party immediately follows the shotgun-start competition around the pool at Country Club. In addition to golf performance recognition, prizes will be awarded for the best, most authentic, funniest and worst costumes.

Thursday evening, May 19, a reception and dinner at Sarasota's Hyatt House will be given honoring the golf industry.

Friday will be a practice day at Country Club of Sarasota for district golf association teams from around the state competing in the FSGA-sponsored 36-hole team championship Saturday and Sunday. The best three 18 hole scores will count each day in the team competition. In addition, there will be an individual champion selected from the two-day contest.

On Monday, May 23, at Country Club and Bent Tree Golf Club, the 36-hole U.S. Open qualifying round for central Florida will be conducted by FSGA. In 1976, when the qualifying was held at Gator Creek Golf Club, Sarasota drew the eighth largest field of the USGA's 58 nationwide qualifying locations. The Open qualifying will conclude Gillespie Golf Week.

Other than a series of Gillespie Memorial Tournaments held in Sarasota in the late 1950s, two of which were won by Tampa's fine veteran amateur Paul

Tarnow, Jr., there never has been a special event observance for the pioneer golf course builder and Father of Florida Golf.

The Sarasota Country Historical Commission is cooperating with FSGA for the Gillespie Golf Week observance and many long-time local area citizens and business interests are coming forward with records, pictures and memorabilia of golf's first days in Sarasota, Florida, and perhaps in the nation.

Much has been made of John Reid and his "Apple Tree Gang," and the three-hole course in a cow pasture which later became St. Andrews-on-the-Hudson, near



AN EARLY ENTRANT in Mixed Pairs event waits for partner at site of first Sarasota Golf Club.

Yonkers, New York. On February 22, 1888, Reid introduced the game to five friends and historians have claimed it gospel to say, "We can safely date the beginnings of golf in this country from that afternoon."

Several other locations in the country, in South Carolina, Vermont, Pennsylvania, make reference to early golf about this same time but there has been no documentation to prove the claims.

The Gillespie caper is amply documented. J. Hamilton brought his sticks with him from Scotland by way of Australia, also becoming — until records prove otherwise — the world's first golf traveler. He was hitting gutties with those hickory-shafted clubs over his own golf holes in May, 1886.

John Ringling, circus showman and art patron, was an early Sarasotan who gave credence to Gillespie's early activities.

Famed golf writer O.B. Keeler in an interview with Ringling in the Atlanta Journal, November 15, 1931, reported Ringling to say: "Did you know that golf was first played in American right down at Sarasota? Fact! A colony of Scots settled there 50 years ago and Colonel Gillespie laid out a course of four holes, later nine, and they had a regular club."

The number of holes were reported more accurately by city pioneer A.B. Edwards who wrote that Gillespie, "First built a tee in his back yard about the site of where the dining room of the old Miramar Hotel now stands. He would tee-off to a meadow, which surrounded a swamp hazard. He built two or three holes around this meadow and would practice there."

Many items of historical fact, which set Sarasota's 1886 date in American Golf, are being assembled for Gillespie Golf Week which FSGA hopes to make an annual event.

A Reply From Chuck Brasington

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the February Newsletter, FSGA Executive Director Bill Carey answered a letter critical of the Association written by golf professional Chuck Brasington. Brasington has replied and FSGA News is pleased to give equal space to his views.

This is a reply to your letter dated January 10, 1977. I will try to be as brief as possible, but I do feel that parts of your letter deserve a complete response. As I accepted your letter, I hope that you will receive this letter in a friendly and constructive manner. I want you to know that all of us appreciate your many contributions to the game of golf in Florida, and respect your judgment.

I am sorry that you accepted my letter to the editor in the manner in which you did. I have absolutely no qualms with the FSGA. I think that it serves a meaningful purpose for our many amateur friends. However, I am surprised at your method for making a more harmonious relationship with club professionals.

At the outset, it should be emphasized that the view that I expressed in my letter to the editor, were strictly mine and did not necessarily reflect the opinions nor attitudes of any of my fellow professionals.

Bill, I frankly resent your remark indicating "low esteem for FSGA by my leadership." I would challenge you to offer any action by me to justify your remark. May I remind you that during my term as president of the Florida PGA, I appointed six prominent amateurs to serve as members of our advisory committee. They

were invited to attend every meeting and encouraged to offer suggestions to improve our service to golf. During that term, we tried to emphasize amongst our fellow professionals the need for better relations with our amateur customers with whom we depend upon for our livelihood. We established the Amateur of the Year award and the Florida PGA Junior Golf Academy. Three scholarship awards were presented to outstanding students at Lake City Community College. The members of the advisory committee were encouraged to offer suggestions on other ways for us to better serve our amateur members. At no time during my term in office, was any "low esteem for FSGA" discussed. I see nothing in my letter, nor any action during my term in office or career as a golf professional, that would warrant your remark, and I feel that it was completely out of place.

I do not question your good intent in establishing the FSGA Open. Have you considered that most golf professionals today, with their busy schedules, at their

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own golf clubs, can hardly take time to participate in his own PGA events. I personally feel that the FSGA Open will dilute the size of the field for both tournaments. Again I say, I feel that endeavors such as this do absolutely no good for golf in Florida.

I find it surprising that your President never mentioned this proposal at any of our executive committee meetings, nor has anyone else ever mentioned to me that the professional-amateur club member relationship is regarded as an endangered species.

The issue of handicapping is not too much of a sore subject with me, but I guess I was more disturbed at your timing in instituting your program. You chose to start a handicap system immediately after the Florida PGA had already done so. I would like to offer a direct quote from the president of the PGA of America, Don Padgett. "I feel very strongly that the professionals main function is to manage the entire golfing operation, as it relates to the playing of golf. This includes running golf tournaments, providing the handicap system, providing lessons, and operating the driving range and golf shop, and offer any other service to make golf more enjoyable." From my experience with relations with my own Board of Directors, they require me to provide and monitor the handicap system for our members. They feel that this provides for a better continuity with our program, rather than pass that assignment on to a new chairman each year.

I agree that there are many fine individual club professionals who stage outstanding events for amateurs in Florida every year, outside the jurisdiction of the Florida PGA. Your letter would seem to infer that I feel differently. I also hope that these professionals will continue to stage top-notch amateur events. I can guarantee you that the Florida PGA has never nor never will frown on these activities.

