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Palma Ceia: Donald Ross, Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen, Harry Root and friends

It has aged well, this grand old golf course named Palma Ceia.

It has been almost 75 years since architect Donald Ross journeyed to Tampa with visions of Palma Ceia dancing in his head. The country club opened in 1916 and now, as we near the end of the 20th century, it is clear the reputation of the course still parallels the reputation of the architect — both, in a unique way, have become legendary.

Today, Palma Ceia remains much the same as it was when Ross walked the layout. It has stood golf's test of time. It is short, tight and heavily bunkered. The par is 70. It demands skill and brains.

The Gasparilla Invitational has been played for more than 30 years at Palma Ceia, and the best 54-hole winning total is still 5-under-par 205 — logged 20 years ago by Bob Murphy and matched this past year by former State Amateur and State Mid-Amateur champion David Smith. Though the course record of 63 is shared by Palma Ceia head professional Gil Gonsalves and amateur Gary Schroeder, don't ask them to repeat such a feat in tournament play. Many a golfer has taken a look at the 6,252-yard course, laughed with arrogance and overconfidence, then died a slow death of bogeys and double bogeys.

When the team from Palma Ceia captured the FSGA's Club Team Championship in 1988, the country club returned to the winner's circle after an absence of 30 years. "We just wanted to let the other guys know we were still here," quipped team member Rick Brown.

Harry Root, Jr. has been playing golf at Palma Ceia since 1926. Ask him

what's so special about the club and he might reply, "How much time have you got?"

He talks about the Tampa Women's Open, which was played at Palma Ceia and helped launch the Ladies Professional Golf Association. He talks about Babe Zaharious striding the fairways as if it were yesterday. In fact, Root once was in business with George Zaharius, Babe's husband, and was very close to Babe and many of the other female stars of the game.

He talks about Gene Sarazen perfecting his invention of the modern sand wedge at Palma Ceia. Sarazen first used the club during the Gasparilla Open in 1932 and a short time later shocked the golfing world by using the club to win the British Open.

"I saw it," said Root. "He added all that weight to the back of the club, and he was afraid other golfers would see it and steal the idea. So he carried the club upside down in his golf bag. It had a concave face and would be illegal now. Back then, of course, it was the biggest development in golf."

Root witnessed Walter Hagen's last tournament victory, which also came in the Gasparilla Open. Hagen, one of the most colorful characters in the history of golf, didn't disappoint his Tampa audience.

Root was there when Babe Ruth played the course. Heck, he was there when Hall of Famer pitcher Walter Johnson tried his hand at golf.

"I didn't know who he was," said Root.
"He came up to me and said, 'C'mon kid, let's play.' So we played. When I found out who he was, I almost fell over."

Hal Sutton took his last amateur victory in the Gasparilla Invitational, and Root saw that as well. He has been a great observer of great golfers.

When he wasn't watching, he was playing. Six times he has won the club championship at Palma Ceia. His son, Harry Root III, also has won it six times. "He beat me twice in the finals," related Harry the elder with a laugh. "I had to spank him for that."

Gonsalves, who is in his 15th year as head professional at Palma Ceia, loves the course and the people who protect its traditions. "It's less than 100 acres," he said, "and some people come out here and say, 'I'm gonna chew it up.' No way. It is a golf course that needs to be played and not attacked."

Added Root: "The wind is almost always a factor. That hasn't changed in all the years I've been here. Plenty of things have changed, but not the wind. When we first came here, there was a rutted dirt road through the pine trees. That was it. Tampa had about 55,000 people. This was considered country. There were about four houses on the course. Lots cost \$2,000. Now, I suppose, they might go for \$200,000. We used to put my dad's hound dogs out at the fifth green and go hunting. It was just palmetto everywhere.

"I was raised on the course," Root reminisced. "My wife, too, my kids. It's been a family thing for us. It has been wonderful. And everywhere I go, throughout the South, people will sometimes say, 'Do you know Palma Ceia?' I just smile and tell them I surely do."

Message From The Executive Director



Cal Korf

We have a few different dates from the norm on our Championship schedule. The first change is the State Senior Championship which will be almost one month earlier this year on a new Tom Fazio course. Gateway Golf Club just recently opened, but is magnificent. This will be another treat and challenge for our Seniors. The MIXED TEAM (Couples) Championship will be the first weekend in May, again at the Forest. The STATE AMATEUR will be at LAKE NONA in Orlando. Those of you in the Orlando area know about Lake Nona, but for the rest of the state let me tell you about one of Tom Fazio's finest creations. I have not talked with anyone who has played Lake Nona who does not rave about the golf course. This is not merely a Championship golf course this is a great test of golf. This course is destined for early entry into Golf Digest's top 100. The STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP has a new date -IUNE 24-25 at GRAND CYPRESS. We will play the NEW Course and the Original Course. Due to the absolutely certain oversubscription to this event we will NOT have A SENIOR DIVISION. There will be a maximum limit of 112 teams for both courses. This is approximately 15 teams less than last year. We intend to preclude the slow play which was caused by too many contestants last year. The CLUB TEAM CHAMPION-SHIP will be at Marsh Landing and Oakbridge at Sawgrass. In the EAST vs. WEST article you will see the challenge and comraderie which has developed in this event. Some of you other clubs need to enter the challenge and see if the Tampa Bay area clubs will have their

victory string broken. The SENIOR FOUR-BALL will be at Lake Region and will honor Dexter Daniels, Sr. For those of you who do not know let me enlighten you with just a few tidbits of Dexter's golfing accomplishments. Twice Dexter was the U.S. Senior Champion. He has won so many championships and shot his age so many times it would probably overload a computer's memory to record them all. The STATE MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP will be held at Mayacoo Lakes which has just undergone an extensive renovation of their greens. This private club in Palm Beach, which was one of Jack Nicklaus' early designs has been in Golf Digest's Top 100 for several years — and it has just gotten better. What more can I say except what a reward it is going to be for those who qualify. Life Begins at Forty will again be in late October at The Plantation Golf & C.C. in Venice. This is not only an excellent golf course, it has all the amenities and a most hospitable staff. They have villas which will accommodate all the contestants and if we are lucky perhaps we have found a permanent home for this event. THE SOUTHEASTERN CHALLENGE CUP appears to have finally come to fruition and the first event will be held the weekend of September 16-17 at Shoal Creek in Birmingham. 1990 is tentatively scheduled at Peachtree in Atlanta and 1991 will be Florida's turn to host the competition. The format will be a twelve man team to represent each state with the competition being primarily Mid-Amateur age contestants. There will be one contestant under the Mid-Amateur age (25) and two Seniors (55+) on the team. The first team will be selected by the FSGA Executive Committee with consideration given to the State Championships, and other competitions to include USGA qualifying events. Every year I get numerous complaints that you did not receive entries and other mailings. The fault may not rest with FSGA or the Post Office. Every mass mailing we make for entry applications, newsletter, etc., we receive 20-30 returns from the Post Office. The reasons vary, but if the reason is a change of address or a change from or to a Post Office Box,

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NEW ADDRESS CHANGE. THANKS. ■

Message From The President



James F. Keedy

After only a few weeks as President of the Florida State Golf Association I have come to the realization that filling the shoes of our Former President, Sam Smidt, is going to be an awesome responsibility. Sam, during his two year administration has placed in motion many new programs of the FSGA and has expanded existing areas of service to the golfers of Florida, and in so doing, the association has grown by leaps and bounds. The Executive Committee is presently actively searching for an individual to fill the newly created position of Director of Administration for our association. In addition, we are currently advertising to obtain an additional Marketing Executive to allow us to continue to expand our Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) services throughout the State of Florida.

Due to the tremendous growth of the FSGA and the expansion of the association's services to its members and member clubs, we find ourselves in dire need of additional administrative help to insure the continued smooth operation of our organization. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce the promotion of Cal Korf to the position of Senior Executive Director. As I am sure you all know, Cal has served as the FSGA's Executive Director since 1982, during which time the Florida State Golf Association has experienced unprecedented growth. In order to assure continued growth and outstanding service to the golfers of Florida, Mr. Korf has been promoted to this position and will continue to assume greater responsibilities in conducting the nine Statewide Championships of our association

together with continuing to deal with public relations, course rating measurement and marking, and the interpretation and administration of the rules of golf. Cal has served on the association's Executive Committee for several years and, of course, will continue to do so in the coming year. We, at the Florida State Golf Association, are proud to have rated and measured in excess of 600 golf courses in the last several years. Also we have established a liability insurance package for our member clubs and are presently studying the possibility of supplementing that package with additional coverages. It may be surprising to know that the FSGA, in addition to conducting its nine Statewide Championships, annually conducts an additional 35 events, both for the Florida State Golf Association and the United States Golf Association.

In addition to these activities the organization has in recent years established itself as a national leader in the administration of the United States Golf Association Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN). This service to the golfers of Florida has exploded in popularity and demand largely due to the efforts of our Marketing Director, Al Rader. The GHIN portion of the association services has been so successful under the leadership of Mr. Rader that the Executive Committee is now, with the approval of the entire Board of Directors, seeking to employ an additional Marketing Executive to assist Mr. Rader in the GHIN service in Florida.

