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FSGA TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT OF AMERICAS



WINNERS BOB MICHAEL AND JACK VEGHTE, with trophies, are joined by FSGA's Bill Carey and sponsoring Eastern Airlines Vice President Bill Gregg at the Awards Banquet at Doral Country Club following the final day's play in The Tournament of the Americas.

Bob Michael — Jack Veghte Victors In Eastern Air Event

Florida State Golf Association, asked by sponsoring Eastern Airlines, to furnish a two-man scratch team to represent the United States, in the 20 nation Tournament of the Americas competition at Doral Country Club in Miami over the July 4 holiday, responded with a winner.



MICHAEL



VEGHTE

Veteran FSGAers Bob Michael and Jack Veghte teamed for a combined total of 575 for the 144 holes of competition to win the team event by 11 shots. Michael won the individual title on rounds of 71-72-67-71-281, four under par, over the demanding red, white, blue and gold courses of mighty Doral.

Argentina was second in the team contest at 586 and Louis Carbonetti, of that country, was second in the individual play at 288.

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Dave Pesacov wins 64th State Amateur

Big Dave Pesacov used every bit of his home course knowledge to gain a two stroke victory in the 64th Annual State Amateur Championship at The President Country Club in West Palm Beach.

Dave's three under par 285, on rounds of 73-70-72-70, put him in ahead of Steve Hart, Tequesta, and Lee Rinker, Stuart, who were tied at 287 after 72 holes of tightly contested golf over one of Florida's really fine courses.

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FSGA-Innisbrook Event August 8-9

The four team members can change each day and more than four players from the same club may participate in the 36-hole team event at Innisbrook, August 8-9. Teams will compete in gross and net play with individual competition in the same categories. Maximum handicap is 20. An entry card is included in this mailing with all details.

Members are urged to make reservations direct with Innisbrook, phone 1-800-282-9813, for accommodations. Identify as FSGA contestant for \$45 per day rate, single or double club suite, includes service charge and gratuity, 4% sales tax will be added. ■

FSGA Sarasota office closed for August

The FSGA office will close for the entire month of August for vacations. Contact Innisbrook direct with any questions you have about the August tournament. Phone 1-800-282-9813. ■

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FSGA is receiving contributions to support future Junior competitions. Many thanks to early givers. We hope the list will grow.

U.S. team wins Golf of Americas

By DARYL BELL
Herald Writer

Nobody loves a monster, and the Doral Country Club's Blue golf course is about as wicked as they come.

The course, especially the 18th hole, is a watery grave that has a tendency to leave golfers gasping for breath as it swallows their scores. It intimidates, manipulates and exploits them without guilt.

Floridian Bob Michael and Jack Veghte knew about The Legend of the Blue Monster. They had heard the tales from caddies about golfers who had dared play on its scenic, yet treacherous fairways. But they had to see for themselves.

They proved Saturday that they weren't awed by the stories as they teamed for a 141 on the final day for an 11-stroke victory in the Golf Tournament of the Americas. Going into the final round, they had a six-stroke lead after third-round play on the White course earlier in the day. Rain had halted the third round Friday.

Michael and Veghte, representing the United States, finished with a 575 total for the four-day tourney. Second place went to Argentina with a

586. Chile was third with a 593, and the Bahamas team, which had held the lead for two days, finished sixth with a 602.

"This was my first time playing on the Blue Monster," said Michael, who shot a one-under-par 71 in the final round. "It's a very good course. The rough is very intimidating."

Michael, who is from Sarasota, was the only player to finish under par for the tourney as he shot a 281. The four-under performance gave him individual honors in the scratch-play event.

"I really didn't know what to expect from this tournament," said Michael. "I played in the Guatemala Invitational in 1980 and have played in some other tourneys, but this was nice. This was the first time that Jack and I have teamed up. We tried to get together for a best-ball tournament in Houston two years ago, but he couldn't make it. He's a fine golfer."

The U.S. team technically could be called the Florida state team because the United States Golf Association didn't field the team; the Florida State Golf Association did. Michael was chosen after winning the Gillespie Memorial. A second slot was to be filled by the winner of the

Florida State Amateur, but when winner Dave Pescov and the runnersup had committed themselves elsewhere, Veghte was chosen.

A three-time winner of the Florida title, Veghte, 42, finished fifth individually in the Americas event by shooting a 294. He shot a 76 on the Blue Monster.

"I just had a bad day," said Veghte, who is from Clearwater. "I came here with some friends eight years ago to play on this course. I just wasn't hitting well. I made five double bogeys for the tournament, and that's too much."

