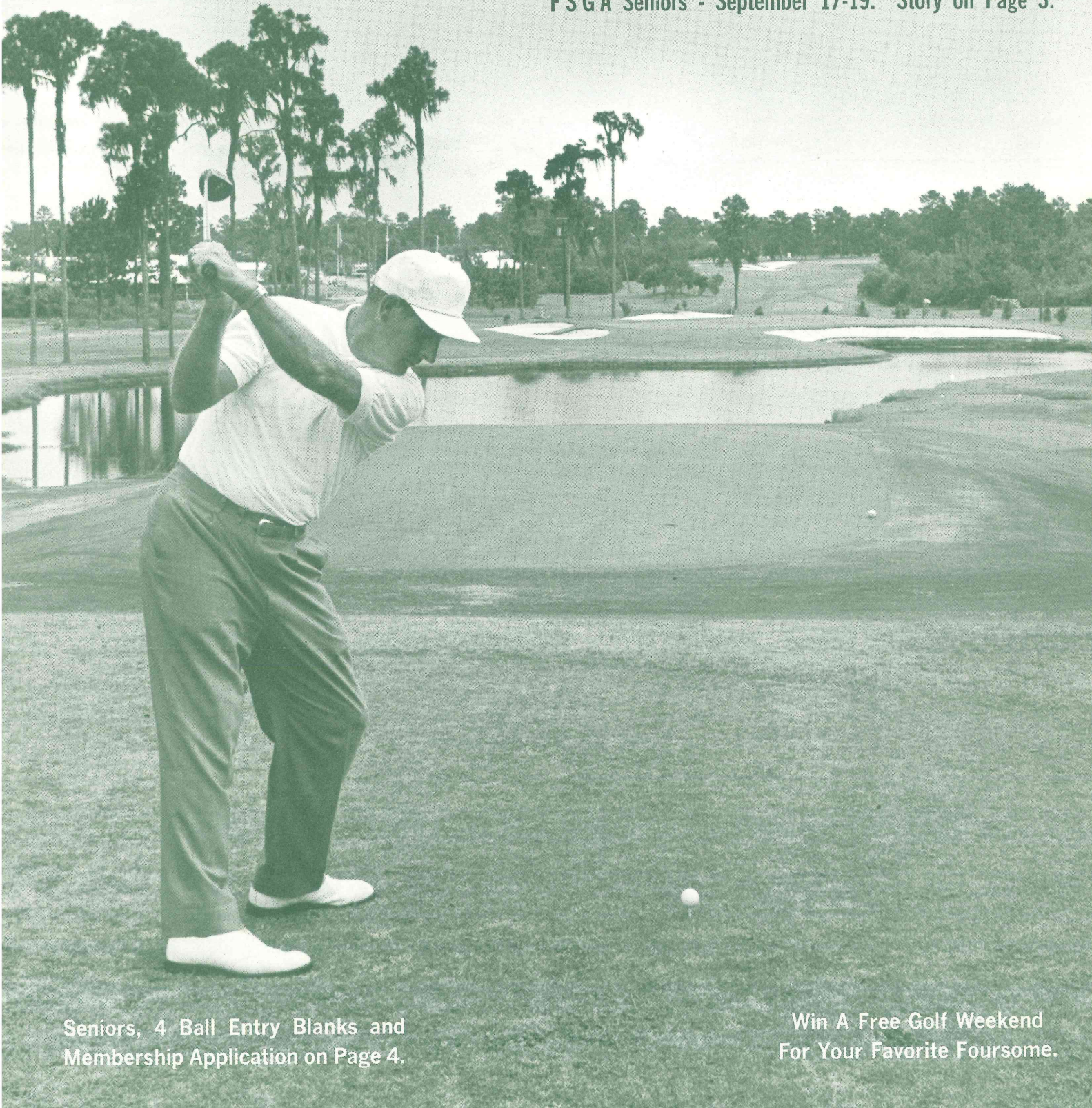




# Florida Golf News

FALL, 1969

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# Rankin Wins 1969 State Amateur

## DARR IS SECOND VEGTE THIRD IN "SOGGY" TOURNEY



The big winners in the 1969 State Amateur pose before the scoreboard and their "hardware" with FSGA President Bill Wodtke. From left to right, Wodtke, fourth place finisher Roger Kennedy of Pompano Beach, champion Bob Rankin of Clearwater, and second place winner John Darr of Gainesville.

