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PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED AT YEAR END



AWARD NIGHT AT KING'S INN found the plaque brigade out in full force. Seated, left to right, Billy Watts, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Roland Arnold, Vero Beach; M.T. McInnis, Bradenton. Standing: Larry Bush, West Palm Beach; Bob McCullers, Leesburg; Bob Dolci, Port Malabar; Nate Schine, Tampa; Ed Touchton, Avon Park; Jack Russell, Clearwater; Dan Hall, Clearwater; George Phelps, Haines City and Joe Bill Rood, Bradenton.

Carey Receives 1976 FSGA Fairway Award

Larry Bush, Bob Dolci, Gary Caldwell, Dan Hall Are New Honorees

SUN CITY CENTER — FSGA'S 1976 Fairway Award was a family affair.

The State Golf Association's annual award goes to Floridians who have made measurable contributions to the game's progress, promotion and improvement. This year's surprised recipient was Bill Carey of Sarasota, FSGA's Executive Director and USGA Committeeman.

The presentation to Carey was made by FSGA President Dexter Daniels, Jr., Winter Haven, and came at the end of the Association's annual Holiday Awards Dinner at King's Inn Country Club, December 3. During the session 12 past

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Harder Hall Mixed Pairs First '77 Event

The agony and ecstasy of Mom and Pop team play will be rekindled at Harder Hall, Sebring, January 21-23 when FSGA brings back its once popular mixed pairs tournament.

It will be a 54 hole, three day competition. First 18 holes will be an alternate shot event. The second 18 on Saturday will be a better ball of the pair, qualifying the team into flights. Better ball of pair continues in the third round using 50 per cent of the combined team handicap which

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Happy Holidays!

The officers, directors and staff of Florida State Golf Association wish you the happiest of Holiday Seasons and a large measure of good health and joy in the year ahead.

PAST PRESIDENTS (Continued)

presidents were honored for continued interest in the work and programs of FSGA. A member club golf professional, club manager, golf course superintendent and golf writer also were recognized with colorful plaques in what will be an annual ritual.

"The 1976 Fairway Award goes to our executive director," Daniels said, "for his 20 years of dedicated service to amateur golf as executive director of Florida State Golf Association. And for outstanding service to golfers of all ages local, state and national. Carey's promotion of the game entitles him to a permanent place in the FSGA Fairway Hall of Fame."

FSGA past presidents receiving plaques were; Billy Watts, St. Petersburg; Ed Touchton, Avon Park; M.T. McInnis, Bradenton; Bob McCullers, Leesburg; Joe Bill Rood, Bradenton; Jack Russell,

Clearwater; George Phelps, Haines City and Nate Schine, Tampa. Jack Ledoux, Orlando; Bill Wodtke, Vero Beach and Bill Rolleston, St. Augustine were unable to attend the dinner and their plaques were mailed to them.

Mrs. Laura Fay Arnold, Vero Beach, received a past president's award for her late husband, Roland Arnold, a revered leader in FSGA for many years. A plaque also was sent to the family of the late Teddy Phillips who had been a district tournament director.

Bob Dolci, Port Malabar, professional of the year; Larry Bush, West Palm Beach, golf writer of the year; Dan Hall, Clearwater, superintendent of 1976 were on hand to receive their awards. Gary Caldwell, Lehigh, the club manager honoree, was unable to attend.

It was a festive blowout for FSGA and ended the Association's 63rd and most successful year of operation on a high note.



Carey accepts 1976 Fairway Award from FSGA President Dexter Daniels, Jr.

RECORD REVENUE REPORTED

FSGA Board In Final Meeting For '76

FSGA's final board of directors meeting of 1976 at King's Inn Country Club, Sun City Center, Friday evening December 3, enjoyed the best turnout of the year.

Principal business of the session was to approve the 1977 tournament schedule and to review income and expenditures for the 11 month period ending November 30.

Tournaments set to date were approved by board members and the schedule appears in the Tournament Times section of this newsletter. Additional events may be added to the approved 13 event slate on open dates.

Income for the 11 month period was reported at \$149,265 which included the 1977 Golf Guide advertising accounts receivable of \$22,032 billed in November. Expenses for the 11 months of operation were \$135,297. Directors approved the financial report and authorized a full audited report for the entire year of 1976 to be published in the January newsletter for the membership.

In other business: The President was authorized to expand the tournament operation by appointing a committee to work with the executive director in seeking and scheduling new sites for state-wide events.

- Director Nate Schine was to contact several Tampa area sites for the 1977 State Amateur Four-Ball.

- The executive director was instructed

to write MAGA and SFGA and explore the possibility of association co-sponsored tournaments. ED reported discussions with the Georgia State Golf Association currently taking place to revive the Georgia-Florida Cup Matches.

- Director Jim Ramsbottom to check on the possibility of State Junior event in the Fort Lauderdale area. Ramsbottom also urged that extra copies of the monthly newsletter be sent to all clubs listed in FSGA's Golf Guide.

- District Tournament Directors Jimmy Mann, St. Petersburg; Mike Cleveland, Tampa and Gene Byrne, Orlando, attended the meeting, discussed prospects for a limited district program in 1977.

- Jim Tobin, Longboat Key, introduced as FSGA's newest staff member. Tobin begins new year as field, travel and special activities representative of the Association.

Board members attending the meeting were: Norton Harris, Key West; Jack Shubert, Maitland; Rod Howard, Vero Beach; Jim Ramsbottom, Fort Lauderdale; Al Tidrow, Largo; Jack Smith, Bradenton; Nate Schine, Tampa; M.T. McInnis, Bradenton; W.R. Watts, St. Petersburg; Richard Hope, St. Petersburg; Joe Rood, Bradenton; Jack Russell, Clearwater; Ed Touchton, Avon Park; Dexter Daniels, Jr., Winter Haven; Austin Jones, Orlando; Ed Greene, Panama City and Bill Carey, Sarasota. ■

HARDER HALL (Continued)

will apply to the 36 hole better ball team total.

Handicap limits for men will be 22, 36 for women. Men play from the regular tees, women from the red markers. FSGA membership required of the male member of the team only. However, the Association now boasts a growing number of females who have signed on for computer handicap service.