Because our association is expanding and growing so rapidly. I have asked our 1989 Vice President and three time State Amateur Champion, Jack Veghte of Clearwater, to Chair the organizational efforts of our Sectional Affairs Committee. The intent in the establishment of this Committee is to attract individuals throughout the state of Florida to assist the association in the conducting of its tournaments and in its overall operation in an advisory capacity, somewhat patterned after the United States Golf Association's organization. I am sure that many of you will be hearing from Mr. Veghte in the near future and any of our members that have an interest in getting involved with our association, please feel free to contact Mr. Veghte.

Finally, we are extremely proud of our

1989 Championship schedule, which includes some of the finest golf facilities in our nation including the State Amateur site at Lake Nona and, the State 4-Ball Championship site at both the new and original courses of the Grand Cypress Resort and the Mid-Amateur Championship in October at the very testing Mayacoo Lakes site. I'm sure that all of our members will find our 1989 events conducted at only the finest of golf facilities in our State and we are very proud to be able to present this schedule to our members. We are very appreciative of the cooperation and assistance we have received from the management of our Championship site locations in the establishment of this 1989 Championship Schedule.

We, the Members of the Board of Directors and the Staff at the Florida State Golf Association, are eagerly awaiting our opportunity in the new year to serve the golfers of the State of Florida and we expect a very enjoyable and successful 1989 season. I hope to see you at our tournaments this year.

Credit Due!

We have some outstanding stories about the 1988 championships and credit needs to be given to Jim Achenbach who wrote all of those plus the Palma Ceia and East vs West articles. Great job!

After many requests and inquiries we are finally going to offer shirts and caps with the FSGA logo. The shirt will be a LaMode 75/25 Cotton/Poly, 4 button plaquet shirt with pocket on the right side. Shirts are full cut, embroidered FSGA Logo. Retail list price \$30. FSGA members price \$21.60 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling per shirt. White only.

Solid all white poplin golf hat with cotton inner sweat band and adjustable head band. (Same as cap given as FSGA tee gift). Embroidered FSGA logo. Retail list price \$9.95. FSGA member price \$7.50 with \$2.50 shipping and handling per order (Maximum of four caps per order).

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Four-Ball

For Tom Knapp, a year without a victory in a Florida State Golf Association tournament is like a year without sunshine.

Knapp's hope for a third State Amateur triumph disappeared with an 80 in the final round. In the State Mid-Amateur, he eclipsed the field by six strokes in the 36-hole qualifying but then lost to Richard Ekey in the first round of match play.

No matter, for Knapp and good friend Bill Hamilton won the State Four-Ball Championship at Bonita Bay and Pelican's Nest outside Naples.



State Four-Ball Tom Knapp, Bill Baker, Bill Hamilton

The victory was nothing new, for Knapp and Hamilton had captured the State Four-Ball title in 1985. This time, though, they had to launch an im-

pressive comeback to overcome several other teams.

An opening 67 left Knapp and Hamilton in fifth place, two strokes off the pace in the best-ball event. They hurtled back on the second day, thanks to Knapp's 30 on the front nine, and finished with a 64 and a 131 total.

Craig Briggs and John Corzilius were second at 132, with scores of 65 and 67. Dave Breen and Bill McDonough, who shared the first round lead at 65, stumbled with a 72 in the second round.

"I'd like to see it as a three-day event," said Knapp. "The competition is very tough in Florida, and three days would give everybody another day to play."

Knapp and Hamilton employed their

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Final Round 1988 State Amateur Four Ball Championship, "A" Division

SCORES AFTER ROUND 2		
1 Bill Hamilton - Tom Knapp	22 Donn Daus - Barry Franzese	42 Vance Moxom - Bill Schuman
2 Craig Briggs - J. Corzilius	22 Roger Huxman - Don Sayet	42 P. Couture - K. Richardson
3 Paul Melson - Steve Saterbo	22 Mike Fry - Harry Reimer	42 L. Cunningham - Mike Yahl
4 Richard Ekey - John Tighe	22 Andy Moore - Steve Schriver	48 T. Ezure - Patrick Maloney
5 Bill Lovett - C. Materese	27 Drew Guffy - Wally Schultz	48 John McCreary - Rick Meli
5 Dave Breen - Bill McDonough	27 H. Derrick - Jack Sanford	48 Frank Ramey - Ed Zeigler
7 Doug Oselett - Mike Womble	27 B. Bleakley - Duke West	51 Mitch Fields - G. Miquel
7 Ron Ruffner - Wayne Trella	30 Sam Martin - Ron Riddle	51 C. Walters - Mark Walters
7 John Sanford - Mike Weeks	30 Ted Dickey - Peter Hartman	51 Kenn Atkinson - B. Bryant
7 Don Grant - Mike Grant	30 Bill Erwin - Bill Wheeler	51 S. Beckett - J. Mussoline
7 M. McConnell - D. Vintilla	33 Dave Boesel - Ray Landry	51 D. Deuschle - Jeff Powers
12 John Brooks - Randy Payne	33 Drew Gillian - Jeb Whitman	56 Al Dally - Mike Jasin
12 C. Anderson - Joe Holden	33 Don Howells - Pat Kaylor	57 Eric Larson - Greg Weber
14 D. Fischer - Don Whittemore	33 Gary Dunlap - Rick Ponto	57 R. L. Glisson - Doug Miller
14 Ron Harrison - Jock Sneddon	33 S. Estroff - Gary Stickl	59 E. Arnold - Bill McCormick
14 John Lipari - F. Strafaci	33 John Darr - Malcolm King	59 Dann Merrell - Dave Merrell
14 Randi Crooks - Larry Zee	33 Tom Roderick - Dwaine Roney	61 Mark Drew - Tom Waters
18 Chris Brooks - M. Lefebre	40 Bob Headlee - Jim Shondel	62 Bob Rigabar - Dick Rigabar
18 Jim Keedy - Tom Keedy	40 B. Manning - Hawk McMillan	K. Keever - Erick Rahenkamp 0 - 0 = DNS
18 Jack Veghte - John Veghte	42 Brad Dean - Chip Fair	S. Ittersagen - M. Wilkins
18 Dave Kartner - Rick Spears	42 H. Williams - S. Williams	Karl Estes - John Grab
22 Mike Chapman - Mark Marshal	42 F. Bertucci - J. McCandrew	

Final Round 1988 State Amateur Four Ball Championship, "B" Division

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SCORES AFTER ROUND 2		
1 R. Gamblin - B. Mechesney	15 Mike Butler - John Penn	30 Jerry Jones - Mike McKee
2 B. B. Boswell - Rick Myrick	15 B. Braswell - Jevon Estes	33 Jeff Kridel - John Kridel
3 Tom Kopplin - John Leon	19 G. Bardes - R. Kennedy	34 Grover Flowers - Dick Yusk
3 K. Downing - Gil Turner	19 S. Caruthers - G. Peterson	35 Dale Johnson - S. Stodghill
5 T. Berghaus - Ross Hiner	19 M. Armstrong - M. Licausi	35 R. Calleja - R. Flischel
5 R. Burchell - S. Sponder	19 D. Embody - J. Hutchinson	37 Bart MacDonald - M. Welling 80 - 83 = 163
7 Dave Adams - Craig Branson	23 R. Carlson - R. Johnson	38 Ed Casingal - Tom Keller85 - 81 = 166
7 Randy Parks - Richard Zaeur	24 Dan Morgan - Terry Morgan	38 R. Kopelman - T. Lynch
9 J. W. Bolton - Rick Malinski	25 John Hager - Randall Reid	40 W. Howard - A. McConnell
9 Glenn Baker - B. Henderson	26 L. Barousse - P. Diamond	40 Pat Owens - Gerald Witt86 - 81 = 167
9 Dean Tedder - Don Tedder	26 Bob Cusimano - D. Mancari	42 Art Corace - Paul Corace
12 L. Christian - M. Corcoran	28 Larry Labno - Ray Parlade	43 A. Anderson - Dale Anderson
13 J. Penniman - A. Stephens	28 M. Spragins - S. Spragins	44 John Heinl - D. Rathburn
13 Rick Anderson - M. Bennett	30 Charles Gill - Bob Votaw	M. Gregory - Steve Peterson87 - 0 = (No Card)
15 L. Albertini - Marvin Stone	30 Joe Aucello - Ron Hyde	B. Tyndall - H. Weltman
15 Bob Blake - Stu Molyneaux		

Final Round 1988 State Amateur Four Ball Championship, "Senior" Division

SCORES AFTER ROUND 2	
1 D. Goerlich - B. Ornitz — Tampa - Delray Beach	9 Ed Allsopp - Moot Thomas — Ocala - Ocala
2 Bob Finnell I- Ken Young — Ft. Myers - Ft. Myers	11 J. Jordan - J. Kelch — Ridge Manor - Ridge Manor
3 C. McCormick - J. Roberts — Winter Springs - Winter Springs	11 J. Ruggiero - W. Schmidt — Palm Harbor - Sarasota
3 E. Morris - G. Thompson — Naples - Marco Island	11 Bud Butler - Jimmy Mann — St. Pete - St. Pete
3 Bob Graham - Tom Lane — Satellite Beach - Satellite Beach	14 Bob Miller - Bruce Mohr — Bradenton - Sarasota
6 W. Allendorf - F. Borgon — Orlando - Orlando 77 - 75 = 152	15 D. McFall - R. Wells — Venice - Ormond Beach
6 John Lay - Wm. Martin — Vero Beach - Vero Beach	16 C. M. Brown - Jerry Long — Leesburg - Leesburg
8 B. Robison - R. Robison — Winter Park - Winter Park	17 Gale Boxill - John Else — Ridge Manor - Ridge Manor
9 N. Hodgkins - J. Ramsbottom — Delray Beach - Ft. Lauderdale	A. Andrews - J. Lookretis — Largo - Clearwater
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State Mid-AM

The State Mid-Amateur Championship is an endurance test as well as a test of superb golf.