SARASOTA—Clearwater's tough Rob Rankin fought off veteran players, fantastic first round scores, limber-backed high school and college long-knockers, floods and high winds to walk away a winner in this year's State Amateur Championship. Rankin's steady 71-73-72-72, even par 288, took the title over a strong field at the long and narrow Longboat Key Country Club.

Rankin began the final round four shots behind defending champion Jack Veghte who had carved a magnificent three-day, four-under-par total of 212. Shades of Custer's last stand and The Super Bowl, it appeared as if everyone but Veghte would be playing for second place. Dennis Iden had come and gone with 66-73 and then ballooning to 84 on Saturday. John Darr was playing well but certainly not with the style that earned him the title and the tournament record of 278 at PGA National in 1967. He and Roger Kennedy were deadlocked at 219, unable to "get it going." Also at 219 after three rounds was long time Florida amateur standout Al Johns of Punta Gorda. Sunday looked like a walk in the sun for Veghte.

Veghte began his final round with a bogey at the dog-leg, par four, first hole. He picked up another bogey at the long, watery fifth and then got a stroke back with a birdie at seven, a par five. Then, out of character for the Clearwater straight shooter, he pulled his tee shot into the left trap at the par three eighth and took a bogey and hit a poor tee shot behind a clump of palms at nine to make bogey five. With a three over par 39 on the front side, the old-timers around Longboat figured the "wheels had come off" Veghte's game and it would be hard to make a comeback on the more difficult back nine.

Rankin, meanwhile, playing in the four-some just ahead of Veghte, had managed an even par 36 on the front and narrowed the gap between the two to one shot. Rankin's first nine holes included four birdies, two bogies and a double bogey.

Veghte began the back nine 4-4-5; Rankin started 4-4-4 on the first three long par fours and they were even. He birdied the 490 yard par five 3th hole and went out in front. Another birdie at 15 and a double bogey at 17 when his drive went out of bounds left Rankin at 18 tee three strokes ahead of Veghte and a hard-charging John Darr. Believing he was even with Veghte, Rankin went for the island-green, par five 18th with a four wood second shot and fell short into the moat. He took his penalty shot and hit a nine iron approach twelve feet from the cup. He knocked in that "character builder" for the victory.

Finishing on 18 behind Rankin, John Darr chipped in from the right side of the green for a birdie four and edged Veghte for second place with a 290 total. Veghte's final 79 put him third, three strokes ahead of Roger Kennedy who finished with 75.

Bob Rankin, who won the Ohio State Amateur in 1955 and finished third in the Florida Amateur at Panama City two shots behind Veghte last year, accepted the silver punchbowl set and the historic Camp Bowl for his victory in this 52nd renewal of Florida's oldest continuous sports event.

## IN USGA ACTION

### Five Florida Stars On Cup Team Continuous Putting Rule To Go

The United States Golf Association has named a very young team to meet Great Britain in the 22nd Walker Cup Match at the Milwaukee Country Club, Milwaukee, Wis., August 22-23.

The 10-man team includes one teenager and six players in their 20s. Only two members of the team have played in a previous Walker Cup Match.

The United States Team:

Robert Barbarossa, 21, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
Bruce Fleisher, 20, Hialeah, Fla.  
Marvin Giles, III, 26, Charlottesville, Va.  
Hubert M. Green, 22, Birmingham, Ala.  
(Former FSU star)

William Hyndman, III, 53, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Steve Melnyk, 21, Brunswick, Ga.  
Allen L. Miller, 20, Pensacola, Fla.  
Richard L. Siderowf, 32, Westport, Conn.  
Dr. Edgar R. Updegraff, 47, Tucson, Ariz.  
Jerry L. (Lanny) Wadkins, Jr., 18, Richmond, Va.

Alternates in order of selection:

Rik Massengale, Austin, Texas.  
Jack W. Lewis, Jr., Florence, S.C.  
Joseph C. Inman, Jr., Greensboro, N.C.

## MARKING TIME

A significant change in the Rules of Golf probably will go into effect in 1970. The so-called "one clean" and "continuous putting" Rules may be abandoned.

