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## FSGA FORMS SECTION FOR SENIOR PLAYERS

### GARY KOCH WINS STATE JUNIOR AT SARASOTA

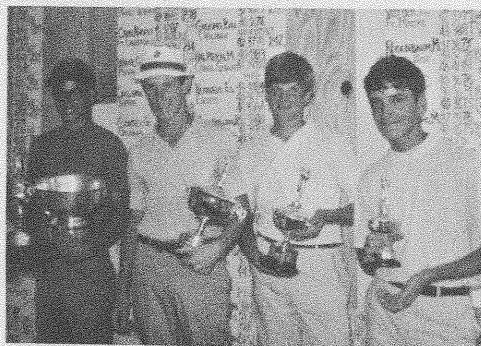
Gary Koch, formerly of Sarasota now a resident of Temple Terrace, returned to his "old" home club at Forest Lakes and swept to a seven stroke victory in the State Junior Championship. His 218, five over par for the tight par 71 layout, led all the way. Gary had rounds of 70-75-73. Steve Morgan of Orlando was second with 225 in the 15-17 age group for the young swingers.

Bobby Dyke, Eau Gallie, captured the 12-14 age class with the tournament's second best round, a 71, on the final day. Dyke's 54 hole total was 232.

Koch moved into the Junior Championship vacated by Mike Killian of St. Petersburg who was over age and could not defend his title. Mike holds the record for the Junior Crown. He won last year at St. Lucie with a torrid eight under par performance for the 54 holes. Koch was the 12-14 winner last year at St. Lucie and won



Gary Koch's winning 218 total was seven shots ahead in the State Junior at Forest Lakes C. C. in Sarasota. FSGA President Bill Watts presented the silver.



Dyke, Duggan, Wilkerson, Taylor were best of 12-14 age group.

the older section this year in his first year of eligibility.

Gary will be a golf team mate of Eddie Pearce at Tampa King this year. Pearce, a three time winner of the 12-14 crown, won the National Juniors this summer and Koch was the medalist in the blue ribbon USGA event at Brookline, Mass. Gary numbers among other victories on the summer circuit the National Pee Wee and the Florida Junior PGA. The Pearce-Koch combination in high school golf will be a tough act to follow. The boys are two of the finest prospects for national golf recognition ever produced in Florida.

Complete junior tournament results are on the next page:

### FIRST TOURNAMENT AT BAY HILL C. C. IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25-27

Tournament activity for FSGA members who have reached their 55th year will be increased. The Association will add a section for "seniors only" competition beginning with a three day stand at Bay Hill Country Club near Orlando, Sept. 25-27.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24 players will be guests of the club for a practice round. Team pairs will be featured Wednesday with teams arranged by blind draw after pairings are made and contestants have played their rounds. Individual stroke play in age groupings will conclude the event on Thursday and Friday.

Entry fee for the tournament will be \$30 and seniors must belong to the Florida State Golf Association. An individual member application is included in this newsletter as well as an entry form for the Bay Hill tournament.

The new, luxury lodge on the course at Bay Hill has made a special rate for contestants of \$28.00 per day for two people which includes breakfast and dinner. The rate is based on double room occupancy of the accommodations. Contestants are urged to make their reservations direct with the Bay Hill Club management.

Other accommodations will be available at the Gold Key Motel, phone (305) 855-0050 and the Winter Garden Inn, (305) 656-4545.

The first two finishers in the tournament will win places on the Florida Seniors team which meets Georgia Seniors in the Governor's Cup Match in November.

FSGA officials arranged for the use of the fine Bay Hill facilities through Adrian McManus who has been one of Florida's outstanding senior players for many years.

### ATLANTIS C. C. SITE OF FOUR-BALL OCT. 19-20

The 1968 Florida State Amateur Four-Ball Tournament will be held at Atlantis Country Club at Lantana, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20. This is the first time the popular team event has been played on the lower east coast since 1963 when Sunrise C. C. of Ft. Lauderdale hosted the tournament.

Lou Essex of Maitland and Bob Kirouac, Winter Park, are the defending champions. The central Florida team won last Fall at Golden Hills C. C. in Ocala with a ten under par best ball of 134 for the 36 hole event. The winners scored 69-65 for a one shot edge over the Lakeland team of Bobby Hinson and Mike Estridge.