TEAM SCORING

575 — United States; 586 — Argentina; 593 — Chile; 597 — Brazil; 601 — Colombia; 602 — Bahamas; 612 — Venezuela; 615 — Peru; 619 — Paraguay; 627 — Bolivia; 627 — Puerto Rico; 631 — Costa Rica; 633 — Uruguay; 635 — Ecuador; 652 — El Salvador; 652 — Jamaica; 654 — Dominican Republic; 661 — Panama; 667 — Honduras; 683 — Guatemala.

INDIVIDUAL

Bob Michael, United States, 71-72-67-71 — 281; Louis Carbonetti, Argentina, 73-71-70-74 — 288; Felipe Taverne, Chile, 72-70-71-78 — 291; Gregg Maycock, Bahamas, 70-70-73-79 — 292; Jack Veghte, United States, 75-70-73-78 — 294; Eduardo Herrera, Colombia, 72-72-75-78 — 297; Jose Rafael Gonzalez, Brazil, 75-70-73-80 — 298; Jose Alzamora, Peru, 73-75-76-77 — 301; Ernesto Amengual, Venezuela, 79-74-74-76 — 303; Jorge Murdoch, Paraguay, 75-74-77-77 — 303; Alvaro Canessa, Uruguay, 78-74-72-90 — 304.

STATE AMATEUR—

Walter Cerrato finished in fourth place at 289, Bob Michael was fifth with 290 in FSGA's blue ribbon amateur which saw the low forty contestants and ties go into the Championship after the first 36 holes of competition.

Forty-three prize places were paid in the revised format with 26 going to the Championship contestants and 17 prizes of lesser value to contestants in four flights. It took 152 or better to qualify for the Championship.

Dave Pesacov, 285; Steve Hart, 287; Walt Cerrato, 289; Bob Michael, 290; Tom Butscher, 291; Scott Behl, 291; Billy Tuten, 292; Joel Gross, 294; Paul Oglesby, 294; John Palot, 295; Dick Matthews, 295; Bill Woodbury, 296; Tim Fieldhouse, 296; Ken Brooke, 296; Tom Case, 297; Ted Berghaus, 297; John Grab, 298; Bobby Lundquist, 298; Tim Cox, 299; Mike Estridge, 299; Mike Domalske, 299; Jim Keedy, 299; Berger Warner, 300; Bobby Dick, 302; Amos Rolan, 302.

First Flight:
Jay Paquette, 300; Jay Townsend, 301; James Karr, 302; David Snyder, 304.

Second Flight:
Jim Branche, 307; Austin Jones, 307; Ed Kennedy, 307; John Bentkowski, 310.

Third Flight:
Glenn Jones, 309; Keith Baines, 312; Bill Byrne, 313; Jim McCumber, 313; John DuPriest, 314.

Fourth Flight:
Robbie Madigan, 319; Mike Decker, 323; Scott Stewart, 324; Craig Rickert, 324.



Jeff Schmucker, Greg Miller Jr. Champions

Lakeland's steady Jeff Schmucker maneuvered even par to a one stroke victory in FSGA's State Junior Championship at the University of South Florida Golf Course in mid-June. Jeff scored 71-73-144 to squeak ahead of Sarasota's Tim Fieldhouse and Scott Dunlap in the 15-17 age group competition.

Fieldhouse, playing in the final four-some with Schmucker, suffered an uncharacteristic three putts on the 36th green to miss pushing the championship into a playoff. Fieldhouse and Schmucker had led the first day with 71s and were dead even the last day until Tim stumbled over a balky three-footer.

Dunlap's final day 70 tied the low round of the tournament and gave him a share of second place at 145 with Fieldhouse. Nolan Henke of Fort Myers

had the other 70 in third flight play on the last day's trek over the tightly treed USF layout.

Greg Miller of Plantation had rounds of 76-87-163 to take the 12-14 age group title and silver.

The top finishers in the Florida Juniors all were booked elsewhere (most at the Future Masters in Dothan, Alabama) on the same date as the scheduled July 20-21 three state match with Georgia and South Carolina, causing FSGA officials to cancel the competition.

One Day Events are cancelled

FSGA has cancelled the remaining one day tournaments on the 1981 schedule because of poor support. The first four one day tournaments of the year averaged fewer than 50 players and were losers.

REVISED 1981 SCHEDULE

AUGUST 8-9, Innisbrook/FSGA Club Team Championship, Innisbrook G. & C. C., Tarpon Springs

SEPT. 12-13, State Four-Ball Championship, PGA National G. C., Palm Beach Gardens

SEPT. 14, USGA Mid-Amateur Championship Qualifying, Port Malabar C. C., Palm Bay

OCT. 3-4, State Senior Four-Ball, Meadows C. C., Sarasota

NOV. 13-15, Life Begins at Forty Championship, Lehigh C. C., Lehigh

TOURNAMENT OF AMERICAS—

FSGA was called upon by the sponsors, for the official welcome to golf federation and association members from South and Central America, in an impressive ceremonial environment which framed four days of international amateur golf competition.