



**THE VICTORS.** John and Mildred LaRoche, left, were the overall net winners at Harder Hall while Mrs. Virginia Fischer and Chip Neptune captured the top gross place. More pictures on page 7.

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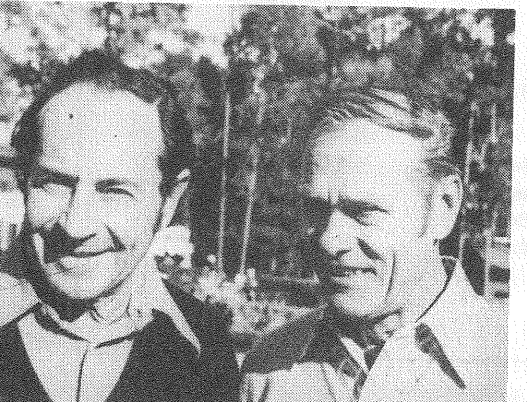


Bus and Ricia Payne, Port Malabar.



Lou and Julie Essex, Maifland.

Hosts Vic Jacobson and Ben Roman order sunshine and get it.



## MIXED PAIRS CHILLER OPENS '77 SEASON

Chip Neptune-Virginia Fischer, John and Mildred LaRoche are team winners at Harder Hall

SEBRING — "A great idea."  
"Real fun tournament."  
"When's the next one?"

That's how FSGA's '77 mixed pairs opener was greeted by 56 thoroughly chilled contestants at Harder Hall January 21-23.

The hardy band of 28 teams, clad in long-johns and double-suited against temperatures which dipped into the low 20s, opened with practice rounds on Thursday and then competed in an 18-hole alternate shot competition Friday and a better ball of pairs Saturday and Sunday.

The son-mother team of Chip Neptune and Mrs. Virginia Fischer of Sebring developed winning ways in the alternate shot and overall gross competition with a four over par 76 opening day. When the event moved into the better ball format they kept hammering at par and emerged with a pair of 73s, a 146 total gross, two over for the 36 holes.

John and Mildred LaRoche, Altamonte Springs, meanwhile were doing their thing for the overall net with style and grace. They returned a two over 74 without benefit of handicap on Saturday and cruised home with a net 69 on Sunday to collect the merchandise and Harder Hall silver awards in the stroke division.

Surprisingly only two teams cancelled because of the frigid weather. Everyone who showed reveled in the bright sunshine which followed freezing nights and frosty mornings. By mid-afternoon when the matches were finishing up, pleasant mid-50 temperatures had moved in to warm the

post-match round of parties, dancing, entertainment, great food and conviviality laid on by Harder Hall.

Long-time FSGA member Vic Jacobson was the host at Harder Hall and took full credit for turning on the sunshine after the cold blast earlier in the week which threatened the event. Host professional Ben Roman shared billing with Victor in providing the fun golf course which was in surprisingly good shape after constant buffeting from prolonged frost.

There were 26 team prize places awarded during the three days of competition. The final day of the better ball the field was divided into four flights, each with seven teams. Gross and net team awards were given in each flight.

The first Mom and Pop variety of male-female team play sponsored by FSGA in 20 years turned out a winner, and plans are afoot to schedule several more of the same this year.

The winners:

Alternate Shot Friday, Gross, 76-Neptune-Fisher, 77-Walker-Walker, 79-Rinehold-Brown, 80-Lane-Lane; Payne-Payne. Net, 63-Borsari-Borsari, 64-Essex-Essex; Walters-Walters, 66-Carey-Jacobson, 67-Duncan-Duncan, Mitchell-Mitchell, Huigens-Huigens, Munn-Munn.