All contestants in the Four-Ball must be current members of FSGA but need not be members of the same club. This year players must have a handicap of ten or under to enter the tournament. The team entry fee is \$25 and should be sent with the entry form which is in this newsletter to the FSGA, Box 5394, Sarasota, Fla. 33579.

Atlantis has fine accommodations on the golf course and players may make reservations direct with the club. There will be an FSGA director's meeting Friday at 8 p.m. at the club and the contestants' party and buffet will be held at the club Saturday evening, Oct. 19.

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP FORM INSIDE

Send senior membership application and tournament entry to FSGA, Box 5394, Sarasota, Fla. 33579. Send reservation for accommodations direct to Bay Hill Club, Route 3, Box 182, Orlando, Fla. 32811.

## JUNIOR RESULTS

**Championship Flight, 15-17 Group**  
 Gary Koch, Temple Terrace, 70-75-72;  
 218; Steve Morgan, Orlando, 76-74-75-225;  
 Richard Vetter, Fort Myers, 73-73-81-227;  
 Ashley Fulton, Fort Myers, 76-77-75-228;  
 Greg Hoza, Bradenton, 79-75-73-229; Bob  
 Mitchell, Miami, 74-79-77-230; Mark Ro-  
 senbaum, Miami Beach, 75-75-81-231; Ted  
 Salvesson, Miami Beach, 73-81-77-231; Bob  
 Thaxton, Tampa, 77-76-78-231; Kip Min-  
 ter, Orlando, 70-76-76-232; Ken Siz, St.  
 Petersburg, 76-79-78-233; Jeff Sourboer,  
 Venice, 77-78-84-237; Nicky Swartz, Fort  
 Myers, 77-79-84-240; Ben Steele, Venice,  
 76-78-80-242.  
 Mike San Filippo, Miami, 76-75-withdrew;  
 Randy Crooks, Tampa, 73-79-withdrew;  
 David Beckett, Fort Myers, 77-77-with-  
 drew.

**First Flight, 15-17 Group**  
 Dennis Sullivan, Tampa, 77-83-73-233;  
 Nicky Cain, Fort Lauderdale, 82-76-76-  
 234; Coleman White, Miami, 82-77-78-237;  
 Stockton Rogers, Ponte Veda Beach, 79-  
 78-81-238; Grady Cooksey, Orlando, 79-81-  
 79-239; Paul McClosky, Tampa, 84-78-77-  
 239; Jay Rickles, Miami Beach, 79-83-77-  
 239; Lane Carlin, Miami Beach, 86-77-  
 77-240; Bill Grooms, Orlando, 76-87-79-  
 242; Rob Mitterling, Melbourne Beach,  
 83-80-79-242; Fred Gollmer, Gulfport, 85-  
 75-81-242; Jeff Boswell, Groveland, 81-81-  
 81-243; James Gold, Miami Beach, 84-80-  
 80-244; Ralph Mulholland, Bradenton,  
 80-83-82-245; Rick Hmielewski, Plan-  
 tation, 80-81-86-247; Dave Hmielewski,  
 Plantation, 84-80-83-247; Ed Kennedy,  
 Eustis, 84-79-84-247.  
 Mark Halpern, Coral Gables, 83-80-  
 withdrew.

