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Florida State Mid-Amateur Champion

Tom Knapp, the Florida State Mid-Amateur champion, believes in the positive approach to golf. Very positive. Super positive.

"I'm only 41," said Knapp after winning the Mid-Am, a tournament designed for golfers 25 and older. "I have lots of good golf left in me. I just want to go and go. My goal is to win the National Amateur or Mid-Amateur."

In each of those USGA tournaments in 1987, Knapp advanced to the final 32 before losing in match play. In the FSGA Mid-Amateur at Winter Park's Interlachen County Club, though, he was unstoppable. The North Palm Beach resident romped to the title, whipping Craig Rouhier of Jacksonville 6-and-5 in the final.

Rouhier exhausted his birdie-making skills in a semifinal victory over David Smith, Florida's most successful amateur golfer in the past two years. Smith, who currently holds the State Amateur

crown, was attempting to defend the State Mid-Amateur title he won in 1986.

Smith emerged as medalist in the 36-hole qualifying with a 143 total. That was 10 strokes better than Rouhier, who just squeezed into the match play field.

Unexpectedly, Rouhier whipped Smith 3-and-2 in their semifinal match. When Rouhier met Knapp in the final, however, the magic was gone.

"He was never in the match," said Knapp. "I had him 3-down after 3, and I just coasted. That was a lot different from my semifinal match."

Playing Peter Williams of Orlando in the semifinal, Knapp was 3-down after 8 holes.

"I was playing terrible," said Knapp. "I had missed three putts inside four feet for par. I just told myself that I couldn't go into the back nine 3-down. I hit a good drive, then hit a 7-iron a foot from the hole and got an easy birdie."

After Knapp won 11 with a par and 13 with a birdie, the match was tied. The

next four holes were halved, two of them with birdies, and the two golfers were dead even heading into 18.

"Right there I feel he made a mistake," said Knapp. "He hit a 1-iron off the tee. I hit a driver and had a 7-iron to the green. He had 1-iron, 1-iron and went into a bunker beside the green."

Knapp two-putted from 25 feet, while Williams blasted to within five feet of the hole before missing the putt.

In the first two rounds of match play, Knapp beat Mike Womble of Naples and Duke West of Ocala. Rouhier eliminated Rick Woulfe of Fort Lauderdale and Jim Keedy of Leesburg.

After winning the tournament, Knapp showed his knack for preserving tradition. He refurbished a trophy that had been donated by Jack Nicklaus for the State Mid-Amateur Championship.

"It's beautiful," said Knapp. "I guess I'll have to win it again, so I can keep it for another year." ■

1988 Championship Schedule

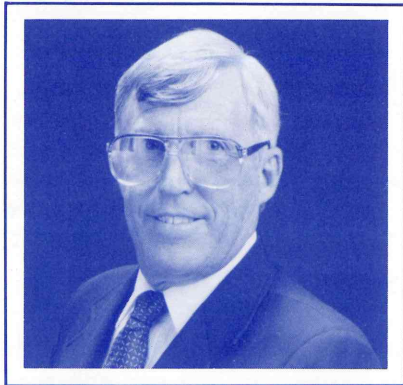
Date	Championship	Location	Entries Close
April 9-10	State Handicap	Mission Inn Resort	April 1
April 23-24	State Mixed Team (Couples)	The Forest, Fort Myers	April 15
May 6-8	State Senior	Black Diamond Ranch, Lecanto	April 29
June 9-12	State Amateur	Jonathan's Landing, Old Trail Course-Jupiter	May 20
June 18-19	State Junior	Plantation G. & C.C., Venice	June 10
August 13-14	State Team	Martin Downs, Palm City	August 5
September 10-11	State Four-Ball	Bonita Bay/Pelican's Nest, Bonita Springs	September 2
October 6-9	State Mid-Amateur	Black Diamond Ranch	September 17
October 1-2	State Senior 4-Ball	Quail Ridge (tentative) Boynton Beach	September 23
October 21-23	Life Begins at Forty	Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills	October 14

FSGA State Amateur Qualifying Sites

Friday, May 27	Sarasota	Palm-Aire (Champs Course)
Saturday, May 28	Ocala	Silver Springs Shores
Monday, May 30	Orlando	Hunter's Creek
Wednesday, June 1	Pensacola	Tiger Point
Wednesday, June 1	Valrico	Bloomingtondale
Thursday, June 2	Boynton Beach	Quail Ridge
Friday, June 3	Lakeland	Imperialakes
Friday, June 3	Ponte Vedra Beach	Oakbridge
Saturday, June 4	Bonita Springs	Pelican's Nest

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Message From The Executive Director



Cal Korf

There are several changes in the 1988 schedule. First is the Life at Forty. This will be at Mission Inn October 21-23. The Senior Four-Ball will be October 1-2 at Quail Ridge in Boynton Beach. We will have a Senior Division in the State Four-Ball on September 10-11 at Bonita Bay/Pelican's Nest. Also have two changes in our USGA Qualifiers. The

Message From The President



Sam Smidt

Each year that I have been involved with FSGA it seems that there has been growth in every phase of the operation. 1988 certainly seems to be off to the same start. So we do not have a redundancy or overkill on the topic of slope I am going to incorporate the report from Ray Rose, our Handicapping and Course Rating Chairman in my message: "SLOPE IN FLORIDA — 1988."

Much has been accomplished in the development and implementation of the Slope handicap system over the last four years. Following the introduction of the new system to the Florida State Golf Association, little time was wasted in recruiting, educating and training the

Senior Amateur and Mid-Amateur were scheduled at Avila; however, they are renovating their greens this summer and will not be ready in time. The Senior Amateur will be at Imperiallakes on September 6 and the Mid-Amateur at Cypress Run on September 13. SENIOR Championship at the much heralded Black Diamond has been full since mid-March. Black Diamond will also be the host site for our Mid-Amateur Championship. My bold prediction is that this course will make Golf Digest's top 100 the first year of eligibility. Tom Fazio, who already has some great golf course designs in Florida, has really excelled with this course. NOTE THE NEW EVENT: The MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP is our new event to be played at THE FOREST COUNTRY CLUB in Ft. Myers. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit the Forest you are indeed in for a real treat. The format will be Stableford (quota points - not alternate shot routine which may fear and dislike). ■

many raters needed to complete the rating work on some 900 courses served by FSGA.