Better Ball, Saturday and Sunday, First Flight, Gross, 146-Neptune-Fischer (Overall), 145-Net, 143-LaRoche-LaRoche (Overall), 145-Payne-Payne. Second Flight, Gross, 151-Essex-Essex, Net, 150-Karlson-Karlson (Tie), 150-Thompson-Thompson (Tie). Third Flight, Gross, 167-McGee-Morrison. Net, 154-Rinehold-Brown, 158-Bradford-Bradford. Fourth Flight, Gross, 171-Koons-Koons. Net, 165-Duncan-Duncan, 166-Hughes-Hughes (Tie), 166-Walters-Walters (Tie).

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY  
FORMS INSIDE**

## GOLF'S GOOD NEWS MAKERS

The Crutchfield Junior Citrus Championship dates are August 19 and 20 in Sebring. Tom Crutchfield originator and director of the popular summer event, reports it will be the sixth annual, limited to 180 contestants, boys 18 and under. Entry forms available in mid-April . . . Bob Dolci, host professional at Port Malabar, was quick to recognize success of FSGA mixed pairs competition. He jumped in and offered dates of August 27-28 for a state championship in the event at his club. Dates now in the schedule . . . Sponsors of Gillespie Memorial searching for a spring date to honor the Auld Scot who built first golf holes in Florida in 1886 . . . USGA GOLF JOURNAL editor Mike Bartlett gets the thorns from our good news roses for neglecting to mention Gillespie in his otherwise fine piece about "100 Years of American Golf" in current issue . . . USGA's James B. Moncrief gets the roses for a super put together of the Green Section conference on Golf Course Management. Monty drew the largest conference audience to date to Atlanta's Hyatt Regency to hear top personalities discuss "Great Golf Courses of America — What Makes Them That Way" . . . Sarasota Herald-Tribune golf writer Jim Achenbach did fine piece about University of Florida's B.J. Jones who is striving to be an excellent student and an excellent golfer . . . The 1977 state high school golf championships come to Sarasota May 5-6. Ed Repulski, Riverview High golf coach, responsible for scheduling events into Bent Tree and Country Club of Sarasota. Repulski, President of the state high school golf coaches association, will be tourney director. His daughter Jill Repulski, a second year member of the Lady Gator team at Gainesville, reigns as Queen of the Punta Gorda Powder Puff Golf Classic this month . . . All who have renewed memberships in the first month of new year are good news makers. Almost 2,000 back in the fold by January 31 . . . Dick Tiddy, host professional at Bay Hill Club, Orlando, site of FSGA's 60th annual State Amateur Championship, June 9-12, has pledged all out support to make it an epic event. Even working on Arnold Palmer to be official starter . . . Gene Byrne, tournament director for Cypress Creek event March 12-13, has arranged special \$16 double rate for contestants at 1776 Resort Inn, Orlando. Call collect, person to person, reservations desk, (305) 351-4410, for FSGA special.

### FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses January 1-December 31, 1976

#### CASH RECEIPTS:

Dues from Member Clubs	10,025.00	District Tournament Director's Fees	2,054.42
Individual Member Dues	29,964.40	District T. D. Commissions	508.20
Tournament Entry Fees		Executive Director Contract Fee	19,999.92
— State Events	63,868.50	Executive Director Balance	
Tournament Entry Fees		for 1975 Contract	2,500.00
— District Events	16,728.94	Editorial-Production Expense	
Advertising Space Sales	15,385.24	— Newsletters	676.67
Florida Golfweek Newservice	1,200.00	Editorial-Advertising Sales & Production	
Tournament Dinners		Expense — Golf Guide and Golfweek	19,748.80
— Wives & Guests	340.00	Golfweek Subscriptions to Members	5,609.80
USGA	520.00	Telephone	3,043.57
Merchandise	339.98	Travel	1,204.47
Miscellaneous: Interest, C. Ratings		Office Allowance	
Use of Mailing List, etc.	466.17	— Rent, Equipment, etc.	2,539.36
Computer Handicap Service	1,097.96	Office Allowance — 1975 Balance	200.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>139,936.19</b>	Extra Office Help	3,013.60
		Office Supplies	846.34
		Merchandise	495.84
		Meetings	374.49
		Course Ratings	28.47
		Printing	11,177.43
		Postage	4,168.97
		Dues — IAGA-NCA-FWCGCSA	87.50
		Insurance, Trophies, etc.	48.00
		Computer Handicap Service	297.97
		Miscellaneous	22.29
		Legal & Accounting	75.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>147,973.59</b>
		<b>Excess (Deficit) Receipts</b>	<b>over Disbursements (8,037.40)</b>

