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LIFE AT FORTY ENTRY FORMS, which accompany this newsletter, should be given a fast turn-around if you wish to play in the popular event. Forms were distributed to members at the State Fourball at Mayacoo and a swell of early entries received already.

Two courses will be used at Lehigh this year. Mirror Lake C.C., also on the Lehigh reservation, will be played the second day of the tournament as a change of pace. A golf event and "day-away" for the ladies also is planned for the November 3-5 outing.

Lehigh Manager Ron Drake again has arranged special rates at the Resort Motel on the golf course for contestants. Make reservations direct. Lehigh Resort, 225 East Joel Boulevard, Lehigh FL 33936. Phone (813) 369-2131.

VERO BEACH HOLIDAY INNS, both Oceanside and Countryside, will be headquarters for the Senior Fourball at Vero C.C., October 14-15. FSGA's deal not quite as good as the HI-Century Village arrangement at Mayacoo . . . \$20 single, \$22 double for regular rooms (non-poolside and oceanfront) best that Dottie Scarborough could arrange.

Make reservations direct with Holiday Inn Oceanside, 3384 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach FL 32960, phone (305) 231-2300. Be certain to tell 'em you're part of the FSGA tournament.

TED HUFF AND MIKE ESTRIDGE are the 1978 State Amateur Fourball Champions, victors in the rain-shortened team better ball event at Mayacoo Lakes, West Palm Beach. Mayacoo, it was explained at the very fine Saturday night dinner for contestants and guests at the clubhouse, is an Indian word which means, "white man make triple bogey." Many triples and then some were recorded among the melaleuca forests and canoe trails.

Huff-Estridge, not intimidated in the least by the elements, opened with 67, five under par, tied for second. They were two under for the first nine on Sunday and when the deluge descended, midway on the back nine, and play was called, their 101 total for the 27 holes was good for the win.

The victors' seven under total was a shot better than Kevin Butler-Mickey Van Gerbig and Don Daus-Randy Brown. Daus-Brown had whipped it around in 64 opening day for a one shot lead over Butler-Van Gerbig but both teams, playing together on Sunday, slipped over par and made the turn even for the tournament. Their 102 totals earned a tie for second place.

Three teams were knotted at 103 and shared fourth, fifth and sixth place in the championship. They were Frost Walker-Guy Rizzio, Jim Prim-Bob Cloughen and Dennis Tolles-Barry Franzese.

Seventy-three teams participated in the Championship and four flights of play on what was agreed to be the toughest final day track ever faced by an FSGA group. It was also agreed that Superintendent Steve Pearson, an Association member for many years, had the finest putting surfaces in Florida for the Fourball.

ANOTHER MANEATER of a golf course was okayed by FSGA's tournament committee for the 1979 State Amateur Championship which will return to the Northeast Florida area for the first time in 18 years. Sawgrass will be the very challenging venue of the 62nd annual tournament. The Arvida-owned site of the PGA's Tournament Players Championship at South Ponte Vedra Beach will host Florida's oldest continuous sports event June 7-10, 1979.

The last time FSGA's 72 hole Amateur Championship was played in Northeast Florida it was won by the formidable Ray Terry who scored 283 for the distance over Ponce de Leon's venerable acreage at St. Augustine.

AFTER A YEAR'S STUDY the green light was given to the formation of a **Florida Junior Golf Development Foundation** by FSGA's Board of Directors during a meeting in West Palm Beach, September 22. The Board approved and adopted a report and recommendations submitted by Executive Director W.P. Carey. Discussions and interviews were conducted with principals and officials of organizations involved with Junior golf in Florida to arrive at findings and conclusions presented to the FSGA Board. National Golf Foundation, local Junior golf associations, Golden Bear, Inc., Florida high school golf coaches and individual club PGA professionals contributed thoughts and ideas to the proposed FSGA program. Here are the highlights:

- Present scholarship program will be abandoned. All new dollars raised go to Junior Foundation.
- When club and individual Association dues renewals are mailed in November for 1979, business and industry also will be solicited to support Foundation.
- 1979 Events Schedule will include specific tournaments, exhibitions and clinics to help fund the program.
- Establish FSGA clearing house for dates to minimize schedule conflicts. Work through and cooperate with existing high school golf programs and countywide Junior Associations.
- Each Junior in an organized program will be given a membership in FSGA with monthly mail service to his home of updated computer handicap card, special Junior Newsletter, schedule and entry forms to all important state, regional and national events.
- A Junior golf specialist will coordinate the program working out of the FSGA state office in Sarasota. The proposed budget for the first year's operation is \$50,000.

"At all levels of discussion of the proposed program, there was unanimous agreement that Florida State Golf Association was the logical body to pull the Junior game into sharper focus for national recognition," Carey reported to the directors.

JOHN LINSTROTH AND ED REPULSKI were appointed to the FSGA Board of Directors as Directors at Large for a one year term by Association President Austin Jones at the West Palm Beach meeting.

Linstroth, Senior Vice President of Perini Development Corporation in West Palm Beach, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in golf development in his home area. His President Country Club, site of the 1978 State Amateur Championship, is one of Florida's top ten golf facilities.

Repulski is in his third term as President of the Florida High School Golf Coaches Association and a member of the faculty at Riverview High School in Sarasota. Repulski's group is responsible for the Florida High School Athletic Activities Association adoption of the USGA Amateur Code to govern play of high school competitors.

