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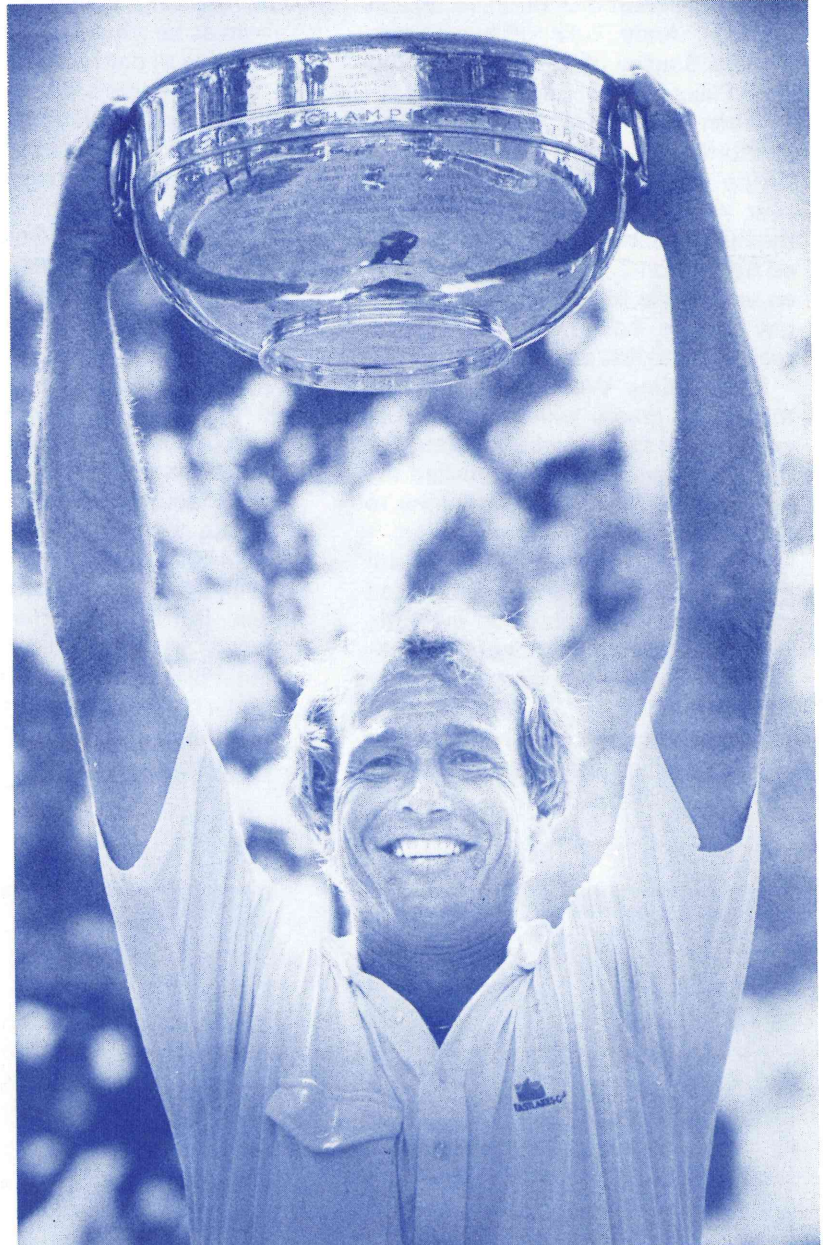
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TOM KNAPP WINS STATE AMATEUR

Most winners of major amateur tournaments are college students or just-out-of-college students, but 36-year-old Tom Knapp defied the odds by winning the 66th Florida State Amateur Championship at demanding Grenelefe West in Haines City.

It was a refreshing, slightly out of character tournament... the top two finishers were successful business executives, out of college long enough to put more emphasis on profit and loss than birdie and bogey. Still, they were the class of the 1983 State Amateur.

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KNAPP OUTLASTS STRONG STATE AM FIELD

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Knapp, president of an oil drilling firm, shot 70-74-76-71 for a 3-over-par 291 total. Two strokes back was Veghte, the veteran performer and consummate insurance wizard who was chasing his fourth Florida amateur title. Veghte's rounds were 73-76-72-72.