One result was the formation of the eleven sectional rating and measuring groups in Florida. To date these terms have completed Slope ratings for over 700 courses. In addition there have been many revised ratings needed to accommodate changes in the design of courses previously rated. Last year saw the implementation of the Slope system into the handicap procedures of many of our Florida courses. There were a number of organized golf groups which employed Slope in their competitions, with satisfactory results. Nationwide there are over 2 million golfers, from over 9,000 golf clubs, who will use the new Slope system of handicapping. Reports from USGA indicate that there is interest on the part of certain foreign golf organizations in Slope.

We believe the system is here to stay. While the use of Slope continues to be an option with USGA, it could become mandatory in the future. With the development of the widespread interest in Slope FSGA will include, in its planning for 1988, a comprehensive new education and training program for all of its raters. Our rating committee has been busy for

Necrology



Fred Williamson

It is with deepest regret that we must note the passing of Fred Williamson, who has been one of our Directors for the past two years. Fred was a member, and resided at Jonathan's Landing. He was instrumental in arranging for the 1988 State Amateur Championship to be played at Jonathan's Landing new course, Old Trail. Many of you may have met Fred as one of the Starters and Rules

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several weeks, developing new material which will assist our raters in their rating work. The Association will be conducting meetings to review this new material which will amplify the contents of the USGA Course Rating manual. Following these educational sessions the new material will be used by the raters during intensive, detailed training sessions conducted at a local golf club.

This new program for 1988, coupled with the release of a new USGA Course Rating Manual, sometime this spring, should enhance the quality of our ratings and assist in maintaining the integrity of the Slope System."

We have formed two new committees to assist in broadening our base of involvement with the members. First is the Regional Affairs Committee, headed by Jim Roberts. This is not a continuation, but a finalization, of the plans which evolved from our Constitutional Convention two years ago. We are seeking to widen our base of involvement by establishing committeemen to help represent us in areas where we do not have a member of our 24 member Board of Directors. The other new Committee is the Membership Committee, chaired by Jim Callender. Both of these committees will work very closely together. We

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State Four Ball

The State Four-Ball, played at JDM Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, was won by the fighting Whitmans — 28-year-old Bryon Whitman of Tequesta and his uncle, Jeb Whitman of Juno Beach.

Never heard of the Whitmans, you say? Well, they played together once before in the State Four-Ball. That was 1986, when they ended up in second flight.

This time, though, they were battle-ready in their march to the title. They opened with a 68, closed with 67 and claimed a one-stroke victory over two teams — Richard Ekey of Juno Isles and Jim Patrone of Boca Raton, along with John Harrell of W. Palm Beach and Mike Lefebre of W. Palm Beach.

For spectators who observed the fighting Whitmans, there was a temptation to think that young Byron was the tank and Jeb was riding on his back. But it

just wasn't so. In fact, the shot heard 'round the golf course — and the shot that won the tournament for the Whitmans — was struck by Jeb.

In the final round, the team had just bogeyed the 14th hole for its first bogey of the day. Byron who will play the national amateur circuit this summer and is still considering a pro career, missed a 3-foot putt on the hole.

"We knew we needed to do something," said Byron. "We need to make something happen."

To the rescue came Jeb, a Vietnam veteran who now owns a construction company. After pushing his drive to the right on the par four 15th hole, he decided to punch a 5-iron shot through the trees that blocked his path to the green.

The ball sailed through a small opening, bounced between two greenside bunkers, rolled onto the green, hit the pin, and fell into the cup. Hello, eagle!

"I was jumping up and down and going crazy," said Byron. "It was amazing. It was a once-in-a-lifetime shot."

The conditions for the tournament were extremely tough, as Hurricane Floyd was responsible for a blanket of wind and rain in the area. The wind was swirling during both rounds, and players were bombarded with a drizzling rain.

"It was a test of fortitude out there," said Byron. "That's one reason we did so well. We made up our minds to play hard and never give up. We knew the scores wouldn't be too low."

To preserve the victory, Byron was faced with a difficult 195-yard shot to the green on the final hole. Jeb was no help this time, having gone into the water.

Byron pulled out a 3-iron, hit his ball to the back of the green, then two-putted from 25 feet. It was a victory for the fighting Whitmans. They won this war of birdies and eagles. ■

State Four Ball October 10-11, 1987 JDM C.C., Palm Bch Gardens

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — East Course

Byron Whitman-Jeb Whitman	68-67 = 135
Richard Ekey-Jim Patrone	69-67 = 136
John Harrell-Mike Lefebre	69-67 = 136
Dave Breen-Bill McDounough	69-69 = 138
Vance Moxom-B Schumann	72-68 = 140
John Brooks-Randy Payne	68-72 = 140
John Lipari-Frank Strafacci	73-67 = 140
Don Grant-Mike Grant	68-73 = 141
Bill Golson-Jack Veghte	73-68 = 141
Eric Larson-Greg Weber	70-72 = 142
Dave Deuschle-Jeff Powers	71-70 = 142
Steve Sponder-Greg Talbot	70-72 = 142
Donn Daus-Barry Franzese	68-74
Bill Hamilton-Tom Knapp	69-74 = 143
Fred Klauk-Larry Mueller	73-70 = 143
Kerry Schwencke-Kim Schwencke	72-71 = 143
Phil Leckey-Richard Leckey	72-71 = 143
Rick Cloninger-Tom Wright	73-71 = 144
Bill Erwin-B. Moerings	71-73 = 144
Kenn Atkinson-Al Nelson	71-73 = 144
Lee Hyatt, Jr.-Rick Meli	70-74 = 144
Bill Bosso-Jim McNulty	71-75 = 147
Ron Ferrara-Bill Gorman	73-73 = 146
Joe Holden-Jim Shondel	73-73 = 146
B. Sanderson-Bob Stockman	72-77 = 149
1st FLIGHT — East Course	
Mike Malizia-Dick Rigabar	74-68 = 142
John Sanford-Mike Weeks	74-71 = 145
Dave Kartner-John Turner	74-71 = 145
Steve Beckett-Ronnie Tumlin	74-71 = 145
Glenn Kerres-Jerry Williams	74-71 = 145
Gary Onorati-Pete Sorrentino	74-72 = 146
Kevin Downing-Gil Turner	74-73 = 147