Just ask David Boesel, the 1988 winner. In less than a week, he played six competitive rounds at the club that eats golfers for lunch — the challenging Black Diamond Club at Lecanto.

While most golfers were worried about the infamous quarry holes on the back nine at Black Diamond, Boesel was concerned about the front nine.

"That just shows you how smart I am," said Boesel, a 40-year-old stockbroker from Winter Park. "I was overconfident. I made a couple of double bogevs on those quarry holes, and I became a little gun-shy. It just turned around on me."

Still, Boesel can thank Black Diamond's back nine for his victory. His intuition about the quarry holes was correct.

After qualifying with a 149 total, Boesel had to win four matches to claim the championship...and three of them went to the 18th green, while the other ended at 17.

"Those quarry holes really made the difference," he said. "That's where I won it. I was involved in some great matches."

Boesel won his first match 1-up when opponent John Darr hit his second shot out of bounds on the 18th hole.

He took his second match 2-up after

Richard Ekey - who had eliminated medalist Tom Knapp in the first round - ran into similar trouble on the 18th

He captured his semifinal match 2-and-1 over archrival Peter Williams, rebounding from a 2-down deficit at the turn. Williams, struggling to stay in the match, found the quarry on the 16th hole.

He won the final with a stirring 2-up victory over Bobby Grace, who at one point on the front nine was 3-up. Grace ultimately was doomed when he drove into water at 15 and the quarry at 16.

Just call him Mr. Come-From-Behind. Beating Williams was especially meaningful to Boesel, for it gave him a measure of revenge from the 1987 State Mid-Amateur, where the two golfers met in match play and Williams prevailed.

"I enjoy this tournament because it lets you play so much golf," said Boesel. "You really learn a lot about your ability to perform under pressure."

Boesel grew up in Orlando, but played no serious golf until he went into the U.S. Navy. "I went out for the squadron golf team and made it," he said. "That was a thrill for me, because I'm basically self-taught."

Boesel attended the University of Central Florida, but decided not to play on the golf team. "I was serious about school," he explained.

He also is serious about promoting amateur golf. "I like amateur golf," he said. "It's fun, and there are lessons to we'll be back next year."

be learned here that can be very important."

Knapp's 138 total in qualifying was six strokes better than Ron Clayton, who was second at 144. It didn't help either one, since both lost in the first round.

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usual strategy in the State Four-Ball. "We're good friends. We do some business together," said Knapp. "When we come to this tournament, we do it to have a good time. After shooting 67, we partied. That's the way we always get ready for the second round.

"After that, I shot 30 on my own ball and Bill had 35 — we were playing well, but we still figured we were behind. Bill birdied the 12th hole with an eight-foot putt, but we were both in the water at 15 and we bogeyed.

"We thought we were out of it. When we started asking, we found out we were tied."

Both players parred 16. At 17, Hamilton missed a 15-foot birdie attempt but Knapp made a 12-footer for birdie. That provided the final difference, as Briggs and Corzilius were unable to make a tying birdie down the stretch.

Knapp, 42, plays at Bear Lakes, while the 50-year-old Hamilton is a member at Seminole.

"We like winning this tournament," said Knapp, "so you can tell everybody

Results for the 1988 State Mid-Amateur Championship Played at Black Diamond Club

Tom Knapp 68 - 70 = 138 Ron Clayton 73 - 71 = 144 Sam Robinson 72 - 73 = 145 Peter Williams 72 - 73 = 145 Bobby Grace 75 - 72 = 147 Doug LaCrosse 70 - 77 = 147 John Darr 78 - 71 = 149 David Boesel 74 - 75 = 149 Jim Shondel 74 - 75 = 149 Jesse Bailes 79 - 71 = 150 Pat Kaylor 75 - 75 = 150 Bruce Fitzpatrick 73 - 77 = 150 Richard Ekey 78 - 73 = 151 Ron LeClair 77 - 74 = 151 John McKey, Jr. 76 - 75 = 151 Gary Stickl 75 - 76 = 151 Spencer Gaylord 78 - 73 = 151 Ray Landry 75 - 77 = 152 Scott Van Dame 73 - 79 = 152	Rick Cloninger 77 - 79 = 156 Thomas Lapcevic 83 - 74 = 157 Roger Gamblin 82 - 75 = 157 Tom Kopplin 79 - 78 = 157 Frank Strafaci 79 - 78 = 157 Bradly Bettin 78 - 79 = 157 Rick Spears 77 - 80 = 157 Bob Cornett 76 - 81 = 157 James Kivipelto 74 - 83 = 157 Chris Ellixson 80 - 78 = 158 Ronnie Tumlin 77 - 81 = 158 Steve Schriver 77 - 81 = 158 Bill Erwin 78 - 80 = 158 John Tomlinson 83 - 75 = 158 Mitch Fields 81 - 77 = 158 Stephen Beckett 81 - 77 = 158 Kevin Downing 77 - 82 = 159 Duke West 80 - 79 = 159	Jack Callahan 80 - 82 = 162 Peter Hartmann 84 - 78 = 162 Rocky Russell 83 - 79 = 162 Tom Hagan 83 - 79 = 162 Ed Almstedt, Jr. 82 - 80 = 162 Ron Hyde 83 - 80 = 163 John Mussoline 83 - 80 = 163 Jeff Spath 79 - 84 = 163 Bob Bleakley, Jr. 78 - 85 = 163 AJ Kroeger 77 - 86 = 163 Pipp Patton 82 - 81 = 163 Jay Clark 86 - 79 = 165 David Henderson 82 - 83 = 165 Lee Habjan 82 - 83 = 165 Howard Derrick 86 - 80 = 166 Wally Schultz 85 - 81 = 166 Bob Florio 84 - 82 = 166 Jeff Powers 82 - 85 = 617 Bill Wegleitner 87 - 80 = 167
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lim Keedy	Bobby Barben	Ron Larimer
John Ward, Sr	Richard Caton	Scott LeDuc
Austin Jones	Andy Moore	Bob Shuman
Bruce Scamehorn	Gil Turner	Jim Allen
Vic Heisler	Richard Kerper	Stu Molyneaux
Jim Carley	John Lopez	Dave Anderson
Jon Zampedro	Robert Hess, Jr	Jim Ross
Randy Payne	Tom Keedy	Mark Gotcher
Kim Schwencke	Felix Bertucci	Graig Doering
Thomas Wright	Steve Sponder	Chip Fair85 - DNF
Jack Veghte	Guy Crosby	

Goerlich Captures State Senior

The State Senior Championship demonstrated once again that senior golf can be very, very unpredictable and exciting. Charlie McCormick of Winter Springs may still be wondering how he lost, while Dick Goerlich of Tampa is probably still counting his blessings.

Black Diamond Club in Lecanto is one of those courses that seems destined to produce wild finishes — it happened in the State Senior and it happened again when the State Mid-Amateur was played later in the year at the sensational new course.

So Goerlich came to Black Diamond in search of a title in his first State Senior. But, after three-putting nine times during the first two rounds and posting back-to-back scores of 79, he was a little frustrated.

"I was hitting it so well, but I was having a lot of trouble on the greens," he said. "But the scores were high, and I told myself I had a chance to win with a real good round the last day."

Despite three more three-putt greens, Goerlich shot a 73 for a 231 total. Down the stretch, he was magnificent. He parred the difficult 13th while his closest competitors were taking double bogeys, he birdied the 14th, he birdied the 17th, and then he closed with a par.

"I was very fortunate to two-putt for par on the last hole," he said. "I knew where everybody stood, and I knew I needed that par. I guess Charlie didn't know where I stood, though. I was playing ahead of him, and I suppose he wasn't worried about me."

McCormick bogeyed the 17th, but apparently felt his lead was safe. Facing an eight-foot putt to tie Goerlich on the 18th, he barely lined it up before knocking it into the hole.

So the two headed back to the course for a sudden death playoff. McCormick nailed an eight-iron shot over the green, and Goerlich won the first hole with a par.

Allan Sussell of West Palm Beach finished third at 233, two shots back, and Donald Kelly of Naples was fourth at 234.

For Goerlich, 56, the victory was part of a remarkable year. He teamed with fellow Tampa golfer Doug LaCrosse to capture the Tournament of the Americas, he qualified for the USGA Senior Amateur and was co-medalist in the stroke play portion of the tournament, he also qualified for the USGA Senior Open, and he was part of the winning Palma Ceia entry in the Club Team Championship.