Bill, I am not trying to start any controversy or any name-calling battle with you. Both of us are too busy and have more important obligations to attend to. Speaking just for myself, I merely contend that staging the FSGA Open, without allowing the newly-elected officers of the Florida PGA a chance to effectively investigate your proposal, does absolutely no good for Florida golf.

In conclusion, please be assured that neither I nor any other golf professional that I know feel the "low esteem for FSGA" that you mentioned in your letter.

Chuck Brasington
Gainesville

FSGA 1977 MEMBER INVITATIONAL NEXT AT PONCE DE LEON GOLF CLUB APRIL 22-23, ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 21.

One of the FSGA's most popular events, the three-day, 54-hole Member Invitational, will be played April 22-24 at the Ponce de Leon Golf Club in St. Augustine, with incoming FSGA President Austin Jones of Orlando the defending champion.

Jones was elected FSGA vice president last April 29, and apparently taking his cue from that boost spent the next three days carving out a 219, three-over-par victory over the challenging Port Malabar layout. He posted rounds of 77-69-73 to carry off the red, white and blue Bicentennial prize gear.

Coupled with the Invitational, as it is every year, will be the Club Team Championship, which will be played over 36 holes beginning Friday, April 22. Last year's champions were from the Cleveland Heights Country Club, Lakeland, and consisted of Bill Dotson, Mike Schroeder, Larry Sunday and Bob Hinson. They captured the rotating team trophy with a 36-hole gross total of 609. That was a 76.125 stroke average per round, per team member.

Preceding the two tournament events will be the annual meeting of FSGA members and club representatives, commencing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21, at the Ponce de Leon Lodge.

Tournament headquarters will be the 200-room Lodge, which is offering a special rate of \$20 single, \$24 double, for FSGA contestants.

Since last year's dual event, the Ponce de Leon course has been renovated and a new clubhouse is being built. For post-round relaxation the club offers gourmet dining, a cocktail lounge, nightly entertainment and a swimming pool. For



1976 winner Austin Jones, right, received awards from Past President Bob McCullers.

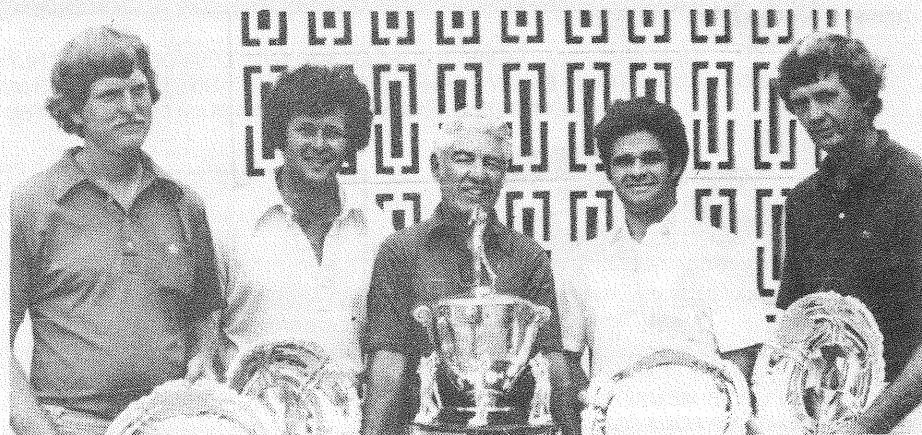
something more strenuous, there are six tennis courts.

Entry fee for the combined event is \$60 — and it also includes a golf cart for three days, Saturday night dinner for contestants (culminating the Club Team Championship), and merchandise prizes in all flights. After 36 holes, the Invitational field will go into flights of 16 contestants for the final round on Sunday.

Merchandise and silver prizes will be awarded at the scoreboard upon completion of play in each flight.

In regard to the Club Team Championship, any FSGA member club may enter one four-man-team to compete for the trophy. Team members will not be paired in the same foursome, and the lowest combined gross score for the 36-hole event will determine the winner. Prizes will be awarded each winning team member and the rotating trophy will go to their club for one year.

Deadline for team entries is before any one team member tees off on April 22.



Cleveland Heights Country Club, Lakeland, had the winning four-man team last year in Bill Dotson, Mike Schroeder, Larry Sunday and Bob Hinson. Past President McCullers made the prize presentation.

TAX RELIEF FOR YOUR GOLF COURSE? YOU MUST ASK FOR IT!

By Bill Fritts

Golf club owners and operators around Florida who have paid little heed to Florida statutes regulating outdoor recreational or park lands for tax treatment, might do well to do so, since it could mean a substantial reduction in their tax bills.

Clear guidelines are not yet finalized, but there's a push in that direction and more and more activity in the open space area is expected in the years ahead. Those who start finding out about it now will be just that much ahead when the proper time comes.

How will this open space legislation affect golf courses in particular?

First of all, golf courses are included in those functions and activities outlined by state law as coming under the open space concept.

Florida Statute No. 193.501, the basic governing statute, states: "Outdoor recreational or park purposes" includes but is not necessarily limited to; boating, golfing, camping, swimming, horseback riding, historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites.

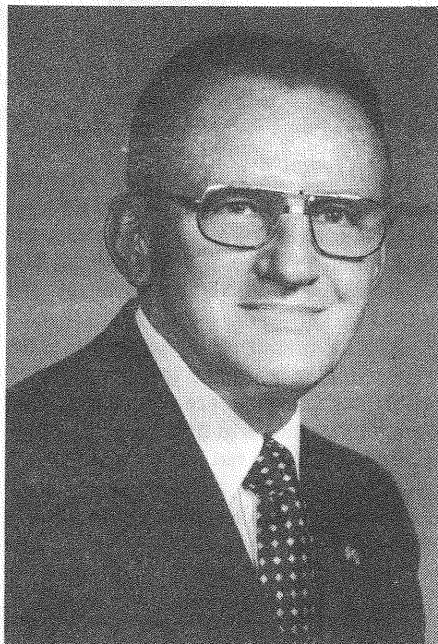
Golfing, then, is clearly included, and all golf courses, public or private, can be affected by the provisions of the statute.