Herman Dixson-Gary Homes	77-70 = 147
Jim Levix-Bill McCormick	75-72 = 147
Bob Hattaway-Gary Wright	75-73 = 148
Roger Gambelin-B. Mechesney	77-71 = 148
Mike Corcoran-Charles Zahm	74-74 = 148
Don Clapper-J. Wolfe	74-75 = 149
Larry Kassouf-Bill Short	75-75 = 150
Jim Carley-Jerry Tarnow	76-74 = 150
Doug Miller-John Mussoline	77-74 = 151
T. Selverson-B. Sharabba	76-75 = 151
Bo Alvarez-Neil Hewitt	77-74 = 151
Steve Busboom-W. Christiansen	76-75 = 151
John Harrison-Henry Tuten	79-74 = 153
Gary Dunlap-Rick Ponto	77-77 = 154
Chris Collins-Jack Collins	79-81 = 160
W. Schultz-Greg Spooner	81-80 = 161

1st FLIGHT — North Course

B. Phillips-Kevin Richardson	73-68 = 141
R. McMahaon-Mark Rubin	74-68 = 142
Larry Barousse-J. Bartlett	74-69 = 143
J. Guenther-Bill Whitman	73-70 = 143
Mike Spragins-Steve Spragins	72-72 = 144
Mike Butler-John Penn	76-70 = 146
Ron Hyde-Stu Shull	77-70 = 147
Charles Galuska-John Hager	77-70 = 147
Gil Alfano-Fred Weiler	72-77 = 149
David Adams-Rusty Ambler	76-74 = 150
R. Bartlett-Dave Drakulich	78-73 = 151
Robert Carlson-Robert Johnson	77-74 = 151
J.W. Bolton-Rick Malinski	77-74 = 151
Jerry Jones-Mike McKee	78-75 = 153
Jeff Hutchinson-Tom Lynch	77-77 = 154
Walter Hoyle-Chuck Parisi	78-77 = 155

2nd FLIGHT — North Course

Dave Parmalee-Steve Raymond	81-69 = 150
Dean Tedder-Don Tedder	80-72 = 152
Dale Anderson-Doug Ware	79-74 = 153
Fred Anders-K. Johnson	81-75 = 156
Paul Berry-Denny Nickle	79-77 = 156
Dale Johnson-S. Stodghill	79-77 = 156
Ed Crain-John Walsh	82-76 = 158
Jevin Estes-Greg Hamlin	80-78 = 158
Don Norris-Scott Tyler	83-76 = 159
Art Corace-Paul Corace	86-77 = 163
Larry Labno-Ray Parlade	90-82 = 172
Chuck Giorgio-John Kalaf	92-81 = 173
Greg Halder-Robert Loring	89-85 = 174
R. Kopelman-Richard Rankin	87-87 = 174

SENIOR DIVISION — North Course

1st FLIGHT

Paul Demick-Dick Stackhouse	71-73 = 144
Howard Derrick-Don Whelan	75-70 = 145
Laird Lane-Tom Lane	77-70 = 147
Bob Graham-Bob Winchester	75-73 = 148
Jim Hamilton-John McKey	77-74 = 151
Bob Robison-Ray Robison	76-75 = 151
Bob Ornitz-Mickey Steiner	77-74 = 151
Bob Finnell-Ken Young	76-80 = 156

2nd FLIGHT

John Lay-Ernie Miller	79-72 = 151
Ike Hansen-George Pigott	79-73 = 152
Mario Licausi-Roy Lundy	81-72 = 153
Bob Miller-Bruce Mohr	78-80 = 158
Ed Potter-Harry Rhode	83-81 = 164
Bob Grossman-Bill Martin	81-84 = 165
Newt Hodgkins-Frank Mace	85-82 = 167
Jim Callender-Mal Sims	85-89 = 174

FSGA Life Begins at Fort

For Sarasota's Ron Clayton, it was another of those narrow victories to which he has become accustomed in the Bill Carey-Life Begins at 40 tournament. For Palm City's Dick Rigabar, it was a lesson in patience.

Clayton won the event, played at Lehigh County Club in Lehigh Acres, for the fourth time. Rigabar lost it in the most improbable of situations.

Heading into that ironic 18th hole, a par three of 170 yards, Rigabar held a one-stroke lead. By the time it was over, Rigabar was forced to claim a triple bogey six and had lost the tournament by two strokes to Clayton.

Hmmm, sounds like another script in which Clayton plays the starring role. He won his first Life at 40 title in 1982 in a sudden death playoff. His 1985 victory came on the 54th and final hole. His 1987 triumph again came on the last hole. Only in 1983 did he provide himself with breathing room in the championship.



Earl Morris



Rich Myrich



Ron Clayton



Gil Turner

"I figured the best I could do was sudden death," said Clayton. "I was just hoping I could beat him by a shot on the last hole."

Rigabar, with the honor, pushed a 5-iron shot to the right of the green. With the ball in the air, it appeared as if he would be left with a short pitch to the green.

Guess again. The ball struck the base of a very small tree and bounced backward into a hazard. Unable to play the ball, Rigabar took an ill-advised drop in a barren area. Told to wait for a rules official, he declined.

Championship — Lehigh

This was unfortunate, for the official later said that Rigabar could have dropped in a more favorable position. The way it was, Rigabar's third shot ended up in a bunker and his fourth flew over the green. His closing six gave him the dubious honor of biggest collapse of the year in an FSGA tournament.

This made it easy for Clayton, who parred the hole and added another victory to his collection. Clayton's 54-hole total was 216, while Rigabar ended up at 218. Rick Myrick of Fort Myers also finished at 218.

"I should have waited," Rigabar said, "I was stupid. I hate to lose it that way, because I played so well from 7 on in."

Amazingly well, in fact. After bogeys on the first two holes, a double bogey at 4 and another bogey at 6, Rigabar put together five birdies and six pars over the next 11 holes. Three of the birdies were consecutive — at 11, 12 and 13.

Rigabar tied Clayton at 16 after Clayton's tee shot ended up in the woods. Even though Rigabar missed a short birdie putt on the hole, he picked up a shot.

At 17, Rigabar made his birdie putt to go ahead. He looked invincible.

But golf is such a deceptive game. Just ask Myrick, who was tied for the lead with just nine holes to play.

