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DAVID SMITH 1986 MID-AMATEUR CHAMPION

David Smith qualified for the PGA Tour in the same class that included Andy Bean and Gary Koch.

After investing a couple of years in the pursuit of birdies, he departed the uncertain world of golf for the equally uncertain world of investment.

"I've been in the investment business since 1977," said Smith, who regained his amateur status in the fall of 1985. "I have to say I've done better here than I did at golf."

In the Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship, though, he made his presence well-known to the state's top 25-and-over golfers.

Smith, 36, qualified with a 36-hole total of 141 at LaGorce Country Club in Miami Beach. Only Bill McDonough of West Palm Beach, who shot 140, was lower.

In match play, Smith ended four straight matches on the 17th green. In the final, he defeated Keith Keister of Winter Park by a 2-and-1 margin.

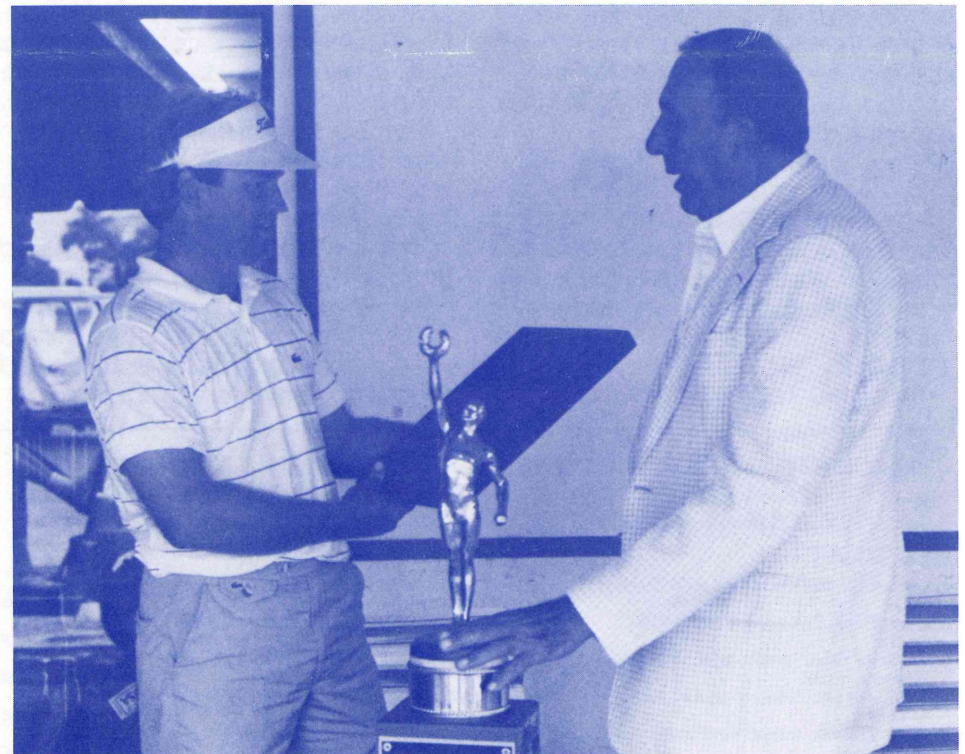
"Basically, I play Saturday mornings," said the Orlando resident. "You can't expect much that way. If you're just getting up from behind your desk to play golf, you're in trouble. It's silly to think that you could compete successfully with people who play a lot."

Regardless, Smith marched through the medal-match format of the Florida Mid-Amateur.

"I was lucky because the course was suited to my game," he said. "It's the kind of course where I can hit a lot of drivers. I would be associated more with long than with accurate."

Smith felt positive after shooting a 31 on the back nine during a practice round, and it was the back nine that saved him all week.

"In most cases, I was 2-down, 1-down or even at best after the front



nine," he said. "If there was any turning point, it was my ability to effectively negotiate the back nine.

"I was 2-down for a long time in the final match, but I wound up birdying 16 and 17 to end it.

"I was anywhere from 2-under to 4-under on the back nine in most of my matches. I really felt comfortable out there."

Smith, who finished fourth in the Florida State Amateur Championship, says he would like to play more golf in 1987.

"I really don't know if I can, but I would like to compete on a national level," he said. "That's all contingent on finding time to practice and not embarrassing myself."

Embarrass himself with a fourth place finish in the State Amateur and a victory in the State Mid-Amateur? You've got to be kidding.

