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The Boys Of Summer Prepare For Winter



NO SMART COMMENT just the pictorial report of some of the hardy types who braved 47 degree temperatures the final day at King's Inn. From the top, upper left, Holland Aplin and Mrs. A, Eric Myers, Archie Meekins, Bump Jones, Dennis Marcotte, the Jim Ramsbottoms, Hank Phillips, Julian Series,

Maurice Fell, Wendell Prough, Jim Seagraves, Aplin again, Myers again, Orvell Tate, Ralph Raymond, Phillips and Series repeat and the ultimate victor after the fray, Archie Meekins.

Finale 1978

FSGA closed out its tournament season in 47 degree temperatures at King's Inn with one of Florida's true golf gentlemen the winner.

Archie Meekins of Bradenton, a veteran State Association competitor, conquered the brisk, blustery weather and a strange set of sticks the final day, to score 73-79-152 under tough conditions for victory. Meekins competed in the "Future Seniors" division of the King's Inn Holiday Invitational and shaded Tampa's Holland Aplin by one shot.

For the first time seniors outnumbered the under 55 gang and the elder section ended in a dogfight between Ralph Raymond, the '76 State Senior Champion from Sarasota and Bradenton's M.T. McInnis, the '77 titleholder. Both returned 157s for the two days' work and split the first two prize places.

There was an award for almost every other competitor in the unusually short field of 48 plus a stand-out holiday dinner party for contestants and guests at King's Inn on the eve of the cold and wind-bitten final FSGA tournament round of 1978.

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Happy Holidays! *The officers, directors and staff of Florida State Golf Association wish you the happiest of Holiday Seasons and a large measure of good health and joy in the year ahead.*

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Get Another Member

We have included two membership renewal envelopes for you in this mailing. One for you and one for a new member we hope you'll hustle up. The Association is committed to a vastly improved Junior Golf Development Program in 1979 which will take extra dollars and we're looking to members to aid in funding the effort.

Dues have been held to the same \$20 we've charged for the past five years. The benefits are explained on the dues return envelope. Please call for additional forms if you need them to boost membership.

Jim Owen Now at Longboat Key

Jim Owen is the new head golf professional at Longboat Key Golf and Tennis Club in Sarasota.

John P. Siegel, Vice President and General Manager of the Sarasota Division of Arvida Corporation, owner of the club, and Tim Field, club manager, made the announcement and added that all involved in the selection of Owen were pleased to bring "one of the soundest club professionals in the business" into the Longboat operation.

"Jim's 18 years in professional golf have many highlights as player, teacher, merchandiser and administrator. He has been head or teaching professional at fine clubs in Texas, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and Florida.

"He has come to the top with impressive credentials and I'm certain our Longboat members will be very pleased with his association," Arvida officials said.

The Owen appointment is of special interest to FSGA members as the new head professional is an important part of the host team for the annual Gillespie Memorial Pro-Am scheduled at Longboat Key over the May 26-28, 1979 Memorial Day Weekend. The event is sponsored by FSGA and Arvida Corporation.

Irv Schloss, a veteran professional and highly regarded golf teacher, noted in a national golf publication recently that Owen's knowledge of the game and playing ability make him a sought-after teacher.

"Finding fault with Jim Owen's swing is a bit like trying to find fault with a flawless diamond. The best thing to do is just study its beauty and try to learn from it," Schloss said.

The Owen family, personable wife Arlene and six lively youngsters six through 18, have settled in for their assignment and look forward to a pleasant relationship with Longboat Key Golf and Tennis Club.

"Tee Off '79" at Harder Hall

FSGA's 66th year of operation will get underway January 19-21 at Harder Hall in Sebring with a mixed bag of activity.

The umbrella over the varied fare is, of course, the first tournament of the new year, a 36 hole, individual stroke play outing, gross and net in flights after the opening round, with senior section.

The entry fee of \$40 includes two days golf, carts, Friday evening party, many prizes, \$10 of each entry fee going to the new Junior Golf Development Foundation.

Vic Jacobson has given the FSGA a special rate of \$70 plus tax and gratuity, per person, double occupancy, which includes two nights accommodations at Harder Hall, two breakfasts, two dinners MAP, entertainment, practice round Friday and party that night. Contestants pay for their own carts in the practice round.

There will be a special golf, tennis and entertainment program for the ladies.

