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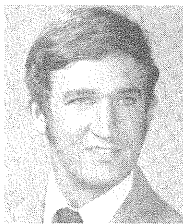
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**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are due again. We urge you to pay them promptly and get ready for the tournament season. Your individual bill was mailed with the newsletter. Please fill in all the spaces so we'll have your correct mailing address, zip code, home club, current handicap and age for the tournaments. All events which have been cleared through the FSGA office along with the USGA calendar for 1971 are on back page.

**KING NEPTUNE SET FOR APRIL 3-4** FSGA will hold its third annual invitational event in conjunction with the King Neptune Pageant at Sarasota's Rolling Green Golf Club, Saturday and Sunday April 3 and 4. Bill Watts, former FSGA President, St. Petersburg, is the defending champion and is expected to be back in the field this year. Entry fee is \$20 for the event which includes a practice round Friday and the "parade watchers" cocktail party at Sarasota Motor Hotel Saturday night during the highlight of the pageant. There will be prizes for gross and net competition (played on point quota system). The field will be limited to the first 160 entries. An entry card has been included in this newsletter mailing.

**FSGA RETURNS TO ST. LUCIE APRIL 29 - MAY 2** The annual member tournament, played last year at Harder Hall and won by Ted Huff of Winter Haven, will return to St. Lucie Country Club this year. For many years this popular event had been held at St. Lucie. Complaints from the membership following treatment received during the 1969 tournament caused the event to be moved. However, Alan Bland, St. Lucie sales director, assures us that there is a new regime and attitude at the big resort complex and we'll give it another try. A Hilton Hotel has been added since the last FSGA tournament making St. Lucie's accommodation capability greater than ever. The Saints and Sinner's golf courses still are super tracks so we'll look forward to a great tournament. Entry forms will be in the mail by mid-March.

**FAIRWAY AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** There will be a double-barrelled awards observance in Sarasota Friday, April 2, prior to the King Neptune Tournament. Winner of the annual Fairway Award will be announced at an FSGA dinner planned for Friday evening at 6:30 at the Sarasota Motor Hotel. Nominations for the Fairway Award are now being received at the state office. In addition, five young men who have been recipients of FSGA scholarship grants will be honored. Michael L. Chase and Walter Gooder will receive aid grants to the School of Golf Course Operations at Lake City Junior College this year. David B. Ratliff, James D. Shine and Robert A. Strait were awardees last year who have finished the course and are out working as assistant superintendents on courses in Florida and Tennessee. Dr. Gene C. Nutter, director of the school, is expected to be on hand also for the awards dinner. Wives and guests will be welcome to the event and those not already entered in the King Neptune tournament will be able to play golf that day prior to the dinner.



Chase



Gooder



Ratliff



Shine



Strait

**FSGA'S CONDOMINIUM GOLF RESORT** will be for members only, their business associates and guests. A spectacular 400 acre water front site has been located and plans for a two golf course, resort hotel and business meeting complex are being discussed with developers. The unique condominium golf resort hotel plan will enable FSGA members to actually own a share of the complex. The investment aspect is most attractive. Full details will be available this summer for member participation.

## FSGA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THESE TOURNAMENTS

- March 5-7 — Stephens Memorial, Sebring Golf Club  
 March 11-14 — Citrus Invitational Rio Pinar C.C., Orlando  
 March 19-21 — Silver Lake Invitational, Silver Lake C.C., Leesburg  
 April 3-4 — FSGA King Neptune Tournament, Rolling Green G.C., Sarasota  
 April 29-May 2 — FSGA Member Invitational, St. Lucie C.C., Port St. Lucie  
 May 6-8 — FSGA Seniors, Site To Be Announced  
 May 12-15 — Falstaff Amateur Classic, Pensacola  
 May 13-15 — DeSoto National Handicap, Bradenton  
 May 24 — U.S. Open Local Qualifying, Central Fla., Longboat Key C.C., Sarasota  
 June 3-6 — Florida Open, President's Golf Club, Palm Beach  
 June 17-20 — FSGA State Amateur Championship, Silver Lake C.C., Leesburg  
 July 7-9 — FSGA State Junior Championship, Site To Be Announced  
 Aug. 27-29 — FSGA Seniors Tournament, Naples Beach Club  
 Oct. 8-10 — Mount Dora Invitational, Mount Dora G.C.  
 Oct. 9-10 — FSGA State Amateur Four Ball, Naples Beach Club  
 Oct. 18-24 — PGA Championship, Naples Beach Club  
 Nov. 2-6 — Florida Seniors Tournament (Not FSGA), Naples Beach Club  
 Nov. 19-21 — FSGA Life at Forty Tournament & Pro-Am, Lehigh Acres C.C.

## USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1971

- May 26-27 — Walker Cup, The Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland.  
 June 17-20 — U.S. Open, Merion Golf Club, East Course, Ardmore, Pa.  
 June 24-27 — Women's Open, Kahkwa Club, Erie, Pa.  
 July 14-17 — Amateur Public Links, Papago Golf Course, Phoenix, Arizona.  
 Aug. 3-7 — Junior Amateur, Manor C.C. Rockville, Md.  
 Aug. 9-14 — Girls' Junior, Augusta C.C., Augusta, Ga.  
 Aug. 16-21 — Women's Amateur, Atlanta C.C., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Sept. 1-4 — U.S. Amateur, Wilmington C.C., So. Course, Wilmington, Del.  
 Sept. 20-25 — Senior Amateur, Sunnybrook G.C., Plymouth Meeting, Pa.  
 Sept. 29-Oct. 1 — Senior Womens' Amateur, Sea Island G.C., Sea Island, Ga.  
 Oct. 20-23 — World Senior Amateur Team, Fuji Golf Course, Kawana, Japan.

## IAGA Meets In Florida

The International Association of Golf Administrators will meet in the Sunshine State for the first time. The session has been booked into PGA National at Palm Beach Gardens, March 17-19. Colonades Beach Hotel at Palm Beach Shores will be the headquarters.

Delegates to the conference, open to golf administrators only, will hear a report on the recent nationwide IAGA handicap survey and a presentation by Club Management Information Systems. Other presentations and reports by administrators of national golf associations and communication media are on the agenda. Peg Burnette, representing the Golf Association of Philadelphia is the current IAGA President. FSGA will be represented at the meeting.

## Rankin Wins Gasparilla

Always a popular winner, Bob Rankin, Clearwater insurance executive, became the third player in history to repeat as a Gasparilla Invitational Champion. He topped the field at Palma Ceia Golf Club with a 36 hole total of 139 when weather stopped the action. Final day rains made the course unplayable. Harry Root III and Phil Leckey tied for second at 141. Rankin is a former FSGA State Amateur Champion, winning the crown in 1969 when the event was played at Longboat Key Country Club. Root and Leckey are former University of Florida golf team mates.

## Baugh's Win Father-Son

Cocoa attorney Hale Baugh, Jr. and his 18 year old son Beau are the new Father and Son Champions. They won the Atlantis annual event when "old Dad" fired up a hot putter and canned five birdies to pace the twosome to a three under par 141 (70-71) in the alternate shot tournament. The Harry Roots, Jr. and III, 148; Leon Sikes Sr. and Jr., 149; Dexter Daniels Sr. and Jr., 149; Dan Connell Sr. and Jr., 154, were other notable FSGAers competing.

## Koch Collegiate Champ

Gary Koch, Tampa, perennial all everything winner as an FSGA junior, continues to notch victories. His latest is the Florida Intercollegiate Crown, captured at Willow Brook Golf Club, Winter Haven. Koch was 15 under par — 63-69-69-201 — in winning the individual title. His University of Florida team hustled away the team title by 40 strokes. USF, FSU, University of Miami, Rollins and Jacksonville University also competed.

## FSGA To Naples Beach Club

After several years absence FSGA will be back at the Naples Beach Club with two events this year. The FSGA Seniors are set for Henry Watkins' popular Gulfside layout August 27-29. The State Amateur Four Ball will be played at the same site October 8-10. Special hotel rates will be in effect for both events.



... Bill and Jeri Wodtke

## President Takes A Bride

Bill Wodtke, Vero Beach, serving his second term as President of FSGA, now has a helper in wife Jeri. The Wodtke's were married in December and send thanks to FSGA directors and members who remembered the nuptials with gifts and good wishes. The Prez was right resplendent in white tie and tails at the Vero wedding. The Wodtkes will be "at home" when the state member event returns to St. Lucie in late April.

## Floridians Are Walker Cuppers

Allen Miller, Pensacola, and Steve Melnyk, Jacksonville, have been named to the USGA's Walker Cup team which will meet Great Britain, May 26-27, 1971, at The Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland. If any of the first ten named amateurs decline the invitation to compete there's another young Floridian standing by as third alternate who will jump at the chance to play. He's young Eddie Pearce of Tampa, now attending Wake Forest on an Arnold Palmer Scholarship. This will be the 23rd meeting of Great Britain and the United States in Walker Cup play.

## Longboat Gets Qualifying

The Central Florida site for U.S. Open local qualifying May 24 will be Longboat Key Golf Course. The long, tough Gulfside track had the event two years ago and attracted a good turnout of hopefuls. Arvida Corp. vice president John Siegel indicated everything will be in top shape for the qualifying as the 10th annual Turf-Grass Trade Show has been scheduled earlier in the month for the same location and Longboat's Super Jack Graves will go all out for his brother grass growers.

## Reinstatement Approved

Robert J. McManus, Jr. (Doby to Lakeland area golfers) has been reinstated to amateur status. Still pending are reinstatement applications to the USGA with endorsement from FSGA, for Joseph D. Travis, Jr., Tampa; Mrs. Christine Daniel, St. Petersburg; Ray Robison, Winter Park and William John Koresell, Pensacola.