Smith may be the world's best Saturday golfer.

"Well," he added. "You just have to realize that when you show up to play, you don't always have your best game with you. But what you can get out of what you've got is what it's all about."

In the Mid-Am, Smith got plenty. In addition to Keister, his victims were Jim Levix of Boca Raton, Bobby Grace of St. Petersburg and Frank Strafacci Jr. of Miami.

Former champion Bob Kouwe of Tampa lost to Strafacci in the first round of match play.

CLUB TEAM

The Florida State Club Team Championship is Florida's good humor golf tournament. It is also a showcase of golfing talent in the Tampa area.

After Avila had dethroned Bloomingdale as champion, Avila team members Kim Schwencke and Bob Kouwe sent a wreath of black flowers to the Bloomingdale rivals.

"My secretary saw them and said there must be some mistake," related Bobby Stricklin, Bloomingdale's president and co-owner. "I knew who they were from. It didn't surprise me at all. Next year we'll think of something better when we win the title back."

Avila unleashed a furious assault on Bloomingdale and the other teams. The tournament was played at Grenelefe Resort outside Haines City, and the highly rated facility was rocked all weekend by Avila birdie-shooters.

Kouwe opened with a 8-under-par 64 on the East Course, then finished with a 69 on the West Course. His 133 total was easily the best of the event, Barry Cheesman of River Wilderness finishing second individually with a 140 total.

The Avila team was just as awe-



Left to Right: Kim Schwencke, Fred Ridley, David Smith, Bob Cornett, Bob Kouwe. Missing: Pipp Patton

some, defeating runnerup Bay Hill by 32 strokes after two days of competition. Each team was composed of six golfers, with the low four scores counting each day toward a team total.

Members of the Avila No. 1 team were Schwencke, Kouwe, Bob Cornett, Pipp Patton, Fred Ridley and David Smith.

"They were phenomenal," said Stricklin. "We were impressed."

"We played like dogs all weekend," he added, "but if we would have played our best we still would have lost. They were unbelievable.

They went into training and pulled out all their big guns.

"Now we've got to get some bigger ones. We're looking forward to punishing them in the future."

Avila won the event in 1982 and 1983, but Bloomingdale took the title in 1984 and 1985 as the two Tampa-area adversaries have emerged as the two dominant clubs in the state.

"We wanted to show them who was boss," said Kouwe. "We weren't going to let them win three in a row. There was some incredible competition for the spots on our team. There were two guys who played on our winning team three years ago who couldn't even make the team this year."

Bloomingdale finished third, while River Wilderness was fourth.

"We always field at least two teams," said Kouwe (Avila's No. 2 team finished 14th). "We go off and make it a fun affair. It's a getaway weekend for us, and we enjoy it."

The enjoyment goes even deeper when the victim is Bloomingdale.

"This is the world's greatest rivalry," said Stricklin. "It's war, and I guarantee you we'll win it back."

SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP PALM HARBOR OCTOBER 18-19, 1986

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Key Scales, Weirsdale, and Moot Thomas, Ocala 75-72 = 147
2. John Chazal, Ocala, and Jim Williams, Ocala 75-72 = 147
3. Curley Johnson, Tampa, and Julian Serles, Jr., Temple Terrace 75-75 = 150
4. Red Cleveland, Sanford, and Bill Epps, Sanford 76-74 = 150
5. Walter Baldwin, Tampa, and Dexter Daniels, Jr., Winter Haven 75-77 = 152
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SECOND FLIGHT

1. Joe Brooke, Jr., Miami, and Earl Christiansen, Miami 78-72 = 150
2. Al Butera, Boynton Bch, and Sal Molella, Boynton Bch. 78-73 = 151
3. H.L. Grosskopf, Orange Park, and Bill Scarbrough, Jacksonville 78-74 = 152
4. Roy Chenderlin, Oldsmar, and Lonnie Watson, St. Pete 78-75 = 153
5. Gordon Burnham, St. Pete and Frank Sutton, St. Pete 80-75 = 155

THIRD FLIGHT

1. John Griffin, Maitland, and Bob Wilkinson, Longwood 83-79 = 162

STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOCA WEST — SEPTEMBER 13-14, 1986 Courses No. 2 and 1