Finishing in a third place tie at 296 were Pete Wofford of Palm Beach Gardens, Andy Zullo of Kissimmee, Michael Bradley of Sanibel Island and John Pallot of Coral Gables.

When the final round began, Wofford had a one-shot lead over Knapp and a two-stroke advantage over Veghte. Wofford, who works in the PGA National golf shop, relinquished his lead on the par five fifth hole — an unplayable lie and subsequent bogey on the hole giving Knapp the green light to first place.

By the time Wofford three-putted the eighth green, taking another bogey on a par five, he was three strokes down and fading fast. He finished the final round with a 77, a testimony to the difficulty of the Grenelefe layout.

After Knapp three-putted the 14th green, he held just a one-stroke lead over the steady Veghte. On the 15th, Veghte — playing in front of Knapp — scored a birdie to jump into a tie for the lead.

Knapp, though, responded with a two-foot birdie putt of his own at 15.

He was one shot ahead with three holes to play.

Both golfers missed the 16th green, Veghte missing a 10-foot par putt and Knapp sinking a 7-footer to save par. Advantage: two strokes.

Knapp saved par again at 17, getting up and down from the front bunker. Veghte just missed a birdie putt at 18, allowing Knapp some breathing room as he played the hole. It was the first time all day he was able to relax.

After Veghte's birdie at 15, Knapp felt a surge of determination. "I had gotten this far and planned to win. I told myself I wasn't going to let him beat me."

Knapp grew up in St. Louis and first came to Florida to play soccer at the University of South Florida. He also played golf there, and later became a professional.

Getting back his amateur standing in May of 1982, he won the Palm Beach County Amateur a short time later. This year he was runnerup in the same tournament, giving away a three-stroke lead with four holes to play.

"All that week, I was thinking negatively," he said. "I didn't think I could win. But it was different here. This means a lot to me. There are some great players in Florida, and this is one of the hardest amateur tournaments in the country to win. Fifteen players could have won."

STATE AM RESULTS

(At Grenelefe West)

The State Amateur Golf Championship was held June 9-12 at Grenelefe West. The course is par 72 and measures 6900 yards. The following is a listing of final results:

291 - Tom Knapp, Tequesta; 293 - Jack Veghte, Clearwater; 296 - Pete Wofford, Palm Beach Gardens, Andy Zullo, Kissimmee, John Pallot, Coral Gables, Michael Bradley, Sanibel Island; 299 - Marco Dawson, Ft. Lauderdale, Adam Armagost, North Palm Beach, Bryan Edwards, Jacksonville; 300 - Richard Etscorn, Orlando; 301 - Bob Sauerberg, Lakeland, Bobby Dick, Tallahassee, Bob Kouwe, Tampa; 302 - Bob Stockman, Altamonte Springs, Ron Tumlin, Palatka; 303 - John Ward, Winter Park, Peter Williams, Longwood, Nolan Henke, Ft. Myers, Pipp Patton, Temple Terrace, Bob May, Lakeland; 304 - Michael Arisin, Juno Beach; 305 - Tom Hearn, Ft. Pierce; 306 - Frank Souchak, Largo, Martin Stanovich, Tamarac, Ron McCann, Orlando, Gary Onorati, Ft. Lauderdale, Jim Keedy, Leesburg; 307 - Hunter Rhodes, Tampa, Steve LaMontague, Satellite Beach, Steve Greek, Fern Park; 308 - Steve Caraford, Orlando, Bob May, Lakeland, Lenny Prozan, Bradenton, Jerry Coren, Tampa; 309 - Bob Cornett, Tampa, Dean Hiers, Lake Wales; 310 - Len Mattiace, Ponte Vedra, Mark Bucek, Winter Park; Bill Erwin, Jupiter, Ricky Bealert, Orlando; 312 - Bob Rankin, Clearwater, Jay Paquette, Leesburg, Mike Domalske, Sarasota; 313 - Brian Hawke, Temple Terrace, Bill McCormick, Margate, Robert Milich, Ft. Lauderdale, Brett James, Stuart, Don Burwell, Miami Lakes; 314 - Louie Mitrovich, Orlando, Jack Shubert, Altamonte Springs, Austin Jones, Orlando, Kevin Dyer, Lake Placid; 316 - Thomas Mollman, Lantana, W.R. Pinkley, Port Orange; 317 - Keith Keister, Orlando, Craig Rouhler, Orange Park, Steve Busboom, Boca Raton; 322 - John Reynolds, Palm Beach Gardens; WD - Jim Arnold, Green Cove Springs, Hap Personett, Ft. Myers.