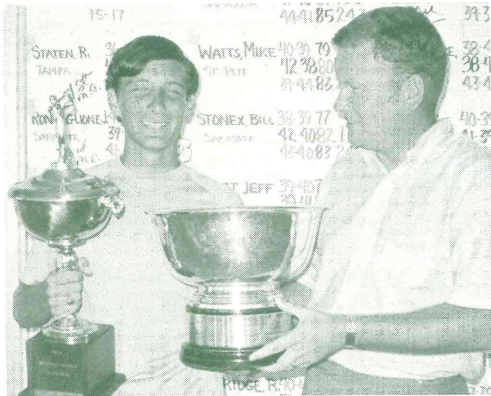
This move, to become effective January 1, 1970, has been approved by the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association and by the General Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. The change is subject to the approval of R&A members at the club's business meeting in September.

The one-clean and continuous-putting Rules were first used in competition as Local Rules in the 1965 United States Amateur Championship then included in the Rules of Golf in 1968. They provide that on the putting green the ball may be lifted for cleaning before the first putt only (Rule 35-1d) and in stroke play that each player putt continuously until his ball is holed, with certain exceptions (Rule 35-3e).

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# GO-GO GARY SETS RECORD IN STATE JUNIOR WIN AT ROLLING GREEN



Tampa teeny-belter Gary Koch, left, accepts championship awards for his record setting fifty-four hole total of 204 in the Florida State Golf Association's Junior Championship held at Rolling Green Golf Club in Sarasota. Making the presentation is Robert E. Anderson, FSGA Tournament Director.

Gary Koch, current fast-gun of the teenage tour, carved another notch in his putter grip by racking up the Florida State Golf Association's Junior Championship at Rolling Green Golf Club in Sarasota, July 11th. His fifty-four hole total of 204 on rounds of 68-69-70 was a new tournament record, bettering the old mark of 208 set by Mike Killian of St. Petersburg. Playing "ball control" better than Lombardi's Packers, Koch made a raft of easy birdies and only five bogies on his three-day run at the title.

Gary was behind during the first

two rounds, trailing Mike San Flippo of Miami. However, there were few observers who felt that the new Florida Open champ would fail to win his second straight junior title. San Flippo had 136 for the first two rounds and Jay Rickles of Miami, nephew of Don Rickles, TV's Excedrin Headache Number 1, was one shot back of Koch at 138. It took 149 or better to make the Championship Flight and there were twenty boys who got in. In all, about five players had a good shot at first place. Besides San Flippo, Koch and Rickles, Jack Burton, another Miamian, stood at 141 and Steve Morgan of Orlando had a total of 142.

You couldn't really say that Koch put on a "charge" for the last day because he'd been playing great golf all week, all year for that matter. He went out and did his thing in flower-printed bell-bottoms, mock-turtle-neck and white shoes with no socks. He did it with no bogies and five birdies. The only time he got in trouble was at the 389 yard, par four, dog-leg sixth. He pushed his drive behind some tall trees and was in

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Winners in the 12-14 age group of the Florida State Golf Association Junior Championship are, from left to right, Jim Peeples, Pete Wells, Whit Wilkerson and Dave Henderson, Jr.



This line-up of winners in the Florida State Golf Association's Junior Championship includes, from left to right, Gary Koch, Jay Rickles, Mike San Flippo and Ben Duncan.

## SELVA MARINA TO HOST FSGA 4 BALL

The Florida State Golf Association will hold this year's State Four Ball Championship at Selva Marina Country Club October 3rd and 4th.

The first 100 teams to enter will be accepted. All non-members of FSGA must join the association before entries can be accepted. Those planning to play are urged to make entry application (see blank on Page 4) immediately. Team entry fee is \$25 for the Four Ball and contestants will be guests of the club for a practice round on Thursday, October 2nd.

Bob Ludwig of Miami and Mickey Van Garbig of Palm Beach combined their talents to take last year's title with an eight under par total of 136 at Atlantis Country Club. They are expected to defend.

Tournament headquarters will be the Jacksonville Beach Holiday Inn. Contestants are urged to make reservations directly with the motel by phoning AC 904/249-9071.