NOTE - The following accounts and obligations existed at the close of business December 31, 1976:

Accounts Receivable	\$14,620.00	Accounts Payable	-0-
Carey, Inc. loan to FSGA	12,000.00	Bank balance	\$2,191.57

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## Answer to Florida PGA Official's charge that FSGA activities "Do absolutely no good for Florida Golf."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Chuck Brasington, of Gainesville, Immediate Past President, Florida PGA Section, in a recently published letter critical of FSGA, asked, among other things, just what is the Association's function. In his opinion, FSGA is not good for golf in Florida. Executive Director Bill Carey has replied to the Brasington charges below. At press time a meeting had been scheduled with the PGA's Executive Committee to discuss the relationship of the two groups.

Dear Chuck:

I was out of state for the holidays and haven't had a chance until now to answer your "steam-blowing" letter to the editor. The item was sent to me by an FSGA member and I shall show you the courtesy of a direct reply. This will be a sincere and friendly effort to answer your letter, Chuck. It is lengthy as the subjects you raised defy a short explanation.

Frankly, we were surprised at your reaction to the FSGA Open Championship idea as the spirit in which the event is planned is to offer, among other things, an expression of thanks to the home golf professionals at FSGA member clubs for their assistance in Association matters over the years. In some quarters the golf professional-amateur club member relationship is regarded as an endangered species. FSGA thinks otherwise and wishes to bolster that position with a continued schedule of events at member clubs, working through the club professionals and spending tournament entry fees at his shop for merchandise prizes.

This year we instituted club professional, manager and superintendent awards to further recognize and thank member clubs for continued participation in the FSGA program.

Since to date this seems to be a one way street, FSGA making the effort for a more active relationship with member club professionals, I am puzzled by your written comment that "endeavors such as this do absolutely no good for Florida golf." I feel the host professionals at the 27

FSGA member clubs holding Association events last year indicated that our activity was in the best interests of Florida golf and that they would be pleased to have us return. Obviously the expression of low esteem for FSGA by your leadership is not shared by the club professionals with whom we have worked during the past 20 years.

The FSGA Open never was proposed to be in opposition to the Florida Open which we recognize has been run successfully by the Florida PGA for 20 years. In its 64 years of operation Florida State Golf Association has organized and administered the running of thousands of golf tournaments with a great variety of formats. FSGA never has sponsored an Open Championship. At our annual meeting at Port Malabar last April the subject of an FSGA Open Championship again surfaced when it was reported the Association had several offers from commercial sponsors to participate in such an event.

Before going ahead with the plan the general membership and directors attending the Port Malabar meeting instructed me to write the President of the Florida PGA and inquire if that worthy body had any interest in participating with FSGA in such an endeavor. Again, Association members obviously were desirous of fostering a more active relationship between FSGA member club professionals who gain their year around livelihood in Florida club jobs.

I wrote the letter. You replied promptly and said you would bring up the matter at your next executive committee meeting and let me know of the committee's reaction. You also stated that most of the professionals competing in an event are primarily interested in all starting times being around noon, free accommodations, free booze and parties and prizes for all contestants. I reported that letter to our tournament committee which got a chuckle from your observations. We waited for word of your committee's reaction to the idea.

When you never replied we tried again to recruit some interest on the part of professionals at our FSGA member clubs. This office mailed 228 questionnaires asking if the club professional would be

interested in bringing three of his low handicap club members to participate in an FSGA sponsored, pro-am four man team championship event. We planned to play it in the Palm Beach area in November or December, had the dates and site reserved pending the replies to our survey of interest. Of the 228 letters sent we had 12 replies, five indicating participation, seven negative. This event was for our member clubs only and not designed to compete with the Florida PGA's Pro-Am Championship. Naturally, with the limited response we scrubbed the idea and marked up another negative reaction to FSGA efforts to seek a better rapport with member club golf professionals.