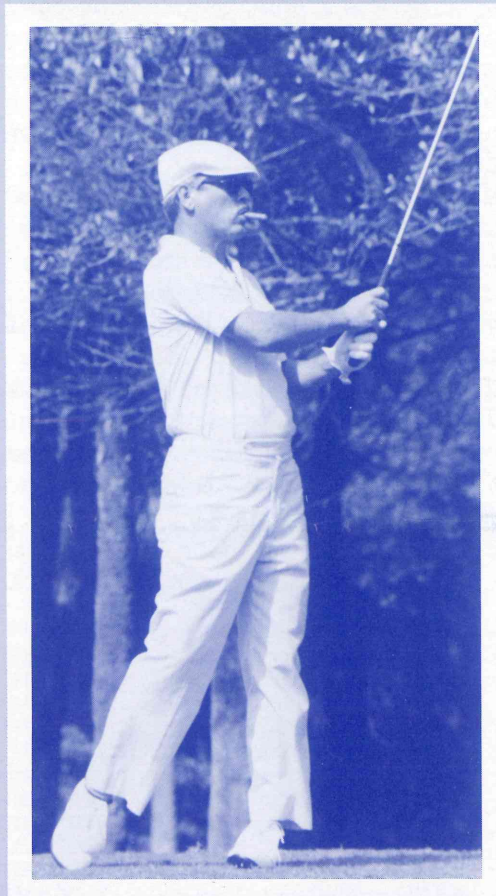
"I thought when we made the turn I would win," said Myrick. "I had shot 34 every day on the back nine."

On the final day, he finished with a 36 and lost the title by two strokes.

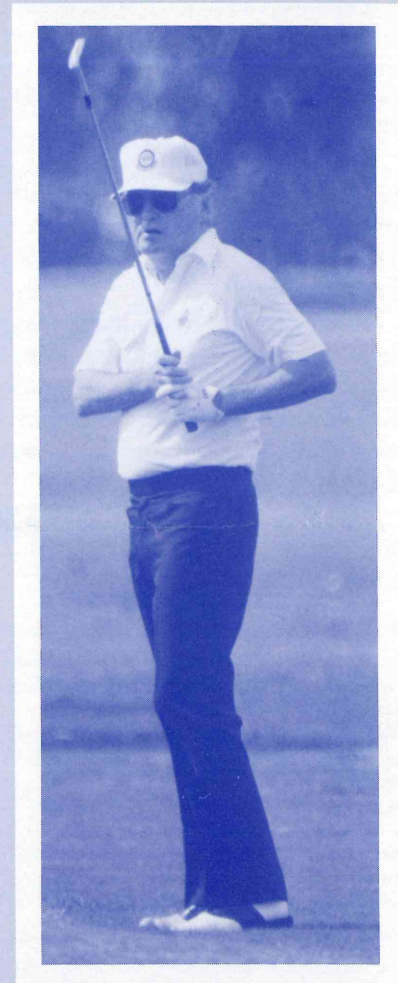
"I just didn't make the putts," said Myrick, who did actually make a birdie putt at 18 to beat Rigabar by four strokes on the finishing hole.

"I'll be back," said Rigabar. "They haven't seen the last of me yet." ■

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Dick Rigabar



Chip Anderson



Joe Vergara

FSGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship

December 5-6, 1987 — Naples

Howard Derrick of West Palm Beach and Don Whelan of Boca Raton won the State Senior Four-Ball at Naples Beach Club, but they had to outlast Bo Williams and Fred Davis to do it.

"At the end of the match, we all agreed that's what amateur golf is all about," said Whelan. "It's supposed to be good, sharp, intense competition. This was."

With the two teams paired together on both days of competition, they knew exactly how they stood. Derrick and Whelan eventually triumphed with a 137 total, while Williams and Davis were two shots back at 139.

The decisive hole was the 17th on the final day, as Whelan knocked in a 20-foot birdie putt.

"It was a solid, good-looking putt," said Whelan. "I just hit it perfect, and it went in. That was fun. I've always been a good putter. I always manage to get it in the hole, even if distracted by an ugly swing.

"Actually," Whelan added, "it was Howard who was the backbone of the team. He was more on his game than I was. He played marvelously, and I managed to come in toward the end and lend a helping hand."

Derrick, who went to the quarterfinals of the 1987 U.S. Senior Amateur before losing, was in the retail furniture business in Huntsville, Ala., before moving to Florida two years ago.

"I thought that Don and I had as good a chance as anybody," said Derrick.

"I play a lot of golf. Like I tell everybody, I only play on days that end in Y."

Derrick and Whelan had never played together in the State Senior Four-Ball, although Whelan had won the tournament before with Dick Stackhouse as a partner.

Williams, the two-time State Senior champion and former U.S. Senior Amateur champ, kept his team in contention by making a 10-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole of the final round.

But Whelan's birdie on the next hole was too much for Williams and Davis to overcome.

Larry Cunningham and Charlie McCormick tied for third with Jim Adamson and Jack Brick. Both finished four strokes off the pace at 141. ■

1st FLIGHT

Howard Derrick-Don Whelan	69-68 = 137
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Dick Goerlich-George Pigott	71-72 = 143
Red Henriksen-Chuck Mears	73-72 = 145
John Lay-Ernie Miller	72-75 = 147
Bruce Durkee-Dick Vermillion	72-75 = 147
Arnold Horelick-Sam Robinson	71-77 = 148

2nd FLIGHT

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Roy Chenderlin-Lonnie Watson	74-72 = 146
Robert Harcourt-Lynn Lee	74-74 = 148
Bill Baker-Roy Miner	74-74 = 148
Bob Robison-Ray Robison	74-74 = 148
Hale Baugh-Boots Blesse	75-73 = 148
Harvey Shaprow-Mickey Steiner	77-72 = 149
Jim Roberts-Ralph Stowell	75-75 = 150
Bud Butler-Jimmy Mann	74-77 = 151
John Miller-Bob Ornitz	76-75 = 151
Laird Lane-Tom Lane	75-77 = 152
Larry Miller-Glenn Smith	74-79 = 153
Bill Thompson-George Thompson	74-80 = 154
Bob Finnell-Ken Young	77-77 = 154
Bob Brown-Ollie Hurst	77-80 = 157
Ed Potter-Harry Rhode	77-83 = 160

