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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *by Cal Korf*

1993 is underway and we had a stand-by list for the Handicap Championship. The Senior will be filled prior to the closing date. Now for news re: the State FOUR-BALL. Many of you believed me when I gave you the message in the last newsletter that the Four-Ball would fill very early. The first entries arrived on January 26. February 3 had seven teams on the stand-by list. We searched for many options and were finally successful in the creation of a third Division which will be conducted at Queen's Harbor. There will be two Divisions at the TPC course; accommodations will be at the Marriott; the prize list will be the same as the other Divisions; however, you will play both rounds on a truly great golf course. For those of you have not had the opportunity to play the Queen's Harbor course, you are going to be extremely pleased. There are also a large number of very strong teams who will be at Queen's Harbor because they did not respond to my dire predictions. Your Executive Committee is studying alternatives to this dilemma. 1994 will hopefully be at the new World Woods/Southern Woods complex which will be three rounds on three courses on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The other alternative will be for qualifying incorporating an opportunity for all entries to play at the same site. This is not a proposal to be considered a firm plan, I am only giving you a peek at some of the options being considered by your Executive Committee. By the time you read this we will be filled for the Club Team Championship. I'm sure that the Senior Four-Ball and Life Begins at Forty will be full prior to the closing date.

For the past several years, the first newsletter has provided you with an opportunity to take a mini rules exam. Due to the length of this article I will probably provide you with an abbreviated version of the norm. The questions were borrowed from the Metropolitan Golf Association's annual exam which they use to test their volunteers. So those of you from the MGA should recognize the questions. Perhaps you will fare better the second time around. The Rules Quiz is on page 4; the answers on page 7.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS !!! *by Eileen Phillips*

Do you have spare time on your hands? Do you love the game of golf? Do you want to give something back to the game? The Florida State Golf Association is looking for a few good men...no, we won't send you to boot camp, but we are looking for volunteers in order to expand our Sectional Affairs program.

What is Sectional Affairs? The state of Florida is divided into fourteen (14) sections, each being headed by a Section Chairman, who acts as our representative, together with a committee of volunteers to assist in fulfilling service requests that come into the association office. Those requests consist of course rating golf courses, as well as accurate yardage measurements using state of the art laser measuring equipment. In addition to rating and measuring, the FSGA holds twelve championships and qualifying rounds for FSGA and USGA events, which could certainly use your expertise.

What are the requirements? Your love of the game of golf and a willingness to give something back to a game we all enjoy; some free time and a willingness to learn.

What are the "perks"? The major benefit of becoming a volunteer is the satisfaction gained by helping to improve, promote and preserve the game of amateur golf. Some other advantages: Meeting and networking with new golfing "friends"; having fun while helping FSGA meet objectives; gaining important knowledge regarding the many facets of golf; as a rule, complimentary lunch is provided when performing services for the club or FSGA.

How do I get involved? It's as easy as writing or calling our office and letting us know of your willingness and availability. Our plan is to have several training seminars throughout the course of the year. As the golfing industry, the state of Florida and FSGA continue to grow, so does our need for dedicated volunteers, so we may continue the tradition and take golf into the 21st century.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT *by Bill Erwin*

I am extremely excited about having been elected President of the Florida State Golf Association. A few of my goals and objectives entail upgrading the current public relations condition, as well as continuing with the acquisition of fine golf courses for our championships. My thanks to the many volunteers associated with the FSGA for their untiring work and expertise and the dedicated FSGA staff members.

Congratulations to our 1992 **Player of the Year, Doug LaCrosse; Amateur of the Year, Roger King** (who is a new director); and **Club of the Year, The Bonita Bay Club**. Additionally, I have asked the FSGA, with the assistance of Jim Callender our Awards Committee chairman, to look into the possibility of establishing an awards banquet, which would be held in conjunction with our year-end Board Meeting. In addition to the awards recipients and board members, invitations will include our FSGA members. The negotiated cost of the dinner will be established and information provided to everyone.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our great Championships!

MUCH NEEDED HELP ARRIVES WITH SCOTT DOTSON AND PETER RIPA !!!