Tom Knapp behind Adam Armagost watching Adam's tee shot on 14.



Andy Zullo, after dropping a shot on the 18th hole.



MID-AM RESULTS

Pine Tree G.C.

MATCH PLAY First Round

Bob Kouwe d. Gary Onorati 2-and-1;
Dennis Peterson d. Jack Shubert, 1-up;
Tom Case d. Tom Davis 3-and-2;
Bob Hughes d. Don Stephenson, 19th;
David Snyder d. Fred Ridley 4-and-2;
Tom Knapp d. Dwaine Roney 3-and-2;
John Grab d. Dave Hendershaw 2-and-1;
Terry Collins d. Sam Robinson, 1 up.

SECOND ROUND

Kouwe d. Petersen 6-and-5; Hughes d. Case 2-and-1; Snyder d. Knapp 3-and-2; Collins d. Grab 3-and-2.

SEMIFINALS

Kouwe d. Hughes 5-and-4; Snyder d. Collins, 1-up 19th hole.

FINAL

Kouwe d. Snyder 2-and-1.

MEDAL PLAY

140 - Robert Kouwe, Tampa; 141 - Fred Ridley, Tampa; 147 - Tom Case, Ft. Myers; 148 - John Grab, Sarasota; 149 - Terry Collins, Homosassa, Dennis Petersen, Apopka, Tom Knapp, Jupiter, Robert Hughes, Ft. Myers; 150 - Gary Onorati, Ft. Lauderdale, David Snyder, Winter Have, Tom Davis, St. Augustine Beach; 151 - Dave Hendershaw, Lauderhill; 152 - Jack Shubert, Altamonte Springs, Don Stephenson, Sarasota, Dwaine Roney, Ft. Myers, Sam Robinson, Orlando, Kerry Schwencke, Boca Raton, Mark Norman, Oldsmar; 153 - Gordon Langseth, Pensacola, Steve Carman, Orange Park, Steve Smyers, Mulberry, Pipp Patton, Temple Terrace, Tom Woodrum, Sarasota; 154 - Bill Golson, Belleair, John Sudelis, Tequesta, Randy Jones, Lakeland; 155 - David Deacon, Delray Beach, Matt Panos, Ft. Myers, Jack Veghte, Clearwater, Tom Hayes, Pensacola, Bob Wallace, Pensacola; 156 - Langdon Owen, Delray, Tim Cox, N. Palm Beach, Bill Cunningham, Sarasota, Herman Wood, Ormond Beach, Gary Russell, Boca Raton, Mike Womble, Naples, Ron LeClair, Oviedo, Bill Wheeler, Palm Beach Garden, Ron Clayton, Sarasota, John Peck, St. Petersburg; 157 - Steve Doss, St. Petersburg, Thomas Mohlman, Lantana, VanVoorhis, Gainesville, David Taylor, Sarasota, John Johns, South Daytona, Mark, Rubin, Miami Beach, Sid Saloman, III, Palm City, Cary Rivers, Orlando;

KOUWE WINS MID-AMATEUR



Bob Kouwe (left) and Bob Hughes

Tampa's Bob Kouwe, capitalizing on a putting lesson from touring pro Gary Koch, marched through the State Mid-Amateur Championship like Sherman marched through Atlanta.

Nobody had a chance as Kouwe unloaded his big guns on the stellar field of 25-over golfers.

Through two qualifying rounds and four matches at Pine Tree Golf Club in Boynton Beach, Kouwe was 14-under-par. In the final against David Snyder of Winter Haven, Kouwe was 4-under-par through 17 holes as he scored a 2-and-1 victory.

"It just happened to be one of those weeks," said Kouwe. "I went into the tournament extremely well prepared. I had been working with Gary Koch and Dick Moore, a fellow member, on my putting. That's always been my big weakness."