With the combination of no reply to the Open query and extreme negativism to the Pro-Am questionnaire, I made the decision to accept the sponsor's offer of participation and go ahead with the FSGA Open to be run at the same site and ending the day before the Central Florida U.S. Open Qualifying rounds which FSGA has conducted for many years.

You say, Chuck, "This, as far as I'm concerned is no different than the Florida PGA deciding to conduct a Florida Amateur." You are right. But we both know the PGA would have every right to conduct an amateur event if it philosophically could accept the idea. The Florida PGA's long-standing attitude toward the amateurs of this state prevents the leadership from recommending such heresy. There are many fine individual club professionals who stage outstanding events for amateurs in Florida every year outside the jurisdiction of your organization. I hope they continue to do so.

FSGA feels differently. We would welcome the chance to stage an Open event for professionals for the reasons stated earlier and to fully round out an annual golf tournament program for one of the oldest and most active state amateur associations in the nation.

On the subject of prize money:

No, Chuck, your Gainesville Country Club membership dues will not be used for the proposed \$25,000 prize money. That has been budgeted by the sponsor, included in his 1977 advertising expenditure. I presume you never have received an FSGA financial statement as they go to club management or the club's representative to FSGA meetings. They are available at all meetings. An 11 month statement was distributed to all directors and individual members attending the final board meeting of 1976, December 3, at King's Inn. When the audited statement for the entire year 1976 is completed I shall

see that you receive a copy.

I totally oppose your position that golf professionals should monitor handicapping systems for amateurs. That is the complete province of an amateur body and there certainly has been enough chapter and verse on the certification of handicaps by other than authorized handicap chairmen or systems to prove my point. May I also remind you that FSGA was one of the first state golf associations in the country to have a computer handicap system in the early 1960s and had to give it up because of poor cooperation from club professionals and handicap committees in getting the reports to our data center for processing. We have gotten back into it at the request of some member clubs who desire the service and the fact that improved handicap service is a primary, proper function of a state amateur golf association.

In answer to your question about the function of FSGA I have enclosed a copy of our Winter '77 FLORIDA GOLF GUIDE which, on pages 16 and 74, explain the activities of Florida State Golf Association. I also have turned our December Newsletter to Page 7 to further expose you to FSGA dealings with the USGA and other facets of the Association.

Chuck, I sincerely hope this letter will be accepted in the spirit in which it is written — to honestly give you an understandable picture of this organization. In my 20 years as executive director I've made a genuine effort to be helpful to Golf in Florida. Misunderstandings leading to controversies are a waste of busy hours and not productive. Communications always can be improved. Frankly, this office hasn't been contacted by Florida PGA officials about our policies and programs, since the days of Denny Champagne. Naturally, we presume there is no interest. And, to be absolutely truthful, the job and my own business, have served up so many time-consuming obligations in recent years, that I have just failed to give even a minimum of attention to our relationship.

Certainly, we'll give some thought to changing the format of the proposed FSGA Open if your people find it so objectionable. As the guy who will organize it, produce the funds for it and run it, I want a harmonious tournament. If it now doesn't strike the right nerve with prospective contestants, I'm realistic and flexible enough to try to talk the sponsor into spending his money on a different format.

I hope to hear from you. Kindest regards.

Sincerely,  
William P. Carey  
Executive Director

## WE GET LETTERS

### SERVICES RENDERED

I want to bring to your personal attention the commendable services provided by your newly appointed official F.S.G.A. Tour Representative (F.S.G.A. Golf News, December, 1976), Mr. Jim Tobin, President, J.T. Golf Tours.

Though Jim was not acting in his official capacity in attending to our private group golf needs, his services and personal attention were most appreciated.