"When I got to be 54, I got really excited," Goerlich explained. "Senior golf really gave me something to look forward to. When I began playing in some senior tournaments, I realized I was competitive. It was fun not having to beat all those limber-backs and flat-bellies, so I decided to take advantage of it."

Of course, once upon a time, Goerlich himself was a limber-back and a flat-belly. He grew up in Beaumont, Texas, and played golf frequently with some high-powered competitors — Don January, Billy Maxwell and crew.

After attending Lamar University on a golf and basketball scholarship, Goerlich began devoting himself to business. He moved to Florida in 1973 and quickly impressed people with his golfing skills, but it was the promise of senior golf that brought out the tigertough competitor in him.

"Several times, I just quit playing golf," he said. "I wouldn't play for a long time, then I would start again. Now, though, I don't think I'll quit. This is too much fun."



Super Senior Cal Korf, Joe Vergara



State Senior Dick Goerlich, Bill Baker

Davis, Williams Win Senior Four-Ball...Again

There aren't any laws against Ocala golfers Fred Davis and Bo Williams in the State Senior Four-Ball Championship — at least not yet — so Davis and Williams took home another title by overcoming old rivals Howard Derrick and Don Whelan and beating back the challenge of Dan Kramer and Bill Wegleitner.

In the opening round at Wildcat Run in Estero, Davis and Williams opened with a 69 and found themselves one shot behind Derrick and Whelan. In the 1987 championship, it was Derrick and Whelan who took away the title won the year before by Davis and Williams.

"Bo's got this great attitude," said Davis. "He figures we can beat anybody at any time. We thought we could beat them if we played anywhere decent. We knew we weren't going to give up — we were determined to play our best and just keep on playing hard."

When Derrick and Whelan slipped to a 72 in the second and concluding round, Davis and Williams took command. Or so they thought.

"We had a feeling maybe somebody else was playing well," said Davis.

That somebody else was Kramer and Wegleitner, but Davis came through with a birdie on the par-five closing hole to give his team a two-stroke triumph. Davis and Williams finished at 137, Kramer and Wegleitner were at 139, and Derrick and Whelan ended up with a 140 total. Hale Baugh, the father of Laura Baugh, teamed with Fred Blesse to take fourth at 141.

Williams is the big name on the Davis-



Senior Four-Ball Fred Davis, Sam Smidt, Bo Williams

Williams team, as might be expected for a man who won the USGA Senior

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Results for the 1988 State Senior Four-Ball Championship Played at Wildcat Run

75 - 76 = 151 79 - 73 = 152 77 - 77 = 154 80 - 75 = 155 78 - 78 = 156 81 - 76 = 157

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.79 - 79 = 158

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	FIRST FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT
	Fred Davis - Bo Williams	Darrel McFall - H. C. Walden
	Dan Kramer - Bill Wegleitner	Burwell Jones - Len Tanner
	Howard Derrick - Don Whelan	Bob Graham - Hal Hegenwald
	Hale Baugh - Fred Blesse	Lee Brown - Roy Chenderlin
	Hank Phillips - Julian Serles	N. Hodgkins - Frank Mace
	Bill Baker - Roy Miner	Hugh Bitter - Wm. Warren
	Tom Devine - H. Williams	Mario LiCausi - Roy Lundy
	Bob Finnell - Ken Young	D. Daniels, Sr M. T. McInnis
	Don Kelly - Richard Stackhouse	H. Robison - Bill Zody
	Bob Robison - Ray Robison	
	Laird Lane - Tome Lane	
	E. L. Hirst - Bob Westerling	
	John Lay - Wm. Martin	
	Jack Jordan - A. Patterson	
ı	Pete Murray - Joe Vergara	
	Jim Hamilton - John McKey	
	Douglas Miller - Guy Sapp	
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THIRD FLIGHT
Red Cleveland - John Epps
Norm Donnelly - Tom Scott
Ben Botner - Charles Brown
N. Fernandez - Ray Lamb
Nelson Baus - A. Dimmuno
John Burns - Don Williams
Frank Gerould - H. Loadman
Sam Boone - Doug Mynatt

Final Round, 1988 State Senior Championship at Black Diamond, 5/08/88.

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	SCORES AFTER ROUND 3
	1 Dick Goerlich, Jr., Tampa
	1 Charlie McCormick, Winter Springs 78 - 76 - 77 = 231
	3 Allan Sussel, West Palm Beach
	4 Donald Kelly, Naples
	5 John Lay, Vero Beach
	6 Jim Williams, Ocala
	7 Bob Westerling, Sr., Daytona Beach 83 - 78 - 78 = 239
	7 Gael Coakley, Palm Beach
	7 Wes Paxson, Jacksonville
	7 Bo Williams, Ocala
	11 Bruce Mohr, Sarasota82 - 82 - 77 = 241
	11 Billy Napier, Winter Haven
	13 Henry Tuten, Jacksonville
	14 Howard Derrick, Palm Beach Gardens 87 - 75 - 81 = 243
	14 Walter Baldwin, Tampa
	14 Jack Brick, Palm Beach Gardens
	14 Paul Demick, Boynton Beach
	18 George Pigott, Tampa
	18 Bob Ornitz, Delray Beach
	18 Ray Robinson, Winter Park
	21 Jim Roberts, Winter Springs
	21 Ken Young, Jr., Ft. Myers82 - 82 - 82 = 246
	21 Don Whelan, Deerfield Beach
	21 Dick Stackhouse, Boynton Beach
	25 Fred Davis, Ocala
	25 Stan Hines, Temple Terrace
	25 John Lindner, Ocala
	28 Karl Estes, Ponte Vedra Beach 83 - 82 - 83 = 248
	28 Bill Scarbrough, Jr., Jacksonville85 - 77 - 86 = 248
	30 Hugh Bitter, Winter Haven
	31 Dexter Daniels, Jr., Winter Haven
	31 Jack Rountree, Lake City
	31 Campbell Smith, Jacksonville

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      35 Julian Serles, Temple Terrace
      .88 - 83 - 80 = 251

      35 John Else, Ridge Manor
      .81 - 84 - 86 = 251

40 John Miller, Naples
......84 - 86 - 84 = 254
41 John Chazal, Ocala ......
41 Chris Kappas, Pointe Vedre Beach ..........78 - 86 - 90 = 254
44 H. L. Grosskopf, Orange Park......87 - 82 - 86 = 255
46 Gale Boxill, Ridge Manor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 87 - 80 - 89 = 256
49 lack Deutsch, Clearwater .
50 Guy Sapp, Palm Coast.....
                      .91 - 83 - 86 = 260
52 J. J. Jordan, Ridge Manor . .
               .....86 -
52 Mickey Steiner, Boynton Beach . . . . . . .
                      .93 - 81 - 87 = 261
......86 - 85 - 91 = 262
56 Bob Robison, Winter Park
58 Lawrence Chapman, Boca Raton ..........88 - 82 - 93 = 263
59 John Ruggiero, Jr., Palm Harbor............93 - 88 - 83 = 264
               .....90 - 88 - 86 = 264
59 Ed Allsop, Jr., Ocala..
59 Archie Swanson, Crystal River .....
                      .89 - 85 - 90 = 264
64 Jack Schaul, Sarasota .....
                      88 - 82 - 96 = 266
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k	Diamond, 5/08/88.
	Randall Walford, Tallahassee
	Thomas Davis, St. Pete
	Albert Cordes, Homosassa Springs 94 - 85 - 89 = 268
	Bud Butler, St. Pete
	Ed Swanson, Ponte Vedra Beach
72	Paul Dwyer, Belleair
74	Edward Frankum, Tarpon Springs
75	Walter Schmidt, Sarasota
75	Jack Allen, Jacksonville
77	Rick Harris, Orlando
78	Ron Fraley, Tampa
	Carl Johnson, Lakeland
	James Kelch, Ridge Manor
	Bill Martin, Vero Beach
02	Miles Dean, Jacksonville
03	Bob Bowles, Springhill
	Val Melideo, Seminole
	Charlie Lentz, Winter Haven
	Warren Tibbets, Boynton Beach 0 - 0 - 0 = DNS
	Bud Chapman, St. Pete
	Stan Hilinski, Lake Worth
	Reed Schultis, Atlantis
	George Thompson, Marco Island 85 - 0 - 0 = WD
	Bill Brownrigg, III, Palm Bay86 - 0 - 0 = WD-INJ
	Joseph Burns, Jr., St. Pete
	David Davis, St. Pete
	John Carpenter, Naples
	Art Swetland, Cape Coral
	Bill Wegleitner, Naples 89 - 82 - 0 = WD
	John Champion, Palm Beach Gardens 89 - 92 - 0 = WD
	Jim Ramsbottom, Ft. Lauderdale 87 - 96 - 0 = DNS
	Jack Vidal, Gainesville

State AM

Nicky Martin of Atlantic Beach is one of the nicest young men in amateur golf. Ask him about his victory in the Florida State Amateur Championship and all he wants to do is thank other people.

He thanks Steve Condon, his present golf coach at Huntington College in Montgomery, Ala., and, most of all, he thanks Floyd Horgen, his former golf coach at Brevard Community College. "He's the biggest influence on my golf game so far," Martin said of Horgen.