Not at Pine Tree, though.

"I was making everything under 10 feet," he said, "I felt very confident from the day I arrived. Of course, the greens helped. Without a question, they are the best I've ever played in the South."

Kouwe led the 36-qualifying with identical rounds of 70. His 140 total was one better than former U.S. Amateur champion Fred Ridley of Tampa.

Ridley fell 4-and-2 to Snyder in the first round of match play, as 16 of the state's finest players squared off. Kouwe defeated Gary Onorati of Fort Lauderdale by a 2-and-1 margin.

"I was even par in that first match,"

said Kouwe. "That was the worst I played all week. In the second match (against Dennis Petersen of Apopka) I was 5-under through 11. I think Dennis was 2-over and found himself 7-down. That kind of takes the wind out of your game."

Kouwe won that one 6-and-5, then coasted past Bob Hughes of Fort Myers 5-and-4 in the semifinals.

"I felt like I was in control throughout the tournament," said Kouwe. "The final was an extremely difficult match because David is such a strong player... I mean physically strong, with good touch around the greens."

The 35-year-old Kouwe, speaking after 2-and-1 victory in the final, said, "I've never played better golf. I'm very happy with my game."

Kouwe followed his Mid-Amateur victory with a triumph in the Club Team Championship, as he and his teammates from Avila Country Club scored a 27-stroke runaway triumph.

"I am very enthusiastic about the FSGA and the tournaments that are being held," he said. "They are really first class. It's really a pleasure to travel around the state and play in these events."

Pine Tree is an exclusive club that in the past has hosted few outside tournaments. The course was designed by Dick Wilson.

Now it has been humbled, at least to some degree, by Bob Kouwe.

"I just played so well," he said. "This is the best week of golf I've ever had."

BENTON WINS STATE JUNIOR

When Fred Benton of Jacksonville Beach sank a three-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a sudden death playoff, the thrilling State Junior Championship was finally over.

Benton edged Roger Kennedy of Pompano Beach for the title, although both played exceptionally fine golf over the Magnolia Course at Walt Disney World. Benton posted rounds of 72 and 70, while Kennedy had identical scores of 71.

Fifteen additional players broke 150, including 12-14 age group winner Eric Brito of Jacksonville. Tom Tolles of Cape Coral was third overall at 145, while Dean Hiers of Lake Wales and Steve Lamontagne of Satellite Beach tied for fourth at 146.

Benton made a marvelous save on the first playoff hole, missing the green and then getting up-and-down with a spectacular pitch over a bunker and a four-foot putt.

On the decisive third hole, a par three, Kennedy missed a 15-footer before Benton sank his three-foot birdie putt. The winner hit the green with a 7-iron shot.

Michael Bradley of Sanibel took the first round lead with a 69, but had a 78 in the closing round. Another 147 finisher, Greg Hyde of Miami Shores, had the opposite kind of performance by starting with a 77 and then improving to a 70.

Brito, the 12-14 winner, had rounds of 73 and 75 for a 148 total.



STATE JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP At Walt Disney World Magnolia Course

Par 72-72 - 144

15-17 DIVISION

142 - xFred Benton, Jacksonville Beach, Roger Kennedy, Pompano Beach; 145 - Tom Tolles, Cape Coral; 146 - Dean Hiers, Lake Wales, Steve Lamontagne, Satellite Beach; 147 - Larry Holland,

North Palm Beach, Ricky Crable, Orlando, Johnny Secunda, Pompano Beach, Fred Simons, Winter Park, Greg Hyde, Miami Shores; 148 - Michael Valley, Jacksonville; 149 - John Byrd, Melbourne, James Gilleon, Ocala, Len Mattiace, Ponte Vedra Beach, Jim Sowerwine, North Palm Beach; 151 - Mark Davis, Orlando, James Curran, W. Palm Beach, G. Handler, Palm Beach Gardens, Scott Carlson, Miami Shores, Brian Schoeck, Orlando; 152 - David Turley, Longwood, Patrick Prins, Leesburg, Scott Curry, Ocala; 153 - Patrick Maloney, Plantation, Dean Refram, Zepherhills, Fred Jenkins, Lakeland, Steve Tharp, Palm Bay; 154 - Chris Fleming, Clearwater, M. Gallagher, Palm Beach Gardens, John O'Bryan, Jacksonville; 155 - Randy Donahoo, Plant City, John Kuliesh, Palm Harbor, David Beck, Tallahassee, Stanley Grissinger, Titusville; x - won playoff.