You are fortunate to have such an attentive and talented gentleman connected with your association.

Edward G. Evertz  
National Accounts Manager  
Standard Brands Incorporated

### GOLF GUIDE

Enclosed please find my money order in the amount of \$2.80 U.S., representing payment for one copy of the fall-winter edition of the Florida Golf Guide.

It was in late November that I called your offices enquiring about this publication, and was informed by a delightful lady that one would be sent as soon as it was published. Thank you for your co-operation and your promptness.

I am looking forward again this year to playing several more rounds of golf in your beautiful State.

Donald S. McKelvie  
Pointe Claire, Quebec

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Fall-Winter Golf Guide and for the ad that is placed therein.

We certainly appreciate this type of cooperation and if there is anything we can do to reciprocate, please let me hear from you.

Don A. Rossi  
Executive Director  
National Golf Foundation

I noted the enclosed item about the availability of your golf guide in the morning paper.

Could you rush me a copy of this right away? We have close relatives visiting us from Michigan shortly, who will be making a tour of at least part of the state, for purpose of buying a home in or near a good golf course . . . and this sounds like it would be ideal for that purpose.

Clark M. Greenstreet  
Winter Haven

### MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed is FWCGCSA's check for membership 1977. Our members are looking forward to another successful year of FSGA golf. If I can be of help this year, please feel free to call upon me for any information you need. Good luck for the coming year, and Happy New Year to you and yours from the members of FWCGCSA.

David R. Bouck  
Sec.-Treas. FWCGCSA

Many thanks for the 1977 schedule of events — I am particularly interested in the "Life at Forty" tournament here at Lehigh Nov. 4-6. Would appreciate application for that as soon as available.

Bert Dehlin  
Lehigh

### MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Please excuse my delay for not writing sooner and thanking you for my FSGA Manager of the Year Award. Please understand that my tardiness was not an indication of my appreciation, but rather the result of the Christmas and New Year's rush.

Therefore, let me personally thank you and all of the other members of the FSGA for their endorsement and confidence. I can assure you that it touched a sensitive spot.

You might also be interested in knowing that since we last talked, I have not been placed in charge of the Golf and Tennis Operations, too. Therefore, when you return next year, we may be able to work that much closer together.

Thank you once again.

Gary R. Caldwell, V.P.  
Lehigh Resort Facilities

### PAST PRESIDENT

While in Tampa last week, visiting with my son Asey, I saw a copy of the F.S.G.A. Christmas newsletter. Congratulations on receiving the Fairway Award. You certainly deserved it after all these years of service.

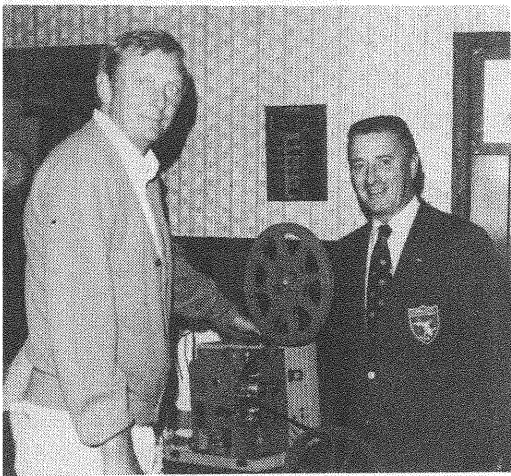
I would like to call your attention to your reporting on the Past Presidents' Award Meeting as I did not receive an invitation to the Award night it seems that you have omitted me in your reporting. I realize that I have not been active in F.S.G.A. affairs for the past few years. But I do feel like I have contributed my share in the past, serving as both Secretary-Treasurer in 1949, and President in 1950; and Lord knows how many terms on the Board of Directors.

## Capri Isle Men's Night Is Success

VENICE — The FSGA activities story and 1976 US Open color film were well received by 68 members of the Capri Isles Men's Association in January.