What the law means simply for golf courses is that, if application is made for preferential treatment and approval given, a golf course can be assessed at a lower figure than would normally prevail. In short, its tax bill is reduced, and it could be by a respectable amount.

The first step in such a process is for the golf club owner to file a covenant with the governing body of the county, or with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, stating that the land in question will not be used by the owner for any purpose other than outdoor recreation or park purposes for at least 10 years. And this covenant must be renewed prior to Jan. 1 each year for the property to be considered under the statutory provisions.

John Mikos, property appraiser for Sarasota County and secretary of the Appraisers' Association of Florida, notes that there is no "special formula" for considering golf courses, but that more weight can be given to some factors than others.

"We'll still follow the eight factors created under Section 4, Article 7 of our Constitution," he says, "but we can rely more heavily on any one of these factors as



JOHN MIKOS

long as we have considered all of them. We don't call it flexibility, and we don't have unbridled judgment. Whatever we come up with, we must support it under the statutes."

In all appraisal processes, he adds, the three approaches to value are cost, income, and market. And in the past, "very few people considered income in the case of golf courses — one of the reasons being that you never got a true picture of income. They were set up as incentives to create additional values (to surrounding properties), not as corporations for profit."

But if you now increase the emphasis on income in your appraisal process, he points out, the result tax-wise could be beneficial to the golf club under consideration.

"Probably," he says, "this is where we would be giving more consideration."

Why preferential treatment for golf courses, campsites, boating areas, etc?

The key phrase is "open space" and all that connotes for a community. Open space is a valuable heritage and it should be protected, so runs the reasoning. It creates greenery and pleasant vistas, it allows for infiltration of air and sunshine, it induces a sense of spaciousness and relaxed living — in short, it embraces a number of the good things of life that people envy and treasure.

Proof of this is amply demonstrated by the fact that properties that adjoin golf

courses are sharply increased in value. Only a few feet away, maybe just across the street, property values will be several thousand dollars lower because they do not abut on this open space. People value open space and regard it as something to cherish and preserve. So important is it that special tax consideration is deemed justified where certain outdoor recreational and park land activities are concerned.

This concept, of course, arose out of the massive environmental concern that people have felt so keenly in recent years. As more and more open spaces were gobbled up by onrushing population growth, the appreciation of such spaces grew accordingly.

Despite possible tax benefits, however, very few golf club owners throughout the state have taken advantage so far of the open space statutes.

The reasons for this are several: First, not many golf club owners are familiar with the program; they haven't looked into it, haven't pressed their tax officials for guidelines. Second, the concept is still being defined by tax officials and regulatory agencies. Only as recently as last October did the Florida Cabinet adopt a regulatory provision of the Department of Revenue further spelling out guidelines. Third, much of golf course developers' thinking has not been oriented in this direction. They created the golf course as an incentive vehicle, a means of boosting surrounding property values. It was a means to an end, not an end in itself. Many, in fact, wrote off the golf course as a development cost.

Indicative of the uncertainty is the case of a Lee County golf course owner who asked that the golf course lands be assessed as pastureland — perhaps worth \$30-\$40 an acre. ("That, to me," says Mikos, "is absurd.") And the case of a Miami course that was assessed for \$250,000 and sold for \$2 million. Obviously . . . there's a need for better definition and uniformity.

The statutes spell out that a covenant may be turned down by the governing body, thus filing an application is not just a perfunctory act culminating in automatic approval. Also, such improved facilities as a clubhouse do not qualify for consideration, nor may the increased abutting property values be taken into consideration.

Basically, the key consideration is open space — that is what it is all about, that is what may be considered for special tax treatment. But it must be a declared open space, one formally recognized and dedicated by a covenant officially accepted by the governing body involved.

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THE GOLF CONSUMER

BY BILL CAREY

Q: Sitting around after last Saturday morning's round we argued about a recent statement made by our club professional that members were obligated to buy merchandise from him. What do you think?

A: Club membership carries with it the responsibility of supporting local biz. I would say members are obligated to look first for their needs at their home pro shop. However, they're not obligated to buy if price, quality and sales attitude of the home team doesn't satisfy demands. It's still a free market place.

Q: Our real estate firm has a client wanting to invest in a Florida golf course. What is the best area in the state?

A: Tampa. The Hillsborough County Metropolis is one of the few under-built golf metro areas in Florida. Witness the great success of the new public Babe Zaharias Golf Course operated by Tampa Sports Authority. More than 70,000 rounds of golf were played there in the opening year. A pro-manager like Bobby Stricklin, naturally, contributed greatly to the operation's success.

Q: Why does a golf ball have dimples and whose dimples are best, Royal's, Wilson's, or Titleist's?

A: I'll answer the last part of the question first. I don't know. For the first part I'll call on an Aero Dynamics of Flight course, taken 35 years ago, to guess there's less friction imparted to a dimpled ball. It has less drag than a smooth surfaced sphere and will fly a greater distance when properly struck.

Warming to your question may I recount the view of the USGA's scientist in residence, Frank Thomas, on the subject. He says, "Dimples not only reduce drag but help pull air around the spinning ball when in flight. This creates a turbulent zone of air lower than if the ball were not spinning, thus creating an airfoil-type profile. This produces differential pressures between the lower and upper sections of the flying ball creating the lift."

"The Moment of Inertia of a ball contributes in part to the speed at which it

spins and the Coefficient of Restitution to its linear velocity or flying speed. Thus, the launch angle, drag and lift properties at specific spin rates and flying speeds, contribute to the trajectory path a ball will follow and are thus determinants in the overall distance the ball will cover."

I'm sure that's much more than you wished to know about the subject.

Q: When was golf first played in America?

A: In Sarasota, Florida, in May of 1886 by John Hamilton Gillespie, a Scot real estate operator who also was the first golf traveler, bringing his sticks with him from Scotland to Sarasota by way of Australia. It is well documented that Gillespie built a two hole course on the Southside of what is now Sarasota's Main Street two years before the so-called "Father of American Golf," John Reid, laid out his three-holer in an apple orchard in Yonkers, N.Y., in 1888.

Gillespie simply didn't get the publicity for his effort to come off as the undisputed numero uno in U.S. pasture links building.