## Reprinted From The Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Dear Editor:

I'm not much for writing letters to newspapers, but on June 9 I witnessed a tournament at the Rolling Green Golf Course, consisting of approximately 130 teenagers (all boys) and felt I'd like to give you my impression of them. I stood and watched this group tee off for the three-day tournament of the Florida State Golf Association and these fine young lads put on a show, every bit as interesting as though the players were Palmer, Casper, Bolt, Boros and other top golfers in the country.

These boys were dressed in the latest golf togs, clubs all shined, and all played like gentlemen and conducted themselves as fine sportsmen, worthy of the Florida State Golf Association.

Not a single boy did I see with whiskers, mustaches, heavy side-burns

or unkempt long hair. None had dirty shirts, bare feet or looked like tramps such as we often see these days on television and pictured in the daily papers while going about the disgraceful business of campus rioting, sit-ins, etc., etc.

After watching these young men play 18 holes of golf, I, for one, have changed my mind about our youth and will not worry as to the outcome of our country when it comes their turn to run it, as there must be millions more just like them in our 50 states. The trouble is that all we see and hear about are the disturbers, and if more of our senior citizens were to get out and see what I have, they too might change their opinions about the younger generation.

EARLE POORMAN  
Sarasota



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## READ THIS

**NOTICE:** When filling in entry cards and membership forms, please include **complete** information on **DATE OF BIRTH**. This will greatly aid the state office in arranging mailing to members on events which have age limits.

## Florida Tournament Dates Reported to FSGA

- Aug. 22-24 — J.C. Golf Tourney, Sebring C.C.
- Aug. 23 — FSGA Sectional One Day, Royal Oaks C.C., Titusville
- Sept. 3 — USGA Seniors Qualifying, Bay Hill, Orlando
- Sept. 17-19 — FSGA Seniors, Bay Hill, Orlando
- Sept. 26-28 — Home Juice Invit., Avon Park C.C.
- Oct. 3-4 — FSGA State Fourball, Selva Marina, Jax.
- Oct. 15-19 — PGA Championship, Naples
- Nov. 9-12 — Fla. Seniors, Lost Tree, N. Palm Beach
- Nov. 22-23 — Men's Invitational, Lake Region Y&CC, Winter Haven
- Nov. 28-30 — FSGA Life Begins at 40, Longboat Key C.C., Sarasota
- Dec. 22-23 — Babe Zaharias Junior Championship, Sunset C.C., St. Pete.

### TEAM ENTRY CARD

No. .... (Do Not Use)

1. Name ..... Age .....

2. Name ..... Age .....

1. Home Address (Street) ..... Zip: .....

2. Home Address (Street) ..... Zip: .....

1. City ..... Home Club .....

2. City ..... Home Club .....

1. Current FSGA Handicap .. Application attached for FSGA Membership ..

2. Current FSGA Handicap .. Application attached for FSGA Membership ..

Note: All contestants will be required to have a current FSGA Handicap Card. Players need not be members of same club, but must have handicap of 15 or under. Team Entry Fee of \$25 MUST accompany this form.

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## Request for Individual Membership FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF FSGA MEMBER CLUB

(Name of Club)

and desire individual membership in FSGA and Handicap Card in payment of which I enclose \$10.

Score C.R. Diff.


I have entered, in the boxes to the left, the ten lowest of my last twenty scores and the USGA Course Ratings of the courses on which the rounds were played. Note: If rounds listed are the lowest of less than the last twenty five scores, from how many rounds were they selected? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHETHER THIS IS A RENEWAL OR NEW APPLICATION

	<b>NEW</b>
	<b>RENEWAL</b>

\_\_\_\_\_ Total of ten lowest differentials.

This Membership Expires April 1, 19

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized handicapper \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL TO W. P. CAREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOX 5394, SARASOTA, FLORIDA 33579

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HOME CLUB ..... Handicap .....

MEMBER FSGA? ..... Date of Birth .....

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**FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
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PHONE 958-6673

ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 P.M., SEPT. 11

No refunds on cancellations received after that date  
Starting times will be mailed to you Sept. 12th



## ROYAL OAKS SET FOR AUG. 23 EVENT

FSGA officials in the Orlando and Vero Beach areas will hold a sectional one-day tournament August 23, 1969 at Royal Oaks Golf Club in Titusville.