3rd FLIGHT

Harold Robison-Bill Zody	80-74 = 154
Hal Hegenwald-Luther Lewis	78-78 = 156
Dexter Daniels Jr.-Curley Johnson	79-78 = 157
Bob Miller-Bruce Mohr	79-79 = 158
Wilbert McHenry-Paul Valdez	78-80 = 158
Newt Hodgkins-Frank Mace	81-80 = 161
Dexter Daniels Sr.-M. T. McInnis	83-81 = 164
Lloyd Beets-Tom Derosa	83-81 = 164
Bill Geddes-Billy Sullivan	83-82 = 165
Doug Mynatt-Len Tanner	85-82 = 167
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Sam Boone-Bob King	90-94 = 184

FSGA Life Begins at Forty Championship — Lehigh (cont. from page 5)

AGE 40-49, FIRST FLIGHT

216 Ron Clayton	Sarasota
218 Rick Myrick	Ft. Myers
218 Dick Rigabar	Palm City
224 Gil Turner	Port St. Lucie
226 Howard	

Tomlinson	Pembroke Pines
228 Lee Hyatt, Jr.	Ft. Myers
230 David Schlang	Palm Beach
231 Ralph Raymond	Sarasota
232 Steve Schriver	Osprey
236 Richard Weiss	Miami
238 Charles Walter	Sarasota

AGE 40-49, SECOND FLIGHT

238 Chip Anderson	Osprey
240 Darrell Colegrove	Kissimmee
249 Ron Calleja	Sarasota
252 Sam Pansulla	Palm Bay
255 Hal Miller	Sarasota
276 Gary Taylor	Miami Beach

AGE 50-59, FIRST FLIGHT

227 Burwell Jones	Sarasota
231 Robert Brown	LaBelle
231 Clay Keaton	Merritt Island
237 Ron Urich	Indianapolis
240 Ray Robison	Winter Park
243 Charles Johnson	Nokomis
243 Norris Handley	Melbourne
244 Emil Werner	Casselberry
244 George Gifford	Largo

247 Tom Keller	Fedhaven
248 Bob Robison	Winter Park
249 Daryle Larimer	Orlando

AGE 50-59, SECOND FLIGHT

243 Bob Soupiset	Winter Haven
247 Roger Ogelsby	Winter Springs
251 Bill Swanson	Sarasota
251 Herb Hedgecock	Satellite Bch
252 Richard Smith	Satellite Bch
258 Eric Myers	Tampa
262 Claude Willey	Bradenton
266 George	

Winchester	Punta Gorda
275 Al Rader	Ocala
277 Clyde Combs	Satellite Bch
284 Richard Roberts	Ft. Myers

AGE 60-64, FIRST FLIGHT

225 Jim Roberts	Winter Springs
230 George	
Thompson	Marco Island
231 Ken Young	Ft. Myers
233 Charlie	

McCormick	Winter Spgs
234 John Lay	Vero Bch
236 Jack Deutsch	Clearwater
241 Hugh Bitter	Winter Haven
249 Bud Bulter	St. Pete
250 Tom Scott	Sarasota
251 Grady White	Melbourne
260 Lou Burdette	Longboat Key

264 Bill Fulton	Satellite Bch
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AGE 60-64, SECOND FLIGHT

252 Herb Blake	Orlando
252 Newt Hodgkins	Delray Bch
252 Wilbert McHenry	Kissimmee
255 Dan Williams	Sarasota
257 Pete Wagner	Bradenton
257 Frank Mace	W. Palm Bch
264 Lynn Morey	Sarasota
266 Norm Donnelly	Sarasota
266 Jerry Luttinger	Winter Park
280 Jimmy Mann	St. Pete
283 Don Williams	Sarasota
304 Louis Pavlakos	Satellite Bch

AGE 65-69, FIRST FLIGHT

223 W. Earl Morris	Naples
238 Earle Paxson	Ormond Bch
241 Maury West	Tampa
242 Roy Chenderlin	Oldsmar
245 Bill Martin	Vero Beach
251 Harold Robison	Pinellas Park
252 Bill Zody	Safety Harbor

AGE 65-69, SECOND FLIGHT

251 Robert Harcourt	Sebring
252 John Griffin	Maitland
256 Berry Thompson	Melbourne
261 Robert Wilkinson	Longwood
261 Robert Nolen	Leesburg
264 Gene Byrne	Oviedo
267 Charles Smith	Orlando

280 William Bunch	Lakeland
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AGE 70+, FIRST FLIGHT

282 Louis Pringle	Bradenton
232 Lynn Lee	Sebring
234 Stan Kabot	Clearwater
239 Red Henriksen	Lake Worth
239 M. T. McInnis	Bradenton
240 Lee Brown	St. Pete
245 Jack Bailey	Leesburg
245 Harry Rhode	Palm Bay
248 Robert Dixon	Citrus Spgs
249 Earl Morris	Melbourne
250 Hume Deming	Citrus Spgs
250 Joe Vergara	Ft. Myers

AGE 70+, SECOND FLIGHT

255 Orvel Tate	Sarasota
261 Jim Hamilton	Winter Park
269 Hugh Coates	Tampa
274 Frank Widner	Stuart
277 Raymond Chinn	Melbourne
280 John Patchin	Winter Park
283 Charles Mitchell	Lakeland
284 Ben Brown	Sarasota
288 Ray Graham	Sarasota

AGE 70+, THIRD FLIGHT

282 Paul Baiwir	Tampa
284 Tom Armstrong	St. Pete
313 Andy Thailing	W. Palm Beach

FSGA Annual Club Team Championship

August 22-23, 1987 — Innisbrook

After the 1986 State Team Championship, the winning Avila team sent a bouquet of black flowers to dethroned champion Bloomingdale.

It was an appropriate gesture of humor, since Bloomingdale had captured the previous two titles and had bragged it would win a third. It was a friendly joke among neighbors and arch-rivals, Avila being located in Tampa and Bloomingdale in nearby Brandon.

After a repeat victory in the 1987 tournament at the Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs, the Avila team sent no flowers. The team members simply returned home — exhausted, happy and somewhat lucky.

Avila's "A" team of Bob Cornett, Bob Kouwe, Pipp Patton, Fred Ridley, Kim Schwencke and David Smith was again victorious. It was the same team that took the title in 1986...except that, on the final day of competition in 1987, the team had only four members.