The FSGA welcomes Scott Dotson and Peter Ripa to the staff of the Florida State Golf Association.

Scott Dotson is the new GHIN Representative. Scott is a native Floridian, raised in Stuart. He grew up living next to the Martin County Golf Course, played golf and worked summers on the range. Scott attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs for two years. While there he played collegiate football, was on the sky diving team, and acquired experience in human factors engineering and computer programming. After leaving the USAF academy, Scott attended the University of Florida and graduated with two under-graduate degrees in both marketing and finance.

Scott has set his goals high; he plans to exceed the 1993 budget revenue expectations and explore lesser utilized avenues such as multi-networking. The GHIN market is doing well and should grow steadily in the years to come.

Peter Ripa's responsibilities will be Tournament Administration/ Course Rating Director. Peter, who is a University of South Florida graduate, had previously worked for the Roswell, Georgia based American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) as Director of Tournament Operations. Peter has a strong background in tournament administration and the Rules of Golf.

Both Peter and his wife, Theresa, have family on the Suncoast and are pleased to have the opportunity to get back to the "Sunshine State."

CLARENCE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

by Roger King, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

The Florida State Golf Association is the official governing body of amateur golf in the State of Florida. The FSGA, in its many endeavors, mirrors the work of the United States Golf Association.

Tomorrow, the FSGA and USGA will belong to the next generation. Together, the two associations must reach out to the golfers of tomorrow. Towards this goal, the FSGA conducts various junior competitions and more importantly, manages the Clarence Camp Scholarship Foundation.

The Clarence Camp Scholarship funds are available to both boys and girls of FSGA members. Applications are available from the FSGA, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 21177, Sarasota, FL, 34276-4177. The student deadline for submitting applications is August 31st.

Most scholarship programs encounter difficulty in communicating information relative to the availability of scholarship funds to worthy students. In past years, the FSGA has found it difficult to inform worthy recipients.

The 1993 Scholarship Committee will focus attention on resolving this logistical communications problem.

1. We must find those students who would benefit from receiving an FSGA scholarship.
2. We will conduct appropriate solicitation via the high school coaches and
3. Institute a communications network with all junior golf associations within the state.

Presently, we should study the feasibility of a junior golf-based scholarship as follows:

1. Funding one or more scholarships for future greens superintendents, at the Lake City Junior College.
2. Funding one or more scholarships to the Golf Academy of the South. The academy is accredited as a business school by the Accrediting Commission for Independent Colleges and schools, Washington, DC.

One of the purposes of the Academy is to prepare the student to assume a position in golf management at a county club or other golf facility. Its graduates accrue four credits toward PGA membership. Scholarships to these institutions would result in a natural tie-in with the Club Professional and Greens Superintendent. This would be funding a worthy cause, which is directly golf oriented.

The FSGA, through its Sectional Affairs Committees, has the mechanism for a communication network to insure the success of the Clarence Camp Scholarship Program. Success of this program is not dependent upon what we know, success depends upon how much we care.

SOGGY MIXED TEAM CAPTURED BY RIGGINS, SIEVEKING, AND ADAMS *by Peter Ripa*

The FSGA kicked off its 1993 season with the Mixed Team Championship at Harbor Hills Golf & Country Club in Lady Lake. Strong gusts and intermittent showers both days did not dampen the spirits of the 116 player field. The scoring format for the 36-hole event was a modified Stableford system, in which players receive points for their score on each hole. Each competitor was given a quota of points to amass, based on handicap. Richard and Susan Riggins weathered and lead the championship wire-to-wire. The St. Petersburg couple finished at +13, one point better than first round co-leaders Scott and Sarah Phillips of Miami. In the Second Flight, Oscar and Turmy Sieveking of Titusville ended at +19 for the tournament. The Sieveking's amassed a final round +12 to overtake first round leaders Ed and Teri Barenborg of Vero Beach by two points. A low gross combined total division was created for those low handicappers who could not be competitive in the quota point system. The champions in this special division were Anthony and Debbie Adams of Palm Beach Gardens. Anthony and Debbie fired a combined final round 146 total to improve on an opening round 150 total. The Adams' 296 total was one-stroke better than opening round leaders George Roat and Julie Garner. Final round results:

FIRST FLIGHT

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>QUOTA POINTS</u>
Richard & Susan Riggins	St Petersburg	+13
Scott & Sarah Phillips	Miami	+12
J J & Joan Pletcher	Ocala	+9
Steve & Shirley Kalenich	Coral Springs	+8
Keith & Marcia Caldwell	Mulberry	-3
Eddie & Christine Casingal	Palm City	-3
Jerry Jones/Diane Lopez	Ocala	-7
Ray & Kay Landry	Lake Mary	-8
Joe Onorati/Kathy Young	Miami	-8
Walter & June Himelsbaugh	Largo	-9
Bob & Marge Rennick	Lecanto	-10
Jeff & Dee Pacha	Longwood	-13
Jack Zeuthen/Marla Jemsek	Winter Haven	-18



Mixed Team Champions: Richard & Susan Riggins

SECOND FLIGHT

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>QUOTA POINTS</u>
Oscar & Turmy Sieveking	Titusville	+19
Ed & Teri Barenborg	Vero Beach	+17
Jerry & Dodo Bingham	Kissimmee	+10
Tom Vickers/Jan Farley	Port Orange	+10
Russ Wall/Linda Van Dremmelen	Lakeland	+6
Ray & Rosemary Parlade	Daytona Beach	+1
John & Nicky Mussoline	Palatka	+1
John & Robin Rooks	Havana	-4
Dale & Maggie Anderson	Stuart	-6
Robert & Coila Moeller	Melbourne	-7
Bill & Ann Fulton	Satellite Beach	-8
Miles & Fazil Dean	Jacksonville Bch	-9
Austin & Ann O'Brien	Titusville	-10
Earl & Boots Jeter	Atlantic Beach	-15
Scott & Suzanne Ranney	St Petersburg	-15
Newt & Gloria Hodgkins	Delray Beach	-16

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES TO KICK-OFF 1993 GOLF CAMPS AT PGA NATIONAL RESORT

by Peter Ripa

The nation's leading organization for Christian athletes will kick-off their golf camp season at PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, June 13-17. Camps are open to any boy or girl, ages 13-18. Participants have an opportunity to learn from LPGA, PGA, Nike Tour stars, and club professionals. Cost for the golf camps vary, but do include room, meals, practice balls, and green fees.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Golf Camp schedule for 1993 is:

June 13-17	PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
June 27-July 1	Lawsonia Golf Course, Green Lake, Wisconsin
June 27-July 1	The Woodlands Resort, The Woodlands, Texas
July 11-15	TPC at Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
July 11-15	Callaway Gardens & Resort, Pine Mountain, Georgia
July 18-22	Eagle Creek Golf Course, Indianapolis, Indiana
July 25-29	Pine Needles Resort, Southern Pines, North Carolina
August 1-5	Fort Ord Golf Course, Pebble Beach, California
August 1-5	Ole Miss Golf Course, Oxford, Mississippi

For further information regarding FCA Golf Camps, please call their office in Ponte Vedra Beach at (904) 273-9541.

1993 RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

(Courtesy of The Metropolitan Golf Association)

1. In stroke play, B without A's authority, marked the position of and lifted A's ball on the putting green. Is B subject to a penalty?

- (A) No, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.
- (B) B would incur a one stroke penalty.
- (C) B would incur a two stroke penalty.

2. A player entitled to relief from an immovable obstruction lifts his ball. He then realizes that the only area in which he may drop under the rules is such that his ball, when dropped, will almost certainly be unplayable. He replaces his ball and plays it from its original position. What is the ruling?

- (A) The player incurred a penalty of one stroke.
- (B) The player incurred no penalty.
- (C) The player incurred a penalty of two strokes.

3. A player's ball is lying on grass covered ground within a bunker. The player declares the ball unplayable and elects to drop behind the bunker. What is the ruling?

- (A) Ball must be dropped in bunker.
- (B) The player may drop the ball behind the bunker.
- (C) There would be a two stroke penalty.