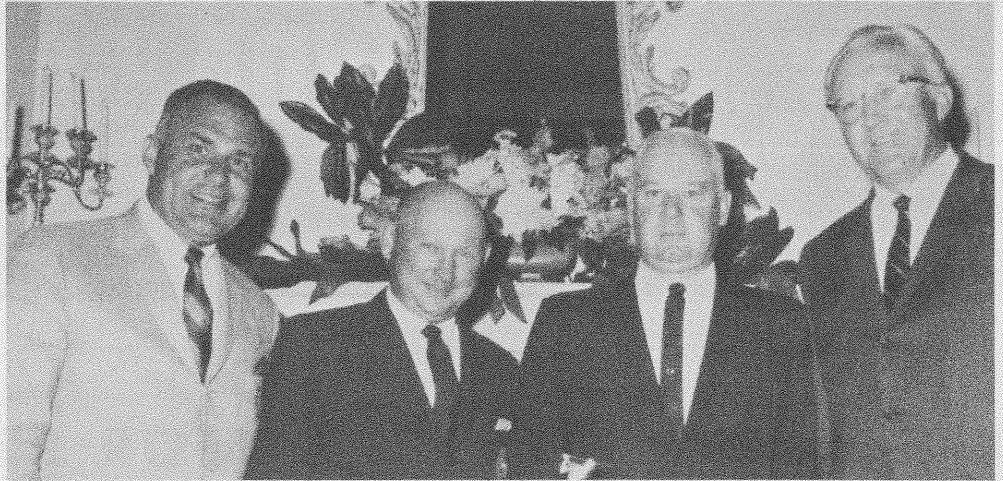
**Second Flight, 15-17 Group**  
 Jackie Gaines, Clairmont, 90-78-76-244;  
 Randy Stalon, Tampa, 87-81-77-245; Bud-  
 dy Alexander, St. Petersburg, 77-85-82-  
 247; Phillip Clark, Palm Bay, 85-85-82-  
 250; Scott Rovenger, Coral Gables, 80-86-  
 87-251; Jeff Pratt, St. Petersburg, 83-80-  
 86-254; Mark Rubin, Miami Beach, 84-88-  
 83-255; Mike Watts, St. Petersburg, 83-  
 85-87-255; Steve Underhill, Melbourne,  
 86-81-89-256; Bob Angers, Sarasota, 85-84-  
 88-257; Harold Dunham, Vero Beach,  
 79-80-88-257; Dean Christensen, Maitland,  
 80-87-90-257; John Roncagione, Sarasota,  
 84-87-87-258; Dana Rice, Sarasota, 85-79-  
 94-258; Alan Zindler, Tampa, 85-83-91-  
 259; Bill Plante, Fort Lauderdale, 82-90-  
 83-265.  
 Robert Powers, Bradenton, 84-87-with-  
 drew.

**Third Flight, 15-17 Group**  
 Jim Claxton, Jacksonville, 93-86-81-260;  
 Robin Wright, St. Petersburg, 85-83-84-  
 262; Cliff Richards, Sarasota, 87-90-86-  
 263; Tom Rogers, Tampa, 88-85-91-264;  
 Carl Hall, Clearwater, 89-84-92-265;  
 Spencer Powell, Sarasota, 94-87-94-268;  
 Steve Scott, Sarasota, 91-89-86-268; Rich  
 Millard, Sarasota, 87-86-94-267; Richard  
 Schmidt, Winter Park, 99-103-95-297; Jer-  
 ry Lange, St. Petersburg, 103-101-105-309;  
 Mike Flynn, Sarasota, 117-112-104-333.  
 Jim Bellinger, Coral Gables, 87-89-with-  
 drew; Dave Keys, Sarasota, 88-83-with-  
 drew; Ward Draper, Vero Beach, 94-88-  
 withdrew; Buck Cooksey, St. Petersburg,  
 85-98-withdrew; John McPhail, Fort Lau-  
 derdale, 85-94-withdrew.

**Championship Flight, 12-14 Group**  
 Bobby Dyke, Eau Gallie, 79-82-71-232;  
 x-John Duggan, Fort Lauderdale, 77-79-86-  
 242; Witt Wilkerson, St. Petersburg, 83-  
 79-80-242; Steve Taylor, Jacksonville,  
 85-79-84-248; Brian Macnamara, Orlan-  
 do, 81-82-86-250; Marty Herring, Mel-  
 bourne, 85-81-89-255; Jim Porte, Miami,  
 86-82-87-258; Jeb Kruei, Tampa, 86-83-88-  
 257; Ed Wilson, Fort Myers, 85-84-83-  
 258; Mark McConnell, Tampa, 89-84-85-  
 258; Rod Brown, Tampa, 90-84-85-259;  
 Mike Fletcher, Orlando, 85-88-88-261; Ben  
 Masters, Bradenton, 82-89-91-262; Gary  
 Guthrie, St. Petersburg, 93-87-87-267;  
 James Haugh, Sarasota, 87-90-95-272;  
 Richard Dupree, Vera Beach, 86-91-96-  
 273.

x—Won second place by matching cards  
 with Wilkerson.