The format for the State Team is simple — the four lowest scores among six players are used on each separate day. For the second round on the Innisbrook Island Course, Avila had only four players and was forced to count all four.

Regardless, Avila finished with a 36-hole total of 590, 9 better than Bloomingdale and 16 ahead of Bear Lakes of West Palm Beach.

The story of how Avila ended up with four players was one of those tales that reflects the unpredictable nature of golf. Cornett had scheduled a trip to Alaska and was obligated to leave on Sunday, so team members confidently decided to use him for just the first round. For the second round, they would be slightly reckless and count 4-of-5 instead of 4-of-6.

What Avila didn't expect was Smith's withdrawal after the first round. Despite an opening 71, Smith was very unhappy with his finish and pulled out of the tournament.

This left Avila in an interesting and precarious position. The team had an 8 stroke lead, but it could afford no disastrous rounds on the final day. Avila would have to count each of its four scores.

In that sense, it may have been the most gratifying of Avila's four triumphs in the State Team. Schwencke shot a 72, Kouwe came through with a 76, Patton had a 77 and Ridley posted a 78.)

"We were ecstatic that all the guys came through," said Kouwe. "We had a discussion before we teed off. We said, 'Just take your bogey if you have to and go to the next tee. Don't do anything foolish.' It was a strategy that worked."

"It's really the camaraderie that we enjoy," Kouwe continued. "It's fun. You don't really find that too often in golf because it's an individual sport."

"We have a tremendous amount of team unity. So do the other clubs. If used to be, 'Hey, you guys want to play?' It was a last minute thing. Now everybody is very serious about it."

How serious?

"I'm gonna recruit Jack Nicklaus' son to play here," joked Bobby Stricklin, Bloomingdale's president and co-owner.

"Seriously," he continued, "we have a few tricks up our sleeve. We have a couple of new, young members who can really play, and we're going to get some more."

"We're obviously excited about this tournament. I think there's more pride in clubs in Florida these days. And I think some of those clubs probably will get mad one of these days and try to take the title away from this area." ■

PL Club	Gross
1 Avila — A	590
2 Bloomingdale	599
3 Bear Lakes — A	606
4 La Gorce — A	607
5 Palma Ceia	620
6 Bear Lakes — B	623
7 River Wilderness — B	625
8 Martin Downs — A	626
9 Suntee	629
10 Black Diamond	632
11 Avila — B	633

11 Casselberry	633
13 Meadows — B	637
14 Bloomingdale — B	638
15 Avila — C	652
16 River Wilderness — A	658
17 Martin Downs — B	666
18 Port Malabar	670
19 Meadows — A	672
20 Bloomingdale — C	677
21 La Gorce — B	691
22 Bloomingdale — D	715
23 Martin Downs — C	734

PL Club	Net
1 River Wilderness — B	576
2 Suntree	583
3 Bear Lakes — B	584
4 Avila — B	586
5 Meadows — B	589
6 Avila — C	598
6 Martin Downs — A	598
8 Meadows — A	602
9 Casselberry	608
10 Black Diamond	609

Southeast Challenge Cup Matches

The first annual matches are scheduled for October 15-16, 1988 in Georgia. The specific site is yet to be determined. Possibly Peachtree or a comparable host site. The second year is scheduled for Alabama with Shoal Creek to proposed site. Florida will host the matches the third year. GOLF WEEK will be either the sole or major sponsor for the inaugural event. The format will be twelve

man teams for each state with the competition being Walker Cup format. The team will be composed of a minimum of two players age 55 and over; maximum of two players 24 years old and under; with the remaining eight players being age 25 and up. The FSGA Championship Committee has not determined at this time the point system that will be used for team selection. As an aside, Eric

Shiel from USGA has told me that the Mid-South Challenge Matches between Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas is the finest amateur event he has ever attended. We expect that in the near future the same comment will be made about the Southeast Challenge Cup Matches. ■

John Darr

A familiar golf swing, belonging to a former State Amateur champion, can be seen again in FSGA tournaments after an absence of many years.

Gainesville's John Darr, the 1967 State Amateur winner, competed last September in the State Mid-Amateur Championship after regaining his amateur status. He failed to qualify for the match play portion of the tournament, but he wasn't at all concerned.

The reason: It was his first tournament since undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

The story of Darr, 40, is one of courage, determination and introspection.

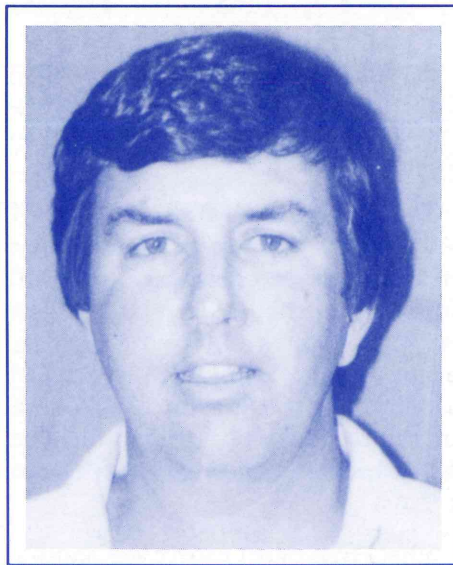
He won the State Amateur at the old PGA National, now JDM Country Club, after his freshman year at the University of Florida. He was paired in the final round with the imposing Bob Murphy, who had captured the U.S. Amateur, the NCAA individual championship and the previous two State Amateur titles.

"I remember Murph trying to intimidate me a little bit on the first tee," Darr recalled. "He had just graduated from Florida, and I had been there only a year. He was the best amateur in the country at that time, but I was lucky enough to make some putts and win the tournament."

Because of final exams, Darr was unable to defend his title in 1968. He played in 1969, but soon after decided to hang up his golf clubs.

"I went to graduate school at Florida and got an MBA," he said. "I taught high school for a year at Fort Lauderdale High School, then went to work for Merrill Lynch as a stockbroker."

In 1974, with the sponsorship of some friends, he turned pro. "After virtually giving up the game for a few years, I started playing with clients," he said, "I wasn't overly happy as a stockbroker, so I decided to try the mini-tours. I played them for about a year and half."