FSGA's Board of Directors will convene in winter session at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 19, in the conference room at Harder Hall. Steve Foehl of the USGA, fresh from the National Rules Seminar at Orlando the previous week, will join State Association Directors and brief them on the USGA's upcoming year. Steve also will be a guest competitor in the tournament.

Another feature of the mid-January gathering will be America's initial qualifying event for the National Open Putting Championship. Mike Hannon, now a resident of North Palm Beach and one of the originators of the Legends Tournament in Texas, and his staff, will conduct the qualifying. The putting competition — you may try to qualify in as many locations and as many times as you have the \$10 per copy entry fee — is open to women, juniors and hotshot tournament types. It will be golf's major innovative event of the new year and Harder Hall participants will be in on the history making. Looks like '79 will have great beginnings. Send your entry to

FSGA and make your reservations direct with Harder Hall phone (813) 385-0151. All details spelled out in the entry form which is included in this mailing.

1979 Tournament Schedule

Jan. 19-21, "Tee-Off '79," Harder Hall, Sebring, 36 holes, net and gross in flights.

Mar. 31-April 1, King Neptune Tournament, Gator Creek G.C., Sarasota, 36 holes, net and gross in flights.

April 21-22, Member Invitational and Club Team Championship, 36 holes, Grenelefe, Haines City.

May 4-6, State Senior Championship, 54 holes, Port Malabar C.C., Palm Bay.

May 21, U.S. Open Qualifying, 36 holes, King's Inn and Sun City Golf Clubs, Sun City Center.

May 26-28, Gillespie Memorial Pro-Am, 54 holes, Memorial Day Weekend, Longboat Key Golf & Tennis Club, Sarasota.

June 7-10, 62nd Annual State Amateur Championship, 72 holes stroke play, Sawgrass G.C., Ponte Vedra Beach.

August 2-3, State Junior Championship, 36 holes, Foxfire G.C., Sarasota.

August 19, One Day Event for Junior Golf Foundation Fund, 18 holes, net and gross, Lone Palm G.C., Lakeland.

Sept. 22-23, State Amateur Fourball, 36 holes, Sugarmill Woods G.C., Homosassa.

Oct. 13-14, State Seniors Fourball, 36 holes, Vero Beach C.C., Vero Beach.

Nov. 9-11, Life at Forty, 54 holes, individual and team play, Lehigh C.C., Lehigh.

The Gyles of Kincaple House

Among the many delightful, thoughtful and warm greetings received at the state office, for which we are most appreciative and thank you kindly, came a lovely from St. Andrews, Scotland.

Gordon and Jenny Gyle, hosts to our wandering FSGAers last summer who played, stayed and thoroughly enjoyed those environs and the British Open, sent along cheery greetings and an update of how it's been since we departed.

Included in the card was a photograph of Kincaple House under a cover of new snow. Even with that foreign white stuff Kincaple looked mighty hospitable and we had a large twinge of longing to return. We relay those special greetings to all who made the trip.

National Junior Team Classic

The top four finishers, still within the age requirement, in FSGA's State Junior Championship, were sponsored in the National Junior Team Classic at Disney World December 16-17. State Champion Greg Morley of Winter Springs, his brother Brad; John Reeves, Winter Park and Raymond Boone, Miami, were the State Association standard bearers in the embryo national competition thoughtfully crafted by Northern Illinois Mens Amateur Golf Association.

No results at press time. We'll have full report, pictures and philosophy of the unique competition in the first issue of "J-GOLF" the new Junior newsletter.



To conclude our message in this jolly season we pass along the following which came to us from New York's Metropolitan Golf Association. May you adhere to these commandments in lasting good health in the year ahead:

Ten Commandments of Golf

- I. Thou shalt complain about how badly thou hast been playing before teeing off on the first hole.
- II. Thou shalt always stand close enough to thine opponent so that thy shadow can be seen.
- III. Thou shalt always remind thine opponent of hazards such as water, sand or out-of-bounds.
- IV. Thou shalt keep count of thine opponent's strokes, reminding him or her of any overlooked.
- V. Thou shalt determine when "Winter rules" are in effect, at thine own option.
- VI. Thou shalt determine when a mulligan is in order.
- VII. Thou shalt declare all thine own second putts to have been "a gimme."
- VIII. Thou shalt offer advice to thine opponent after every errant shot.
- IX. Thou shalt express sympathy for thine opponent whenever his or her putt rims the hole.
- X. Thou shalt conclude thy round by advising thine opponent that "everybody has one bad round."

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