Entry forms for the Mixed Pairs were mailed to the membership Dec. 15. Team entry fee is \$50 which includes three days of tournament golf, electric carts and a Friday cocktail party.

FSGA member Vic Jacobson at Harder Hall has given the contestants a special rate of \$199 plus tax, per couple, which includes three nights accommodations, three breakfasts and dinners, MAP, a practice round Thursday and entertainment. Teams not staying at the hotel pay for the Thursday practice round.

The field will be limited to the first 50 teams entering. It is suggested that you call Harder Hall direct (813) 385-0151, for reservations if you're planning to play, as January is a busy month at the popular Sebring golf resort.

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Steady as we go.

SHAPE-UP FOR '77 INDICATES MORE GROWTH. BICENTENNIAL '76 WAS ASSOCIATION'S 63RD YEAR AND GREATEST TO DATE.

By Bill Carey

Planning for what appears will be a "Super '77" for Florida Golf, has consumed the greater part of recent months. Now, we're down to the end of the year and our last communication with the membership for 1976.

Our season's greetings to you and your families are heartfelt and full and, as page one states, we hope 1977 will bring a year of good health and large measures of joy and success in your chosen endeavors.

It's traditional in a year-end wrap-up to underline the year's highlights. So what about 1976? What was Florida Golf's climactic happening of the year?

In an admittedly prejudiced view it had to be Jerry Pate's victory in the U.S. Open.

True, not an event taking place on Florida's hallowed golf soil, but here was our State Amateur Champion of two short years ago winning, in his first year as a professional, the greatest golf tournament in the world.

From a personal view, working my first U.S. Open as a member of USGA's Rules Committee, there was the added zest of being close to the action. On the final hole at Atlanta Athletic Club, when Pate leaned over to examine his lie in the rough, prior to striking the five iron shot that was heard and seen around the world, my mind flashed back to Grenelefe in 1974 and another right hand rough on a finishing hole, where Pate called for a ruling before he hit to the 18th green to win the state crown by one shot over Andy Bean. There, too, he had been poised and ready to accept victory in his smooth-swinging fashion.

The Floridian's national win at Atlanta certainly was a milestone on FSGA's memory road.

Another former State Amateur Champion, Gary Koch, had up and down experiences in his first year as a professional. After victory in the Tallahassee Open in the spring Koch hit a downhill slide. It was some coincidence that John Mahaffey lost the Tally squeaker to Koch and in June went into the final round of the U.S. Open, leading by two shots, ended up paired with Pate and got wiped out. Former Florida Amateur

Champions were bad news for John during 1976.

A visit with Gary after the Country Club of Sarasota pro-am in November indicated he, too, was preparing for 1977. He'll come out charging and I'm sure will win again soon.

Meanwhile, back in the FSGA corral, other stallions were sharpening games perhaps to follow the paths the Pates and Kochs had taken.

Glen Kirk of Orlando held off a late surge of birdies by three-time winner Jack Veghte of Clearwater to win the '76 State title. The Amateur Championship was again held at the beautiful and demanding Grenelefe course at Haines City. Kirk, a keen competitor, flashed into the lead after a four under par, third round 68. He held on the final day with a 74 and the title which he was so determined to win.

The victor returned 74-74-68-74-290, for the 72 hole test, two over par for four days work from Grenelefe's championship tees. The performance was eleven shots more than Jerry Pate's winning nine under par 279 in 1974, the same year the Pensacolan went on to win the U.S. Amateur.

Grenelefe played longer in '76 than '74. A wet spring and early summer and heavy rains during the first round of play softened the big track and slowed scoring. However, Kirk's performance got the job done and that's what he came for, to play four rounds better than anyone else in the field.

Glen arrived at the State Amateur riding a hot streak. He began the FSGA season partnered with Gary Schroeder of Winter Park to win the opening four-ball at Port Malabar with an eleven under 133 for the 36 holes. He went on to a series of individual wins in good Central Florida amateur tournaments and arrived at Grenelefe ready for victory.

Kirk's a dedicated worker, strong tactician, has an even temperament, practices on a firm schedule and can shoot low numbers regularly.

Now, he's the latest good Florida amateur to turn professional and try the tour trail. Kirk made the move in November and we wish him the best.

After the opening Port Malabar tournament February 28-29 the FSGA schedule moved swiftly. Randy Fields and Lamar Pilgrim of Lakeland blistered the pleasurable and not-too-long Continental Golf Club in Wildwood to win the Continental Four-Ball. Their 129 total, on rounds of 65-64, was the lowest two-man team, better-ball turned in for the year.

Continental was Teddy Phillips' home course. He had arranged the event there for FSGA and went on to become the Association's first district tournament director in Central Florida where he had enjoyed many years of tournament directing. Phillips' untimely death from cancer in the summer, cut short the ambitious program of events for FSGA he had planned in the area and Florida Golf lost a good and dedicated worker. His home club has plans to stage a Teddy Phillips Memorial Tournament each year in October.

King Neptune in Sarasota was next. The popular, two-round tournament at

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Dave Matuszak's Rolling Green Golf Club was won by Kim Schwencke of Tampa, one half of a fine righty-lefty brother act which has competed in Association events since early junior days. Brother Kerry is the lefty. Kim swung it around in five under par 139 to win at Rolling Green and be knighted by King Neptune and Queen Althena during the annual pageant.

Austin Jones, Orlando, was elected vice president of FSGA at the Association's annual meeting April 29 and took his new leadership position seriously enough to spend the next three days winning the annual member invitational. Jones scored 77-69-73-219, three over par, for victory and the red, white and blue Bicentennial prize gear at Port Malabar.

The four-man Club Team Championship is played during the first two rounds of the Member Invitational. A robust team of Bill Dotson, Mike Schroeder, Larry Sunday and Bob Hinson, representing Cleveland Heights Country Club, Lakeland, captured the big rotating team trophy for the year with a two day, 36 hole gross total of 609. That was a 76.125 stroke average per round, per team member, and good performance on the difficult Port Malabar course.

Palm-Aire West C.C. in Sarasota was the site of the Senior Four-Ball May 29-30

which was won by Dexter Daniels, Winter Haven, and Al Tidrow of St. Petersburg in a sudden death playoff with Bob Blake and Ralph Raymond of Sarasota. Both teams were knotted at 139, five under par after the regulation 36 holes.