FIRST FLIGHT

1. John Sanford, Jr., West Palm Bch and Mike Weeks, N. Palm Bch. 68-67 = 135
2. Bob Cornett, Tampa and David Smith, Longwood 68-69 = 137
3. Austin Jones, Orlando and Steve Smyers, Mulberry 69-69 = 138
4. Chuck Scally, W. Palm Bch. and Byron Whitman, Juno Bch. 67-71 = 138
5. Ken Atkinson, W. Palm Bch and Larry Barousse, W. Palm Bch. 69-69 = 138
6. Bill Golson, Clearwater and R.G. Smith, Clearwater 68-71 = 139
7. Gary Onorati, Fort Lauderdale and Pete Sorrentino, Fort Lauderdale 69-70 = 139

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Fred Klauk, Delray Bch. and Lawrence Muller, Jr., Lake Worth 71-67 = 138
2. Bill Hamilton, Palm Bch. and Tom Knapp, Tequesta 71-68 = 139
3. Gary Dunlap, Palmetto and Rick Ponto, Bradenton 72-69 = 141
4. Terry Archer, Fort Lauderdale and Lucky Carothers, Coral Springs 70-71 = 141
5. Bill Erwin, Palm Bch. Gdns and Troy Watts, W. Palm Bch. 70-72 = 142

THIRD FLIGHT

1. Bill McCormick, Coral Springs and Barry Smith, Miami 73-70 = 143
2. Ken Krutz, Plantation and Kevin Marrone, Coral Springs 73-70 = 143
3. Dick Howard, Ft. Myers and Denny Tolles, Cape Coral 74-71 = 145
4. Lee Decof, N. Miami Bch. and Richard Decof, N. Miami Bch. 75-71 = 146
5. Chip Fair, Melbourne and Glenn Kerres, Melbourne 76-70 = 146

STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP — BOCA WEST — SEPTEMBER 13-14, 1986 Courses No. 1 and 2

FIRST FLIGHT

1. David Deuschle, Fort Lauderdale and Jeff Powers, Pompano Bch 68-68 = 136
2. Rob Clarke, Boca Raton and Per Segerstrom, Boca Raton 70-67 = 137
3. Joe Mularkey, Crystal River and Jeb Whitman, Juno Bch. 70-68 = 138
4. Dale Anderson, Stuart and Doug Ware, Palm City 73-68 = 141
5. Peter Cherry, Boca Raton and Brian Schwartz, Ocean Ridge 71-71 = 142

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Donald Grant, N. Ft. Lauderdale and Mike Grant, Jupiter 74-69 = 143
2. Robert Carlson, Jupiter and Robert Johnson, Jupiter 74-70 = 144
3. Jim Coppage, Merritt Island and Brad Dean, Cocoa 76-69 = 145
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THIRD FLIGHT

1. John Lopez, Melbourne and Jerry Williams, Melbourne 76-69 = 145
2. Jeff Hutchinson, Altamonte Springs and Tom Lynch, Orlando 79-73 = 152
3. Gary Carr, Orlando and Ron Harrison, Orlando 78-74 = 152
4. Mike LaMedica, Boca Raton and Lou Ventura, Orlando 79-75 = 154
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SENIOR DIVISION

1. Larry Miller, Sunrise and Glenn Smith, Fort Lauderdale 72-70 = 142
2. Jim Adamson, Juno Bch. and George Pigott, Tampa 72-70 = 142
3. John Lay, Vero Bch. and Ernie Miller, Vero Bch. 73-71 = 144
4. Jim Hamilton, Orlando and John McKey, Orlando 74-71 = 145



LIFE AT FORTY

Bob Robson has an idea: remove the 18th hole from all golf courses.

Robson, an Englewood resident, won the three-day Bill Carey Life Begins at Forty tournament despite some monumental troubles on the finishing holes.

The 54-hole event was played at The Meadows Country Club in Sarasota, and Robson survived a series of perils on both the Highlands and Meadows courses at the 36-hole complex.

The opening round was kind to Robson, 44, as he shot a 68 on the Meadows layout. "I was surprised," he said.

During the second round, he opened a commanding lead over Sarasota's Ron Clayton, the defending champion and winner of three Life Begins at Forty titles in four years.

Then came the 18th hole of the Highlands course, where Robson ended the day with a 10 on the par five finishing hole. Talk about headaches! His journey down the fairway included a visit to a hazard and two shots he described as "half-whiffs behind a tree."