Q: Our club wishes to get into a good junior golf program this summer. Where can we obtain the best guidance for a sound program?

A: The National Golf Foundation, USGA and PGA of America all have helpful material for a junior program. For a no charge opener write USGA, Golf House, Far Hills, N.J. 07931, for a free booklet titled "A Junior Program For Your Club and District." The NGF, 200 Castlewood Drive, North Palm Beach, FL 33408, has a more sophisticated program for juniors featuring 16mm, sound motion pictures, color slides and booklets, modestly priced, for advanced programs.

Q: What is the best bargain in golf travel?

A: International Golf's eight-day junket to Scotland. You'll play all the great ones . . . Carnoustie, Old Course at St. Andrews, Gleneagles, etc. Cost about \$650 per person. Details from FSGA Travel, Drawer 1298, Sarasota, FL 33578.

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The tournament is 54 holes stroke play. Field will go into flights of 16 contestants after 36 holes for the final round on Sunday. Prizes each flight.

Entry fee of \$60 must accompany entry and includes golf cart for three days, dinner Saturday night and merchandise prizes in all flights. Dues of \$20 must be included if entrant is not a current FSGA member. Entry fee refunded only if cancellation received at FSGA office before 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

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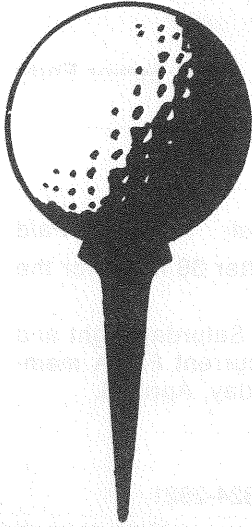


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APRIL 22-24, 1977

PONCE DE LEON GOLF CLUB, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

PROGRAM



THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Annual meeting of member club representatives, 10:30 a.m. at Lodge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

First round of 54 hole tournament begins at 8:30. 36 hole Club Team Championship begins (one 4 man team per club) as part of same event.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Second round 54 hole tournament. Final round 36 hole Club Team Championship. FSGA dinner for contestants 7:30 p.m. There will be a charge for guests.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Final round all flights. Merchandise and Silver prizes awarded at score board upon completion of play in each flight.

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FSGA 1977 TOURNAMENTS

April 2-3 King Neptune Tournament, Rolling Green Golf Club, Sarasota, 36 holes.
 April 22-24 Member Invitational, 54 holes, Ponce de Leon Golf Club, St. Augustine.
 May 18 Gillespie Golf Week, Mixed Pairs, C.C. of Sarasota.
 May 19 Gillespie Golf Industry Dinner, Sarasota Hyatt House.
 May 21-22 District Association Team Championship, Country Club of Sarasota.
 May 23 U.S. Open, Central Florida Qualifying, 36 holes, Country Club of Sarasota and Bent Tree Golf Club, Sarasota.
 June 9-12 60th Annual State Amateur Championship, 72 holes, Bay Hill Golf Club, Orlando.
 July 14-15 State Junior Championship, 36 holes, Country Club of Miami.
 July 16-17, Four-ball, C.C. of Miami.
 August 5-7 N.W. "Life at Forty," 54 holes, Bay Point G.C., Panama City.
 August 21 Lone Palm C.C., Scholarship Day, Lakeland.
 Sept. 24-25 State Four-Ball with Senior Section, 36 holes, Longboat Key G.C., Sarasota
 Oct. 14-15 State Seniors Championship, 36 holes, Vero Beach Country Club.
 Nov. 4-6 Lehigh "Life at Forty," 54 holes, Lehigh C.C.
 Dec. 3-4 Holiday Four-Ball, 36 holes, King's Inn, Sun City Center.

PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE OF CARD!

FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION GILLESPIE WEEK MIXED PAIRS TOURNAMENT C.C. OF SARASOTA WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1977



TEAM ENTRY

Name _____	Date of Birth _____ (For Senior Section)
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I am a current member of _____	My current handicap is _____
Home phone _____ Office ph. _____	() New Member () Renewal () Dues Paid

Team entry fee \$50 includes tournament round, electric cart, tee gift, prizes, awards party Wednesday evening, practice round Tuesday. Contestants pay for carts in practice round. One team member must be FSGA member or on FSGA handicap system. Gross and net prizes. Field limited to first 50 teams. Teams playing in early day golf attire eligible for special awards. If staying for Golf Industry party and dinner. May 19. special team ticket \$21.

Mail entries to: **FSGA, P.O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578**

Please make room reservations direct with:
 Sarasota Hyatt House on reservation form enclosed
 Pairings will be mailed May 13.



**GILLESPIE GOLF WEEK
FSGA'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION
FOUR-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

COUNTRY CLUB OF SARASOTA • MAY 21-22, 1977

Your association is invited to send a four man team to compete in FSGA's Association Championship. Each association may also enter a senior team, and there will be an individual title awarded for the lowest 36 hole score. Team scoring will be the total of the low three rounds of the four team members each day. Prizes will be awarded in gross and net team competition. Entry fee is \$200 for the team and includes the tournament rounds, carts, tee gifts, prizes, FSGA's Golf Industry dinner at Sarasota Hyatt House, Thursday May 19, and practice round, May 20. Contestants pay for carts in practice round. There will be a \$15 charge for guests at golf dinner. Entry form on reverse side must be signed by district association official.



Through your tournament performance, or handicap qualification of six or under, you are invited to play in the 60th Annual Florida State Amateur Golf Championship Tournament at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Florida, sponsored by the Florida State Golf Association, June 9-12, 1977. The field will be limited to 180 players. The Championship will be 72 holes, stroke play. Your entry form is on the reverse side of this invitation and you are urged to make accommodation reservations direct with the Bay Hill Club Lodge, phone (305) 876-2429.



**1977 FSGA STATE JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT
Conducted by Florida State Golf Association
July 14-15, 1977,
COUNTRY CLUB OF MIAMI, MIAMI, FLORIDA**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I am a current member of _____ club. My current handicap is _____

Phone _____ School last attended _____

12-14 Division _____ 15-17 Division _____

ENTRY FEE OF \$10 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM AND MUST BE RECEIVED IN SARASOTA BEFORE JULY 8, 5 P.M. NO ENTRIES BY PHONE. NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE. IF YOU MUST WITHDRAW PLEASE BE COURTEOUS ENOUGH TO YOUR FELLOW GOLFERS TO NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT (813) 958-6673 or call pro shop at (305) 821-0111.