12-14 DIVISION

148 - Eric Brito, Jacksonville; 154 - Chris DiMarco, Longwood; 156 - David Rowley, Boynton Beach; 157 - Gary Nicklaus, North Palm Beach, Steve O'Neil, Zepherhills; 158 - Scott Ford, Lake Worth; 159 - Scott Brown, Lake Land; 160 - Bill Moore, Tallahassee; 161 - Andy Williams, Seminole; 162 - Dudley Hart, Miami Beach.

PIPES TAKES STATE SENIOR

Pursie Pipes, beating out veteran Ed Tutwiler, scored a convincing victory in the State Seniors Championship at Indian Creek Country Club in Miami Beach.

Pipes, one of the most interesting individuals in Florida golf, finished with a 145 total, 1-over-par. Tutwiler had a 149 score, while no other player in the 122-man field was able to break 150.

Coming down the stretch at exclusive Indian Creek, Pipes — a member at the club — gave Tutwiler a chance by taking consecutive bogeys at 15 and 16. He reasserted himself, however, with a birdie at 17.

"I strained my back on the 13th hole and didn't play too well coming in,"

said Pipes, who has lived in Mount Vernon, Ill., for years. He now spends the winter months in Florida.

Tutwiler pulled within two strokes after Pipes bogeyed the 17th and Pipes came up with his birdie.

Pipes, 65, lost the middle three fingers of his left hand in a oil-drilling accident in 1940. Regardless, he has won — by his own count — 170 amateur tournaments.

Pipes, who has been in the oil and gas drilling business for years, began playing golf as a caddy when he was nine. He says he has never had a formal lesson.

Flight winners in the State Seniors were Norton Harris, first; Ken Young, second; Lynn Lee, third; John Vogler,

fourth; and Tom Miller, fifth.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 145 - Pursie Pipes, Boca Raton; 149 - Ed Tutwiler, Boca Raton; 153 - Richard Stackhouse, Boynton Beach, Carl Gustafson, Cape Coral; 154 - L.M. Brown, St. Pete, John Miller, Naples; 155 - Bernie Powers, Winter Park, Joe Vergara, Ft. Myers; 156 - Henry Russell, Surfside, Jim Roberts, Casselberry, Earl Morris, Naples, Jack Deutsch, Clearwater, Tom Draper, Boca Raton; 157 - Hank Phillips, Tampa; 160 - Roy Chenderlin, Oldsmar; 161 - Earle Paxson, Ormond Beach, Jim Hamilton, Orlando.



RATING AND MEASURING FLORIDA'S COURSES



Cal Korf (left) and Danny Williams

AVILA ROMPS IN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The No. 1 team from Avila Country Club in Tampa was invincible.

Avila's Bob Cornet matched the course record with a 4-under-par 68 from the blue tees, and teammate Kim Schwenke was the individual medalist with a 145 total for 36 holes. When it was all over, the Avila team breezed to a 27-stroke triumph in the Club Team Championship at the beautiful Quail Creek Country Club in Naples.

Avila did it the hard way, opening with a 301 score that left the No. 1 contingent two strokes behind LaGorce Country Club of Miami.

Never mind, said Cornet, hinting at improvement on the second day. And here was part of the winning formula — Cornet, who opened with a 78, shot his record-equalling 68; Bob Kouwe, the State Mid-Amateur champion (see story page 3) improved from 80 to 71; the steady Schwenke added a 73 to his first round 72; Rick Brown went from 81 to 75.

Avila No. 1 ended up with a 588 total, 12-over-par. The Ravines team from Middleberg eventually finished second with a 615 total, while LaGorce was third at 620. Then came Fiddlesticks from Fort Myers and Lakewood from St. Petersburg.

Cornet — who at 44 is a confirmed amateur — had 14 pars and four birdies in the final round to tie the record of 68, originally set by touring pro

Curt Byrum.