Matter of fact, between the Thursday evening presentation and the following Monday, Irv Schoettker hustled up 79 members who showed their appreciation by joining FSGA and signing on for handicap service. Capri became the 15th club to join the computer system since January 1.

The 26-minute, full color full sound film of Jerry Pate's victory in the '76 US Open at Atlanta Athletic Club is available from the FSGA State Office in Sarasota. Executive Director Bill Carey and-or Field Representative Jim Tobin will screen the feature for club groups after making a brief presentation of FSGA activities and explaining the new computer handicap reporting service offered to member clubs.



CAPRI'S Law Smither and FSGA's Jim Tobin aided in presentation.



## First Bobby Jones Scot Scholar Visits FSGA During Christmas Holidays

BY BILL FRITTS

The first Bobby Jones scholar from St. Andrews University in Scotland was a recent visitor to the FSGA offices in Sarasota — and, unless you understand the situation, it might come as a surprise to learn that he's not really a golfer.

Alan Duncan Rennie, 19, of Perth, Scotland, admits to playing "only occasionally" but then points out that the Bobby Jones Scholarship program has nothing to do with one's golfing skills, anyway. It's an academic program, and reflects a side of the immortal Robert Tyre Jones that's very little known by the general public.

Besides being a superb golfer, Atlanta-born Jones was also a brilliant scholar who won three firsts at the university in English Literature, mechanical engineering and law, after which he took the American Bar exam a year early and passed with top honors.

Tall, personable, scholarly Rennie symbolizes this academic excellence that characterized Jones, being a student of pure mathematics from which, in four years, he hopes to emerge as an actuary in the insurance industry.

Rennie was in Sarasota as the Christmas holidays guest of fellow Scot John Henry Macdonell — of the clan Macdonell of Glengarry — who is one of the founders of the Robert T. Jones Memorial Trust which raises funds to establish exchange scholarships between American and Scottish universities and, in particular, to forge a permanent link between Emory University, of which Jones was an alumnus, and the University of St. Andrews.

St. Andrews, you'll recall, was where Jones in that memorable year of 1930 won both the British Open and the Amateur, and additionally the U.S. Open and Amateur, to capture what has been picturesquely called the "impregnable quadrilateral," or, more familiarly, the Grand Slam.

Thus it seemed only fitting to Macdonell and others that some sort of memorial ought to be created to honor this outstanding scholar and First Gentleman of Golf — and so the Robert T. Jones Memorial Trust.

Rennie is now in his second quarter at Emory and notes some differences between its educational format and that of St. Andrews.

"We specialize far more at British universities," he states. "I'm only doing two courses other than mathematics in all my four years. I did economics last year and I'll be doing philosophy next year, and that's it. At Emory, people do all different subjects."

Also, he says, British universities rarely stress sports. There are hardly any sporting scholarships at all. "University sports don't really matter too much because nobody's bothered whether you lose to another university or not."

Of the scholarship program, Rennie says, "From my point of view, it's been most enjoyable. I think in the years to come it'll grow and become more important. I certainly hope so."

As a postscript, one might note that if Rennie ever does take up the game of golf seriously — he shouldn't have any trouble figuring his handicap.

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Just thought I would let you know the above facts so that you could get your reporting straight and up to date.

Best wishes to you and Edna for the coming year.

Edward G. Stephens  
Gainesville

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Ed Stephens certainly has a record of FSGA achievements and contributions. We apologize for the oversight. His '76 plaque has been ordered and will be presented this month.*

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

First of all, let me thank you, belatedly, for giving me the opportunity to play in the Bicentennial Tournament at Williamsburg. I am sure that Dexter Daniels and Austin Jones have given you a full report on the difficulty of the course, the excellent job done by the Virginia State Golf Association in running the tournament, and the consideration given to the contestants by the Kingsmill personnel. Suffice to say, I had a delightful time and, despite an 88 on the second day, came in fourth in the Seniors Division.