The State Amateur was played next in the schedule, June 10-13 at Greenlefe, which we covered earlier in this report.

Lehigh's Mirror Lake Country Club hosted an FSGA event for the first time when the State Junior Championship was played there July 1-2. It is a stout golf course. Wind and soft ground made the going harsh the first day but did not faze young Mark Henriksen of Miami who scored 70-69-139, five under par, and won going away. Bill Tuten, Palatka, captured the boys 12-14 year old division. Henriksen was off to Mississippi State on a golf scholarship in the Fall. How Florida institutions of higher golf learning let him get away we don't know.

Many fathers on hand for the Junior stayed on to play with sons in the Firecracker Four-Ball at Mirror Lake July 3-4. However, it was a brother act, Mike and Rick Pearson of Bradenton who shared the two-man team victory with the Sarasota team of Randy Concello and Ralph Raymond, Jr. The teams shot identical 141s for the 36 holes. A time

element prevented a playoff and duplicate first place merchandise awards were given.

Craig Scott of Orlando fashioned the lowest individual round in FSGA's '76 competitive schedule when he birdied his way around Lone Palm Golf Club in Lakeland in 66 shots to win the annual August One-Day event at George Jenkins' fine layout. Craig's 30-36 was six under for the test.

Ralph Raymond — senior this time — figured in another playoff for an FSGA senior title September 11-12. After missing victory in the team event in May, Ralph finished the individual competition at Vero Beach Country Club in a tie at 146 with Tom Grady of Orlando. In sudden death Raymond knocked it in for birdie on the second extra hole, a par five, dog-leg left, 495 yarder.

The State Amateur Four-Ball September 25-26 at Palm Aire C.C., Pompano, drew a classy field of two-man teams. The classiest pair, steady-Eddies from Palm Beach, Mickey Van Gerbig and Kevin Butler, put two 67's together for a 134, 10 under par total to win by a shot over the tough Glen Kirk-Gary Schroeder twosome. Van Gerbig and Butler, veteran FSGAers, had finished one-two in the Palm Beach County Amateur just a week before the team event.

Mike Yahl of Naples captured the Life at Forty fracas at Lehigh in November with Ace Johnson, Fort Myers, and Dexter Daniels, Winter Haven, winning the 55-64 and 65 and over age divisions.

Results of the "40" are covered in detail elsewhere in this newsletter as is the final event of the year, the December Holiday Four-Ball at King's Inn, which was won by the Chip Neptune-Bill Lemke team in a one hole sudden death playoff against Bill Earley and Gary Young.

The statewide schedule plus a dozen district events, produced more than 4,000 individual tournament rounds of golf for FSGA members. In addition to the slate of competitions, Association work went on during the year to implement plans for leasing an FSGA headquarters golf course for educational and golf industry research and study programs, the computer handicap system was reactivated after a lapse of 15 years, dues were reduced effective with 1977 membership year renewals, and an updated communication program for the membership planned for the new year.

Our nation, in celebrating its 200th year, marked a date three times as old as FSGA's founding in 1913 and gave the Association, in its 63rd year of operation, an action-filled year of observance and a plan for a bigger and better Florida Golf scene. ■

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Larry Weber Golf Director At Meadows

SARASOTA — David Nash, Director, Taylor Woodrow Homes Limited, has announced the appointment of Larry Weber as General Manager of Golf Operations for "The Meadows" golf course scheduled for opening December 1.

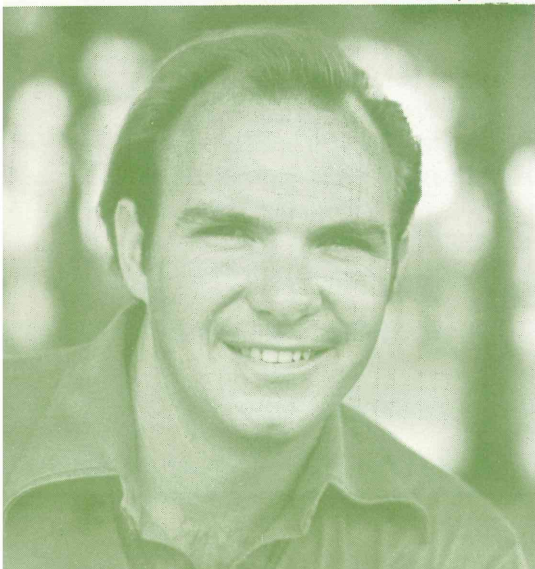
Weber joins the Taylor Woodrow organization from Inverrary Country Club, Fort Lauderdale, Fl., site of the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classics and PGA Tournament Players Championship, where he had achieved an impressive record as Golf Course Superintendent over the past five years. At Inverrary he supervised a staff of 35, responsible for the complete maintenance of the three 18-hole golf courses and tennis clubhouses as well as preparing and setting up for the golf tournaments. Prior to joining Inverrary in 1971, he was Superintendent of Colony West Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, within the Woodlands Complex, a firm which he joined following graduation from the University of Florida in 1969.

Weber's decision to join Taylor Woodrow and The Meadows was, as he puts it, the recognition of the Team concept adopted by Taylor Woodrow, sound and thorough planning of The Meadows coupled with the challenge of growing in a new course plus a desire to get his family away from the congestion of Fort Lauderdale.

At "The Meadows" Weber will broaden his responsibilities to department head for all golf operations, including selection and supervision of the professional as well as maintenance staff. The decision was based on the advantages of having golf operations at a development like "The Meadows" under a corporate staff member rather than the golf professional.

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Larry Weber



We Remember Roland Arnold

Word reached us of Roland Arnold's death at the scoreboard at Lehigh Country Club just at pack-up time on the final evening of the tournament.

The phone call from Bill Wodtke was a surprise even though we all knew Roland's suffering and pain had become more intense since he returned to the hospital in Vero Beach in mid-October.

I told Wodtke that Roland was in our thoughts. That Sunday morning, at the starter's table Edna had many of the contestants sign a "get well" card to send to him. None of the Vero Beach contestants were aware that Roland had died Friday November 5.