That double-digits finish allowed Clayton to catch Robson. The two golfers stood at 147, four strokes

ahead of Shep Richards of Parkland and Larry Miller of Sunrise.

Then came the final round at the Meadows course. Robson and Clayton battled fiercely and were still tied after 15 holes.

Robson birdied 16 with a 4-foot putt, then saved par after missing the 17th green. Clayton, who three-putted 17, suddenly found himself two strokes behind. Robson, however, still had to face the difficult par four 18th.

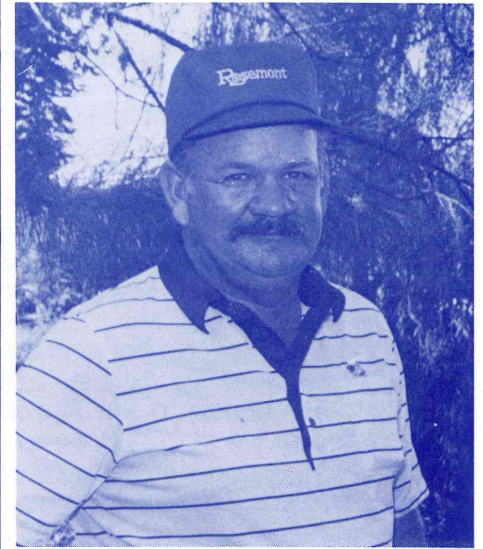
After pushing his drive to the right, Robson pulled his second shot into a water hazard. Clayton, meanwhile, split the fairway with his tee shot.

"I hit a 5-wood off a downhill lie," explained Clayton about his second shot, "and it went in the right-hand bunker. If I had it to do again, I'd hit 3-iron."

Clayton was still alive until Robson got it up-and-down from 40 yards for bogey. Unable to save par from the bunker, Clayton finished at 223 and was a two-shot loser.

"He's a tough competitor," said Clayton.

Said Robson: "Today I was a little shaky. He should have won it. He hit so many good shots and hit a lot of good putts that didn't go in the hole."



Vance Moxom of Fort Lauderdale took third, while Dave Meadows of Sarasota was fourth.

Robson, who won the MAGA title in Orlando in 1982, didn't even play golf seriously until he was 30.

"I shot around 100 then," he reminisced. "It took me six or seven years to get down around par, but I guess I was pretty stubborn about it."

Just as he was in the Life Begins at Forty. Not many golfers can say they made a 10 on the 18th hole and still won the tournament.

BO WILLIAMS

Bo Williams, the Florida State Senior champion and member of the Florida State Senior Four-Ball Championship team, showed the entire country that the Sunshine State isn't just for orange juice anymore. It's for golf — good, solid, winning golf.

Williams won the U.S. Senior Amateur at Interlachen Country Club outside Minneapolis. In 1930, Bobby Jones captured the U.S. Open at Interlachen and would, of course, eventually take golf's fabled Grand Slam that year.

Williams may not be another Jones, but who knows? Perhaps someone should invent a senior Grand Slam.

In the final match, Williams defeated John Harbottle of Tacoma, Washington, by a 3-and-2 margin. The Floridian's performance was typical of his play all week — he hit 14 of 16 greens in regulation and missed only two of 13 fairways on driving holes.

Williams, an Ocala automobile dealer, was taken past the 16th hole only once all week. In one match, he was seven holes up at the turn.

"I just wanted to hit the middle of every fairway and then knock it on the green," Williams said. "That way, if your putter does anything, you can have a good score."

Williams also proved to be in good physical condition, for players were forced to walk throughout the week. Though automotive carts are normally permitted in the Senior Amateur, heavy rainfall left Interlachen in a perpetually soggy state and precluded the use of carts.

So the automobile dealer abandoned transportation and used his natural wheels to win the biggest prize in senior amateur golf.

"Maybe I should walk all the time," said Williams. "This is a great, great honor."

RULES QUIZ

Again we offer you a few situations which may occur during your round of golf. We hope that these will help make you aware of the rules and what the penalties are for the specific infractions. As in the past, these questions and answers are provided by the courtesy of Dr. Richard Silver of the Metropolitan Golf Association. For those of you who receive the MET magazine, you will already have seen these questions. **Questions on page 7.**

ANSWERS

1. (a)
2. (c)
3. (b)
4. (c) Sand is a loose impediment only on the putting green.
5. (a)
6. (c)
7. (c)
8. (b)

SENIOR FOUR-BALL

Bo Williams, Florida's hottest golfer, teamed with Fred Davis to win the Florida State Senior Four-Ball Championship at Palm Harbor Golf Club in Palm Coast.