4. The player who started a round with 14 clubs lost his putter. May he replace it during the round?

- (A) Yes, as long as he does not delay play.
- (B) No, he must finish the round with 13 clubs.
- (C) Yes. He may, in this case, borrow a club from a fellow competitor.

5. Jim replaces his ball on the putting green and the ball is at rest. Before he addresses the ball, a sudden gust of wind blows the ball farther from the hole. He then plays the ball from its new position.

- (A) There is a one stroke penalty and the ball must be replaced.
- (B) There is a two stroke penalty and the ball must be replaced.
- (C) He proceeded correctly.

6. A player removed, with his hand, an embedded acorn on his line of putt. The acorn was not solidly embedded. The player then repaired the depression left by the acorn.

- (A) The player proceeded properly and there was no penalty.
- (B) The player incurred a two stroke penalty.
- (C) The player incurred a one stroke penalty.

TOUGHER NCAA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENT-ATHLETE *by Peter Ripa*

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors prepare yourselves -- the demands on the student-athlete are going to increase over the next three years. The following is an excerpt from the NCAA Freshman Academic Requirements for the student-athlete:

	<u>GPA</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
	(4.0 scale)		
Current eligibility requirements	2.0	700	17
Effective August 1, 1995	2.5	700	17
	2.4	740	18
	2.3	780	19
	2.2	820	20
	2.1	860	21
	2.0	900	21

Effective August 1, 1996, incoming freshman athletes will be required to have successfully completed at least 13 academic courses upon graduation.

English	4 years
Mathematics (1 year of algebra and 1 year of geometry)	2 years
Natural or Physical Science	2 years
Social Science	2 years
Additional academic courses (in any of the above areas)	2 years
Additional courses in English, Mathematics, or natural or physical science	1 year

Understand the above minimum entry requirements are set by the NCAA for the student-athlete. Many institutions may already have stricter minimum entry requirements for all incoming freshmen. For further information on the minimum academic entry requirements for the student-athlete, please consult your guidance counselor or the NCAA at (913) 339-1906.

AN ACE IN THE HOLE !!

Hats off to Mr. Don Knapp of Palmetto who executed a hole-in-one on November 8, 1992 at Tatum Ridge Golf Links on their 11th hole, 140 yard, Par 3 using a 5-iron. Mr. Knapp's ace was witnessed by Bob Brabazon, Tony Marshall and Jim Williams. Congratulations!

TREMBLAY SNEAKS AWAY WITH THE STATE HANDICAP TITLE by Peter Ripa

The second of the 12 FSGA championships was conducted on April 17 & 18 at the Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills. The 10th Annual State Handicap Championship hosted a total of 155 participants in six flights.

The scoring format for the 36-hole event was a modified Stableford System, in which players receive points for their score on each hole. Each competitor was given a quota of points to amass, based on handicap.

The unique format allowed the first through third flights to compete for the overall championship. Winter Park resident Tim Tremblay, a 6 handicap, won the overall and second flight titles. "Everything just came together on Sunday, I really got lucky with birdies on 16 and 17," said Tremblay. A par on 18 finished off a two-day total of +4, two points better than his nearest competitor.

First-round overall leader Bill Moulton of Orlando and Andy Schwartz of Satellite Beach tied for the first flight title at Even. Mark Nuccilli of Boynton Beach finished two points back at -2.

Bob Ethridge of Plantation bested Joe Serra of Palm City to capture the third flight with a two-day total of +2.

Deland resident Fred Collins broke an opening round log-jam at +3 with a final round +5 to win the fourth flight by one point over J.J. Pletcher of Ocala.

Bern Madyda of Stuart finished +7 to edge Mark Freeman of Bellair Beach by one point.

Stephen Shoupe, Miami compiled a tournament high +14 to win the sixth flight; four points better than Ray Lamb of Tampa.