Nicky, how about thanking David Smith, your primary opponent in the State Amateur?

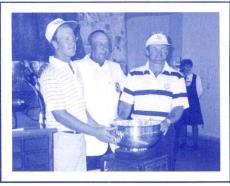
"David has really encouraged me," said Martin, who was 21 when he won the State Amateur. "We played a practice round together before the tournament, and he was very nice to me."

This continued in the competition, especially on the fourth hole of the final round. It was there that Smith, the defending State Amateur champion, tried to punch a short putt into the hole from an awkward, straddle-somebody else's-line stance...and missed. As it turned out, that was the decisive stroke of the tournament.

Playing the Old Trail Course at Joanathan's Landing in Jupiter, Martin finished with a 72-hole total of 290 and Smith ended up at 291. Scott Ford of Lake Worth was third at 293.

"That putt was the turning point," admitted Martin. "He had me one-down going into the last day, and he let me stay close to him when he missed that short one."

Smith, meanwhile, allowed the blown



State Amateur Nick Martin, Sam Smidt, David Smith

putt to affect his concentration. "It wasn't much longer than a foot," explained Smith. "I stepped over somebody's line to clean it up, and I missed it. That's all.

"I had been frustrated with my play all week. After that, it just seemed natural to me to quit and come home. I just wanted to get off the course, and I was still leading the tournament. In my mind, after I missed that putt, I was just going through the motions.

"I should have played better all week. I kept missing short putts. I shot 73 in the second round and hit the hole 10 times with putts that didn't go in. It was real aggravating, frustrating.

"But that's golf. I just started feeling sorry for myself. Basically, I gave up."

Regardless, the two golfers waged a tight battle throughout the final round. Martin won the tournament with two monumental saves — twice on par fours he drove into the water, and both times he managed a par.

On 13, he hit a 1-iron too far off the tee. "I didn't think I could hit it that far," he said. "It just kept rolling and rolling.

I wasn't mad at myself. I was more surprised than angry. I dropped, hit a 9-iron about four feet from the hole and made the putt for my par."

Ho-hum.

At 16, Martin hit what he called "the worst shot I hit all day, maybe the whole tournament. It was a 2-iron off the tee, and I pulled it into a lake, which was the only place I couldn't hit it.

"But I had real good composure all day. I had probably 150 yards to the hole, and it was a tight flag. I hit an 8-iron to two feet and saved my par. It was a big swing, because David drove into a divot in the fairway and ended up making bogey."

Heading to 18, Martin was one shot ahead of Smith. As he faced his third shot on the par-five hole, Martin thought, "This is probably the hardest shot I've had all week. I'm 155 yards, the ball is about head-high above my feet, and I'm just trying to get it anywhere on the green.

"I hit it up there about 20 feet. I probably couldn't have hit it that well again in 100 tries. I was lucky."

Smith almost holed a 30-yard bunker shot from a bunker, saving par, allowing Martin to claim the victory with two putts from 20 feet.

"I love this tournament," he said. In just two appearances in the State Amateur, Martin has finished sixth and first.

"I received a lot of cards, people saying congratulations," he said. "It's really been great for me. This tournament has given me more confidence than anything else I've ever done."

Results for the 1988 State Amateur Championship Played at Jonathan's Landing Old Trail Golf Course

1 Nickie Martin, Atlantic Beach	24 Bobby Grace, St. Petersburg	47 Peter Wegman, Plantation
2 David Smith, Longwood	25 Sam Robinson, Orlando	48 A. J. Kroeger, Apopka
3 Scott Ford, Lake Worth	26 Tony Demaria, Casselberry	49 Ronnie Tumlin, Palatka
4 Robert Clarke, Boca Raton	27 Craig Briggs, Sarasota	50 John Veghte, Jr., St. Petersburg78 - 73 - 77 - 83 = 311
5 Chris Dimarco, Heathrow	28 Richard Ekey, West Palm Beach74 - 76 - 77 - 78 = 305	51 John Bungert, Miami
6 Gary Stickl, Lakeland	29 Rod Leek, Winter Park	52 Wyatt Meyer, Tampa
7 Roger Rowland, Jacksonville	30 Tadashi Ezure, Ft. Lauderdale	53 Pat Coyne, Naples
8 David Bishop, Plantation	31 Gary Keymont, Orlando	54 Rick Spears, Palm City
9 Chad Walker, Coral Springs	32 Richard Kerper, Clearwater	55 Dan Winters, Windermere
10 Tom Knapp, North Palm Beach74 - 72 - 71 - 80 = 297	33 Randy Green, Miami Lakes	56 John Pettit, Winter Springs
11 Mark Leetzow, Sarasota	34 Robbie Davis, Lakeland	57 Joe Regner, Longwood
12 Todd Shore, Boca Raton	35 Keith Albritton, Lakeland	58 Jim Williams, III, Ocala82 - 74 - 69 - 93 = 318
13 John Corzilius, Nokomis	36 Rick Sulzer, Casselberry	59 Fred Davis, Ocala
14 Miles McConnell, Tampa70 - 75 - 77 - 77 = 299	37 Chris Debusk, Jacksonville	60 Drew Gillan, Haines City
15 John Tighe, Lake Worth	38 Jim Patrone, Boca Raton	61 John Adcock, Valrico
16 Blake Mustain, Boca Raton	39 John Byrd, Melbourne	62 Randy Payne, Jacksonville
17 David Beck, Tallahassee	40 Pipp Patton, Clearwater	63 Bill Hardin, Ormond Beach80 - 75 - 80 - 86 = 321
18 Todd C. Mudge, Lakeland	41 Eric Schreiber, West Palm Beach77 - 77 - 75 - 80 = 309	64 Stephen Patterson, Plant City78 - 78 - 84 - 82 = 322
19 John Finster, Tampa	42 John Neiporte, Boca Raton	65 Paul Bryant, Jr., Satellite Beach79 - 74 - 82 - 87 = 322
20 Jack Veghte, Clearwater	43 John Parsons, Palm Beach Gardens 80 - 74 - 76 - 78 = 308	66 Bill Morlan, Jacksonville
21 Steve Ford, Melbourne	44 Dennis Deja, Largo	67 George Scales, Weirsdale
22 Patrick Maloney, Plantation	45 David Langdon, Temple Terrace	68 Chris Kappas, Point Vedra Beach 78 - 76 - 81 - WDI
23 Mike Womble, Naples	46 Chris Strong, Orlando	

Rules Quiz

One of the features of our first issue each year is the Rules Quiz. This quiz was given to the 1989 New York 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 12. Again I would like to here from everyone who got all the questions right.

1. A player's ball in a bunker is completely covered by casual water. He drops it in the bunker on ground affording maximum relief. He then decides that he would have been better off by dropping it behind the bunker with a one-stroke penalty.

A. The player is within his rights.

B. The player must play the ball from where he dropped it in the bunker.

2. With the Local Rule for embedded balls in effect, a player's ball becomes deeply embedded in matted grass. The player takes relief.

A. The player has proceeded correctly.

B. The player is not entitled to relief.

3. In stroke play, a player finds a ball out of bounds and, believing that it is his original ball, returns to the spot from which the original ball was played and puts it into play. He then finds his original ball in bounds and realizes that he has put a wrong ball into play.

A. The original ball is still in play and the player incurs a two-stroke penalty for striking a wrong ball.

B. The ball found out of bounds is in play under penalty of stroke and distance.

4. A player's tee shot comes to rest in tree roots. He makes a stroke at the ball and fails to strike it. He then declares the ball unplayable and returns to the tee from where he originally struck the ball and plays it from there. A. The player has proceeded properly.

B. The player must use the unplayable options at the spot where he made his last stroke in the tree roots.

5. In stroke play, a player strikes his second shot toward a hidden green. When he arrives at the green, he cannot find his ball. After searching for five minutes, he declares his ball lost and goes back to where he had played from and puts another ball into play. The ball comes to rest on the green and when he removes the flagstick in order to putt, finds his original ball in the hole.

A. The score with the original ball counts and the player has scored an eagle two.

B. The second ball is the ball in play and the player must score with that ball.

- 6. A player takes his stance in a bunker and firmly places his feet in the sand. He then decides to change clubs and thereafter takes his stance a second time.
 - A. The player is penalized two strokes for taking a second stance after testing the sand with his first stance.

B. There is no penalty.

7. In stroke play, a player brushes away loose impediments off his line of putt with many strokes of the palm of his hand. A. There is no penalty.

B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.

8. In stroke play, a player's tee shot comes to rest in an unplayable lie. He declares this ball unplayable and drops the ball within two club-lengths as permitted by the rules. The ball rolls nearer the hole than its original position and the player must re-drop. He then decides to change his option for the relief from the unplayable lie.

A. The player is within his rights.

B. The player may not change his option.

9. A player's ball comes to rest on the apron of a putting green. Mistakenly believing that the ball was on the green, the player lifts and cleans it.

A. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke.

B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.

10. A player mis-hits his approach shot but the ball comes to rest on the putting green. The player marks the position of his ball, inspects it and throws it into an adjacent lake from which it cannot be retrieved. The player then announces to his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor that the ball was unfit for play and that he is substituting another ball.