We left Lehigh early Monday morning to make the 11 a.m. funeral service at First United Methodist Church in Vero Beach. The man who started a full and kindly life in Lost Mountain, Georgia, June 5, 1902, was going home.

Roland was buried at Crestlawn Cemetery in Vero, the city in which his good and active life came to full flower. His friendship and love dwelled in the hearts of hundreds who were on hand to see him to his final resting place. Family, friends, business associates, golf buddies . . . all mourned the passing of this man who walked tall in the shadow of death for the past year.

He suffered with little complaint, talked matter-of-factly about the cancer which destroyed his golf game and was ending his life. Lord, how he missed playing golf and participating in FSGA events.

He would send in an entry for every event hoping that he could participate. If Roland didn't send it fellow-townsmen, and FSGA Director Rod Howard, would enter the pair in team tournaments. Rod made many blessed efforts for Roland with all of us hoping they wouldn't have to withdraw at the last minute.



Now he is gone. I must admit to choking considerably when time came to present Roland's Past President's plaque posthumously to his wife, Laura Fay, at the King's Inn Awards night earlier this month. The memories of the man were too much with me. His many kindnesses through the years . . . on the golf course, thoughtfulness and help extended in FSGA work, the car always left near my airplane when we flew into Vero, the consideration and understanding shown to third parties when we were dealing as a team in golf association business . . . kindnesses which will be long remembered.

Roland Arnold walked the path of righteousness in a warm and gracious manner and made a legion of friends in his time on earth. Now, as he takes residence in the house of the Lord and is permitted to walk the fairways and green pastures in the life beyond, new acquaintances will swiftly recognize our loss as their gain.

Play through, Roland Arnold, and God Bless you.

Bill Carey

David Nash, in announcing Weber's appointment, stated, "In Larry Weber, we believe we have a General Manager of Golf Operations who has demonstrated throughout his career a policy that is consistent with Taylor Woodrow's philosophy of 'Teamwork.' His greens keeping staff are not laborers but 'technicians,' and he has never forgotten that his first job is to please the golfer."

Weber has conducted extensive field research on Fertigation and has delivered papers on the subject before the Florida Turfgrass Conference, at the Georgia Turf Conference and at a Superintendent Seminar in Dallas.

He was the immediate past President of the Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Assoc. and past Secretary-Treasurer of the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association — a 225-member organization.

JOINS FSGA

Jim Tobin Is New Field & Travel Rep.

Got a yearnin' to go golfing in the Bahamas, Mexico, Scotland, Spain — wherever?

Then you might think about contacting Jim Tobin of Longboat Key, Sarasota, who is president of J T Golf Tours and FSGA's new field and official golf tour representative.

Before Jim got sand in his shoes, shucked off his Long Island topcoat and earmuffs, headed for Florida and joined FSGA, he was tournament chairman of Plandome Country Club in Plandome, Long Island, for six years. During that time he ran a number of pro-am tournaments and conducted club competitions "practically every month we were open."

Tobin's operation is geared strictly to golf. "I'm not a travel agency," he says, "though sometimes I work with agencies."

Jim Tobin



IN PINECREST 4-BALL

Backus and Redd Are Winners

AVON PARK — Pinecrest Country Club's Men's Association, newest addition to FSGA computer handicap service, put its handicap numbers to work in a club better-ball tournament Sunday, Nov. 14.



The winners: Ross Backus and Jim Redd.



Tied for second: J.T. Williford-Bob King,



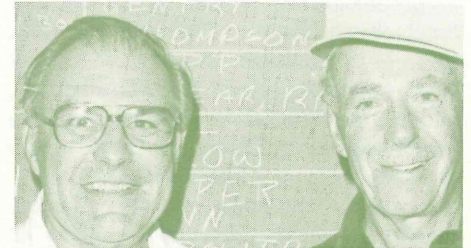
Chip Neptune-Smokey Padgett shot 63.

The Ross Backus-Jim Redd team maximized the use of assigned strokes to post a 59 better-ball, 13 under par for the always interesting Pinecrest layout. Full handicaps were used.

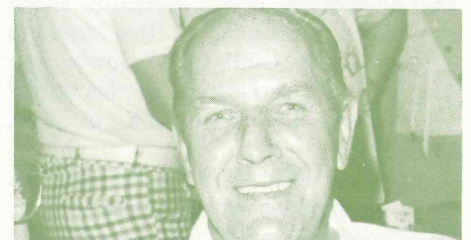
Two teams tied for second with net 61s, they were the Bob King-J.T. Williford and Chuck Smith-Bill Carey combinations.

Chip Neptune-Smokey Padgett and Lynn Lee-Jr. Wise twosomes recorded 63s and split fourth and fifth places in the first tournament outing of the recently formed Pinecrest Men's Association.

Joe Papp was tournament chairman and aided by a hard working committee laid on a festive Saturday evening dinner before the Sunday one day event which saw 25 teams participate.



Bill Carey-Chuck Smith.



Ed Touchton engineered the Saturday evening team draw.

We're a fully escorted tour. We take care of the green fees, cart fees, flight reservations, ground transportation, hotel accommodations — everything. People don't have to do anything but put their shoes on and play golf. It's all included in the tour package."

Besides his golfing activities, Tobin was also active in the American Stock Exchange, being a member for 15 years. He was one of the youngest members of the Board of Governors for six years.

Tobin is married and has four children. They live in Buttonwood Harbor on Longboat Key where he belongs to Longboat Key Golf Club.

If you'd like to contact Jim and see about a group outing — makes no difference where, in or out of Florida — he can be reached at (813) 747-6661 or (813) 958-6673, or you can write to J T Golf Tours, P.O. Box 467, Longboat Key, Florida 33548.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER BILLS

Annual 1977 dues statements for \$20 were mailed December 15, to individual members of the Association whose clubs are not on the computer handicap system. If member's Golfweek subscription terminated September 30, 1976, he may deduct \$1.30 from his dues payment.

WE GET LETTERS

FSGA-USGA

It was a pleasure talking with you on the telephone concerning the recent problem and I am very happy that we have cleared the air and that the Florida State Golf Association will continue to process reinstatement applications for the USGA. As I pointed out, we would be in a terrible predicament if you would not do so because the FSGA is the only sectional association in the state which has jurisdiction throughout the state.