Congratulations to Tim Tremblay !!! Final round results:

FIRST FLIGHT

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>2-DAY TOTAL</u>
Andy Schwartz	Satellite Beach	Even
Bill Moulton	Orlando	Even
Mark Nuccilli	Boynton Beach	-2
Thomas Lynch	Orlando	-3
John Turner	Palm City	-3
Jim Keedy	Leesburg	-4
Bob Hinkle	Tallahassee	-4
John Boyd	Clermont	-6
Jim Montgomery	Oldsmar	-6
Mike Colin	Coral Springs	-6
Jake Doty	Clermont	-7
Joe Zine	So Daytona	-7
Dave Kartner	Palm City	-7
Bobby Ball	Port Orange	-8
Bob Robison	Deltona	-9
Jeff Eads	Valrico	-10
Dean Van Wart	Boynton Beach	-10
Mick McCracken	Sebring	-11
Don Dye	Tallahassee	-11
Steve Zwicker	New Smyrna Beach	-11
Glenn Paulk	Longwood	-12
Larry Black	Apopka	-13
Mike McNeil	St Petersburg	-13
Cliff Hinkle	Tallahassee	-14
Michael Tarr	Tequesta	-14
Dana deWindt	Palm City	-14
Dom Ciraco	Deland	-15
Richard Riesz	Rotonda West	-17
Carl Martin	Leesburg	-17
Joseph Jackson, Jr.	St Petersburg	-18
Dale Anderson	Stuart	-20
George Yocum	Wellington	-20

FIRST FLIGHT (con't)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>2-DAY TOTAL</u>
Pete Navaretta, Sr.	Palm City	-21
Glenn Belden	Port Orange	-31

SECOND FLIGHT

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>2-DAY TOTAL</u>
Tim Tremblay	Winter Park	+4
Ray Robison	Winter Park	+1
Fred Wagner	Bradenton	-1
Kevin Downing	Jupiter	-2
Lee Habjan	Seminole	-3
Mark Nuzum	Orlando	-3
Mel Forman	Miami	-4
Bob Kahne	Sarasota	-4
Ray Parlade	Daytona Beach	-6
Kevin Mizell	St Petersburg	-9
Darrell Carpenter	Orlando	-10
Jay Kaltman	Plantation	-13
William Wright	Palm City	-13
Ron Hyde	Plantation	-13
Jim Devine	Daytona Beach	-14
Tom Cairns	Ruskin	-16
Rick Boutin	Tallahassee	-17
Charles Haworth	Tallahassee	-18
Kees Scarff	Longwood	-20

THIRD FLIGHT

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>2-DAY TOTAL</u>
Bob Ethridge	Plantation	+2
Jose Serra	Palm City	Even
Tom Hurst	Miami Shores	-1
Stan Kane	No Miami	-3
Randall Kopelman	Orlando	-3
Steve Jakubaitis	Punta Gorda	-5
Mario Licausi	Kissimmee	-6
Ken Peyser	Aventura	-6
Pete Crowley	Falls Church	-6
Wally Hallows	Orlando	-6
Charles Murphy	Hialeah	-7
Jim Hamilton	Orlando	-7
Jim Sweet	Orlando	-7
Hugh Bitter	Winter Haven	-10
Bradley Bettin	Melbourne	-11
Bill Epps	Sanford	-11
Charlie Ake	Altamonte Springs	-11
Gary Driber	Altamonte Springs	-12
Colin Follett	Hudson	-15
Amos Strobel	Winter Garden	-17
Austin O'Brien	Titusville	-20

FOURTH FLIGHT

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>2-DAY TOTAL</u>
Fred Collins	Deland	+8
J J Pletcher	Ocala	+7
Red Cleveland	Sanford	+2
Bob Soupiset	Plant City	-1
Don Jones	Spring Hill	-2
Doug Koennicke	Jupiter	-3
Mike Amezaga	Coral Gables	-3
Ron Urich	Indiatlantic	-4

STATE HANDICAP RESULTS (con't)
FOURTH FLIGHT (con't)

PLAYER	HOMETOWN	2-DAY TOTAL
Michael Poole	Port Orange	-4
Craig Mueller	Ocala	-4
Earl Conrad	N Ft Myers	-7
Mike Reynolds	Palm City	-7
Robert Newman	Seminole	-8
Lou DeMarco	Sarasota	-10
Bob Dunlea	Palm City	-11
Rex Briant	Palm City	-14
Jim Barnette	Merritt Island	-14
Robert Dixon	Citrus Springs	-17
Frank Mace	West Palm Beach	-18
James Ramsbottom	Plantation	-23