A. The player was within his rights.

B. The player incurs a two stroke penalty.

11. A player's tee shot comes to rest in a water hazard. Since the ball is playable in the hazard, he strikes it and the ball goes out of bounds. He now decides to go back to the tee and play from there again.

A. The player has proceeded properly.

- B. The player must drop behind the hazard using as a reference point the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard.
- 12. In a match, a player marks his ball on the putting green. After marking his ball, he realizes that he has left a perfect line for his opponent. He decides to move the marker two putterhead-lengths to one side, but the opponent insists that the marker be left in its original position.

A. The opponent is within his rights.

B. The player may mark to one side if he wishes.

Life Begins At 40

Life Begins At Forty is a whimsical tournament that is growing rapidly in popularity. Sarasota's Ron Clayton, who has won the event four times, took a look at the field for the 1988 competition and said, "Whoa, these guys are getting serious."

Clayton slumped to a 79 in the first round, fell six strokes behind, and ultimately finished fourth. "I'm getting ready for Life Begins At 50," he joked.

Rick Spears of Palm City, playing in the tournament for the first time, posted a steady 221 total (73-74-74) at Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills, and won by three over Mike Womble of Naples.

Spears, 41, is a former member of the University of Florida golf team (he played No. 2 behind Steve Melnyk on UF's 1968 national championship team that also included prominent Florida amateur John Darr and two-time U.S. Open champion Andy North).

Spears moved back to Florida two years ago from Port Jarvis, N.Y., and wasted little time getting involved in tournament golf.

"Great tournaments, great courses," he said. "This is paradise for amateur golf. I play in all the FSGA events, and this is the best I have done so far."

Mission Inn, one of the most interesting courses in the state, presented golfers in the Life Begins At 40 with a mighty challenge. "It's a good layout. The greens were extremely fast and sloped," said Spears. "If you got above the hole, you were dead. It was that simple. It required some very smart golf. I saw guys four- and five-putt. These are guys who know how to play."

Womble registered a 70 — the lowest score of the tournament — in the second round and trailed Spears by just one stroke as they started the third and final round.

"He made a run at me," said Spears, "but I hung in there. I didn't make any big mistakes."

Spears and his wife own a real estate company and publish a real estate advertising book. He plays at Martin Downs...plays "at least five times a week," it should be added.

Jim Carley of Ormond Beach finished third in the tournament, and William McDonough of Wellington was fifth behind Clayton.

Davis, Williams (cont. from page 7)

Amateur in 1987, but Davis was happy with his contributions.

"I played a little erratic," he said, "but I came through on the right holes."

He used his impressive length to advantage on the final hole — going for the green, missing it, but chipping to within three feet of the hole and making the birdie putt.

Williams, one of the steadiest and most competitive senior golfers anywhere, was pleased with the victory.

"I always like to win," he said. "I'd like to win it every year."

"I don't feel like a senior golfer," concluded Davis, who plays at Silver Springs Shores and Ocala Municipal. "I play about as often as I can, four or five days a week, weather permitting, and I like to play with the younger golfers. It makes me feel young; it makes me compete harder."

Results for the 1988 Life Begins at Forty Championship Played at Mission Inn

GROUP 40-49 FIRST FLIGHT	Ol 1 II mu	
Rick Spears, Palm City	Charles Haworth, Iallahassee 84 - 83 - 86 = 253	Bill Fulton, Satellite Beach
Mike Womble, Naples	Ray Robison, Winter Park	Harry Smith, Tampa
Jim Carley, Ormond Beach	Tom Keller, Fedhaven	Don Williams, Sarasota
	Bob Soupiset, Grenelefe	GROUP 65-69 FIRST FLIGHT
Ron Clayton, Sarasota	Alex McConnell, DeBary	William Allendorf, Orlando (Hole-in-one) 80 - 88 - 77 = 245
William McDonough, Wellington	Daryle Larimer, Orlando	John Lay, Vero Beach
Tom Holmes, Sarasota	SECOND FLIGHT	Jack Jordan, Ridge Manor 80 - 88 - 78 = 246
Duke West, Ocala	Bill Swanson, Nokomis	George Thompson, Marco Island
B. H. Boswell, Naples	John Vath, Apollo Beach	Gale Boxill, Ridge Manor 86 - 90 - 86 = 262
Chip Anderson, Sarasota 84 - 79 - 78 = 241	Clyde Combs, Satellite Beach 91 - 99 - 95 = 285	Charles Smith, Orlando
Jim Keedy, Leesburg	Bob Duncan, Casselberry	William Martin, Vero Beach 84 - 87 - 93 = 264
Rick Myrick, Ft. Myers	John Mitchell, Ft. Myers 96 - 100 - 91 = 287	George Marr, Naples
Gil Turner, Port St. Lucie	Charles Newcomer, Venice	Olin Richards, Jr., Ocala
Charles Walters, Sr., Sarasota 82 - 83 - 78 = 243	H. D. Belcher, Jacksonville	Jim Callender, Atlandic Beach 95 - 90 - 90 = 275
Robert Oblinger, Maitland	Ronald Moseley, Fernandina Beach 111 - 105 - 109 = 325	Ed Rubich, Winter Park
Dale Anderson, Stuart 84 - 79 - 84 = 247	Fred Taylor, Jacksonville	Scotty Paterson, Ridge Manor
Kenneth Silver, Naples 82 - 84 - 85 = 251	GROUP 50-59 FIRST FLIGHT	Dan Koladije, Winter Springs
Ted Berghaus, West Palm Beach 85 - 81 - 88 = 254	Jim, Roberts, Winter Springs 84 - 77 - 76 = 237	SECOND FLIGHT
SECOND FLIGHT	Kenneth Young, Jr., Ft. Myers 85 - 82 - 77 = 244	Gene Byrne, Oviedo
Rusty Welch, Ft. Myers	Charles McCormick, Winter Springs 82 - 85 - 79 = 246	Robert Wilkinson, Longwood
Tom Kopplin, Orlando 88 - 82 - 76 = 246	John Ruggiero, Jr., Palm Harbor	Robert Nolen, Leesburg 90 - 103 - 99 = 292
Gary McDonough, Altamonte Springs 88 - 82 - 82 = 252	Newell Hodgkins, Delray Beach	Lynn Morey, Sarasota
Val Johnson, Lakeland 85 - 84 - 88 = 257	Dick Miller, Winter Springs	Louis Pavlakos, Satellite Beach
Tom Potter, Boca Raton	Bill Epps, Sanford 85 - 87 - 83 = 255	GROUP 70+ FIRST FLIGHT
Scott Stephens, Hernando	Edd Gentry, Lantana	Jim Hamilton, Orlando
David Meadows, Sarasota	Bob Robison, Winter Park 81 - 91 - 88 = 260	Stan Kabot, Clearwater
Preston Allen, Wellington	Carl Herber, Brooksville	Jack Bailey, Leesburg 82 - 83 - 93 = 258
Rod Taylor, Orlando	SECOND FLIGHT	Joseph Vergara, North Ft. Myers 89 - 86 - 84 = 259
Walter Horton, Clearwater	Nester Fernandez, Temple Terrace	Frank Borgon, Orlando
Gary Taylor, Miami Beach	Dan Williams, Sarasota	M. T. McInnis, Bradenton
GROUP 50-59 FIRST FLIGHT	Mario LiCausi, Kissimmee	Earle Paxson, Ormond Beach
Donald Norbury, Ocala 80 - 71 - 78 = 229	Tom Scott, Sarasota	SECOND FLIGHT
Ron LeClair, Fern Park	Jerry Luttinger, Winter Park	Elmer Roberts, Orlando
Jay Huckins, Palm City 80 - 79 - 80 = 239	Herbert Blake, Orlando	John Griffin, Maitland
Bill Wegleitner, Naples 84 - 76 - 83 = 243	Robert Grossman, Vero Beach	Raymond Chinn, Melbourne
Dexter Daniels, Jr., Winter Haven 77 - 83 - 84 = 244	Herbert Hedgecock, Satellite Beach	Martin Harkavy, Sarasota
Dick Rigabar, Palm City	Frank Mace, West Palm Beach	Frank Widner, Stuart
Ron Urich, Indialantic	Lou Burdette, Longboat Key	Bruce Amos, Boca Raton
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30 Years Later, Palma Ceia Repeats in Club Team Championship

Palma Ceia hadn't won the Club Team Championship in 30 years, but that didn't stop Rick Brown and Doug LaCrosse from capturing the title in dramatic fashion at Martin Downs in Palm City. Brown and LaCrosse, representing Palma Ceia of Tampa, won a sudden death playoff from two other teams — Bear Lakes-A and Bear Lakes-B of Palm Beach.

Brown and LaCrosse were part of a Palma Ceia team that also included Jeff Henderson, Dick Goerlich, Jack Boyet and Rob Irvin. On each day of the 36-hole event, each team counted the lowest four of its six scores. In the playoff, however, only two of the six were chosen to participate.

The two Palma Ceia golfers won on the second playoff hole, when Brown two-putted for par from 30 feet and LaCrosse holed a 25-foot birdie putt. On the first hole of sudden death, LaCrosse sank a 20-foot to save par and stay alive. Brown and LaCrosse proved to be an interesting and unbeatable pair. Brown, an accountant, had moved from Tampa to Austin, Texas, but had maintained a membership at Palma Ceia. Playing in the club championship, he finished sixth to earn the final position for the Club Team Championship.

