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AUGUST 19 EVENT AT LONE PALM GOLF CLUB POSTPONED

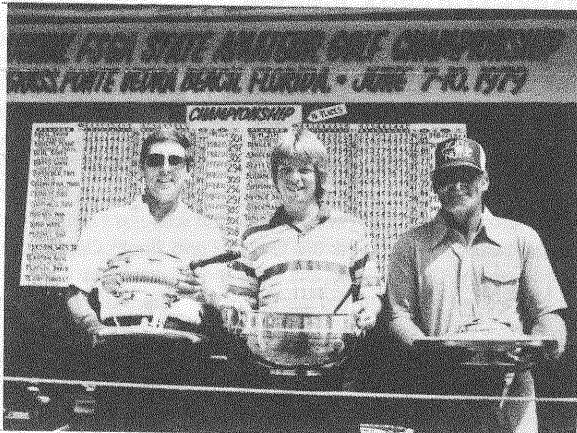
The shift of FSGA's State Amateur Fourball Championship to another near-Lakeland course, caused postponement of the traditional summer one day tournament at Lone Palm. After polling prospective participants tournament committee members were of the opinion that two events, in the Lakeland area, just one month apart, would hurt both tournaments. Tom Winikus, host professional at Lone Palm, is checking to see if the one day tournament can be rescheduled at his facility early in December.

IMPERIAL LAKES COUNTRY CLUB NEW SITE OF FOURBALL SEPTEMBER 22-23

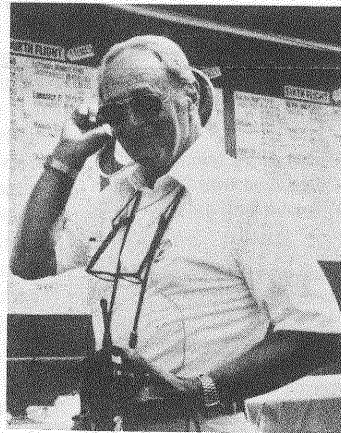
The dates are the same, the site is different. Originally scheduled for Sugarmill Woods, Homosassa, the State Fourball Championship has been moved to Imperial Lakes near Lakeland. Remodeling work on clubhouse and course at Sugarmill, which will run into the dates of the tournament, set committee members scrambling for a replacement golf course. Imperial Lakes came to the rescue with its fine facility. Entry forms for the popular tournament are included with this newsletter.

The 36 hole, better ball of pair competition, will be played Saturday and Sunday. Official practice round is Friday. Contestants pay for their carts in the practice round, carts for tournament rounds are included in the entry fee as is the Saturday evening dinner party at the clubhouse. Call host professional Ray Dznowski's pro shop (813) 425-1154, for practice round starting times. Pairings and starting times for the first round of the tournament will be mailed to contestants September 15.

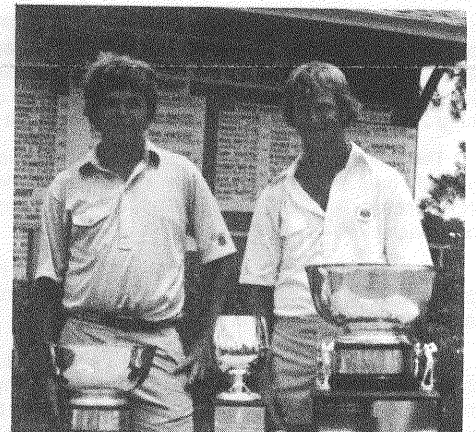
Lakeland's Holiday Inn South, 3405 South Florida Ave., phone (813) 646-5731, will make special rates for contestants who are urged to call direct to make reservations.



AH YOUTH! David Peoples, center, moved by veterans Jack Veghte and Bob Cornett the final day at Sawgrass, to win the 1979 State Amateur in June. David's 289, one over par for 72 holes on the TPC track, edged three-time winner Veghte by a shot and Cornett by two.



DR. CHARLES HILLYER, Jacksonville, veteran USGA and FSGA official, had his sophisticated communications system at full blower for the State Amateur. Hillyer is one of the great contributors to amateur golf in the nation.



JAY SCHRADER, right, won FSGA's State Junior Championship at Foxfire in Sarasota with a striking six under 138 for the two day affair. Richard Etscorn, Orlando was the 12-14 year age group victor scoring 148 to lead his division. Both boys went on to play for the Florida team at Augusta in the three state match with Georgia and South Carolina Juniors.



JULY 1 MEMBERSHIP DUES renewals get a break. In the effort to get all categories of membership on a Jan. 1-Dec. 31 calendar year billing, mid-year payments of \$25 will extend individual members to Dec. 31, 1980. Jan. 1 all annual individual dues increase to \$25. Members whose clubs are on FSGA's computer handicap service remain at \$6. . . The newly structured lineup of Officers & Directors for the year ahead finds Ronald Garl, Chairman; M.T. McInnis, Vice Chairman; E. Austin Jones, Immediate Past President; William Carey, President & Executive Officer. Directors: Ed Greene, Richard Hope, John Ward, M.T. Payne, Gene Byrne, L.D. Daubenspeck, Chip Anderson, Nathan Schine and John Linstroth. . . David Peoples, Orlando, FSGA's 19 year old State Amateur Champion, will follow '78 titleholder Rick Pearson to the University of Florida. Gator Golf Coach John Darr, on hand for the 1979 Championship at Sawgrass, has his eyes on other young FSGAers. . . Darr, State Amateur King in 1967, still holds the 72 hole stroke play record at 278 for a par 72 golf course set at the old PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, the year of his victory. . . The National Junior Team Golf Classic is set for Walt Disney World November 17 & 18. . . FSGA, second place finisher in '78, is expected to field a team again this year. The low four finishers in the Florida State Junior, not reaching their 18th birthday by the last day of the Disney event, are eligible.