"I'm tremendously pleased to name these two gentlemen to our roster of directors. Their expertise and enthusiasm for a great game will be warmly welcomed by our membership," Jones said in making the appointments.

1979 FSGA FLORIDA GOLF GUIDE closes for advertising November 1. Bigger and better, the book will cover 650 golf and tennis listings and will have many new features of interest to resident and visiting golfers.

An increased portion of GOLF GUIDE revenue will go to FSGA's new Junior Golf Foundation and members are urged to advertise their products and services to the GUIDE's specialized readers which will help the Junior Fund.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S "KILL THE GOLF CLUBS" effort, through disallowance of valid business deductibles, is sure to be a leading item of discussion at National Club Association's annual convention, Doral Country Club, Miami, October 12-15. It's appropriate the meeting will be at the Gold Coast site where widespread recreation facilities are struggling to survive.

The casino gambling issue is so popular in this area because of inattention of state and local government to support and promote the already existing recreation and hospitality industry. The Carter tax revision plan, if successful, will be another nail in the coffin.

NCA has been in the forefront of opposition groups to the administration's effort to disallow dues and valid business entertainment deductions at clubs. The Association makes the point that valid business expenses should be deductible, regardless of where incurred, and it is not the province of the Congress to decide which valid expenses are "deductible."

Taxpayers must now document expenses and NCA feels current law is sufficient. If abuses are suspected, strengthen the audit enforcement program.

FSGA joins NCA in seeking the same tax treatment for club expenses as accorded business meals at commercial restaurants.

FLORIDA CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGERS should be represented at the NCA meeting. This state has more to lose if the tax revision is successful than any recreation-oriented hospitality area in the country. The business sessions begin at 7:45 a.m. Friday, October 13, with the Golf Club Division Breakfast.

The three day agenda is filled with priority subjects. Discussion leaders are top drawer and if you're in the club business you should be there to help your organization stay in the club business.

Registration fee for FSGA affiliate clubs is \$150 which can be sent to National Club Association, 1129 20th St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20036. Hotel reservations should be made directly with The Dorals, Reservations Dept., 4833 Collins Ave., Miami Beach FL 33140.

THE "WE GET LETTERS" COLUMN has been eliminated in our new format bulletin but we'd like to say "thank you" to the following who have recently sent pleasant thoughts and good suggestions our way: John H. Bailey, Hidden Hills C.C., Jacksonville; Percy Hopkins, North Palm Beach; Tom Grady, Orlando; Chip Anderson, Longboat Key; Joe Wegman, Tampa; Cliff Duty, Orlando; Joann and Dick Barker, Houston, Texas and all the good gang from FSGA's '78 Scotland trip. Bless you all!

SHORT SHOTS. Harry Root, Jr., is Champion of the Florida Senior Golf Association for the third time. His 54 hole 221 was three shots better than Norton Harris in the Palma Cella event . . . '78 tournament also marked first time a father and son competed in the 55 year old and over classic. George Edmondson and George Jr. were the history makers. Great! . . . Dr. Charles C. Hillyer, player and golf administrator for 60 of his 65 years, named Amateur of the Year by Florida Section PGA. The former FSGA Director was tapped for making significant contributions to the betterment of golf. Very deserved honor . . . FSGA office has entry blanks for the first International Seniors Amateur Golf Championship at Mar Del Plata, Argentina, December 1-10. Entry fee \$50 after you arrange for temporary residence and to and from tariff . . . Frank Blau's Fountain of Youth Tournament set for October 21-22, Ponce de Leon C.C., St. Augustine. Seven age brackets of play from 39 to 70 and over. \$35 entry fee to Frank at Box 1212, St. Aug. FL 32084.

"NO SWING ILLUSTRATIONS. Just the story of a two-sided brain?"

"You're putting me on. What kind of a golf instruction book is that?"

You may run into this feedback in trying to describe "The New Golf Mind" in its cerebral approach to getting a handle on your golf game. No question. It is different. An intellectually refined route to the positive striking of a golf ball.

Dr. Gary Wiren and Dr. Richard Coop with free-lancer Larry Sheehan, have produced a tightly-written, 160 page treatise on "how to take charge of both sides of your brain to help your game — and lower your scores."

Wiren, Director of Education for the PGA and Coop, an educational psychologist, have reintroduced the thought and imagery mechanisms we all possess, to aid and abet the golf swing. The New Golf Mind is a Golf Digest book distributed by Simon and Schuster and sells for \$8.95. It's a bargain if you accept the suggestion to use your noggin for more than a place to put your golf cap.

THE USGA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, with record 930 hopefuls having tried to qualify, will be played at Pinetree Golf Club, Delray Beach, October 2-7. Quail Ridge at Boynton had the largest sectional qualifying field in the nation with 60 players, places for eight qualifiers. There were 43 sectional qualifying sites in the country, which reduced field to 144 players. These 144 will compete in a 36-hole stroke play qualifying round at Pine Tree Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3. The 32 survivors enter match play Wednesday, October 4. Final 18 hole match play round scheduled for Saturday, October 7.

Dale Morey, 59, High Point, North Carolina, is the defending champion and seeks an unprecedented third title. The USGA Senior Championship is open to male amateur golfers who reached their 55th birthday September 19, 1978 and have handicaps of not over 11 strokes under the USGA Golf Handicap System.

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