"I played on Avila's winning team in 1983," explained Brown, "but they kicked me off their team. Well, maybe we should say they waived me. So this was really nice to win for somebody else, especially since the average age of our team was 46. We were the old men on the tournament, but we came through."

LaCrosse, who owns three liquor stores in Tampa, has been the Palma Ceia club champion the last five years. He is an enthusiastic golfer whose vibrant personality made him a perfect choice for the U.S. team in the Tournament of the Americas, where he and Goerlich won the championship (see separate story).

Brown engineered a strong comeback to get Palma Ceia into the playoff. After a two-hour rain delay, he sank a fourfoot birdie putt on 17 and then parred 18 to ensure the tie.

"We were rooting for each other like crazy," said Brown, "but you've got to understand that it's hard for us to do this. We're used to beating on each other all the time. That's one thing that makes this tournament so interesting — it's a complete change in philosophy."

The event was never closer, as Palma Ceia and the two Bear Lakes teams finished with identical totals of 593 and Martin Downs-A was one stroke back at 594. Avila-A and Bloomingdale-A also finished within 10 shots of the top spot.

Palma Ceia won its previous titles in 1951-54-57. Three other teams also had captured the championship three times — Country Club of Orlando, Palatka and Avila — before Palma Ceia claimed a record fourth victory.

1988 CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Avila "A" - 600-580 Lagorce "A" - 612-590 Lagorce "B" - 659-598 Avila "B" - 2nd Place Net - 286 Pipp Patton 79-79 Kim Schwencke 76-74 Dick Moore Richard Valdes Tom Danluck Brad Hopkins..... 75-73 Frank Strafaci 77-75 James Zuccarello 84-75 84-75 72-70 75-75 85-77 Jim Reto 89-81 Dennis Connors 76-73 77-74 Stuart Sierra 77-74 Mike Tomlinson Rick Dolan Jack Callahan Don Loffler 84-79 Richie McKay Martin Downs "A" - 594-570 Martin Downs "B" - 4th Place Net Avila "C" - 669-619 Avila "D" - 658-615 Alfred Dally, Jr. David Banning John Turner Luis Albertini 77-72 Rick Spears 78-76 Dale Anderson Dick Rigabar Eric Rahenkamp 83-79 83-78 83-78 Mike Malizia 74-72 P. J. Navretta.... John Whitworth 86-78 Gil Turner 75-71 75-71 Peter Donelan 82-76 87-81 Doug Rinehart..... Chris Sullivan Dick Dahlquist 85-82 Carl Guffin 80-70 Ralph Laughridge 87-74 Michael Sierra 85-79 Martin Downs "C" - 671-584 Monarch - 662-627 Bay Hill - 623-569 - 1st Place Net Bear Lakes "A" - 593-578 285 Peter Navaretta 84-77 84-77 Len Loyd 89-80 84-81 78-73 76-75 79-78 85-80 Bill Richards 77-71 82-76 76-74 Ander Anderson..... Gene Schumacher 78-66 79-67 John North Kerry Schwencke..... 82-77 William Bryant Howard Derrick..... 95-82 Tom Kopplin Michael Edmonds 94-75 Jay Timon...... 88-82 Dewey Tomko 80-73 Roger Gamblin 71-67 Palatka - 634-608 Palma Ceia "A" - 593-572 Bear Lakes "B" Bloomingdale "A" - 602-592 79-79 Wayne Rudzewicz 81-81 Ron Tumlin Doug LaCrosse Warren Wilhite 84-82 75-74 74-70 74-72 76-75 John Mussoline 80-77 Dick Goerlich 83-79 Michael Lefebre 75-71 71-67 Wyatt Meyer 77-76 Doug Miller Gary Stickl..... 80-76 83-79 Jack Boyet..... 83-80 Eric Schreiber 79-77 R. L. Glisson 82-77 Rob Irvin Eric Larson 84-81 Rich Brown 74-70 Kevin Richardson 93-86 Robert May Palma Ceia "B" - 711-612 Bloomingdale "B" - 617-602 Bloomingdale "C" - 658-584 Daniel Fischer 71-71 Tom Hagan 73-73 93-83 88-82 89-83 James Byer 79-77 Emmett Thomas 82-76 85-72 88-75 73-73 89-84 79-74 Max Kinley Dick Cona 82-81 Hershel King 80-70 78-68 94-76 Stuart Shull 86-77 Phil Johnson James Horne Bob Thaxton 78-72 84-73 80-69 IDM "B" - 3rd Place Net - 286 Suntree - 619-588 Woodfield - 665-609 JDM "A" - 606-592 Larry Mueller Kenn Atkinson Travis Akin 81-78 Newt Hodgkins Richard Ekey 77-76 Chip Fair George Bardes 72-72 79-72 75-73 82-80 86-79 Mike Grant 80-80 Mike Spragins 83-76 80-73 Hutch Hutchison 81-77 81-77 76-74 Bobby Bryant.... Don Brady Rick Luzar 80-76 72-68 Robert Kennedy Bert Morings John Lopez 83-80 78-75 Rick McLaughlin 75-73 Roy Watson Bill Lewis 77-74 Jim Baber

State Junior

The State Junior champion and the State Amateur champion both attend the same college — Huntington College in Montgomery, Ala., renowned for its recent domination of NAIA golf.

Said Nicky Martin, the State Amateur champ, of Rusty Stocker, the State Junior champ: "He's going to be a really fine golfer. He has a whole lot of talent."

Going into the State Junior at The Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice, Stocker was as unknown quantity. But he was playing in his hometown, and he was playing a course he knew very well. In addition, his golf game had improved dramatically under the direction of former tour player Dave Ragan.

"I was playing well, so I just decided to play stroke by stroke and do the best I could," said Stocker.

The result was a 72 in the first round, and a 71 in the second. "It was as steady as I could play," Stocker said.

The 143 total was good for a onestroke victory over Bobby Collins of Atlantis. Three golfers — Briny Baird of Miami, Charles Walters Jr. of Sarasota and Danny Albert of Altamonte Springs — tied for third at 145.

"I had no idea how I stood in the final round," said Stocker.

As it turned out, Collins shot a 31 on the front nine but faded to a 38 on the back nine.

The most prominent winner of the State Junior was Gary Koch, who won three consecutive titles in 1967-68-69. Many of the winners, like Stocker, have been relative unknowns. Some of them have ultimately become pros, and many have gone on to solid amateur careers.

"I just want to do the best I can in school and in golf," said Stocker. "It's tough to study and practice, but I'm doing the best I can."

That's what junior golf is all about — academic achievement and golfing growth, running parallel with each other.

1989 Rules of Golf Quiz Answer Sheet

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Question 1.	Answer B	Applicable Rule/Decision Rule 25-1b(ii) Dec. 25-1b/9	Comment A player who has proceeded under one option is not entitled to change his option.		
2.	В	Appendix I Local Rules	A ball must be embedded in the ground to be embedded.		
3.	В	Rule 27 Dec. 15/12	The original ball was lost when the player put another ball into play under stroke and distance penalty.		
4.	В	Rule 28a Dec. 28/7	The rule permits a player to play his "next stroke" at the spot from which the original ball was last played. The ball was last played from the tree roots.		
5.	A	Rule 1-1 Dec. 1-1/2	The score with the original ball counts. The play of the hole was completed when the player holed his ball.		
6.	В	Rule 13-4 Dec. 13-4/26	There is nothing within the rules prohibiting changing clubs or taking a second stance in a bunker.		
7.	В	Rule 16-1a Dec. 16-1a/9	The player's action exceeded the authority of Rule 16-la and was in breach of the rule.		
8.	В	Rule 20-2c Dec. 20-2c/5	Rule 20-2c implies that a ball to be redropped must be re-dropped under the option originally invoked.		
9.	A	Rule 18-2 Dec. 18-2a/13	The player does not incur a penalty for cleaning the ball. Rule 21 states that a ball may be cleaned when lifted, except when it has been lifted under Rules 5-3, 12-2 or 22.		
10.	В	Rule 16-1b Dec. 15-1/6	When the player threw his ball into the lake, he deprived his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor of the opportunity to examine the ball and dispute the claim of unfitness, and he made it impossible to replace the original ball should such a dispute be resolved against him.		
11.	A	Rule 26-2b	The Rule allows the procedure.		
12.	В	Rule 22a Dec. 20-1/11	The player is entitled to move the ball marker to the side and the opponent may not insist on it being left where it is.		

Golf Handicapping — Al Rader, FSGA

How good is your handicap system? Do the same people win all the tournaments? Are you one of those who reports all their scores, only to be defeated by the "sandbaggers"?

If you are in this environment, then you need to cause a review of the handicap/scoring procedures used at your club. It certainly is not my intention to get everyone upset and cause an immediate revolution concerning handicap calculations throughout the state! It is my intention however, to ask you to help monitor the handicap system as it should be established. The USGA Handicap System is the "Bible" and provides the direction we should travel. However, the system has to be administered and monitored from the bottom-up rather than the top-down. "The system is based on the assumption that every player will endeavor to make the best score he can at each hole in every round he plays and that he will report every acceptable round for handicap purposes regardless of where the round is played." (USGA Handicap System and Golf Committee Manual). Certainly required is a Handicap Committee to ensure the integrity of the system.

