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Happy
Holidays!

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TED HUFF-BRIAN SWAIN WIN HOLIDAY FOUR-BALL AT KING'S INN

• As has been customary in recent year's FSGA's tournament schedule came to an end for the year at King's Inn, Sun City Center. And, also, as has been the custom, there was a playoff. Ted Huff and Brian Swain, Winter Haven, versus Ron Garl, Lakeland and Dan Morgan, the host Superintendent and Director of Golf at King's Inn. The two teams ended dead even after 36 holes with nine under par totals of 135. Huff-Swain scored 66-69, Garl-Morgan recorded 67-68.

• On the second playoff hole, a 200 yard par 3, Huff who hits it as big as anyone in amateur golf when all muscles are wired properly, also displayed a tender touch when he holed from 20 feet for birdie 2 and victory.

• The Holiday event was best ever with two gorgeous days of sunshine following a rainy practice round Friday. Dan Morgan had the track in good shape despite wet weather. The year end holiday party Saturday night for contestant's and wives, etc. was elegant and the full field obviously enjoyed the outing. The FSGA Board of Directors met for the final time in 1977 and approved an attractive '78 events schedule which appears below.

KING'S INN PRIZE WINNERS

Championship: Huff-Swain, 135 (playoff): Garl-Morgan, 135 (net 131); Essex-Birle, 132 net; Hodge-Eggeling, 137 gross. **First Flight:** Cona-Clites, 143 gross; Jones-Jones, 143 gross; Elisha-Fournier, 139 net. **Second Flight:** Yielding-Darby, 149 gross. Net: Byrne-Byrne, 146; Whelan-Holcomb, 150; Sullivan-Tanner, 150. **Seniors First Flight:** Serles-Phillips, 141 gross; Net: Martino-Birmingham, 139; Carmichael-Melson, 139. **Second Flight:** Harmon-Bird, 146 gross; Net: Payne-Carey, 144; Robinson-Denby, 144. **Third Flight:** Lewis-Thompson, 152 gross; Net: Armstrong-Machemer, 150.

1978 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Enclosed is your 1978 FSGA Membership Renewal form. We ask that you please fill in legibly all information requested so we may have new addresses, clubs, handicaps, etc. up to date. Benefits of FSGA membership are explained on the self-addressed envelope also enclosed. We hope a new mini-computer handicap card service from state headquarters will be available about mid-year as further service to members not now on a club computer program. Please renew promptly so you'll be eligible for first events of new year in January.

THE 1978 EVENTS SCHEDULE.

Jan. 21-22, MIXED PAIRS, Harder Hall, Sebring. **Feb. 25-26, FSGA SCHOLARSHIP EVENT,** Cypress Creek, Orlando. **April 1-2, KING NEPTUNE TOURNAMENT,** Gator Creek, Sarasota. **April 21-23, MEMBER-GUEST INVITATIONAL & FOUR MAN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP,** Sandpiper Bay, Port St. Lucie. **May 6-7, SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 54 HOLES,** Bardmoor, Largo. **May 27-29, (Memorial Day Weekend, Sat. thru Mon.) GILLESPIE NATIONAL PRO-AM WITH SENIOR SECTION,** Longboat Key, Sarasota. **May 22, U.S. OPEN QUALIFYING, 36 HOLES,** Sun City G.C. and King's Inn G.C., Sun City Center. **June 8-11, 61st STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP,** The President C.C., West Palm Beach. **July 1-15, FSGA SCOTTISH GOLF/BRITISH OPEN TRIP,** St. Andrews, Scotland. **Aug. 3-4, STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP,** Sunrise National, Sarasota. **Aug. 20, ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT,** Lone Palm, Lakeland. **Sept. 10 SCHOLARSHIP EVENT,** Sugar Mill G.C., New Smyrna. **Sept. 23-24, STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP,** Mayacoo C.C., West Palm Beach. **Oct. 14-15, STATE SENIORS FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP,** Vero Beach C.C. **Nov. 3-4, LIFE AT FORTY,** Lehigh C.C., Lehigh. **Dec. 2-3, HOLIDAY FOUR-BALL,** (Site To Be Announced).