Williams and Davis both live in Ocala, the city that perhaps should proclaim Williams its greatest athlete.

All Williams did this summer and fall was win the Florida State Senior, Florida State Senior Four-Ball and U.S. Senior Amateur. In addition, he was low amateur honors in the Florida Senior Open.

Williams and Davis shot rounds of 72 and 69 for a 141 total. Finishing

two back at 143 were two teams — Ed Hurst and Bob Westerling, both of Daytona Beach, and R.L. Glisson of Palatka and Guy Sapp of Palm Coast.

Trailing by one stroke after the opening round, Williams and Davis recorded three birdies and 15 pars in the wind-plagued second round.

Among those who faltered on the final day were former champions Dick Stackhouse of Boynton Beach and Don Whelan of Deerfield Beach, who ballooned from an opening 71 to a closing 75.

Golfers were forced to contend with northeasterly winds that huffed and puffed and drove scores higher than anyone had expected. The winds blew in excess of 30 miles an hour.

"When that happens, the smartest thing you can do is make sure you have a par on every hole," said Williams. "If you have a chance to go for birdie, that's fine, but get the par first."

Williams and Davis got plenty of them, and that strategy gave them the tournament title.

STATE FOUR-BALL

The Palm Beach connection — Mike Weeks and John Sanford — was forged early in the summer.

Weeks and Sanford were playing golf one day when they decided to enter the Florida State Four-Ball Championship. Neither golfer had ever played in the event, played this year at Boca West in Boca Raton.

"We had just started playing together at the beginning of the summer at Bear Lakes Country Club," explained Sanford. "I figured right away we would be a great team. I thought we could win the State Four-Ball.

"We were a perfect team. Mike makes a lot of pars, and I make a lot of birdies and a lot of double bogeys."

Weeks wasn't so sure about the team's chances. "I was nervous," he admitted. "I really just started playing in tournaments the last couple of years. But John's experience helped me settle down. I learned a lot from playing with him."

Sanford, 28, played two years on the golf team at Louisiana State University. Then, as he describes it, "I had to make a decision between golf and my profession, and golf lost."

A landscape architect, Sanford owns a business called Planning Design, Inc. In the State Four-Ball, he designed a plan that called for steady golf with several scattered birdies each day.



It didn't happen that way, however. When faced with the prospect of a second consecutive team bogey on the second day, the 22-year-old Weeks became a hero by holing a crucial bunker shot. That dramatic birdie came on the fourth hole of the final round and was the turning point in the event.

"Things weren't looking so good," said Sanford. "We parred the first two holes, bogeyed 3, and both of us were in the sand on 4. It looked like we were going the wrong way."

Sanford's sand shot finished 20 feet from the hole, but Weeks stepped into the bunker and blasted a perfect shot that rolled into the cup.

"There is no way I can tell you how excited I was about that one," said Weeks, a junior college student.

Sanford birdied the next two holes, and the Palm Beach connection suddenly had three straight birdies and the tournament lead. Weeks and Sanford finished the 36-hole competi-

tion with a 135 total after rounds of 68 and 67. Finishing one stroke behind were teammates David Deuschle of Fort Lauderdale and Jeff Powers of Pompano Beach.

Bob Cornett of Tampa and David Smith of Longwood tied for third at 137 with Rob Clarke and Per Segerstrom, both of Boca Raton.

"I just didn't think we would win the tournament," said Weeks, "but John kept telling me we could and finally I believed him. It was a great experience for me."

Sanford qualified for the match play portion of the State Mid-Amateur Championship, losing to qualifying medalist Bill McDonough in his first match.

In the State Four-Ball, though, he had plenty of help.

"Mike hit it close all day," said Sanford. "That allowed me to go for birdies, and I made enough of them (five in the final round) keep us in contention."

LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY — THE MEADOWS

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CLUB	GROSS
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CLUB

CLUB	NET
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HEATHROW	7TH
MISTY CREEK	8TH

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The results of our biggest task in 1986 will begin to show up this month with the implementation of the Slope handicapping and course rating system at golf courses across Florida.