**First Flight, 12-14 Group**  
 Rusty Bateman, Pompano Beach, 85-  
 102-87-274; Clifford Wright, St. Peters-  
 burg, 89-84-92-275; Tom Hanlon, Temple  
 Terrace, 91-91-94-276; Chuck Sullivan,  
 Vero Beach, 96-92-95-281; Dave Oliver,  
 Sarasota, 100-97-97-294; Howard Enlow,  
 Tampa, 101-97-99-297; Chris Waters,  
 Sarasota, 102-102-99-303; Tom Denning,  
 Sarasota, 105-111-102-318; Dave Taylor,  
 Sarasota, 127-113-116-356.  
 Dean McKnight, Fort Lauderdale, 102-  
 84-withdrew.



Georgia and Florida State Golf Association officials staged a successful inaugural of the Governor's Cup Matches at Athens Country Club. Bill Carey, Executive Director FSGA; Bill Watts, President FSGA; Buster Horton, President GSGA; Henry Cobb, Secretary GSGA, got together to compare notes at the awards dinner.

# FLORIDA-GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S CUP RETURN MATCH AT BAY HILL NOV. 6 - 8

After a laborious but futile search for accommodations in Jacksonville during Florida-Georgia football week the Governor's Cup Golf Matches between the two state associations have been scheduled at the Bay Hill Club near Orlando.

"It was our plan to play the return match during the traditional football week and our FSGA Jacksonville members and directors tried diligently to find places for participants and their families to stay but had no luck," FSGA President Bill Watts said.

"The Jacksonville people and the golf courses, Timuquana, Deerwood, Selva Marina and Hidden Hills all went out of their way to help but we just couldn't locate an accommodation that week which could take care of 150 people and the social schedule

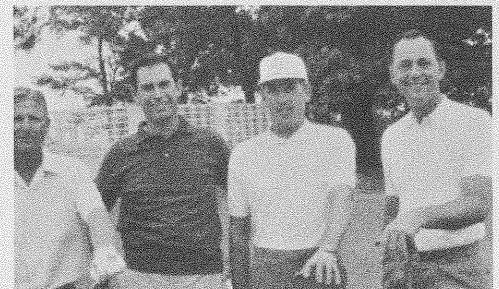
which goes along with the match," Watts added.

"At Bay Hill we'll be able to keep both teams at the lodge on the course and hold all the social events at the club. Plans are to drive in for the football game early Saturday as the matches and awards dinner will be over Friday night," Watts said. Florida officials indicated they will try to hold the Governor's Cup event in Jacksonville next and are at work on the accommodations problem now.

The first match in the home and home series was played in May of this year at the Athens Country Club, Athens, Ga. Florida won the initial outing and will attempt to retain the big silver mug when the 34 man teams meet at Bay Hill.



Georgia and Florida Association members had a chance to replay the event at the awards dinner. Below — Jack Rountree, Lake City; Jack Russell, Clearwater; Gardner and Freddie Dickinson of Panama City held up their end of the socializing.



Dave Crum, Florida; Charles Harrison, Georgia; Jack Veghte, Florida and Hobart Manley, Georgia were an outstanding foursome. Below — Contestants, wives and guests shared in the bountiful hospitality of the Georgians.

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## State Association Seeks New Tournament Director

FSGA's Executive Director Bill Carey will relinquish his tournament duties as soon as the Association can find a replacement. The tournament director will work under Carey and the state office on a per diem basis in handling the administrative chores connected with FSGA's seven or eight events each year.

"We want the man to be available to travel and be able to handle certain publicity and promotional assignments," Carey said. "It is necessary during the longer 72 hole tournaments that the director be on the scene for five or six days," he added.

The state office will continue to arrange for all membership and association program activities. The tournament director will supervise the administration of the events being responsible for the starting, scoring, rules interpretation, pairings, starting times, social functions, prize distribution and furnishing of results and pictures to the news media and Association records.

A selection committee will interview applicants for the part time post. Interviews may be arranged by submitting a letter of interest and stating qualifications to Florida State Golf Association, P. O. Box 5394, Sarasota, Florida 33579.

## RANDY BRIGGS FALL SCHOLARSHIP CHOICE

Randy Briggs of Ocala will receive an FSGA scholarship to the College of Agriculture at the University of Florida this Fall. Students must maintain a C average and follow an academic program in agronomy, turf research, design, and construction and maintenance of golf courses to be eligible for the aid.