FIFTH FLIGHT

Bern Madyda	Stuart	+7
Mark Freeman	Belleair Beach	+6
Donald Farber	Bay Harbor Island	+5
Bob Duncan	Casselberry	+4
Brent Simpson	Boca Raton	+4
Richard Rankin	Orlando	+3
Martin Greene	Jupiter	+3
Colin Ackerman	Daytona Beach	+1
Len deBoer	Winter Haven	+1
Jim Dye	Tallahassee	Even
Ronald Beattie	Longboat Key	-1
Herb Hedgecock	Satellite Beach	-2
Tomohiro Ueno	Wesley Chapel	-2
Chuck Wagner	Bradenton	-2
Vic Butler	Orlando	-4
Douglas Tietjen	Tampa	-5
Donald White	Palm City	-5
Brent Smith	Port Orange	-6
Mark Pachan	Tampa	-6
Shojiro Ogaki	Lutz	-9
William Martin	Vero Beach	-9
Lester Ackerman	Leesburg	-10
Raymond Lindley	Port Orange	-10
Dan Sweet	Orlando	-15

SIXTH FLIGHT

Stephen Shoupp	Miami	+14
Ray Lamb	Tampa	+10
Edward Rubich	Winter Park	+7
Joe Knight	Port Orange	+7
Thomas Handy	Sarasota	+6
Richard Riggins	St Petersburg	+5
Russell Wall	Lakeland	+5
Haruyoshi Tomoto	Lutz	+3
Elmer Roberts	Orlando	+2
Robert Wilkinson	Longwood	+1
John Miers	Bradenton	Even
John Griffin	Maitland	-1
Jay Gilson	Orlando	-2
Samuel Hansche	Riverview	-2
Stephen Loges	Largo	-2
Mark Abshier	New Port Richey	-3
Bill Zody	Safety Harbor	-3
Greg Kehoe	St Petersburg	-3
Al Brown	Windermere	-4
Lowell Steele	Tequesta	-4
Dennis Carfagna	Brandon	-6
Alex McConnell	DeBary	-6
Gary Taylor	Miami	-6
Bill Karras	Venice	-9
Bob Home	Tallahassee	-10
Pete Wagner	Bradenton	-10
Bill Bailey	Jacksonville	-14
Tom Boyd	Lutz	-16

1993 BOARD OF DIRECTORS by Kathy Naple

We are pleased to announce the election of Bill Erwin of Palm Beach Gardens as the Florida State Golf Association's President. Joining Mr. Erwin on his Executive Committee are Chris Wilmot of Orlando, Vice President; Frank Strafaci of Miami, Secretary/Treasurer and Kevin Marrone of Coral Springs who will serve as Immediate Past President. The "At Large" directors are, Jim Callender of Atlantic Beach and Scott Little of Orlando.

The new Board members are: Tom Dudley of Jacksonville; Roger King of Deltona; Chip Landon of Longwood; Scott Little of Orlando; John Mussoline of Palatka; John Thornton of West Palm Beach. 1993 Advisory Board Members: Bill Baker of Tequesta; Jim Keedy of Leesburg; Jerry Porter of Daytona Beach; Ed Repulski of Sarasota; Jim Roberts of Winter Springs; Jack Veghte of Clearwater and Don Williams of Naples.



From left to right....

Front Row=Chuck Newcomer; Rick Woulfe; Tom Dudley; Kevin Marrone; Bill Erwin; Roger King; Jim Callender;
Second Row=Bob Klein; Harold Staub; Don Williams; Jack Jordan; Chris Wilmot; Ray Columbaro; Don Stephenson; Austin Jones; Frank Strafaci; Larry Flynn;
Back Row=Jim Keedy; John Mussoline; Roy Knickerbocker; Scott Little; Randy Walford; John Thornton; Jack Veghte; Ed Repulski.