Entries are open to male amateur golfers who have registered in Fla. schools during the past year, have handicap of 15 or under and have reached their 12th birthday but not reached their 18th birthday by midnight of July 15, 1977. There will be divisions for boys 12 through 14 years old and 15 through 17. The tournament is 36 holes stroke play with 18 holes being played each day. All contestants must be members of FSGA member clubs. The low overall scorer will be the winner of the tournament regardless of age bracket. TROPHIES given in all divisions. Ties will be settled by matching cards starting on first hole, except for championship where there will be playoff.

Send entry to: FSGA, P.O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578

FIELD LIMITED TO FIRST 120 ENTRIES

PAIRINGS WILL BE MAILED JULY 8.

TEAM ENTRY — FSGA DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP
COUNTRY CLUB OF SARASOTA • MAY 21-22, 1977

The four man team representing our association is listed below and entry check to FSGA enclosed for \$200. (\$50 per team member). I understand the team competition is limited to the first 25 teams entered and that this entry is subject to approval or rejection at any time by FSGA Tournament Committee.

REGULAR TEAM () or SENIOR TEAM ()

1. _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL 2. _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL
 3. _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL 4. _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL
 Alternate _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL Alternate _____ Shirt Size S-M-L-XL

I certify the above team members and alternates are members of:

TEAM CONTACT MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ Golf Association **PHONE** _____

 Signature of Association Official

Send entry to: FSGA, P.O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578

FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION
60th ANNUAL STATE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
 June 9-12, 1977 — The Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Florida.

Entry # _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I am a current member of _____ My established handicap is _____ Must be 6 or under as of April 30, 1977

Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____ Elec. cart required

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL DUES ALREADY PAID

Entry fee of \$60 must accompany this form and includes four tournament rounds, carts four days and Saturday Night Party. Dues of \$20 must be included if entrant is not current FSGA member or on FSGA handicap system. **NO PHONE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.** Tournament will be 72 hole stroke play. Field will be paired into flights after 36 holes. Prizes each flight. Field will close as soon as first 180 Entries received. Limited number of standbys will be accepted. Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time by FSGA tournament committee.

Mail entry to: **FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION** P.O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578

If your Entry Is Received After The Field Is Closed, You Will Be Notified By Return Mail and Put On Standby. **NO ACCEPTANCE NOTICES WILL BE SENT** Until Pairings Are Mailed June 3, 1977.

Welcome to FSGA's
Gillespie Golf Week at
Country Club of Sarasota
and Sarasota Hyatt House
May 18-23, 1977

Schedule of Events



WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Mixed Pairs Tournament at Country Club of Sarasota (Shotgun Start 1 p.m.)
 Awards Party and Costume Prize presentation around pool at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Practice Round for Team Championship competitors at Country Club of Sarasota (all day).

Gillespie Golf Industry Reception and Dinner Hyatt House, DeSoto Ball Room 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Practice Round for the Team Championship competitors at Country Club of Sarasota (all day).

SATURDAY, MAY 21

First Round of the Team Championship Competition at Country Club of Sarasota. Starting Times begin 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

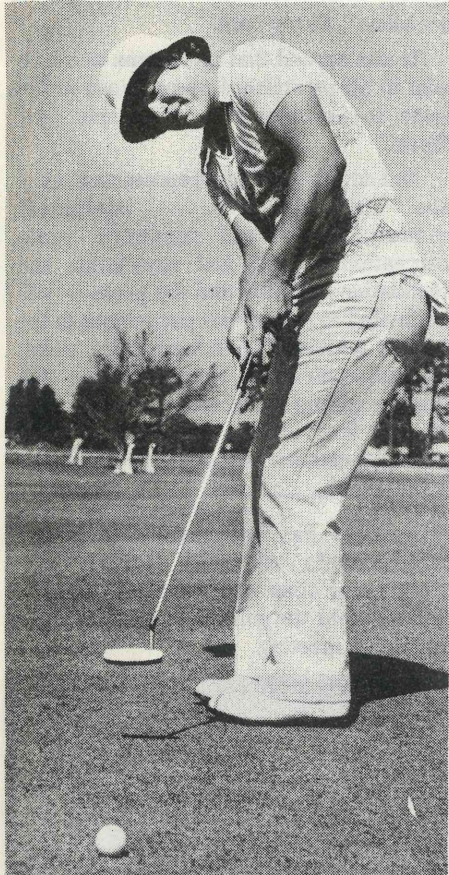
Final Round of the Team Championship Competition at Country Club of Sarasota. Starting Times begin 8:30 a.m.

Awards Presentation will be held at Country Club of Sarasota, immediately following tournament play.

MONDAY, MAY 23

36 Hole Central Florida Qualifying Round for U.S. Open, Country Club of Sarasota and Bent Tree Golf and Racquet Club. Starting Times begin 8:30 a.m.





PEARSON NEPTUNE GOLF KING

Billy Napier Wins At Cypress Creek

ORLANDO — Billy Napier of Orlando won the FSGA's Cypress Creek District Handicap Tournament last month, putting together a low gross total of 149. Donald V. Clites, Brandon, won the low net in the championship flight with 143.

Two two-day, 36-hole event was played March 12-13 over the Cypress Creek Golf Club layout, with prizes being given for gross and net winners in all flights.

Winner of the first flight was Randy Briggs of Longwood, with a low gross of 156; Amil Mallada, Orlando, won the second flight with a low gross of 161, and Reginald Cobb, Palm Bay, was the third flight winner with a low gross of 171.

Championship Flight

B. Napier, 149 (low gross). Net winners — D. Clites, 143; J. Coulter, 145; J. Hamilton, 147; M. Vignetti, 148.

First Flight

R. Briggs, 156 (low gross). Net winners — J. Vaughn, 145; J. Biggs, 149; T. Grady, 150; A. Wilds, 152.

Second Flight

T. Mallada, 161 (low gross). Net winners — J. Clayton, 144; R. Cobb, 146; J. Palmer, 146.

Third Flight

Reg Cobb, 171 (low gross). Net winners — A. Breithaupt, 138; W. Stevens, 146; V. Howell, 151; B. Carey, 151; S. Maddox, 154; B. Thompson, 159.