The FSGA grants are worth \$600 per year. When recipients graduate they must spend a minimum of two years at work in related fields or repay the scholarship fund the amount of money received while in college. Briggs, a four handicapper, will be a junior at Florida this year.

## Whitfield Wins At Vero

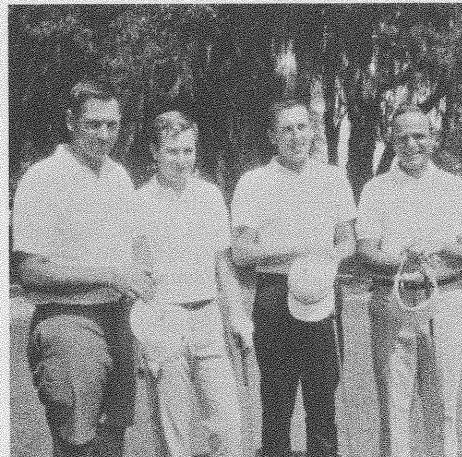
Rick Whitfield's fine 69 was good for first place at FSGA's summer scholarship one day event at Vero Beach. The win also earned Whitfield a place on the FSGA team which will meet Georgia in November. Vice President Bill Wodtke staged the one day tournament at his home club.

## Avon Park Event Oct. 5-6

Avon Park Golf Course, formerly Pinecrest Golf Club, will be the scene of a 36 hole stroke play tournament Oct. 5-6. Entry fee is \$10 which includes contestant's party and barbeque Saturday night. Bill Reck and FSGA Director Cecil Skipper have whipped up this one.



Pinellas County placed one, two, three in the 51st annual State Amateur Golf Championship sponsored by FSGA at Panama City. Clearwater insurance man Jack Veghte, center, won it all with a nine under par 279 for the 72 hole test. Young Mike Killian, right, was a stroke back in second place while Bob Rankin collected third place another shot back. Veghte's winning total was one shot away from the 278, 10 under par record, established last year by John Darr, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale.



Bob Rankin, Allen Miller, Jack Veghte and Jack Rountree were a final day foursome in the State Amateur at Panama Country Club. Miller, from Pensacola and captain of the University of Georgia golf team, finished fourth.



Jim Keedy, left, of Leesburg, was the going away winner of FSGA's member invitational at St. Lucie. Association Vice President Bill Wodtke of Vero Beach did the presentation honors. Wodtke ran a fine one day event at his home club in Vero for the scholarship fund in July.



Lest we forget this is what St. Lucie Country Club looked like after a flash hail storm in the final hours of the Member Invitational. In the insert Dee Kreag and Edna Carey try to decipher rain soaked cards at the scoreboard after winds blew away most of the evidence.

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Young Bobby Dyke of Eau Gallie shot 71 in the final day at Forest Lakes Country Club to win the 12-14 age group in the State Junior Championship.

## INSIDE FLORIDA GOLF

by BILL CAREY

You may now add organized amateur golf to the list of Florida-Georgia state sports rivalries.

Although the Florida and Georgia State Golf Associations both are more than 50 years old the Governor's Cup Match between picked teams in May was the first official competition ever staged between the two state organizations.

FSGA President William R. Watts of St. Petersburg, best summed up the feeling of the participants, guests and onlookers when he noted at the awards dinner at the Athens Country Club that "everyone wins in an event like this."

The observation was readily accepted by all who had a part in the two day joust between Gator and Bulldog. The winning Florida score, 87½ to 65½ in the three-points-a-match format, was a mere formality. Scoreboard results were second to the highscoring fellowship, great hospitality of the Georgians and the general congeniality of the occasion.

Effusive and friendly as the session was however, some fine competitive golf was played by the best amateurs representing the two states. This truly was an all Florida team with areas represented from Key West to Pensacola on the 34 man squad.

Ray Terry of Jacksonville, former Florida State Amateur Champion, teamed with Phil Leckey of St. Petersburg to fashion a torrid 61, eleven under par for the Athens course which played about 6,600 yards for the matches. Leckey had 66 on his own ball the final day as the team posted the sparkling round. Great as the Terry-Leckey performance was it was good for only two points in the match against Georgians Charles Harrison of Atlanta and Pete Cox of Albany.