John M. Darr

In 1976, he became the University of Florida assistant golf coach under Buster Bishop. He also was in charge of the UF golf course.

When Bishop retired, Darr was named head coach for the 1979-80 season. Unfortunately, he was doomed by a conflict with athletic director Bill Carr and was fired at a time when his team was ranked fifth in the nation.

"He asked me to resign," said Darr, "and I told him I wasn't going to live a lie. So I was fired, Bill wanted to sell the golf course, and I did some things to prevent him from doing that. He also made a conscious effort to de-emphasize the golf program, and I stood up and said exactly what I thought about it."

Darr went into the same business, serving as a manufacturer's representative and forming his own company as well. In 1986, he was informed he had testes cancer.

"You can be told a lot of things about how your attitude changes," he reflected, "but until you're in a life-or-death situation, you don't know how you will react."

"I remember lying in the hospital and saying to myself, 'If I get out of this, I'm not going to be away from my family again.'"

He now is completely recovered. He recently finished his tests for an insurance license and is concentrating on property and casualty insurance with King Insurance Agency in Gainesville.

"I'm really looking forward to starting a new career," he said. "It's interesting, because my 14-year-old daughter (Jill) is now getting interested in golf. She is the No. 1 player on the Buchholz High School team, and I've been going out and trying to help them. I really enjoy it."

Darr and his wife Nancy also have an 18-year-old son, John, who is a first baseman on the Buchholz baseball team.

It has been 15 months since Darr concluded his chemotherapy. "The numbness in my feet and hands is finally gone," he said, "and my stamina's coming back. Back when I played in the Mid-Amateur, I had a lot of trouble playing two days in a row."

In the Mid-Amateur, Darr was paired with a golfer he hadn't seen in 18 years—Charlie Ring of Palm Beach Gardens, who had tried to make the University of Florida team back when Darr was in school.

"It turns out that Charlie had a different kind of cancer four or five years ago and won," said Darr. "So there were the two of us, just happy to be playing golf and enjoying life."

Ring qualified for the match play segment of the Mid-Am, but lost in the first round. Darr, tiring badly, made an 8 and a 7 on the back nine and missed by four strokes.

"And it didn't bother me at all," he said. "There will be many more tournaments." ■

FSGA State Mid-Amateur Qualifying Sites

September 22-October 1 Various Sites TBA

Thursday, September 22 Lauderhill Inverrary

Rules Quiz

One of the features of our first issue each year is the Rules Quiz. This quiz was given to the 1988 Metropolitan Golf Association Rules Officials. The questions were prepared by Dr. Richard Silver, who is a long time recognized rules authority with the MGA and USGA. Answers will be found on page 11. Again I would like to here from everyone who got all the questions right. RULES WORKSHOP: Our President, Sam Smidt, just notified me that South Florida PGA (for which body Sam is the Rules Chairman) will have a Rules Workshop July 11-13, 1988. Mark this date on your calendar as this will be for Floridians. Every year the annual PGA/USGA Workshops are filled with long waiting lists. This will give you a chance to attend a quality workshop. Contact FSGA for details later this spring. ■

1. A pitch-mark made by a ball interferes with a player's stroke. Before playing his next stroke, the player steps on the pitch-mark.
 - A. The player was within his rights.
 - B. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.
2. In stroke play, a player removed by hand an embedded acorn on his line of putt. The acorn was not solidly embedded, so it was a loose impediment. The player then repaired the depression in which the acorn lay.
 - A. The player incurred no penalty.
 - B. The player incurred a penalty of two strokes.
3. In a match between 'A' and 'B', 'A' putts and his ball apparently comes to rest overhanging the hole. Within five seconds, his opponent, player 'B', concedes player 'A's next stroke and knocks his ball away.
 - A. The opponent loses the hole.
 - B. The opponent is allowed to concede a putt at any time.
4. In stroke play, a player's ball is just off the putting green. Before playing, he asks his fellow-competitor, whose ball on the green is in position to serve as a backstop, not to lift his ball.
 - A. If the fellow-competitor complies with the player's request, they are both disqualified.
 - B. There is no penalty involved.
5. In stroke play, a player strikes his second shot toward the rough and, after searching for his ball briefly, goes back and drops another ball at the spot from which he had played his second shot. Inside the five minutes allowed for the search and before playing the dropped ball, the original ball is found.
 - A. The player must play the original ball since it was found within five minutes.
 - B. The player must play the ball he dropped.
6. After putting out on a green, a player throws his putter toward his golf bag and the club breaks in two. He asks for a ruling.
 - A. The player may replace the club since it was broken in the normal course of play.
 - B. The player is not permitted to replace the club.
7. After a player addresses his ball on the putting green, he bends over to remove an insect on his ball. In attempting to remove the insect with his hand, he moves the ball several inches.
 - A. There is no penalty and the ball is replaced.
 - B. The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.
8. In stroke play, with the Local Rule for an embedded ball in effect, a player's ball comes to rest on a steep bank. He plays a stroke and drives the ball straight into the bank. He now takes relief under the embedded ball Rule.
 - A. The player is within his rights.
 - B. The player is not entitled to relief.
9. A player drives a ball out of bounds. He tees up another ball under stroke and distance penalty and while addressing the ball, he touches it and it falls off the tee. He re-tees the ball and plays again.
 - A. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke.
 - B. The player may re-tee his ball without penalty.
10. In stroke play, a player hits a ball from the tee into heavy woods. He decides to call the ball unplayable without looking for it and puts another ball into play from the tee under penalty of stroke and distance.
 - A. The player must find and identify his ball before he can declare it unplayable.
 - B. The player is within his rights.
11. In stroke play, while removing a loose impediment near his ball in the rough, a player accidentally touches his ball, but the ball does not move.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.
12. In stroke play, a player finds his ball half-buried in the rough. Announcing his intention in advance to his marker, the player, for the purpose of identifying the ball, touches the ball and rotates it. By so doing, he identifies the ball as his.
 - A. The player has proceeded properly and incurs no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke for purposely touching his ball.