The tournament will aid the FSGA College Scholarship Fund with half of each \$10 entry fee going to help future turf management students at the University of Florida. All other entry money, less tournament promotion costs, will go to merchandise prizes for net and gross winners in each handicap division.

Tournament entry cards have been mailed to FSGA members and should be completed and returned to tournament headquarters not later than August 19. Accommodations for the tournament and for other weekend or vacation golfing can be made with the Royal Oaks Lodge adjoining the club. Phone 305-269-4500 for reservations and information.

## THOMAS WINS LONE PALM ONE DAY

Veteran Ocala golfer Moot Thomas won low gross honors in the August 10th Lone Palm One Day Tournament by defeating Dexter Daniels, Jr. in a one hole sudden-death playoff. The two had tied with eighteen hole scores of 72.

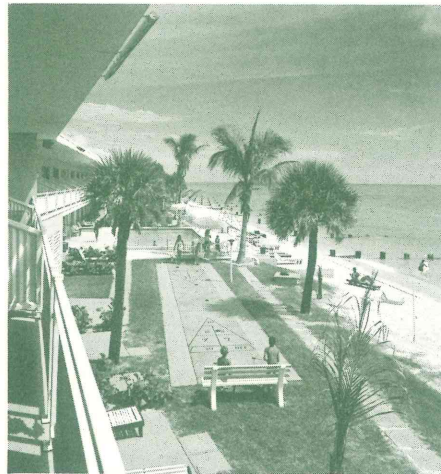
Even though rain postponed the event for two weeks, a large field of FSGAers was on hand to help the college scholarship fund. A total of \$140 went into the fund as a result of the tournament effort put forth by Vice-President Nate Schine. Over \$850 in merchandise prizes went to the talented contestants in each handicap division for net and gross prizes.

## YOU CAN WIN A FREE SARASOTA WEEKEND IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Would you like to take your favorite golfing foursome on a little October weekend outing at a fabulous Gulf-side resort, play at a championship track and dine at some of the state's most famous restaurants? For Free? You say, maybe you could work it into your schedule? Read on for all the details.

FSGA headquarters has arranged for all those things and more to go to the winner of a special membership drive contest. The winner and his three buddies, with whom he plays an occasional nickle Nassau, or his wife and another couple will be treated royally at Herb Field's Sea Horse Resort on the beach in Sarasota (shown in photo below) on the weekend of their choice in October.

Seahorse Motel



Green fees and electric carts will be complimentary at Longboat Key Golf Club. The group will dine at the Bucaneer, Columbia or Colony Beach Club. Other special events will be promoted through the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and local merchants.

This wonderful vacation will go to the energetic FSGA member who recruits the most new members between now and the end of September. Posters announcing the contest and a pad of membership application blanks will be sent to each FSGA member-club about mid-August, but members are urged to start to work now. Here's how: recruit members of your club or another FSGA member-club. Each new member club gained by you will count as three members. Make sure your name appears at the top of each application (club or individual) with the word "SPONSOR". Mail applications and money immediately upon receipt to the office of the Florida State Golf Association, 1970 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida 33577. New members will then be placed on the mailing list and be eligible for tournaments. Records will be kept of the new members you recruit. Make sure your name appears at the top of each application. The winner will be the FSGAer who recruits the most new members. Remember, dues are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for clubs. Money must accompany applications.

New members recruited in connection with one or two day district tournaments will not count. The contest is open to all FSGA members and excludes the headquarters staff.

All right, on your mark, get set, go to it.

## BAY HILL SEPTEMBER 17-19

# "Sweet Swingers" to gather for Seniors

Florida's many outstanding Senior golfers are expected to gather at the Bay Hill Club near Orlando September 17-19 for the second annual FSGA Seniors Championship.

Last year's inaugural event was won by Norton Harris of Key West. He is expected to defend the title this year against formidable competition from such senior favorites as Dexter Daniels, Harry Root, Bob McCullers, Jack Russell, Billy Watts and others.

Bill Lewis, host professional at Bay Hill, assures us that the course will be in its usual excellent condition. Contestants will be guests of the club for a practice round on Tuesday, September 16. FSGAers Billy Watts, Adrian Mc-

Manus and Roland Arnold are working hard to promote this and other similar events and expect to quickly fill the 160-man field. The tournament is open to all FSGA members 55 and older. FSGA members who plan to play are urged to complete entry forms (see page 4) and return them to the state office as soon as possible. Seniors who wish to belong to FSGA and participate in this tournament are urged to make application for membership (see blank on page 4) and file an entry card soon. They can look forward to increased tournament activity thanks to the efforts of the FSGA Seniors Section Committee headed by Billy Watts.