Establishing the USGA's massive campaign to equalize handicaps was the No. 1 job at hand when I became president of the Florida State Golf Association in the spring.

The efforts of Bill Baker, chairman of the handicapping, Slope rating and measuring committee for the FSGA, and our executive director, Cal Korf, cannot be underestimated.

Establishing regional affairs committee people while keeping intact our 24-member Board of Directors and eight-man Advisory Board was another major step.

These volunteers will confer, in their respective areas, with other golf organizations, with FSGA members and member clubs, and assist with Association tournaments in their locales.

It is a system which the USGA has used successfully for years. We are adapting the concept to Florida and hope to be able to cover the entire state with our key people within a few months.

We also appreciate the support of the USGA in two meetings with leaders of the game in Florida, in



January during its annual meeting and in the spring during our Constitutional Convention.

Developing the regional affairs program is an outgrowth of these meetings. Other ideas brought forth by these exchanges of views will continue to be studied by our officers and directors.

Otherwise, we seem to have come through the year unscathed. The transfer of the presidency from Gary Doyle of Sarasota, who had to resign for business purposes, to myself went smoothly. We appreciate his dedicated efforts in behalf of the FSGA for the past several years.

The FSGA conducted nine tournaments and 10 USGA qualifying events in 1986. The schedule for 1987 is nearly completed.

The cooperation among the FSGA, the North Florida PGA and the South Florida PGA continues to be a heart-

warming improvement for all of golf in the state. Exhibit A is the Florida Open in which all three organizations team up with the Innisbrook staff to stage a major, state-wide championship.

Service to our members and our member clubs will be our top priority in 1987. We will continue to strive to encourage more of Florida's golf clubs to become members of the FSGA. We have more than 300 member clubs, but this is still less than half of all those in the state. By continuing to provide such services as handicapping, Slope rating, guidance in rules and staging quality tournaments, we hope to increase this number.

Still, it's the Slope rating program that will capture a lot of our attention and time this year. Mr. Baker's teams will be visiting courses they've missed so far, rate the numerous new courses which seem to be opening almost daily in Florida, return to make adjustments where necessary, and generally continue the ongoing education of the state's golfers.

In all, 1986 was a very good year for the Florida State Golf Association. With your help, 1987 will be even better.

A Happy New Year to one and all!

1987 SCHEDULE

The 1987 schedule is almost finalized for the main events. The State Senior Championship is definitely scheduled for Grenelefe. The State Four Ball Championship will be hosted at JDM C.C. in Palm Beach Gardens. NOTE: There is a date change for this event. It will be conducted on October 10 and 11 instead of the tentative September date you had on the schedule published on November 23rd. The state team championship will be played at PGA National on August 15-16. The last site to be completed is for the Life Begins at Forty Championship. We will be returning to Lehigh for this event on November 6-8. Lehigh is under new management and they are doing many positive things to elevate their status to that of "a much improved" resort facility. First and foremost they are undertaking a major effort into upgrading the condition of the golf courses. I have been assured that by November 1987 the golf courses will

be in the best condition that they have ever been, and one year later there should be still more substantial improvement. Also, they are making significant changes in the food service operation. The dining room, lounge and Matador Room are undergoing redecorating, relocation of the lounge, and a change to the standard menu. The rooms are also undergoing an upgrade operation.

Last is our planned offshore tournament at Casa de Campo. We have enough committed entrants to conduct the event. We will still be able to take entries (limited) through March. A frequent question we have had is whether ladies will be competing. The answer is a positive yes. We are planning to have scheduled golf for all the participants. This is intended to be a fun filled golf event and an opportunity to visit and play at one of the most spectacular golf resorts in the world for a reasonable package rate. For those who question the rate,

take a good look at what you are receiving. Your only additional expenses will be for lunch and personal expenses. Your air fare, hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner are included in the entry along with baggage handling, gratuities, etc. With your support we hope to be able to make this an annual event plus expand the opportunities to offer you additional, exciting, quality golf travel excursions.