"I've won an awful lot of amateur tournaments," said Cornet, a former champion of the Gasparilla Invitational, "but I haven't been playing that much lately."

You could never convince the other players in the Team Championship of that, Bob.

CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP QUAIL CREEK August 6-7, 1983

TEAM GROSS: 1st - Avila No. 1, Tampa, 588; 2nd - Ravines, Middleberg, 615; 3rd - LaGorce, Miami Beach, 620; 4th - Fiddlesticks, Ft. Myers, 623; 5th - Lakewood, St. Pete, 625.

TEAM NET: 1st - Avila No. 2, Tampa, 586; 2nd - Quail Creek No. 1, Naples, 603; 3rd - Meadows, Sarasota, 603; 4th - Crane Creek, Palm City, 603.

1st FLIGHT: 145 - Kim Schwenke, Avila No. 1; 146 - Bob Cornet, Avila No. 1; 147 - Lee Janzen, Imperial Lakes; 150 - Dennis Connors, LaGorce, Tom Case, Fiddlesticks, Mike Yahl, Quail Creek; 151 - Bob Kouwe, Avila No. 2; 152 - Cary Splane, Ravines, Bill Parslow, Lakewood; 154 - Terry Crick, Lakewood, Steve Carman, Ravines, Jim McCumber, Ravines, Bill Golson, No Team.

Florida golfers should be happy, for golf in the 1980s is reaching unparalleled heights of equity and accuracy.

The equity comes in the form of the new USGA Obstacle course rating system.

The accuracy is provided by the new Lietz Red Mini laser measuring device purchased by the FSGA. Now, accurate measurement of courses in Florida is a reality... and it's long overdue.

OBSTACLE COURSE RATING — It has already been completed on many courses in the state, and geographical teams from the FSGA are getting zeroed in on all current requests from clubs.

"Our goal is to rate all courses that request the service as soon as possible," says FSGA Executive Director Cal Korf, pointing out that the new system really works.

In the past, course ratings were figured predominately by yardage. Now, a number of factors are considered by the rating teams. Before coming up with a final rating, these teams actually evaluate each individual hole according to 10 different obstacles.

COURSE MEASUREMENT with the Red Mini also is proceeding as fast as possible at courses around the state.

Korf says many courses have 150-yard markers that are as much as 12 yards long or short. And some holes, such as the difficult par four sixth at Bent Tree Golf and Racquet Club in Sarasota, are more than 20 yards off in overall yardage (the Bent Tree hole turned out to be much longer than indicated on the scorecard).

"Those golfers who rely on yardage for club selection certainly will have a more comfortable feeling after a course has been measured," says Korf. "They will at least know they have the right club in their hands. Hitting the ball the way they want... well, that's something we can't help with."

Call or write the FSGA for more information on both Obstacle course rating and course measurement.



FLORIDA GOLF — PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

By Jim Achenbach
Sarasota Herald-Tribune

If someone were to give a state of the union address for Florida golf, it would be an extremely optimistic report.

There is plenty of inflation — in the number of golf courses, since more and more are being built all the time.

There is heavy taxation — Sunshine State golfers are being taxed to choose between the many excellent courses. It is a difficult decision.

The government is stable — the Florida State Golf Association is now stronger than ever before. The FSGA is continuing to make a major impact throughout the state, and the entire golf scene is better off because of it.

Florida is a state with an honorable golf history. The first State Amateur Championship was played in 1914, and Jacksonville golfers dominated the tourney in its early days. The first two winners were from Jacksonville, as were three of the first four, five of the first eight, and 10 of the first 18.

As other areas were sneaking into the spotlight, an interesting collection of big-name players began to win the title. Orlando's Don Bisplinghoff won the first of three consecutive championships in 1953. Doug Sanders, who was to become one of the most easily recognized golf stars in the world, took the crown in 1955. Frank Strafacci, one of the true ambassadors of amateur golf, won it the next year.

Al Kelley Jr., now recognized as one

of the top club professionals in the state, was the champ at match play in 1960 and again at medal play in 1962.

And how about some of the other winners in the 1960s? Bob Murphy won the tournament twice in succession. John Darr won it as well, and so did Clearwater friends Jack Veghte and Bob Rankin.