Tournament Times

- To compete in FSGA events contestants must be current members.
- Tournament entry forms in this issue.



SIX UNDER PAR FOR VICTORY

RICK PEARSON WINS KING NEPTUNE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sarasota Journal's Harold Bubil wrote the best story of Rick Pearson's Neptune victory. We're pleased to reprint it here.

By Harold Bubil
Journal Sports Writer

The year 1976 was a good one for Rick Pearson, although sprinkled with disappointments. He came close several times, but won just one of the 13 amateur golf tournaments he entered.

He wants to change that in 1977.

Pearson is off to a good start. In his first tourney of the year, the Manatee Junior College freshman reached the goal, winning FSGA's King Neptune Classic Sunday at Rolling Green Golf Club.

A scratch golfer, Pearson won the overall and low gross titles in the wind-blown affair with a 67-71-138.

M.T. McInnis of Bradenton won the senior division with a score of 74-77-151, defeating Dexter Daniels of Winter Haven (77-74) and Norton Harris of Key West (72-79) in a three-way playoff.

Pearson credited his successful 1977 inaugural to a change in his putting grip.

"I had been putting badly, so I changed my grip about two minutes before Saturday's round," said the Manatee High alumnus. "It's not a conventional grip. The hands are together, but not working as a unit.

"My putts rolled well and stayed on line."

Pearson, who claimed the wind was no factor because "it was a problem for everybody," said the par-four 10th, the par three 15th and the par three 17th holes were crucial.

"I birdied the tenth and that helped a lot," he said. "That's a tough hole against the wind, but I made the green with a drive and a one-iron, then made a 20-foot putt."

He parred each of the difficult par threes on the back nine, but he wasn't as lucky with the short third hole.

"I lateraled into the lake on the third. Other than that, and a few mental errors, I hit the ball well."

Pearson won the Junior Optimist tourney in St. Petersburg in 1976.

"I'm a little smarter between the ears than I was last year," said Pearson. "I'm hitting the ball more solidly and more consistently. I've refined my basic swing.

"Last year I played in 13 tournaments. This year I'd like to play in 20 or 25. We (Pearson and his friends in the local golfing fraternity) should get out and get as much stiff competition as we can to get more confidence. We have to get out in bigger tournaments, rather than just play the ones around here."

After a shot at the U.S. Open qualifying this summer and completion of junior college, Pearson would like to attend a four-year college. He also has an eye on professional golf.

But first, he'd like to win a few more as an amateur.

THE PRIZE WINNERS:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Low gross: Rick Pearson, 67-71 — 138; Lee Bennett, 70-71 — 141; Earl Boles, 67-75 — 142; Jackie Debbs, 72-70 — 142; Chris Crytzer, 70-72 — 142. Low net: Ben Heritage, 69-70 — 139.

FIRST FLIGHT

Low gross: Bill Golson, 74-72 — 146. Low net: Randy Concello, 75-64 — 139; Tom Cook, 74-67 — 141; Tom Russell, 74-67 — 141.

SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: Richard Hope 76-72 — 148. Low net: Dan English, 78-69 — 147; Wendell Spragins 76-72 — 148; Allan MacIntyre, 76-72 — 148; Dave Bowman, 80-68 — 148.

THIRD FLIGHT

Low gross: Ben Brown, 81-75 — 156. Low net: Martin Crytzer, 81-69 — 150; B.J. Jones, 83-71 — 154; Ken Marshall, 86-69 — 155; Dr. Ken Kiehl, 86-69 — 155.

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Low gross: x-M.T. McInnis, 74-77 — 151; Dexter Daniels, Sr., 77-74 — 151; Norton Harris, 72-79 — 151. Low net: Ralph Carter, 77-64 — 141. (x — won playoff.)

SENIORS FIRST FLIGHT

Low gross: Bob Chapman 78-77 — 155. Low net: John Mercer, 80-68 — 148; Rex Robinson, 79-69 — 148; Bill Toohey, 79-70 — 149.

SENIORS SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: O.D. McEnderfer, 86-82 — 168. Low net: Jim Classen, 86-68 — 154; Jim Mitchell, 88-67 — 155; Art Olsen, 91-65 — 156.



GEORGE EDMONDSON has stepped down after a successful 25 year run as Secretary of Florida Senior Golf Association.

NCA Sets Property Tax Research Competition

The American Society of Appraisers and the National Club Association have agreed to cosponsor the first nationwide research competition to increase the understanding of the valuation elements of private club golf courses, and the impact of its role in the community on that value, NCA President M.E. "Bob" Meyer, Jr., has announced.

"There's little doubt that rising property taxes are the Achilles' heel of private golf clubs, golf tournaments and in fact, the entire game of golf as we know it. Our Golf and Country Club Division Council, led by NCA Director Elliott W. Gurnaer, Jr., recognized the need for this research effort when producing its property tax study last year. We are indeed fortunate to join forces in this effort with such a respected professional association as the American Society of Appraisers."

The research Competition, which is open to all persons, offers three prizes totaling \$2500 and three honorable mentions for manuscripts that will most contribute to a better understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of existing appraisal approaches and how that golf club's value to its community should be reflected in its appraisal. Entrants also will be expected to challenge the rationale of limiting the estimation of value to "highest and best use."

The Competition will be judged by a panel of appraisers and university faculty to be selected by the American Society of Appraisers. The Competition will end Jan. 15, 1978.

Program information is being circulated to all those interested in appraisals, land planning, land economics, golf, recreation and other related fields.

Those planning to enter the Competition can get specific program details by writing the American Society of Appraisers, Research Competition, Dulles Int'l Airport, P.O. Box 17265, Washington, DC 20041, or the National Club Association, Research Competition, 1129 Twentieth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

TEAM EVENT CONTINUED

Association would alter the tournament format which the professionals found objectionable.

In laying the mini-tempest to rest Carey suggested the substitute event recognizing local and district amateur golf associations in Florida be sponsored by FSGA on the same dates and at the same site.