Bill, we sincerely appreciate the work of the FSGA in behalf of the USGA and we are grateful to you for your personal support of USGA rules and policies.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta at the USGA Annual Meeting and again at the IAGA meeting in Houston in February.

P.J. Boatwright, Jr.
Executive Director

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1977 United States Golf Association Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 29th. The Meeting is being held at the Hyatt Regency.

The USGA has several reasons for departing from tradition and holding it in New York City. I have enclosed a copy of the 3-29-76 press release to give you more details regarding the 1977 Annual Meeting.

We are very concerned about having as many of our member clubs as possible in attendance. I am, therefore, requesting that in your next correspondence with your member clubs you encourage those who are members of the USGA as well to strongly consider attending our January Meeting.

Member clubs, plus associations, will be kept abreast as to further details in the near future. In the meantime, we are hoping that through your communication with your member clubs you might request that they be on the lookout for further information and strongly encourage them to set aside the dates involved.

The USGA Annual Meeting has only been held out of New York City one other time. In keeping with the strong tradition of the South to always put forth its best effort, I ask your support in making the 83rd Annual Meeting of the USGA one of the best ever.

Tom Meeks
Regional Director

THE AWARDS

I can't begin to thank you and the FSGA for last Friday. I am so happy that Roland had so many wonderful friends. Those there were so nice to me and I am glad I was able to rise to the occasion. I will treasure the plaque as will Fay and family.

Mrs. Roland (Laura Fay) Arnold
Vero Beach

Just a note to thank you for everything last Friday. We appreciate it so much.

My Dad was a very special man and it's always nice when other people think the same way you do. I miss him so much but I'm thankful he is out of pain now.

Please thank the Golf Association for us. Dad always enjoyed being with you all.

Mrs. Fay Scent
Vero Beach

Many thanks for all your kindnesses last Friday night. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. In fact, she made a point later of remarking how friendly everyone in the organization seemed to be.

I was so pleased to have been selected for the first presentation of what I hope will become an annual award.

Larry Bush
Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc.

PUBLIC LINKS

Thought the attached might be of interest to you. Since it is not truly a Publinx venture I am not in the least interested. Heard that you inquired about me at the Open in Atlanta, sorry we could not get together.

Ralph Ghioto, Sr.
USGA Public Links Committee

In spite of a sudden temperature plunge, Ralph Ghioto is hot under the collar. He's steaming because his name has been linked with the proposed formation of a Florida Publinx Golf Association.

"They'll receive a letter from me within the next couple of days stating that I will have absolutely nothing to do with the setup," the veteran USGA Sectional Committeeman in North Florida volunteered.

"In the first place, it can not be termed Publinx, because membership has been extended to private clubs. That's the big snafu. They're definitely wrong in that category and I want to state, here and now, I'm definitely opposed to it."

Ghioto is well-versed in Public Links affairs. He's an authority and only recently was elevated in stature as

USGA's Senior member in point of continuous servitude.

A member of Hyde Park, the 67-year-old Ghioto was named to the National post in 1946 and ever since has conducted local Publinx qualifying. That's 30 years of experience, which gives him a big voice.

A former Jacksonville Area Golf Association president who only last week was chosen overall tournament chairman of that group, Ghioto continued to explain his stand against forming another statewide golf organization.

"They are out of line in calling it Publinx. But even if they chose to name it something else, I still wouldn't be interested in serving as a representative in the Jacksonville area. I've too much to do in my own back yard."

Currently playing to a handicap of 10, Ghioto sees a revenge motive connected to the proposed new association.

"Anyone faintly familiar with amateur golf in Florida is fully aware of the recent ruckus between Bill Carey (executive director of the Florida State Golf Association) and the publisher of a weekly golf magazine which is pushing it.

"It appears to be a retaliatory move — a new association to buck FSGA. There's no doubt in my mind as to that. And it isn't good for golf in general," he summarized.

Frank Matey
Florida Times-Union

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GOLF

Just wanted to send you this note of thanks for the information you sent to Karen Stone on the impact of golf in Florida.

Karen is no longer with us, but she mentioned before she left that she had talked to you and we can certainly use the information you provided in our newsletter, *Pulse*.

Also, we receive requests for information on golf clubs and tennis resorts and distribute your *Golf & Tennis Guide*.

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With the quality of our golf course a leading topic of conversation today, the Green Section of the United States Golf Association believes it highly appropriate to examine this subject at its Annual Conference on Golf Course Management. Accordingly, the subject of the 1977 Conference will be "Great Golf Courses of America — What Makes Them That Way." The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Peachtree Center, Atlanta, Ga., on Friday, January 28, 1977.

P.J. Boatwright, Jr.
Executive Director

GOLF CLUB BUSINESS

The National Club Association, a trade organization to which FSGA belongs, publishes frequent and valuable material for club management people. A recent article commenting about the factors which cause employees to seek union representation is reproduced here:

Experience shows that employees' interest in unions can usually be traced to certain common causes. Where employees have started to become interested in a union or have actually sought union representation, it generally is because management has failed to handle "people problems" satisfactorily and has lost the confidence of employees. Employees turn to the union in hopes of resolving their problems and receiving fair treatment.

The following is a list of factors, conditions and circumstances which frequently lead employees to seek union representation.

Hasty and emotional action taken against employees by management without giving thorough consideration to all facts.

Discipline and discharge of employees without proper warning or proper cause and without due consideration to the impact of such discharges on the attitudes of other employees.

Termination of employees without regard for seniority and without adequate justification. This creates insecurity among all employees and frequently is a major factor in employees seeking union support.

Disregard of seniority among qualified employees in promotions, vacations, days off and other privileges.

Unsatisfactory working conditions such as poor employee meals, long hours, inadequate uniforms, insufficient equipment and supplies to perform work properly, poorly maintained and unsafe equipment, dirty rest rooms, etc.

Supervisors showing favoritism to some employees while needling or sarcastically treating others.

Changing work policies, schedules and procedures without advance notice or adequate explanation to employees.

Making key decisions without knowing what employees really need and want.

Supervisory and management personnel failing to keep their promises and commitments to employees.