ANSWERS TO RULES QUIZ

QUESTION	ANSWER	APPLICABLE RULE/DECISION	COMMENT
1	A	Dec. 20-1/4	B is an outside agency.
2	A	Dec. 18-2a/12	By subsequently deciding not to take relief, he incurs penalty for lifting his ball in play.
3	B	Dec. 28/9	Grass covered ground is not part of the bunker.
4	B	Dec. 4-4a/6	A lost club is not one which has become "unfit for play in the normal course of play."
5	C	Dec. 1/12	Wind is not an outside agency.
6	B	Dec. 16-1a/7	You may repair only ball marks or old hole plays on your line of putt.

IS TURNING PRO RIGHT FOR YOU? *by Peter Ripa*

Amateur golf represents playing golf for the pure enjoyment of the game without any profit making motive. Most enjoy the challenge of playing the elusive "dream round." However, once a player reaches a level of consistently shooting par or less, he may be tempted to play golf professionally. Many amateurs do not fully test the waters of amateur golf before turning pro. The number of amateurs who qualify for the PGA Tour each year can be counted on one hand.

Another common temptation comes in the form of a hole-in-one award or other non-conforming prizes. When presented with an opportunity to receive the large cash amounts typically associated with these competitions, amateurs have a difficult decision to make.

The purpose of the following article is to alert the amateur golfer as to the actions which are contrary to the Rules of Amateur Status and the procedures and waiting periods of reinstatement.

Obviously, the first question would be, what constitutes an infraction? The following is an excerpt of the Rules of Amateur Status:

1. A player receiving payment or compensation for serving as a professional or taking action for the purpose of becoming a professional golfer; e.g. tour qualifying.
2. Playing for prize money or its equivalent in a match, tournament or exhibition.
3. Receiving payment or compensation for giving instruction in playing golf, either orally, in writing, by pictures or by other demonstrations, to either individuals or groups; e.g. working in a golf shop and just teaching golf.
4. Acceptance of a prize or testimonial of the following character (this applies to total prizes received for any event or series of events in any tournament or exhibition, including hole-in-one events in which golf skill is a factor):
 - a. Of retail value exceeding \$500; or
 - b. Of a nature which is the equivalent of money or makes it readily convertible into money.
5. Conversion of prize into money.
6. Accepting expenses in any amount as a prize.
7. Because of golf skill or golf reputation, accepting in connection with any golfing event:
 - a. Money or
 - b. Anything else, other than merchandise of nominal value provided to all players; e.g. tee gifts.

Only the most common actions are illustrated above. If your club does not have a copy of the Rules of Amateur Status please call or write the FSGA and we will have a copy forwarded.

Should an individual wish to apply for reinstatement, he shall prepare the reinstatement application form in duplicate and include a check for \$40 payable to the USGA. The application must be filed through the FSGA.

The probationary period for amateurs varies. Two years from the last act contrary to the definition of an amateur golfer is the typical probation period to be reinstated for the first time applicants. However, in special cases, this number might be less for the first time applicants. For example, an individual who played or taught professionally for only a couple of months, may only forfeit his amateur status for one year.

Remember, anyone who considers an action they plan to undertake [that may endanger their amateur status] may submit the particulars to the staff of the USGA for advice. The USGA and FSGA are in the business of promoting amateur golf. Use the resources available, before making a decision which could cause forfeiture of any individual's amateur status.

CHIP SHOTS

*At the Port Royal Golf Course in Bermuda on March 27, 1975, 21 year-old Joe Flynn recorded the lowest 18 hole score ever, an 82. Not up to par, you say? Doubting differs should know that Flynn's course record was for **throwing the ball.***

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL - by Gary Larrabee, The Massachusetts Golfer

Dean Knuth, USGA's Senior Director of Handicapping recently addressed the Massachusetts Golf Association Spring Conference and discussed the revised Equitable Stoke Control procedure, first established in 1973.

The old ESC procedure allowed a player with a 10 handicap, two over par (double bogeys) on 10 holes and one over par scores on the other eight.

If a player was a 40, he was allowed to have four over par scores (quadruple bogeys) on four holes and triple bogeys on the rest. In the case of "X" holes, a player was directed to write in his most likely score.