M.T. McINNIS SENIOR CHAMPION, MIKE YAHL REPEATS IN "40"

Full fields with standbys was the format for the two popular Fall events, the Seniors Championship at Vero Beach C.C. and Life at Forty at Lehigh. Bradenton's Mac McInnis, a past president of FSGA, returned 149, five over, to win at Vero. Mike Yahl, Naples, the defending titleholder at the "40" came on strong the final day with a one under 71 to cop the 54 hole test with even par 213. Pictures of winners on next page.

GOLF CLUBS FACE LOSS OF "BUSINESS DEDUCTIBLES"

According to National Club Association private golf clubs face the loss of business deductible member spending if Carter Administration proposals become law. NCA believes real motivation behind elimination of club dues and expenses is that government officials resent certain business entertaining activities and can't believe anything so enjoyable can be legitimate, and deductible, business activity. Letters have been sent to the president of all FSGA member clubs outlining program of action. More in our January Newsletter on the subject.

SHORT SHOTS

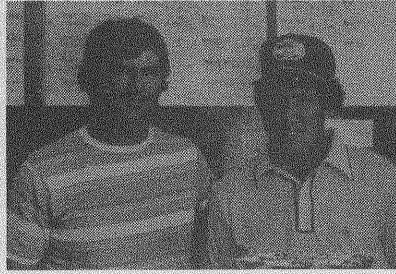
When the '78 opener at Vic Jacobson's pink palace of epicurean delights was announced there were 12 husband and wife combos at King's Inn who declared themselves in. Entry form for the Harder Hall Mixed Pairs tourney is enclosed. Return it pronto . . . St. Augustine member Frank Blau won Fountain of Youth Tournament he organized in November at Ponce de Leon C.C. on second extra hole against Bob Everleth, Palatka, after both scored 148 for regulation 36 . . . Jack Matthews, Tequesta, back on track after heart attack and ready to begin work on 61st Annual State Amateur Championship at The President C.C. . . . Tom Rich, Sarasota, had good competitive summer winning New York State Seniors at Oak Hill and Eastern Seniors, Buck Hill Falls in Poconos . . . Dexter Daniels, Sr. and Al Tidrow were squeaked out of thriller victory at Southern Seniors 4-Ball, Myrtle Wood C.C., S.C., when Ohioans Byron Jilek and Dick Paxton took FSGAers to 5th extra hole of finals and Paxton rolled in 70 footer to win . . . USGA's Green Section Conference and Annual Meeting set for January 27-29, 1978, Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco. Golf at San Francisco G. C. . . . USGA — PGA Rules Workshop, Orlando, January 6-9 will cost \$118 per copy. More than you wish to know about the Rules? Have happy, blessed holidays, good health for a productive New Year.

Bill Carey
Executive Director

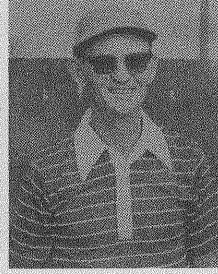
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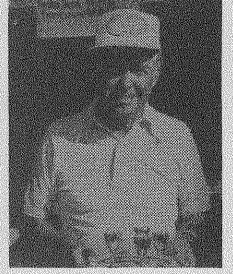
MIKE YAHL holed good birdie putts on 9 and 18 the final day at Lehigh to successfully defend his Life at Forty title.



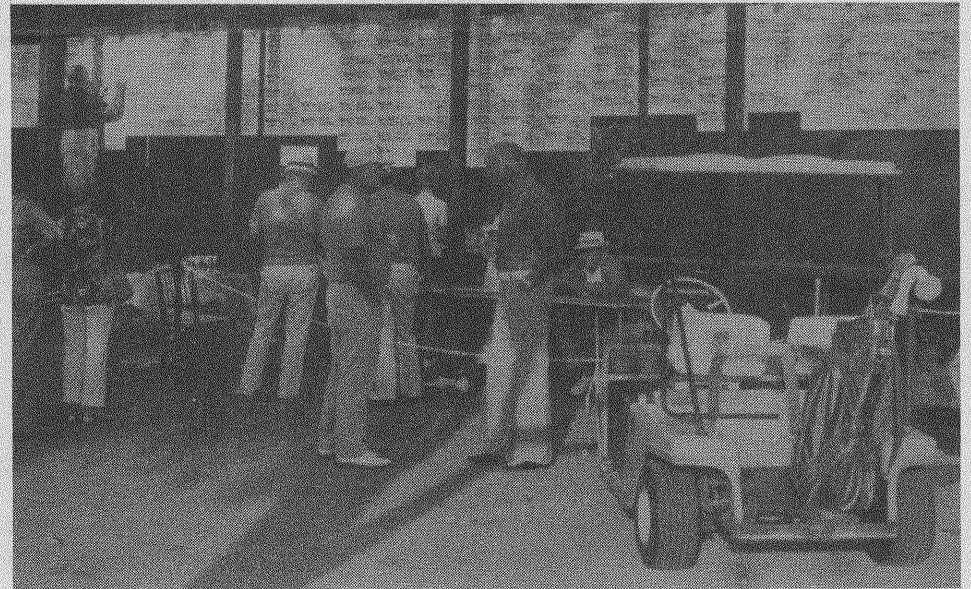
GARY YOUNG, left, was the leader after opening rounds of 70-68 at Lehigh. Mike Yahl caught him the last day for the overall title leaving Gary at top of 40-54 age group.