The Florida Junior Team at Augusta, standing, left to right, Richard Etscorn, Orlando; Tim Wagner, Bradenton; Greg Howe, Sarasota, (Scott Dunlap Sarasota, not pictured played in Howe's place in the actual match) Jay Schrader, North Palm Beach; Bill Byrne, Orlando; FSGA President Bill Carey. Kneeling, Jim Kennedy, Tampa; Adam Armagost, North Palm Beach; Lee Smith, Melbourne; Jim Slaughter, Orlando and John Strauss, Jacksonville.

Juniors To Be Ready For Hills In '80

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA—Wanted: The rolling terrain of an up and down golf course for Florida State Golf Association's 1980 State Junior Championship.

That's the first requirement for junior Florida flatlanders to shape up for the next three state Junior Challenge Match with Georgia and South Carolina teams next year. The Floridians — the ten top finishers in FSGA's State Junior at Sarasota's Foxfire in mid-June — finished a distant third at Augusta June 29 in their first appearance in the unique event.

The match winner at Augusta Country Club was determined by taking the eight best scores of each team's ten players. Florida's 624 total was 23 shots behind Georgia's winning 601. South Carolina, 1978 winners, were three back at 604.

No Sunshine State player had experienced the hilly terrain and slick bent greens before and with two exceptions their performance emphasized the fact they were playing a very different game.

Two team members from Orlando, 14 year old Richard Etscorn and Bill Byrne, 16, turned in steady performances. Etscorn, winner of the state 12 to 14 year age group at Foxfire, was three over par with a strong 75 on match day after recording a 74 in practice the day before for the best Florida individual two day performance. Byrne, fourth in the State Junior, also put together a well played round of 75 when the flag went up after scoring 76 in practice the first time he saw the course.

Adam Armagost, North Palm Beach, 77; John Strauss, Jacksonville, Tim Wagner, Bradenton, Scott Dunlap, Sarasota, with 79's; Jay Schrader, North Palm Beach and James Kennedy, Tampa, with 80's, were the eight low scores. Jim Slaughter, Winter Park, 81 and Lee Smith, Melbourne, 84, were the two high scores eliminated from the Florida total.

Failure to read the most unseen undulations on Augusta greens was the big problem. This, of course, led to constant indecision about how firm to stroke putts which kept the Florida lads in a frenzy. But it was a great learning experience for the boys and for FSGA officials who made the decision to schedule next years' state event in North Florida at an up and down golf course to give the team a taste of what a usual Georgia or South Carolina layout is all about. The 1980 three-state competition is set for Aiken, South Carolina with a North Florida course the venue for the '81 competition.

Young golfers who have only experienced play in Florida are at a disadvantage on northern courses which feature rolling terrain and different grasses. FSGA officials, in accepting the invitation to send a team to Augusta, recognized the experience would be good for promising young players, who in later years, will be swinging away in various parts of the world.

One of the highlights of the trip for the young Floridians was a chance to tour Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament. Although closed for play this time of year we were able to arrange a walking tour of the course and clubhouse through a member friend, John Murray. The boys spent two hours examining every inch of the famed layout and recounting bits of history from the spot where Gene Sarazen hit a three wood into the hole for a double eagle to how they would draw the ball around the water at the short 16th to a back of the green pin placement.

They were all even par or better for the walking round.

WE GET LETTERS

GOOD MARKS FOR FSGA JUNIORS

I enjoyed meeting with you during the Junior Challenge Match at Augusta, and I apologize for not writing sooner. It seems I'm beginning to get busy meeting some of the other folks in the Southeast.

My first comments to you are on the gentlemanly conduct displayed by your team. I made particular note that all of them were well-dressed and well-behaved throughout the two days, and in greeting and thanking Cedy Jones after his talk on Thursday night displayed a degree of courteousness and respect not often seen these days. I'm sure their golf was not indicative of the normal skills possessed, but I know the Georgia and South Carolina teams enjoyed their company. Quite frankly, Bill, your team's treatment of the event as a special one added greatly to the stature of the matches. You and your team deserve a nice pat on the back.

Michael P. Waldron
USGA Regional Affairs

AUGUSTA NATIONAL GREAT!

I would just like to thank you and the FSGA for letting me come along on your trip to Augusta. I had some of the times of my life, namely seeing Augusta National.

I'm sorry I was able to play under those circumstances (as an alternate) but it did work out good for me and you did have to enforce the rules that you set down. Thanks again and I'm looking forward to the possibility of going next year, but not as an alternate!

Scott Dunlap
Sarasota

AUGUSTA SHARPENED HIS GAME

I just got my blazer in the mail the other day and that reminded me that I had forgotten to thank you for the trip to Augusta. I had a great time. The experience must have helped me because I won the last two Junior Tournaments I played in.

I'm looking forward to playing in your tournament next year also. Thank you.

Jim Kennedy
Tampa

GATOR GOLF DAY ON THE WAY

Thank you for your coverage of the matches between Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. I truly enjoyed reading the results. This year's Gator Golf Day will be on November 16 with a tee off at 1:00 p.m. We'll send you applications in the near future. Thanks for all your help.

John Darr
Golf Coach U-F

ENJOYED SAWGRASS

Pete and P.B. certainly enjoyed playing in the State Tournament at Sawgrass. Thank you and all of those who worked with you for such a fine well run tournament. I was able to come to the banquet which I thought was exceptionally nice.

Alice Dye
Delray Beach