Knuth explained that one major problem with this system had been the "break points." That is, 18 handicappers were allowed a maximum of double bogey a hole, but 19 handicappers were allowed a triple. As a result, the 17 and 19s were "at an unfair disadvantage," as Knuth put it, once applied to their handicaps.

Lengthy research by the USGA, determined that a change in the ESC procedure was in order, especially when it was found that only 25 percent of the players were using the ESC procedure correctly.

"So we sought to develop a less complicated system to try and gain higher compliance," Knuth said. "We hoped, also, that we could reduce the break point problem and have a system not related to par." The result is a new ESC procedure. The USGA feels this is the best way to go. Further, Knuth insists pace of play, many players' major concern, should not be a factor. "Pace of play has nothing to do with ESC. Pace of play is determined by players being ready to make a stroke when it is their turn."

Early 1993 research based on reports from Florida clubs, indicates the new ESC having marginal impacts, as predicted, on handicaps. "Handicaps were raised about three-tenths of a stroke for those who were following the ESC procedure correctly," Knuth noted.

Based on 8,000 men and 3,700 women, men overall have gone up 0.47 on their handicap, women a half a shot.



ASK THE EXPERTS (USGA).....

The following are excerpts from the USGA@Handicap System and Golf Committee Manual, dated April 1, 1991 provided for informational purposes:

"METHOD FOR DETERMINING MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

The USGA recommends the following method: Multiply .96 by the average of the differentials used to calculate the player's handicap at the **start of the season** and add 12 to that result. This is value A.

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Multiply .96 by the average of the differentials used to calculate the player's handicap at the **end of the season** and add 12 to that result. This is value B.

Divide value A by value B calculating to three decimal places. The player with the largest number after this calculation should receive the most improved golfer award.

Add 6 instead of 12 in the case of a nine-hole group."
(Handicap Decisions, Misc./1)

"PLAYERS COMPETING FROM DIFFERENT TEES OR MEN AND WOMEN FROM SAME TEES

When golfers are playing from different sets of tees or men and women play from the same set of tees, the golfer playing from the set of tees from which the Course Rating is **HIGHER shall receive additional handicap strokes equal to the difference between the two Course Ratings**. Decimals are rounded off to the nearest whole number, with a decimal of .5 being rounded upward. *Example:* If women playing from the forward tees from which the Women's Course Rating is 73.5 compete against men playing from the middle tees from which the Men's Course Rating is 70.9, the women shall add three strokes (73.5 - 70.9 = 2.6 or 3 strokes) to their Course Handicaps." **(Section 7, 4-f)**

The USGA Course Rating Certificate (provided by the FSGA) should be posted in a prominent location, together with the USGA Slope Tables (for converting the handicap index to a course handicap).

Additionally, "when consecutive nine-hole scores from different courses are combined and posted, the USGA Course Rating is the sum of the two nine-hole Course Ratings, and the Slope Rating is the *average* of the two Slope Ratings. If nine-hole Slope Ratings are not available, the 18-hole Slope Rating shall be used." **(Section 6, 2-d, last paragraph.)**

USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1993

<u>CHAMPIONSHIP</u>	<u>ENTRIES CLOSE</u>	<u>CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION</u>
Senior Open	June 2	Cherry Hills, Englewood, CO
Amateur Pub-Links	June 2	Riverdale Dunes, Brighton, CO
Women's Open	June 23	Crooked Stick, Carmel, IN
Junior Amateur	June 16	Waverley CC, Portland, OR
Girls' Junior	July 7	Mesa Verde, Costa Mesa, CA
Women's Amateur	July 7	San DiegoCC, Chula Vista, CA
Amateur	July 14	Champions GC, Houston, TX
Women's Mid-Amateur	July 28	Rochester GCC, Rochester, MN
Mid-Amateur	July 28	Eugene CC, Eugene, OR
Senior Amateur	Aug 11	Farmington CC, Charlottesville, VA
Senior Women's Amateur	Sept 8	Preakness Hills, Wayne, NJ

The FSGA receives entries approximately one month prior to closing date. You may call USGA at 908/234-2300 for an entry.