Harrison and Cox won the first nine with a 31. The Floridians then pumped out a seven under par 29 on the back nine to win the side and 18. These four sharpshooters pitched in 19 birdies and two eagles for the afternoon and came up with a best ball of 57 for the foursome.

Allen Miller of Pensacola, a junior at the University of Georgia and captain of its golf team, turned in the best opening day individual round, a 71, during the singles play. Miller, who won a number of titles throughout the south when he played as an FSGA junior, was a member of the Florida Association team.

The 34 man teams played in three divisions, Seniors, Amateurs, and Directors. All division matches counted in overall point totals in the match play competition. Ten seniors, 55 years old and over, 16 of the best amateurs and eight directors from each association made up the teams. Both organizations had chosen their teams through tournament performance elimination events and state committee selection.

It was obvious that Florida senior golf is a strong league from the performance of the elderly element. Florida seniors led the charge against the Georgians with a 29½ to 15½ point margin for the two days. Veteran standouts like former American Seniors Champion Jack Russell of Clearwater; two-time National Seniors Champion Dexter Daniels, Winter Haven; Leon

Sikes, Sr., Palm Beach; Norton Harris, Key West; Adrian McManus, Orlando; Gardner Dickinson, Panama City; Frank Prather, Fort Myers; Bill Stark, Jacksonville; Jim Young, Tampa and Ed Randall, Miami played for Florida.

The stiffest competition came in the low handicap division where Georgia amateurs shaded the Floridians 38 to 34 points. Led by Hobart Manley, Jimmy Gabrielson, Harrison and Cox, the Georgians jumped out front 28 to 20 in the first day's individual matches. Florida narrowed the gap the second day in the two man team play winning 14 points to the Georgia 10. Bucky Ayers, Athens; Bill Huggins, Athens; Bill Lovett, Toccoa; Mel Fleischer, Elberton; Eddie Sams, Athens; Gary Holloman, Athens; Clyde Harris, Athens; Bill Zimmerman, Augusta; Al Tyre, Waycross; David Barnes, Avondale; Jerry Greenbaum, Atlanta and Bill Carroll, Athens, made up the remainder of the Georgia team.

Allen Miller, Dave Crum, Lakeland; Joe Mitchell, Ft. Lauderdale; Jack Veghte, Clearwater; Bob Shuman, Tampa; Walter Leach, Orlando; Jack Rountree, Lake City; Jim Keedy, Leesburg; Ray Terry, Jacksonville; Phil Leckey, St. Petersburg; Bob Rankin, Clearwater; Jack Shubert, Maitland; Kevin Butler, Palm Beach; Lou Essex, Maitland; Nestor Fernandez, Tampa and Bob McCullers, Leesburg, played for Florida.

In the eight man directors division the Florida representatives notched 24 points to Georgia's 12. It was in this section of play that the greatest comradery was observed. Red Leathers of Athens, a great University of Georgia guard in the mid-thirties, enjoyed reminiscing with Bill (Beefy) Stark of Jacksonville an All-Southern tackle for the Gators back about the same time. Bill Gibson of Atlanta and Bill Carey of Sarasota recalled the 0-0 tie between Georgia Tech and Florida in the mud and rain at Grant Field in 1939 when both played.

Directors playing for Georgia were Frank Hedrick, Albany; Buster Horton, Rome, President of the GSGA; Adrian McManus, Jr., Athens; Bob White, Savannah; Carl Eakin, Athens; Bill Gibson, Atlanta; Henry Cobb, Athens, Secretary of the GSGA and official host at Athens and Leonard Farkas of Albany. Bill Watts, St. Petersburg, FSGA President and Bill Carey, Sarasota, Executive Secretary of the FSGA were the Florida Team captains with Bill Wodtke, Vice President, Vero Beach; Mike Cleveland, Tampa; Roland Arnold, Vero Beach; Jack Puryear, St Petersburg; Nate Schine, Tampa, and Ed Touchton, Avon Park, making up the remainder of the golf official's team.

Officials of both Associations are at work now selecting the teams which will meet for the return engagement at the Bay Hill Club Nov. 6-8.

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