



# NEWSLETTER

*"This Association has been formed and exists for the purpose of promoting and conserving, throughout the State of Florida, the best interests and the true spirit of the game of Golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions."*

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## CAROLINA HOLIDAY

The Spring Bloom golf outing at Sapphire Valley, North Carolina, is a May happening on the 22nd through the 25th of the month. There's room for only a limited number of participants on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're planning to go it is suggested you send a \$50 deposit, and indicate the accommodations of your choice, to Sapphire Valley Resort, Box 80, Star Route 70, Sapphire, NC 28774. Send your reservation to the attention of John Hughes, who will be looking after our group.

There will be no entry fee for the very informal competition for men and women. Golf is covered in the per couple package rate which ranges from \$190 for a room at Fairfield Inn to \$225 per couple for a two-bedroom villa shared with another couple.

The package includes accommodations for three nights, golf, club cleaning and storage, preferred starting times, tennis, boating, fishing. Friday BBQ Cookout with mountain band and cloggers, Gem Lecture and hunt, Saturday evening banquet, all gratuities and taxes on above.

FSGA and Carey, Inc. will chip in an occasional attitude adjustment period. Sapphire has one of the truly fine Western North Carolina golf courses. Should be fun!

## BRITISH OPEN TRIP TAKES NEW TURN

In view of the sparse interest shown to date in a 1980 Scotland venture the FSGA has cancelled its reservations and will not lead on McDuff this summer. However, arrangements have been made with new member Larry Kolb's world golf travelers to take aboard Association people at \$1,795 per person. You'll join a PGA group which Larry has booked and the cost includes round trip airfare, departing from several spots in Florida, accommodations at the Hotel Howard in Edinburgh, breakfasts, tickets and transportation to the Open at Muirfield. Golf and main meals are extra, and Larry has starting times at the best courses. Sounds like a winner!

We have additional information to send for the two-week adventure. Give us a ring if you're seriously considering a skip across the pond.

## RON CLAYTON VICTOR IN KING NEPTUNE

FSGA's 12th Annual King Neptune Pageant Tournament at Sarasota's Gator Creek Golf Club, provided a particularly auspicious opening for the Association's 67th annual tournament season.

Pro-manager Bill Peet and Superintendent Jim Miller had the plant manicured to perfection and our guys responded by shooting some almost perfect numbers. Matter of fact, winner Ron Clayton, the Venice E-Z-Go cart representative, was better than perfect with his three under par 69-72-141 for 36 holes.

Clayton, Bob Michael, the National Lefty Champion who opened with 68, Tom Case, Jr., Dennis Tolles, Tom Hammons and Ralph Raymond, Jr., tangled in a six-man dogfight the final day and provided some lively spectator fare.

Tolles, from Fort Myers, at one under 143 finished in second place and left Michael, Case and Hammons tied at 145 and sharing third, fourth and fifth merchandise certificate awards. Raymond came away with the winning net ticket in the Championship Flight.

Sarasotan Tom Rich turned in rounds of 77-73-150 to win the overall Senior Title and Bradenton's smooth-swinging Archie Meekins copped the overall net prize with a 136 total.

There were 51 prize places in the 130-man field which were presented during an awards session at Gator Creek Clubhouse, presided over by King Neptune, Queen Athena and members of the Royal Court, immediately following the completion of play on Sunday.

Contestants, wives and guests had opened the tournament weekend festivities with a fine dinner party at Crown House on Friday evening before the first round of the tournament.

Contestants heard plans about the North Carolina and Scotland trips and were introduced to Larry Kolb and Mike Sarsfield, two attractive young men in charge of a British Open junket this summer in which some FSGAers may participate. Sarsfield, a Britisher, is current champion of The Royal Liverpool Club, Liverpool, England. Kolb is a new FSGA member from the Palm Beach Polo & Golf Club. Both were invited to the Neptune by Ron Garl, Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors.



*WINNER RON CLAYTON receives royal treatment as new Champion from King Neptune, Queen Athena and court members.*



*CHAIRMAN RON GARL and Assistant Tournament Director Dan Smith aided in official duties.*



*THE CAREYS teed-up the house for a 34th anniversary toast.*



*SENIOR WINNER Tom Rich, Net Victor Archie Meekins and Champion Ron Clayton were in the cups.*



*WORLD TRAVEL trip director Larry Kolb and Britisher Mike Sarsfield added an international flavor.*

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

The awkward times in which we're operating have caused shifts in FSGA events and activities. Date conflicts, club management shuffles and just plain changes of mind because of economic and other pressures, have forced alterations. The Life at Forty Tournament at Lehigh moves from Nov. 14-16 to Nov. 7-9 due to unforeseen scheduling problems for this year. 1981 dates for this event are firm for the second weekend in November. The Junior schedule is most affected. The State Junior Championship has been moved to Foxfire Golf Club at new dates, June 12 and 13. Florida has withdrawn from the three-state Junior match with Georgia and South Carolina, and the Association is considering cancellation of its participation in the National Junior Team Championship at Disney World this year.

If you're wondering why you've received entry forms in this mail for events out of your age and handicap bracket it's because the cost is less to handle it this way. And you may know someone who may wish to join the Association and play. Pass the entry forms along if they do not apply.

### 1980 FSGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAR. 29-30, KING NEPTUNE GOLF TOURNAMENT, 36 holes, Gator Creek Golf Club, Sarasota. Won by RON CLAYTON 69-72-141.

APRIL 26-27, FSGA MEMBER AND CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, 36 holes, Port Malabar C.C., Palm Bay.

MAY 10-11, STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 36 holes, Longboat Key Golf & Tennis Club, Sarasota.

MAY 22-25, NORTH CAROLINA SPRING BLOOM TOURNAMENT, Sapphire Valley, N.C.

JUNE 5-8, 63rd ANNUAL STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, 72 holes, Feather Sound Country Club, Clearwater.

JUNE 12-13, STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 36 holes, Foxfire Golf Club, Sarasota.

OCT. 11-12, SENIOR FOUR-BALL, 36 holes, Vero Beach Country Club, Vero Beach.

OCT. 25-26, STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP, 36 holes, Burnt Store Country Club, Punta Gorda.

NOV. 7-9, LIFE AT FORTY, 54 holes, Lehigh Country Club, Lehigh.

NOV. 29-30, GILLESPIE MEMORIAL PRO-AM, 36 holes, Longboat Key Golf & Tennis Club, Sarasota.