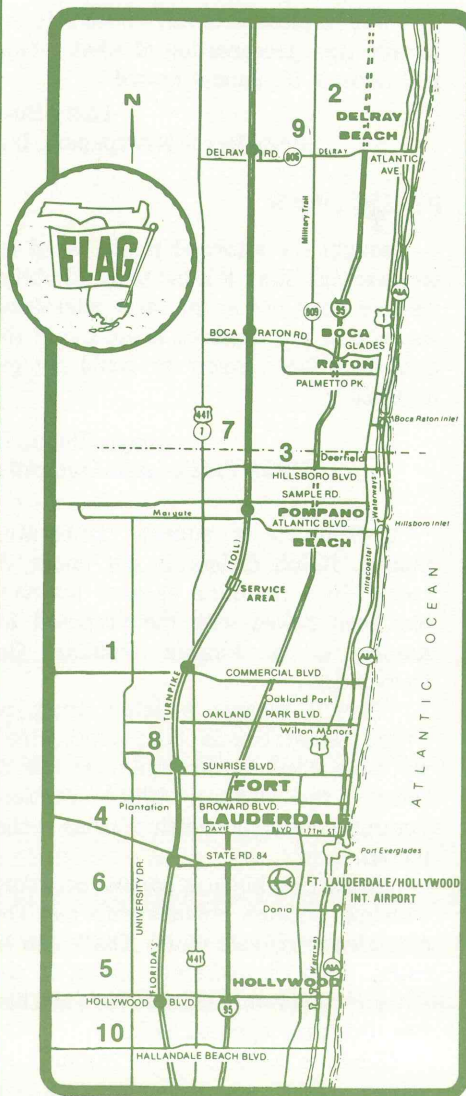
Failure to keep employees fully informed about company benefits, policies and pay practices.

Your job as manager requires you to be familiar with these pitfalls and to take positive steps to avoid them.

PRESENT AND PAST presidents' wives, right, Velma Daniels and Virginia McInnis, steal a quiet literary moment at the King's Inn Awards Dinner, for Velma to autograph a copy of her new book "Patches of Joy."



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Tournament Times

1977 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 21-23 Mixed Pairs, 54 holes, Harder Hall, Sebring.

April 2-3 King Neptune Tournament, Rolling Green Golf Club, Sarasota, 36 holes.

April 29-May 1 Member Invitational, 54 holes, Ponce de Leon Golf Club, St. Augustine.

May 20-22 FSGA State Open Championship, 54 holes, 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, site to be announced.

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, site to be announced.

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.

Below — B.D. Hedgecock, Dr. Bob Beeler, Dr. Bump Jones and Bill Bell were a final day foursome at Lehigh.

MIKE YAHL WINS LEHIGH LIFE AT 40— 98 Prize Places To 144 Finishers

LEHIGH — "That's not the way you spell you-all," Larry Bush said when he collected the scores for his Palm Beach Times and learned that Mike Yahl of Naples won the "40" at Lehigh Country Club.

Mike wasn't too concerned about the spelling after he birdied the second extra hole to win the title in a playoff with Ted Huff and Dexter Daniels, both of Winter Haven. All had been knotted at 219, six over par, after three rounds. Mike's

division win came in the 40-54 age section, Dexter triumphed in the 65 and over group.

Ace Johnson, Ft. Myers, finished with 223 and topped the 55-64 age class.

Daniels' opening two under par 69 was the low round for the Life At Forty gala, a resounding success in its 18th annual outing. The event started with 155 contestants making it to the tee the first day, Friday. Sunday evening 98 prize winners emerged from the 144 players finishing the three rounds.

The winners:

40-54 Division, First Flight — Mike Yahl-219 (won in playoff), Ted Huff-219, Charles McCormick-220, Julian Serles-223, George Kimbrell-225.

Second Flight — Burwell Jones-235, Nigel Miller-236, Rick Tomlinson-236, Bill Bell-239, Dick Mercer-241, Harry Smith-241, Ray Robison-241, Tony Kiggins-241.

Third Flight — Tom Scott-245, Jack Miller-252, R.K. Robinson-253, Paul Perry-253, Wendell Spragins-253.

Fourth Flight — Clyde Combs-255, Reg Cobb-257, Jim Fortana-257.

55-64 Division, First Flight — Ace Johnson-223, Red Henriksen-224, Tom Howell-225, Geo. Bumgarner-225.

Second Flight — Robt. Ahern-234, Hal Helstrom-234, Hal Cromer-235, Stan Legan-236, Gene Byrne-238.

Third Flight — H.E. Potter-241, Robt. Ouimette-243, Harold Barber-244, Tip Murphy-246, Bob White-247.

Fourth Flight — Ed Henry-256, Hugh Coates-258, Earl Zeisler-259, B. Thompson-261.

Fifth Flight — Ray Hunt-264, Bob Anson-268, John Erickson-270, Bill Fairhurst-274.

65 & Over Division, First Flight — Dexter Daniels-219, Carl Gustafson-229, John Mercer-235.

Second Flight — Geo. Marchant-239, Nate Schine-244, Ray Hendley-246, Don Schwartz-249.

Third Flight — E.C. Jones-261, Harry Grissom-267, Jim O'Donnell-269.

Fourth Flight — T. Ted Lynn-267, Billy Sullivan-269.

TEAM WINNERS — FRIDAY — 139- Serles-Carmichael-Shelfer-McGee, 140- A. Johnson-Payne-Mercer-Bradford, 140- Timm-Howell-Parr-Prather, 142- Johns-B.D. Hedgecock-Armstrong-W. Dunn.

TEAM WINNERS — SATURDAY — 139- Huff-Payne-Spragins-Chiarelo, 144- A. Johnson-Shelfer-Grissom-Legan, 145- Hoffer-J. Young-DeRidder-Erickson, 145- S. Davis-B. Bell-Burdett-E. Jones, 145- McCormick-Koons-Constantino-Kaval.

LOW ROUNDS — FRIDAY — 40-54 J. Serles-70, 55-64 R. Henriksen-71, 65 & Over D. Daniels-69.