1988 Rules of Golf Quiz Answer Sheet

Question	Answer	Applicable Rule/Decision	Comment
1.	B	Rule 13-2 Dec. 13-2/20	The player was in breach of Rule 13-2 which prohibits improving the area of the intended swing by pressing down irregularities of surface.
2.	B	Rule 16-1c Dec. 16-1a/6.5	The only damage to a putting green that a player may repair is an old hole plug or damage caused by the impact of a ball.
3.	A	Rule 16-2 Dec. 16-2/2	Under Rule 16-2, a player is allowed a reasonable time to reach the hole and an additional 10 seconds to determine whether his ball is at rest. The opponent infringed on the player's rights and lost the hole.
4.	A	Rule 22 Dec. 22/6	If a competitor and a fellow-competitor agree to exclude the operation of a Rule, both should be disqualified.
5.	B	Rule 20-4 Dec. 27-1/2	A ball dropped under a Rule governing a particular case is in play.
6.	B	Rule 4-4a Dec. 4-4a/4	The club had not become unfit for play in the "normal course of play."
7.	A	Rule 18-2c Dec. 18-2c/1.5	An insect is a loose impediment and the player incurs no penalty if a ball on a putting green moves while he is removing a loose impediment.
8.	B	Rule 25-2 Dec. 25-2/6	Relief for an embedded ball is provided if a ball is embedded in its own pitch-mark. The word "pitch-mark" implies that the ball became air-borne, which is not the case in this instance.
9.	B	Rule 11-3 Dec. 11-3/3	There is no penalty, because a teed ball is not in play until a stroke has been made at it. (See Definition of "Ball in Play.")
10.	B	Rule 28a Dec. 28/1	A player may proceed under the stroke-and-distance option without finding his ball.
11.	A	Rule 18-2a Dec. 18-2a/26	If a ball is touched accidentally and it does not move, there is no penalty.
12.	B	Rule 12-2, 18-2a and 20-1 Dec. 12-2/2	Under Rules 12-2 and 20-1 a ball may be lifted or rotated to identify it <i>after</i> its position had been marked.

Necrology (cont. from page 2)

Officials during the State Four-Ball Championship for the past two years. Plus the FSGA and USGA qualifiers in the Palm Beach area.

Fred came to Florida with a wealth of experience in golf earned as a former Westchester Golf Association President and Metropolitan Golf Association Committeeman. Fred was a respected authority on the Rules of Golf having officiated at many U.S. Open and Amateur Championships, in addition to hundreds of local events. Fred was an active member of the MGA Tournament Committee for over 30 years. Fred was best known for his tireless work on behalf of junior golf in the New York area. As Chairman of the WGA Caddie Scholarship Committee and as longest serving chairman of the MGA Junior Committee (30 years), Fred provided countless numbers of young golfers with the opportunities and values necessary to maintain the traditions and standards

of the game of golf. Indeed, it would be hard to find a golfer today from the Northeast area that came through the junior ranks that was not influenced in some way by Fred Williamson.

Fred Williamson officiated at thousands of tournaments throughout his lifetime and many a young player who was reprimanded for dressing improperly or for an infraction of the rules may have thought Fred was a "grouch." However, most of those young players came back years later to thank him for instilling in them a respect for the game that they now know to be vital to its future.

I am reminded of an incident at the 1987 State Four-Ball. Fred was excited and delighted to have "found" a contestant whose father had been a participant in his Junior program. I considered Fred a good friend and he will be sorely missed. ■

Message From

The President (cont. from page 2)

seek the involvement of those of you who would like to give something back to the game of golf.

Being a Rules person I would like to take this opportunity to announce that two members of our Board of Directors just attained the highest level of achievement at the USGA/PGA In-depth Rules Workshop. With scores of 92 and 94 respectively, Jim Callender and Bob Klein attained a level that very few reach even after repeated attendance at the Rules Workshops. Congratulations. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Keedy, scored 89 on his first attempt, which is phenomenal. Perhaps he will also attain this cherished goal on his next attempt.

May you all have a good year with many pars and birdies. ■

Necrology II

It is indeed very sad to have to report two deaths of our Directors in the same newsletter. Frank Strafacci, who was a legend in his own time, died February 19 from complications during heart surgery. In addition to his extremely busy schedule as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association, Frank conducted all the USGA qualifying events in South Florida. In addition to this Frank also conducted our FSGA State Amateur and Mid-Amateur qualifying in South Florida.

Frank's golfing achievements are truly incredible. In 1935, at the age of 18, he won the U.S. Public Links Championship. In 1937, he finished ninth in the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills. In 1938 and 1939, he won the North and South Invitational. He competed in three Masters Championships in three decades, the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Frank also won



Frank Strafacci

the tri-state New York Metropolitan Amateur Championship a record seven times. He won the Long Island Amateur three times and was our Florida State Amateur Champion in 1957. I do not know the number of consecutive appearances that Frank made in the British Amateur, but it has to be a record.

One of Frank's most recent achievements was the formation of the Amateur Tournament Players Series for players with a five or less handicap. Currently there are over 400 MAGA-ATPS mem-

bers. This is a great opportunity for the strong amateur golfer to compete in organized competition. This series is just one example of Frank's constant striving to do something for the amateur golfer. I first met Frank and Sam Smidt on November 7, 1982 at Kings Bay. I remember the date because it is on file as one of our first course ratings under the new system. This was one of the first training sessions we undertook. Frank was a person who, when asked for help concerning golf, asked only: How and Where. Many people aren't truly appreciated until they are gone. Not true with Frank, but he will surely be missed by everyone in golf. Already it has become apparent that completing Frank's 1988 schedule will require the efforts of many people. I am saddened by his loss, but I cherish the memories of him. Frank will be remembered for his good humor, kind words and constant smile, among other memories. ■

USGA Qualifying Rounds

May 19-20	U.S. Open (Local) (two rounds-two days)	Bonita Bay	April 27
May 23	U.S. Open (Local) (two rounds-one day)	Gator Creek	April 27
May 23-24	U.S. Open (Local) (two rounds-two days)	Hunter's Creek	April 27
June 6	U.S. Open (Sectional)	Bay Hill	April 27
June 23	U.S. Junior (Sectional) (36)	Plantation-Venice	June 8
July 25	U.S. Senior Open (Sectional) (18)	Bay Hill	June 29
August 8-9	U.S. Amateur (Sectional) (two rounds-two days)	Bloomington	July 13
September 6	U.S. Senior Amateur (Sectional) (18)	Imperial Lakes	August 17
September 13	U.S. Mid-Amateur (Sectional) (18)	Cypress Run	August 24



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