If you are unsure of the procedures and enforcement actions that can be taken, consult the USGA Handicap System and Golf Committee Manual. You will be surprised by the information contained therein. The manuals may be obtained by ordering directly from the USGA or by contacting us at FSGA.

Hit them Long and Straight!!!

T of A Crown to LaCrosse, Goerlich

The annual Tournament of the Americas brought together 28 teams from throughout North and South America. Most didn't speak English, but all spoke the language of birdies and bogeys. Golf was common denominator for the week, and it was indeed a wonderful week.

"This was one of the greatest experiences of my life," said Tampa's Doug LaCrosse, who teamed with fellow Palma Ceia member Dick Goerlich in representing the United States and staging a comeback victory in the 72-hole competition. "It was remarkable: I had never had the opportunity to play with people outside this country."

The event was played at Miami's Doral Country Club, where Goerlich posted a 295 total that was fourth best overall. LaCrosse finished at 300.

"Dick played fantastic," said LaCrosse. "He was very tough."

The Florida State Golf Association chooses the U.S. team each year, while other countries use various qualifying formats.

"It is an extremely important tournament to many of the countries," explained LaCrosse. "It is something they look forward to all year, and they take it very seriously."

Added Goerlich: "If you added up our ages, Doug and I were probably twice that of most other teams. They were

young, and they were very competitive. Before we went there, we had no idea it was such a prestigious tournament."

The Tampa golfers were half a dozen strokes behind after two rounds of three back heading into the final round. On the last day, they were paired with the two golfers from Argentina. Since they were the pre-tournament favorites, the Argentines had surprised no one by taking the lead.

The title was determined by adding the 72-hole scores of both team members.

"Doug and I were playing our hearts out," said Goerlich, "but these guys were very good. We managed to go one stroke in front at 16, but we took a bogey and double bogey at 17 and went one down."

The 18th at Doral's Blue Monster is a notorious finishing hole. On this day, it would take a bite out of one of the Argentines, who limped home with an 8 that allowed the Americans to win the title by two strokes.

If there is any consolation for Argentina, it is this: Plenty of players on the PGA Tour have experienced similar disasters on the watery 18th, which is one of the classic closing holes in golf.

"I was glad to win," said Goerlich, "but I actually felt sorry for them. This was a great tournament because the players became friends. It was much more than just golf."

Mixed Team

The first Mixed Team Championship held at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers was a great success. The real winners were the participants. This 36 hole private club is a well kept secret from most of the state. The contestants played both courses and enjoyed the charm and cuisine of the club. There are some photos in the newsletter taken at the Saturday night dinner.

The top five teams in the competition

were all carried there by the lady partners. It was still a team effort and the men helped their partners somewhat, but it was the strong play by the ladies which propelled them to their winning scores.

Results for the 1988 State Mixed Team Championship played at The Forest Country Club

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Sam Boone - Mary Keim $\dots + 5 - +7 = +12$	Leon Mudry - Edna Mudry $+14 = -3$	Mickey Steiner - Sue Steiner $-73 = -10$
Norm Donnelly - Pat Donnelly $\dots +1 - +10 = +11$	Ken Young - Elinor Young $\dots -21 = -3$	Charles Mileti - Marcia Mileti $-46 = -10$
Cal Korf - Karen Powell +2 - +10 = +10	Norm Rau - Marge Moore	Bruce Amos - Susie Amos
Frank Mace - Lorraine Mace +7 - +2 = +9	Earle Paxson - Trudy Paxson $-5 - +1 = -4$	Jake Richards - Michelle Fuller $\dots -56 = -11$
	Bill Geddes - Betty Price $-6 - +1 = -5$	Louis Pringle - Joyce Pringle $-6 - 7 = -13$
	Tony Quaranto - Gail Osburn $-51 = -6$	John Nelson - B. J. Tuchman $+215 = -13$
Graham Hedden - Dorothy Hedden $E - +2 = +2$	Newt Hodgkins - Gloria Hodgkins	Chuck Newcomer - Martha Newcomer $-87 = -15$
Bud Hamar - Pat Hamar	Joe Vergara - Alynne Vergara -7 - E = -7	Sam Robinson - Rima Robinson $-88 = -16$
Tom Scott - Esther Harbour $-5 - +6 = +1$	Bob King - Sandy Lacey $-25 = -7$	Frost Walker - Joan Walker $-610 = -16$
Carter Briggs - Bootie Briggs $-6 - +6 = E$		Jim Callender - Nancy Callender $-215 = -17$
Bob Smith - Dawn Smith $-2 - +2 = E$	Charles Mitchell - Madelyn Mitchell $-35 = -8$	Guy Sapp - Sonya Sapp $E21 = -21$
John Copeland - Lois Copeland $\dots +6 -7 = -1$	Dave Deuschle - Stacy Loring	Bob Wells - Jay Wells
Doug Mynatt - Donna Robinson $+36 = -3$	Claude Willey - Laura Dowty	77 HARMAN AND 11 - 27

East Coast vs. West Coast: the battle continues

OK, class, it's time for a multiple choice quiz. Today's question deals with personalities: Tom Knapp, the two-time State Amateur champion, is...

...A. a former Shakespearian actor who turned away from the stage at 40, but who still loves a good performance and who still makes his golf ball speak with authority;

...B. a low-key sort of guy who rarely voices his opinions;

...C. one of the most aggressive, outrageous, flamboyant, most highly skilled amateur golfers in Florida.

The correct answer is C, although there might be a temptation for anyone to pick A and be happy with the choice. After Knapp's Bear Lakes team lost the Club Team Championship to Palma Ceia in a sudden death playoff, Knapp staged his best Mark Anthony to everyone else's Julius Caesar.

"I guarantee you we'll win the tournament (translation: slay everyone else) next year," he said boldly. "Those clubs from the west coast (teams from the Tampa area have dominated the event in recent years) are gonna have a hard time beating us. I'm tired of fooling around."

Bob Kouwe of the deposed Avila team, which failed to successfully defend its championship, also issued his guarantee: "It (the championship) will come back here next year, I guarantee you," he said confidently.

"Anyway," Kouwe added, "at least it's still in Tampa."

The reason it's still in Tampa is that Palma Ceia defeated not one, but two, Bear Lakes teams in the sudden death playoff.

"Our A team was not as strong as it could have been," defended Knapp. "I picked the first team myself, and I put some of the older guys on it and left the younger guys for the B team so they could play together. Next year we'll change that. We'll take the six best and put them together on one team."

Retorted Kouwe, somewhat playfully: "Tell him it won't do any good. The championship will stay over here."

To which Knapp responded: "Tell him the State Four-Ball Championship has been won by teams from Palm Beach County for the last four years."

To which Kouwe answered: "Tell him I didn't realize that, and we may have to do something about it."

Hidden somewhere, although not too deeply, in all this rhetoric is the fact that the Club Team Championship has emerged as Florida's fun-time golf tournament. It is an event filled with friendly rivalries, many of them continuing throughout the year in the locker rooms and grill rooms of clubs around the state. It is a tournament where camaraderie and friendship are the most important ingredients, where individual competition is banished to the back seat (maybe even the trunk) and sixmember teams battle each other for the glory.

The irrepressible Bobby Stricklin from Bloomingdale in Brandon is a man who

loves the kind of verbal jousting that accompanies the Club Team Championship. For several years, when Bloomingdale and Avila were fighting it out for the title, Stricklin was moved to oratorical heights in defaming the honor of the detested Avila (in jest, of course).

One year, after Avila defeated Bloomingdale, Kouwe and the Avila team sent an elaborate bouquet of black roses to Stricklin's office. Even Stricklin had to admit that Avila had the last laugh.

But now the Bear Lakes team is threatening to end the Tampa area dominance, and Sticklin has a new target for his barbs.

"Knapp's problem," analyzed Stricklin in mock seriousness, "is that he doesn't understand his youth movement. We go out and recruit the best young players we can. Knapp's getting too old, but he still insists on leaving those young guys off the team.

"What makes him think he can win it, anyway? He lost to Palma Ceia, the worst team in the Tampa area. It only took them 30 years to win it again. He'll never beat the best teams. He might as well just admit it."

And so the beat goes on. The Club Team Championship, with all its revelry and fun and exaggerated claims and guarantees, has become one of the most visible tournaments in the state. The players wouldn't have it any other way.

Note from Ghin Liaison — Louise Tunison

1988 was an excellent year for the GHIN system in Florida. We experienced tremendous growth and expect to add many new clubs in 1989 to the USGA/FSGA family of GHIN service. We are concentrating on pleasing our clubs with fast and friendly service. Our new 1989

manual is forthcoming.

If any of our patrons out there want to help FSGA, here is an opportunity. Whenever you visit a club, if the opportunity arises, mention the handicap service we are providing your club (GHIN). If they feel they can benefit by the GHIN Handicap Network, I will be more than eager to send the necessary information so they may review what a great handicap system the USGA has developed and FSGA helps service!

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Mixed Team Banquet













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