LOW ROUNDS — SATURDAY — 40-54 T. Huff-71, 55-64 Ace Johnson-73, G. Bumgarner-73, 65 & over, Carl Gustafson-74.

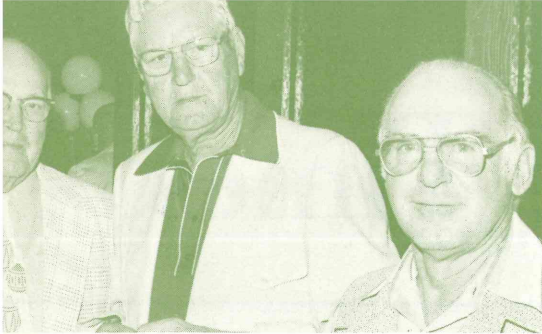


Mike Yahl is "40" winner.

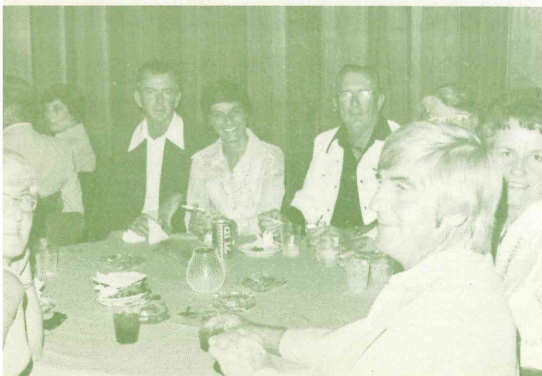
Dexter Daniels

Ace Johnson





O.E. PARKER, Maurice Fell and Gene Byrne seriously survey the buffet line during the annual Friday night "40" gathering at Lehigh. Lehigh host Gary Caldwell and food and beverage manager Ron Drake, outdid themselves for the '76 bash. Contestants, wives and guests weren't timid about charging the food and drink lines as group pictures below indicate. Next year's event is set for November 4-6, 1977.



THE WINNING PUTT at King's Inn is holed from 10 feet by Chip Neptune.

TOP EARLY-YOUNG TEAM IN PLAYOFF

Neptune-Lemke Holiday Winners

SUN CITY CENTER — Chip Neptune's 300-yard tee blast, wedge to 10 feet and heart-of-the-hole putt for birdie, made quick work of a sudden death playoff for victory in the King's Inn Holiday Four-Ball, December 4-5.

Neptune and partner Bill Lemke, Lakeland, were seven under par for the regulation 36 holes scoring 66-71. Gary Young and Bill Earley, a Sarasota team, put together a seven under performance on rounds of 70-67 and went first to the playoff tee, No. 1 at King's Inn, after winning the coin flip for honors.

Young, Earley and Lemke popped it first on the 410-yard par four opening hole. All

hit big blows. Neptune, his flowing auburn tresses partially banded by a blue visor, flexed his rangy frame and exploded into the ball which came to rest after an orbit-like trip, dead center in the fairway about 100 yards from the green. Wedge and putt, described above, put his team in the winner's circle.

All play in the championship flight was at gross. In the other six divisions the first day's gross better ball of the team qualified the team in a flight. In the final round 50 per cent of the combined team handicap applied against the second 18-hole score and the 36-hole total. The field was limited to 60 two-man teams.



PLAYOFF FOURSOME: Gary Young, Bill Earley, Bill Lemke, Chip Neptune.



PRESIDENT DANIELS, center, presents to Neptune-Lemke after final posting at scoreboard certified them as winners.

Flight winners:

Championship — Chip Neptune-Bill Lemke, 137 (won in playoff); Gary Young-Bill Earley, 137; George DeSears-Carter Parry, 138.

First Flight — Roland Chapman-Clyde Mumma, 135; Jack Shubert-Chip Harkins, 135; Stan Legan-Norton Harris, 137; Dexter Daniels-Dexter Daniels, Jr., 137.

Second Flight — John Richwine-John Mercer, 135; Randy Sucher-Ray Columbaro, 137; Jim Donahue-T. Nichols, 138.

Third Flight — Dick Reeves-George Edmondson, Jr., 140; Richard Chapman-Jim Gregory, 141; Bob McCullers-Stu Daniels, 142.

Fourth Flight — Lou Dellavechia-Walter Horne, 139; Nate Schine-Bob White, 141; Norm Donnelly-Tom Scott, 143; Ted Lynn-Ed Greene, 143.

Fifth Flight — John LaRoche-Fred Mitchell, 143; Reg Cobb-Rhys Cobb, 145; Gordon Burnham-Richard Hope, 145; Bob Ahern-Pete Holcombe, 145.

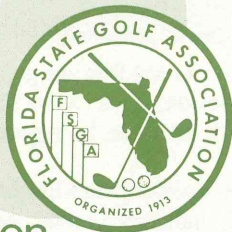
Sixth Flight — J. Dubois-S. Maddox, 144; M. Elsenberg-H. Almond, 144; B. Birle-E. Eddington, 146; E. Danley-N. Patton, 148; T. Armstrong-L. Machemer, 148.

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Florida State Golf Association

Glen Kirk Wins Windjammer Cruise

BY BILL FRITTS

State Amateur Champion Glen Kirk is FSGA's top point-scorer for 1976 — and thereby wins a Windjammer cruise on one of Cap'n Mike's leave-it-all-behind sorties into the cloud-capped islands of the Caribbean.

Kirk will be awarded a \$250 credit, maximum allowable amount to an amateur, for his FSGA point performance in '76. He turned professional in November but amassed enough points prior to that time to qualify for the top spot.

Kirk put together 45 points in four events, 6.5 more than his nearest rival, Mike Schroeder of Lakeland, who nevertheless notched an impressive record with point winnings in five tournaments. This earned for Mike the distinction of winning points in more FSGA tournaments in 1976 than any other contender, and a comfortable second-place niche with 38.5 points.

Mike could have taken the No. 1 spot if he had played well in the Holiday Four-Ball at Sun City Center, but he and partner Bob Hinson of Lakeland could do no better than 140 for the two-day meet, which failed to earn any points. Even a third-place rating would have put him in the lead — but it didn't happen.

Kirk was ineligible to play in the Holiday Four-Ball since he had already turned professional. Schroeder being the only man who could catch him, Kirk coasted in home on the Schroeder-Hinson inability to get their game going.