Next, congratulations on a very excellent publication, the December issue of "FSGA Golf News." Although the numbering system indicates that it is an established publication, I don't recall seeing it before. It is a welcomed change from Charlie Stine's "Florida Golfweek."

Finally Bill, I have some thoughts on the State Seniors Championship I would like to pass along. First, I would like to see it played on a different golf course each year. This thought is not motivated by a dislike for Vero Beach. The opposite is true. I enjoy playing there. The course is an interesting one; is always in good shape; and the personnel at the club are most accommodating. Regardless of any actions taken on my suggestions, you should strive to continue to have a tournament there each year. Nevertheless, there should be more prestige attached to winning the State Seniors; and rotating it among several courses would help to attain that objective.

Two other actions that would help elevate the status of the Seniors Championship would be to increase play to at least 54 holes and to give a suitable trophy to the winner. I won't belabor the 54 hole bit. You know the pros and cons of that one better than I. As for trophies, generally I am violently opposed to them. More often than not they are impractical monstrosities that have little value for golfers our age. However, winning the Florida State Seniors Championship should be different. The winner should attach sufficient importance to it to want to have something to show that he is the champion.

I realize that obtaining a different golf

# Tournament Times

- To compete in FSGA events contestants must be current members.
- Yellow tournament entry forms in this issue.



course each year for a 54 hole Seniors tournament would be extremely difficult if not impossible. An alternative would be to have a Senior Section in the State Amateur Championship. I note that you are doing that this year in the State Four-Ball.

Bill, I don't expect a written reply and hope you won't waste your time preparing one. We can discuss my suggestions at one of our tournaments. I do hope you will give my suggestions some thought and discuss them with other seniors. The ones I have discussed them with believe they have merit.

Cordially yours,  
Thomas T. Grady  
Winter Park

#### MIXED PAIRS

Your mixed pair tournament at Harder Hall Jan. 21-23 was great, the course excellent and food and accommodations likewise.

The ladies really enjoyed the format so let's have more in the near future.

Jim and Jan Duncan  
Sarasota

Just wanted you to know how much we enjoyed playing in the mixed couples tournament at Harder Hall. You certainly organized the event beautifully and the

food was superb. Peggy and Rennix Isner  
Melbourne

Enclosed is a list of additional members for FSGA for 1977. Also a check, No. 492, in the amount of \$20. to cover the five additions.

Jewell, Bill and I really enjoyed the mixed pairs tournament at Harder Hall. Our stay was comfortable and pleasant. I think this is a great addition to the FSGA tournament schedule. We should have at least two a year.

I enjoyed meeting Jim Tobin and look forward to working with him at Cypress Creek in March.

Our thanks to you all for our enjoyable time.

Gene Byrne  
Orlando

#### ROLAND ARNOLD

Congratulations on the great write-up for Roland Arnold. He was a deserving man and I've known him since 1941 when I first met him at Vero Beach.

I'm enclosing the last picture I took of Arnold at Lehigh. I was shocked to hear of his death.

Mickey Boytiss  
N. Melbourne

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 12-13 Cypress Creek District Event, 36 holes, Gross and Net, Cypress Creek Golf Club, Orlando.

April 2-3 King Neptune Tournament, Rolling Green Golf Club, Sarasota, 36 holes.

April 21 Annual Membership Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Ponce de Leon Lodge, St. Augustine.

April 22-24 Member Invitational, 54 holes, Ponce de Leon Golf Club, St. Augustine.

May 20-22 FSGA Open Championship, 54 holes, Country Club of Sarasota.

May 23 U.S. Open, Central Florida Qualifying, 36 holes, Country Club of Sarasota and Bent Tree Golf Club, Sarasota.

June 9-12 60th Annual State Amateur Championship, 72 holes, Bay Hill Golf Club, Orlando.

July 14-15 State Junior Championship, 36 holes, King's Inn Country Club, Sun City Center.

July 16-17 Summer Four-Ball, 36 holes, Gross and Net, King's Inn.