The field will be divided into

three age groups and there will be net and gross prizes in each division as well as prizes for overall winners. On Wednesday, September 17 a team event will be played with teams being arranged by blind draw after contestants have played their rounds.

Entry fee is \$20 and membership in FSGA is \$10 for those who are not current.

Seniors contestants are urged to make reservations for their stay in Orlando directly with the 72 room Bay Hill Lodge (305-876-2429 or 876-2821) which adjoins the course. Other accommodations will be available at the Gold Key Motel (305-855-0050) and the Winter Garden Inn (305-656-4545).



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## KOCH WINS JUNIOR

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a position where any normal human might have made upwards of eight. What Gary did was hitch up his hip-huggers and, concluding that trees were 90% air, he punched a six iron through an opening small enough to scrape the dimples off the ball. That shot landed in a trap guarding the right side of the green and Go-Go Gary promptly holed the explosion shot for a routine three. After that, onlookers began to wonder when he would walk across the nearest water hazard and all the other players in the group were speculating about what the second place prize would be.

*Following the "happening" at the sixth, Koch played flawless golf all the way to the clubhouse, finishing with a birdie at the par five eighteenth. His splendid performance meant more honors for the Tampa King High School star. It also meant that Mom would spend another year polishing the permanent T. W. Palmer silver championship bowl.*

*Rickles returned a 71 for the final round and took the second spot while San Flippo broke out in a rash of bogies and ballooned to a 76 and third. Jim Peeples, another solid swinger from Tampa, won the championship in the 12-14 age group on rounds of 74-75-81, 230. Pete Wells of St. Petersburg, the leader for the first two rounds, soared to 86 and finished second.*

Koch will probably be back next year for another shot at the State Junior Championship. He won't be "too old" until November '70. Most probably, he will win. But it will be a real contest again, just as it was this year. This is Florida and the teenage tour is tough down here. There are a lot of lean, hungry kids who are not afraid to win and who are out to hustle a few championships, a college education and whatever lies beyond.

## FSGA DIRECTORS TO SUBMIT AWARD NAMES

Your cooperation is requested in submitting the names of persons who have without thought of any personal gain in one way or another contributed to the betterment of the game of golf. From the names submitted, the recipient for the Florida State Golf Association's 1969 Fairways Award will be selected by the Committee.

Only a few simple rules apply. The recipient must be a legal resident of Florida although his contributions to golf may be even on a national or worldwide basis.

The person can be either an amateur or professional, but if a professional, the contributions to be given considera-

tion must be in excess of those which would be normally rendered in his professional capacity, of course, voluntary without any thought of remuneration.

The award can be made in memoriam. A recipient does not have to be an active golfer and the contribution made could have been at anytime in the past.

The Committee is particularly interested in recognizing those who have voluntarily contributed their time, effort and even money to improving the game of golf for the personal pleasure this affords those around them as well as themselves. This can be on a local club, state, national or worldwide basis.

## IN USGA ACTION

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### MARKING TIME

It was hoped that their effect would be to speed play and reduce the occasions on which a ball on the putting green could be lifted. It has become apparent, however, that they have not been fully as effective as had been hoped. In addition, there have been occasions on which these two Rules have been unsatisfactory.

### COURSE RATING MARKERS

*Section 16-1 of the USGA Golf Handicap System says that a permanent rating marker must be established at the starting point from which each hole is rated. If some of your member clubs have not installed permanent markers, we suggest that they be told that permanent markers are required and be requested to have them installed within a reasonable period. If a member club should fail to do so after a reasonable period, the Association would be justified in refusing to endorse handicaps of the members of the club.*

For the Handicap Procedure Committee

P. J. Boatwright, Jr.  
Executive Director



Newly elected FSGA President Bill Wodtke, left, presents 1969 President's Award to out-going proxy Bill Watts. The plaque was in honor of Watt's many contributions to the association and the presentation was made during the State Amateur banquet at Bird Key Yacht Club in Sarasota.