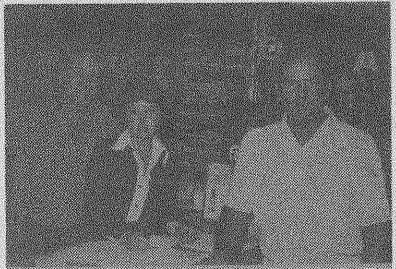
LYNN LEE scored a strong 215, two over par to win the 55-64 age class at Lehigh.



BILL HOFFER took 65 and over honors with three solid mid-70 rounds for a 226 total.



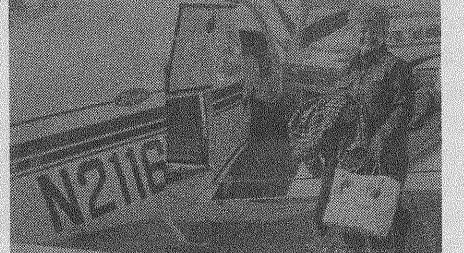
THE LEHIGH SCOREBOARD provides ample room for covering the many different competition formats in the annual Life at Forty event.



JOE, JEAN AND BILL staff the Girard's pro shop at Vero Beach C.C. and keep contestants happy during the FSGA Seniors Championship.



1977 SENIOR CHAMPION Mac McInnis and wife, Virginia, had everything under control for the former FSGA President's victory.



EDNA CAREY loads her bird after a plant, tree and rock collecting junket in North Carolina where there was no FSGA scoreboard to keep track of.



JOHN DARR JR., Golf Coach Buster Bishop and former team member Bob Michael, viewed Gator Golf Day as a complete success. Darr, now Bishop's assistant at Gainesville, had nine birdies and an eagle in his 18 hole round.



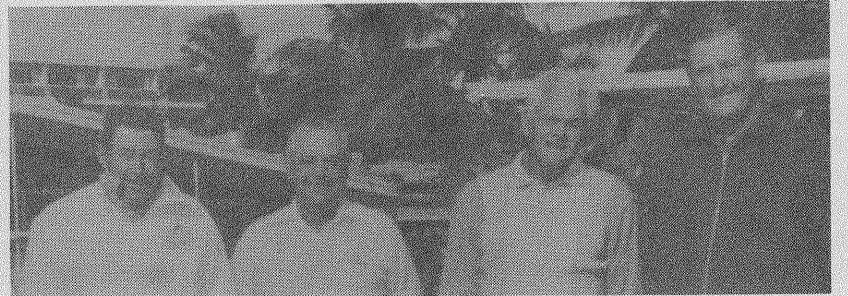
GATOR ANDY BEAN, making it big on the pro tour, was Golf Day participant before leaving for Australia.



GENE ELLENSON, right, head of GATOR BOOSTERS, INC., Golf Day sponsors, reported good pickings from the event. He visits here with Miami High classmate E. Carey.



DEXTER DANIELS, JR., Nancy Darr and Velma Daniels, solid Gators all, thought the event up to usual standards. Mourned loss to Kentucky, however.



AN ALL FSGA FINAL at Naples Beach Florida Seniors, saw Norton Harris and Jack Russell, right, defeat Ace Johnson and Carl Rupp 4 and 3 in finals of Championship. Photograph courtesy of Arthur Gibbons, Sec.-Treas., Senior G.A.