August 5-7 N.W. "Life at Forty," 54 holes, Bay Point Golf Club, Panama City.

August 21 Lone Palm Country Club, Scholarship Day, Lakeland.

August 27-28 Mixed Pairs State Championship, Port Malabar C.C., Palm Bay.

Sept. 24-25 State Four-Ball with Senior Section, 36 holes, Longboat Key Golf Club, Sarasota.

Oct. 14-15 State Seniors Championship, 36 holes, Vero Beach Country Club.

Nov. 4-6 Lehigh "Life at Forty," 54 holes, Lehigh Country Club.

Dec. 3-4 Holiday Four-Ball, 36 holes, King's Inn, Sun City Center.





The Jerry Pate watchers are gathering again.

Following the young Pensacolan's win at Phoenix, and the laying to rest of the football season, Pate followers are making calls for tickets to the Masters in April.

Jerry spiced up that migratory trend by saying in a post-victory interview that he'd really like to win the big one at Augusta.

"You know I was born in Georgia and winning the Masters would be something extra special," said the smooth-swinging U.S. Open Champion after victory in the 1977 tour opener at Phoenix.

That was enough for Pate's Florida fans, many of whom followed him to Atlanta last June to watch his thrilling Open win, to start thinking ahead to springtime in Augusta.

It will be Jerry's third appearance in the Masters. He first played under the exemption which goes to the U.S. Amateur Champion, a title he won in 1974 after victory in the Florida State Amateur Championship launched him on the trail of international golf fame. After the '75 Masters, still an amateur, Pate was a member of the victorious U.S. team in the 1975 Walker Cup Matches at St. Andrews and then won the individual title in the World Amateur team matches in the Dominican Republic.

He turned professional in the Fall of 1975, won enough money in early tour events to establish himself as a corner and then spreadeagled the field at Disney World to win his tour card. His fast fame and riches as a golf tourist are legion. Victories in the '76 U.S. Open, the world's greatest golf tournament, the Canadian Open title, a lucrative victory in Japan and solid performance throughout the tour

season produced a quarter of a million dollars for the former University of Alabama star.

Now he has hit the ground running in a brand new year, scooped up the \$40,000 first money at Phoenix, and is off to the races. His Florida fans hope '77 will be another boom year for the likeable Pate.

**GOLF TOURS FOR STAYING,** watching and playing are on the grow. FSGA conducted a prime junket to Scotland in 1975 for the Walker Cup Matches mentioned earlier. Now, Jim Tobin and his J.T. Golf Tours are headquartered in the FSGA office in Sarasota and plans are afoot for more exciting golf travel.

Mexico, Spain, Augusta, Carolina Mountains, Bermuda, England and Scotland all are in the planning stage with the added attraction of having a golf or sports personality aboard to spread some expertise among the journeymen and ladies.

In addition to fascinating out of state destinations, Florida continues to offer a variety of great golf and tennis spots. The Winter '77 Florida **GOLF & TENNIS GUIDE**, now available at major newsstands and golf shops or from FSGA, offers almost 600 facilities in its 100 pages of descriptive material.

After a tough Bicentennial battering economically, the Northwest section of the state is rebounding nicely. Several very plush establishments have reorganized and are back on track offering interesting package plans for the golf traveler.

It should be the place to be for a late spring or early summer outing of your favorite golf group. The guys and gals who are curious enough to wonder what's behind the next bunker.

**REINSTATEMENT to Amateur Status**

application forms and the Rules of Amateur Status have been revised by USGA. A new broadcasting and writing paragraph has been introduced, and, under Rule 2, Advisory Opinions, Enforcement and Reinstatement sections have been lengthened. If you're teetering on the edge of jumping pro-ward or trying to regain your amateur being, familiarize yourself with the new form. As one of the busiest reinstatement states in the nation we handled almost 100 phone and written inquiries, applications and investigations last year. This is a subject which will get a good workout at the IAGA meeting at the Champions Golf Club, Houston, Feb. 13-16.

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