"The month of May will mark the 91st anniversary of J. Hamilton Gillespie's building of the first golf holes in Florida, and the nation, and an amateur association team championship would be a fitting way to observe the historic golf

occasion," Carey said.

It was agreed that invitations would be sent to all established associations in the state to participate in "Gillespie Golf Week."

In addition, national representatives of the golf industry — equipment manufacturers and suppliers, state recreation groups, golf association and foundation interests and the press — will be invited to attend and participate in the week's activities. A mixed pairs event, with all contestants dressed in late 19th century golfing attire, on Wednesday, May 18, will kick off the five days of competitions, parties and dinners.

PGA—FSGA SET PRO-PRESIDENT OUTING MAY 2-3

The Pro-President session set for Grenelefe May 2 and 3 is not an effort to convert Jimmy Carter to golf. It will be an outing for Florida golf club leaders and club professionals jointly pitched by the Florida PGA and FSGA.

Sure, there will be golf both days, but at the social and dinner sessions it is planned to have an interchange of ideas on club operations and to discuss some of the current problems facing the golf industry in Florida.

Hank Davis, Jr., PGA professional and manager of Cove Cay Golf Club, 2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater, (813) 536-1949, is in charge of arrangements. Millie Mix in the

PGA office has sent invitations to the professionals who will recruit their president or other club official to partner with them for the golf, social and management talk meeting.



CRAIG SCOTT, Kevin Butler and Dexter Daniels, Jr., were a threesome at advisory committee meeting at Grenelefe April 12.

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WE GET LETTERS

MORE MIXED PAIRS

Please accept a somewhat belated thanks for the fine outing you ran recently at Harder Hall in Sebring. Milly and I both enjoyed it tremendously, and we think you should schedule at least two mixed pair tournaments a year. As usual, everything ran like clockwork, and the food was super.

Looking forward to seeing you and Edna again soon, probably in St. Augustine.

John LaRoche
Maitland

SUPER DAN

As I told Edna on the phone a while back, our thank you note for the lovely dinner and greatly appreciated award given us was returned by the Post Office in bad shape after the holidays. We certainly have not forgotten the Carey's gracious hosting of the awards dinner and thank both FSGA and the Careys for a wonderful evening.

I am also humbly honored to receive the '76 Supt. award; on behalf of all Supers, especially FWCGCSA members. I have placed this beautiful plaque on my den wall rather than in the officer here at Countryside. I feel that without the love and understanding of my family first, I would never even have been considered for such an honor. We Supers think we have it tough, the family has it even tougher!!

Thanks again for everything.

Dodie & Dan Hall
Clearwater

GREAT IN ZEPHYRHILLS

We wish to express our appreciation for the excellent presentation your representative, Mr. Jim Tobin, gave to our club last month. It was presented so that

all members could readily understand and benefit from the talk.

It would be appreciated if one of your representatives could come and rate our course, preferably in May or June. If this can be arranged, please contact Mr. Bill Kustes, Pro, at the above address or telephone.

Again, our sincere thanks for Mr. Jim Tobin's fine presentation.

Bea Kozak, Secretary
Zephyrhills Golf Assoc.

STEPHENS MEMORIAL — MAY 14-15

The site of the annual Stephens Memorial has been changed this year to Harder Hall in Sebring. Host Vic Jacobson has made an attractive arrangement for our tournament contestants and we're looking for a fine field.

Practice rounds are set for Friday, May 13, with tournament competition scheduled Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Play will be in eight handicap divisions. Entry fee is \$50.

Leland E. Brooker
Sebring

DISAPPOINTED

The 1977 tournament schedule has arrived and I must say it is disappointing. Of the 13 tournaments listed I am eligible to play in only five and none of those are within a hundred miles. Not being over 40, under 18, or carrying a 5 handicap or less, or possessing a golfing wife, the schedule severely limits my tournament opportunities. The district events last year were dismal failures, the two that I played in had just over 30 entrants.

What prompts this letter is that I have really enjoyed playing in the FSGA events and meeting some really fine people throughout Florida. I regret having to drop out this year but it just isn't equitable for me and others in my category to receive so little in return for our membership. I sincerely hope that in the future the FSGA

will endeavor to make the tournament schedule more attractive to the average golfer.

Edward Wybranowski
Satellite Beach

EDITOR'S NOTE: We're sorry to lose good member Wybranowski but think a 13 tournament schedule, monthly handicap card update and general FSGA activities information for \$4 per year is the best bargain in golf.

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DATE	COURSE RATING	SCORE	DATE	COURSE RATING	SCORE

Florida State Golf Association

GOLF CLUB BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Club Association will produce one-day seminars on club law and administration at The City Club (Dallas) on April 25, the Union League of Philadelphia on May 9, and The Lauderdale Yacht Club (Fort Lauderdale) on May 16, according to NCA President M.E. "Bob" Meyer, Jr.

"These seminars will give club officers and managers a concentrated review of club tax law and policy questions, including director liabilities, board powers, restrictive admissions, wage-hour regulations, property taxes, and much more," Meyer said.

Featured seminar speakers will be NCA's General Counsel, Thomas P. Ondeck and NCA President Meyer, a Denver attorney, along with NCA Staff.

Co-hosting the seminars will be state club and golf associations, among them the Texas Recreation and Sports Association and the Florida State Golf Association.

The seminar registration, which includes all sessions, materials, a lunch and coffee breaks, will be \$75 for representatives of clubs which belong to NCA or the co-host organizations, and \$100 for representatives of nonmember clubs. NCA has blocked sleeping rooms for seminar participants.

NCA's Club Law Seminar last May was sold out and many were turned away. Seating will again be limited and on a "first-come" basis; registrations should be received by NCA no later than ten working days prior to each seminar.

FLORIDA ASSESSMENTS

Some tax relief for your golf course?

There may be, if you take advantage of Florida statutes that govern outdoor recreational or park lands for tax treatment.

On Page 5 we have a story on the open space tax concept and how to go about applying for consideration under the law. Not many golf course owners are doing so around the state, and they may be missing a good bet.

It's not automatic; there's a strict procedure to follow; but golf courses definitely qualify for consideration — so why not look into it?