A separate brochure is included in this mailing for our second planned golf excursion in November/December 1987. This is the exciting Far East golf cruise aboard the Royal Viking, which is the "Cadillac" of the cruise industry. Our travel agency has negotiated an incredibly good package rate for our FSGA members. In addition to playing some great golf courses you will have time on each end of the trip for sight seeing and shopping in Bangkok and Hong Kong.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SLOPE IS HERE

For those of you who attended the Slope Seminars in mid-December - thank you. USGA and our Directors expended a great effort to provide the maximum possible exposure in Florida. The three day, five city effort was well attended and we hope you came away with a better understanding of how Slope Handicap-Index will work. Florida GOLF WEEK's January 8th issue had several features concerning Slope, plus they published our advance list of Slope ratings for all the courses we have rated in Florida. Each member club should have received two booklets containing the Slope tables plus our published list of Slope ratings for all the courses. Each individual member also received one book. For those of you whose home course has a Tiger tee or Championship tee in addition to the normal back tee - the booklet

did not publish the course rating and Slope rating for these tees. You will have the Slope Handicap-Index tables at your club. The booklet only published the normal Men's Back (blue) tees and Men's Middle (white) tees plus the Ladies Forward (red) tees. Specific examples of Championship tees not published are the Tiger tees at Bloomingdale, Dark Green tees at Grenelefe West, Championship tees at Jupiter Hills and Seminole.

As we discovered at the seminars, there are several notable courses in the state which have not received a Slope rating. Our rating teams have made a monumental effort to achieve the results that we have. They are very responsive, but we do not seek out the clubs and tell them they must have the rating. This must

be requested by the club. Also, there are many cases where we need to have a new Slope rating. If you feel your Slope rating is incorrect please advise us and we will schedule you for a new rating as soon as possible.

One of the most important aspects of the course rating is to have an accurate measurement. We have been providing this service to our member clubs for the past several years and each year more and more of you have begun to realize the importance of this service. We are almost caught up with our backlog of requests. Effective March 1 the fee for measuring golf courses will be \$100 per nine holes. This includes all the tees plus your 150 yard marker positions. The current rate of \$75 per nine will apply to all requests received at the FSGA office before March 1st.

RULES QUIZ

1 A player addresses a ball in deep rough and the ball sinks straight down, the lie becoming much worse than the original lie. The ball has not moved horizontally, but only vertically downward.

- a. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty and must play the ball as it lies.*
- b. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty and must replace the ball in its original position.*
- c. *The player incurs no penalty as the ball did not move horizontally into its new position. The ball is played as it lies.*

2 A player hits his tee shot into the woods. After searching for about two minutes, he declares the ball lost and returns to the tee and tees up another ball. Before striking it, his first ball is found within the five minutes allowed to search for a lost ball.

- a. *The first ball is deemed lost because of the player's declaration that it is lost and his return to the tee.*
- b. *The second ball becomes the ball in play since it has been substituted for the ball and teed up.*
- c. *The first ball must be played without penalty since it was found within five minutes.*

3 A player's tee shot comes to rest against an out-of-bounds fence that interferes with his swing.

- a. *The player may take relief without penalty from the fence since it is an immovable obstruction.*
- b. *The player may call the ball unplayable.*
- c. *The player may take relief from the fence, but incurs a two-stroke penalty.*

4 In stroke play, a player prepares to drop a ball under an applicable rule. Before dropping, he brushes away sand from the area of his drop.

- a. *The player proceeded properly and there is no penalty.*
- b. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.*
- c. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.*

5 In stroke play, a player drops away from a moveable obstruction and plays the ball.

- a. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.*
- b. *The player has proceeded properly and there is no penalty.*
- c. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.*

6 In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest in a bunker. In playing his stroke, he accidentally touches a leaf on his backswing, but does not touch the sand.

- a. *The player incurs no penalty.*
- b. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.*
- c. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.*

7 In stroke play, player 'A' overtly walks over to player 'B's bag to ascertain what club he used to play his shot.

- a. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.*
- b. *The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.*
- c. *There is no penalty.*

8 In stroke play, a player calls his ball unplayable under a tree. In taking relief, he measures two-club lengths from the outside edge of the tree, drops the ball and plays it.

- a. *The player has proceeded properly.*
- b. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.*

Answers on pg. 3



ENTRY APPLICATION
FSGA STATE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

April 4-5, 1987

Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort
Howey-In-The-Hills

The Handicap Championship will be a 36 hole event. All contestants will be flighted by handicap.

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Room reservations may be made by calling the Mission Inn Resort (800) 342-4495 or write to: Mission Inn, P.O. Box 441, Howey-In-The-Hills, FL 32737. Hotel room rate will be \$53.00 per night (single) or \$57.00 per night (double) plus tax.

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