Kirk scored his biggest gain toward the FSGA title by winning the State Amateur at Grenelefe in June. That effort earned him 20 points, the most that any amateur can win in the FSGA point competition.

He and partner Gary Schroeder (no relation to Mike) garnered 11.5 points each

in the kickoff FSGA tournament of the year, the Awards 4-Ball at Port Malabar; he picked up four more in the Scholarship at Lone Palm and 9.5 points in the Amateur Four-Ball at the Palm Aire Country Club, Pompano Beach.

Young Toby Chapin of Bradenton was third, with 33, having been tied with Schroeder for the lead at the mid-year mark. Toby, however, failed to pick up any more points after mid-year.

Jack Shubert of Altamonte Springs, last year's winner, just barely made the top 10 this year, with 19.5 points accrued in three tournaments for No. 9 position.

Altogether, 140 contenders scored points in one or more of the 14 statewide FSGA events that qualified for the competition. Only statewide events — not district events — count toward point totals.

Under the FSGA point-scoring system, all tournaments except the State Amateur start with 12 points. The Amateur is 20. In case of teams, members of winning teams share points.

For those who might be interested in joining Kirk on his cruise, the 'jammers, 'tis said, are at the opposite end of the spectrum from the big luxury ships that come and go out of Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. Informality is the key word, and sometimes rigor, particularly when you push that shower button in the morning and only teeth-chattering cold water splashes over you. It'll shiver your timbers — and wake you up! It will be a change for Glen from the rigors of the mini-tour.

Here are the top 10 point scorers in the 1976 FSGA events:

1. Glen Kirk — 45
2. Mike Schroeder — 38.5
3. Toby Chapin — 33
4. Gary Schroeder — 30
5. Bill Dotson and Kevin Butler tied at 27.5
6. Rick Pearson — 24.5
7. Dexter Daniels, Sr. — 22
8. Ralph Raymond, Sr. — 21.5
9. Jack Shubert — 19.5
10. Larry Sunday and David Abell tied at 19

Individual Member Handicap Service

FSGA members will have a bit of record-keeping to do if they desire monthly handicap updates and their home club or men's association is not on the FSGA computer handicap system.

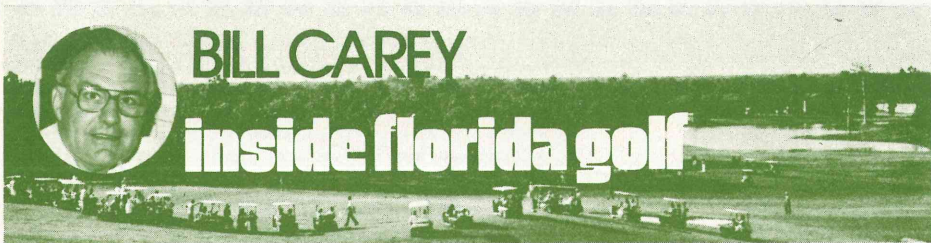
First step will be to record all scores, date of play and course ratings, at home and away, on the form which will appear in your monthly newsletter. Complete the entire form. Cut it out and mail to FSGA, P.O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, FL 33578. Have it reach the state office by the first day of the month and you'll have your updated card returned during the first week of the month.

If your report is late to the state office, your monthly update will be late getting back to you. Of course, if the handicap is needed for an FSGA event — and there will be more handicap events now that contestants are being squared to a central system — the state office will have your current numbers to post on the tournament scoreboard before you know them.

The system will be as good as the input. Let's have the reports on time with equitable stroke adjustment applied and you'll have prompt returns with more accurate handicaps.

And speaking of handicaps, the tournament committee has had nothing but favorable comment about the last few events in 1976 where handicaps were applied in the final day's competition after the first rounds were played at gross to sort players into flights.

There will be more of that exercise next year particularly in two man team competition.



BILL CAREY

inside florida golf

George Allen, public information chief for the Florida Chamber in Tallahassee, is the first of his kind.

Not the chamber's initial publicist but the first guy in the job ever to acknowledge that golf has an impact on the state's economy.

Allen was kind enough to write and thank FSGA for some economic facts about the game sent in reply to chamber questions. His letter, in fact, was unusual treatment from a Tallahassee office. Now that he has the numbers perhaps Allen can be instrumental in improving the promotion effort for golf made by local chambers of commerce and Division of Tourism tub-thumpers.

Certainly golf should get equal billing with baseball's major league spring training exercise in the state.

Information sent to the Florida Chamber from early returns on an FSGA golf course facility survey, revealed that 500 golf courses in the state will realize approximately \$90 million in revenue for 1976. There were an estimated 10 million 18-hole rounds of golf played. The cost per round, per player, varied greatly depending on the type facility played, the membership rate or seasonal greens fee.

A CALCULATED AVERAGE of \$9 per round (which includes fee, electric cart rental, golf shop purchases, etc.), yields the estimated \$90 million above.

From personal experience our people feel this is a conservative figure and that when all the returns are tabulated the annual return to golf courses will be in the neighborhood of \$120 million.

We hope the GOLF GUIDE ques-

tionnaire package sent to 592 Florida golf facilities and associations gets a swift turn-around and we'll be able to report firm numbers soon.

Where the revenue story appears bright for Florida's golf industry costs of operation continue to climb. Too many clubs with under 400 members are showing operational deficits with no income balance available for debt service, capital improvements, etc. Clubs in the 400 to 550 member category appeared to be doing best with an average of 5.5 per cent left from revenues after departmental expenses.

Very sobering is the line which showed that for every dollar of sales 98.5 cents went for expenses leaving a paltry 1.5 cents for net income on some mighty substantial investments.

FIGURES FROM ACROSS the country show courses in the Far West lead the cost of maintenance parade with a \$9,864 ticket per hole annually. Cost of maintenance per hole, per year for southern golf tracks are second in the outgo parade — \$8,442. The figure in the Midwest is \$7,185 and in the East \$6,985.

Our Florida courses are included in the southern study. The per hole maintenance cost which includes payroll, taxes, fringe benefits, supplies, repairs, water and drainage translates to a \$151,956 annual budget.

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