IRS ON TOURNAMENTS

The IRS has issued a letter ruling that the hosting of a major sporting event, such as a golf tournament, will not adversely affect a club's exempt status, M.E. "Bob" Meyer, Jr., President of the National Club Association reported in NCA's March newsletter. The letter to Cherry Hills Country Club, Denver, CO, responded to the request for such a ruling from Mr. Meyer, Chairman of the club's 1978 U.S. Open Legal Committee.

In part the letter said:

"Based on the information submitted,

we rule that the hosting of the U.S. Open in 1978, in the manner described in your request, will not have an adverse affect on your tax exempt status under section 501(c)(7) of the Code.

"For your information, the income derived from the general public, as a result of your hosting the 1978 U.S. Open, is not to be included in your gross receipts for the purposes of the standard set forth in Rev. Proc. 71-17, 1971-1 C.B. 683. However, such income is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code, as provided for by section 512(a)(3)(B)."

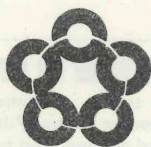
Last September, NCA confirmed reports that IRS was considering a more strict interpretation of existing tax regulations that exempt clubs must be operated exclusively for club members. "Such an interpretation could have endangered the exemption of every club which hosted a major outside event, such as a golf tournament or a regatta," Meyer said, "and the fact that IRS would entertain such policy was considered a reversal of its long held policy that such revenues are treated separately. If clubs faced the possible loss of their exemption, it was felt that many would be discouraged from bidding for such events."

MOVING?

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NATIONAL CLUB ASSOCIATION



REGISTRATION FORM

- April 25 *The City Club*, Dallas, Texas
- May 9 *The Union League of Philadelphia*, Pennsylvania
- May 16 *The Lauderdale Yacht Club*, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Mail this form to: National Club Association, 1129 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 466-8424 with:

- \$75 Member Registration Fee
 () National Club Association
 () _____ (Co-Host Organization)
- \$100 Nonmember Registration

Refunds will be subject to a \$25 administrative charge.

Registration fee includes seminars, all materials, luncheon and coffee breaks. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

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Jack Nicklaus



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NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION



ATLANTA — Came here to find out what's going on in Florida golf.

The annual USGA Green Section Conference on golf course management was held January 28 at the Hyatt Regency and attended by more than 500 delegates from around the country.

Many Floridians in the assemblage and we heard all the bad reports about frost and ice damage to bermuda playing surfaces from Pensacola to Ft. Lauderdale.

Will Nicholson, Jr., Denver, Chairman USGA Green Section Committee, pointed out in his opening remarks that for the second time in six months Atlanta had drawn a record attendance for a USGA event. The first being the greatest, in our prejudiced opinion, U.S. Open at Atlanta Athletic Club which saw Pensacolan Jerry Pate the victor. More people paid more money to take in the 76th playing of the world's greatest golf tournament last June and they did it in Atlanta.

This was also the first time the USGA's annual meeting, held the day following the green section conference, ever came south. Two for two is as good as you can do in the win column. If we can keep 'em coming our way we might even have a major USGA event in Florida some day.

GEORGE BRODNAX, President, Atlanta Athletic Club, kicked-off the program with his interpretation of what makes a golf course great. He and his superintendent, Bobby McGee, were giving it to you straight from the horse's mouth as they truly laid out a great track for the last Open Championship.

Brodnax observed that golf is a creative sport using nature as an ally. Differences in terrain, how the land is moved and sculptured with imagination and vision, produces a playing ground

which varies constantly. No two courses are alike. Tennis, handball, basketball courts, football fields and baseball diamonds, all must yield to exacting measurements and confinement. Not so a golf course. Man in his freedom to design, with nature's aid, creates fine courses. Club membership attitude can make them great golf courses.

Brodnax said he felt the enthusiasm for fine golf courses, and the desire to improve what we have, never was greater.

JIM GABRIELSEN, Peachtree Golf Club, Atlanta, a former Walker Cup Team Member, did a thoughtful bit on what makes quality greens, tees and fairways from the player's viewpoint. He covered the requirements for shot playing excellence, firm vs. soft turf and its effect on strategy and how to adjust to course conditions. Had a chance to visit with Jim after his talk and reminisce about the Florida-Georgia Cup Match played in Athens in early 60s.

Jim was on the University of Georgia team at the time which was captained by an FSGA member and Floridian, Allen Miller of Pensacola. Allen took lots of needling from his Georgia mates when he elected to play for the FSGA team which won the overall event.

I take a dim view of Joe Dey being introduced as "Mr. former everything" when he still is the game's current expert in residence. True, he was formerly USGA Executive Director, Commissioner of the PGA's TPD and Captain, Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. But he is an up-to-the-minute gent on all aspects of the game and should be introduced as such.

Dey made the interesting observation that the ultimate condition appears when

rules and maintenance are the same for daily play as for tournaments.

"Make the Rules clearly understood when setting up the course. Questions of fact should be questions of fact, not of interpretation," said the master.

Maintenance budgets, crews and equipment, irrigation systems, bunkers, paths and roads all came in for treatment by the best superintendents, club managers and architects in the business.

The session climaxed with the presentation of the 1977 Green Section Award to Ed Casey who was superintendent at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J., for 22 years. During that time he prepared the club's Lower Course for four USGA competitions.

Casey modestly accepted the plaudits stating that he was "the beneficiary of the experiences of his colleagues who had gone before."

DURING LUNCH there was discussion about the USGA and Royal and Ancient Association on The Rules of Golf. This worked its way into a comparison of our clubs and posh establishments in Britain. Some are very stuffy about membership applications. If, as a member, you introduce and recommend a friend for membership and he is denied, you are expected to resign your membership. So sorry, old chap!

Then there was the yarn about a very prosperous applicant who was having his credentials reviewed by the committee of a fancy club which boasted 36 holes of play.

Applicant's family dated back to an impressive line of Earls and Dukes, he had served brilliantly in the Royal Dragoons, his father had been an outstanding member of Parliament. In addition to inherited wealth the applicant headed a corporation with more than \$100-million in assets and played to a four handicap.

After reviewing the gilt-edged pedigree the 70-year-old walrus-mustachioed Britisher, chairman of the membership committee, cleared his throat and said: "Hruuuuummph! You are approved, Sir, for nine hole play only."

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