Gary Koch, Jerry Pate, David Peoples and Rick Pearson joined the list in the 1970s, as the State Amateur Championship continued to be a springboard to success on the pro golf tour.

Pearson beat Peoples in a memorable duel in 1980, Pearson slamming home a 70-foot downhill birdie putt on the final green at Feather Sound Country Club to edge his University of Florida teammate by one stroke.

Veghte took the title three times to etch his name into the golf history books. He is, incidentally, still a powerful force in Florida golf... as shown by his runnerup finish in this year's State Amateur (see story on Page 2).

Aside from its amateurs, Florida also is simply a great place to play golf. It is far and away the leader in new golf course construction in this country, no other state coming close.

The variety of golf in Florida also is impressive. From the rugged beauty of the Panhandle and North Florida to the heavily played resort courses in the middle and southern parts of the state,

Florida golf is known throughout the world.

Walt Disney World and Arnold Palmer are two of the major reasons for the growth of golf in the Orlando area, and places like Innisbrook and Longboat Key proved that the West Coast can be a popular destination of golf-wise travelers.

Golf in the Miami area has been well-known for years, and the PGA National complex is just one of many excellent facilities to be built as golf spread up the East Coast.

Jacksonville has been a hot-bed of golf for years and is now within a short distance of outstanding new facilities like Sawgrass, the TPC and the Ravines.

In no way has this been an attempt to name the state's best courses, for such an exercise would take pages and pages. It would provide a great golfing experience just to play all Florida Golfweek's top 100 courses, starting with No. 1 Grenelefe and going through the list. The magazine compiles such a list each year, although the chart continually changes because of the incredible growth rate of exciting new courses.

If you live in Florida and you play golf... then you are very lucky. So count your clubs (14) and your blessings (many more than 14) and get out there on your favorite course!

FLORIDA STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

(Through 1960 the Championship was at match play.)

1914 A.C. ULMER	Jacksonville	1937 CARL DANN, JR.	Orlando	1962 AL KELLEY, JR.	Orlando
1915 J.G. HARNETT	Jacksonville	1938 CARL DANN, JR.	Orlando	1963 ED KIRKLAND	Orlando
1916 T.W. PALMER	Ft. Lauderdale	1939 W.D. STARK	Jacksonville	1964 FRANK MIZE	Panama City
1917 A.C. ULMER	Jacksonville	1940 GEORGE BOLESTA	Tampa	1965 BOB MURPHY, JR.	Nichols
1918 NO TOURNAMENT		1941 EARL CHRISTIANSEN	Miami	1966 BOB MURPHY, JR.	Nichols
1919 W.A. KNIGHT	St. Augustine	1942 SKEE REIGEL	Miami	1967 JOHN DARR, JR.	Ft. Lauderdale
1920 GORDON GIBBONS	Tampa	1943-1945 NO TOURNAMENT		1968 JACK VEGHTE	Clearwater
1921 A.C. ULMER	Jacksonville	1946 JIM LEE, JR.	Tallahassee	1969 BOB RANKIN	Clearwater
1922 A.C. ULMER	Jacksonville	1947 VASCO LANDRUM	Ponte Vedra	1970 JACK VEGHTE	Clearwater
1923 T.W. PALMER	Miami	1948 WARD ROGERS	Clearwater	1971 RANDY SANSING	Lakeland
1924 LEE CHASE	Miami	1949 WARD ROGERS	Clearwater	1972 GARY KOCH	Temple Terrace
1925 GORDON GIBBONS	Tampa	1950 JIM LEE, JR.	Tallahassee	1973 STEVE MORGAN	Orlando
1926 JOHN DAILEY	Tampa	1951 F. BORKOVICH, JR.	Lakeland	1974 JERRY PATE	Pensacola
1927 TOMMY AYCOCK	Jacksonville	1952 DUB PAGAN	W. Palm Beach	1975 JACK VEGHTE	Clearwater
1928 A.C. ULMER	Jacksonville	1953 DON BISPLINGHOFF	Orlando	1976 GLEN KIRK	Orlando
1929 TOMMY AYCOCK	Jacksonville	1954 DON BISPLINGHOFF	Orlando	1977 MICKEY VAN GERBIG	W. Palm Bch
1930 JIMMY WEST	Miami	1955 DON BISPLINGHOFF	Orlando	1978 RICK PEARSON	Bradenton
1931 JACK TOOMER	Jacksonville	1956 DOUG SANDERS	Miami	1979 DAVID PEOPLES	Orlando
1932 JACK TOOMER	Jacksonville	1957 FRANK STRAFACI	Miami Beach	1980 RICK PEARSON	Bradenton
1933 CARL DANN, JR.	Orlando	1958 DON BISPLINGHOFF	Orlando	1981 DAVID PESACOV	N. Palm Beach
1934 CARL DANN JR.	Orlando	1959 JIM KAYSER	Ft. Lauderdale	1982 LEE RINKER	Stuart
1935 HORACE WILLIAMS	St. Petersburg	1960 AL KELLEY, JR.	Orlando	1983 TOM KNAPP	Jupiter
1936 BOBBY DOAK	Bradenton	1961 RAY TERRY	Jacksonville		

FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENTS

Innisbrook... a name known throughout the golfing world.

"We are recognized by many sources as the best golf meeting site in the continental United States," says Innisbrook vice president and director of golf Jay Overton. "We are one of the premier destinations in the entire world."

In addition to the conventions and the vacations and the attractions that draw outsiders to Innisbrook, however, the Tarpon Springs facility also is something special to golfers who live right here in the Sunshine State.

"We host our share of amateur tournaments," said Overton. "We owe it to the community and to golf and the people who play the game."

Which brings us to the FSGA State Amateur Four-Ball Championship. When the event is played September 24 and 25 on the Copperhead course, contestants will know right away they are battling one of the nation's top tournament layouts.

All three of the Innisbrook courses are immaculate, and two of them actually were ranked at the same time among the nation's top 50 courses by Golf Digest. For the State Four-Ball, all the Copperhead greens will be double

cut at 5-32s of an inch. Their speed on the Stimpmeter should be between 8.5 and 9.

"In the past some people have said our greens weren't consistent enough," commented Overton candidly. "We've been on a year-and-a-half program now, and I think everybody is going to be happy with the conditions. I go out there every morning, and I just marvel at the place. We will catch some criticism from time to time for the difficulty of the course, but I don't know any serious golfer who doesn't enjoy playing here."

Innisbrook has hosted the Southern Amateur twice and will again be the host in 1985 or 1986. Overton also revealed that the 1984 NCAA women's national collegiate championship will be played at the facility.

Innisbrook... a spectacularly beautiful place and one of the names that makes Florida golf so exciting.

Indigo Lakes... is hidden in the woods right across from Daytona International Speedway. This spectacular course has been one of Florida's best-kept secrets, although that is certainly changing.

Florida Golfweek ranks Indigo Lakes

among the top 10 courses in the state, and the layout has hosted the Women's State Amateur. Such exposure is rapidly changing the Indigo Lakes' low profile into a high profile.

Senior golfers around the state will have a chance to challenge the course October 15 and 16 when the FSGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship is played at Indigo Lakes. The tourney will provide a real treat for all who enter.

Indigo is one of the state's most scenic courses. It is heavily wooded and provides a great test of accuracy for players.

Tom Ferguson has been the head professional at Indigo Lakes for the past four years and, naturally, he is a big fan of the Daytona Beach layout.

"It's a great place to play golf," says Ferguson. "Once people come here, they won't forget it."

In combination with the Inn At Indigo and its own convention center, the facility now offers everything the golfer and the golfer-businessman might want.

But don't take the golf course lightly. It can be very, very tough... especially for those who don't hit the ball straight.

TENTATIVE 1984 FSGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

January 14-15, Handicap Championship, Plantation Inn & Golf Resort, Crystal River.

April 28-29, Senior Championship, Gainesville Golf & C.C., Gainesville.

June 7-10, State Amateur Championship, PGA National - Champions Course, Palm Beach Gardens.

July 12-15, State Mid-Amateur Championship, Fiddlesticks, Ft. Myers.

June 23-24, State Junior Championship, Frenchman's Creek, North Palm Beach.

August 4-5, State Team Championship, Sugarmill Woods, C.C., Homosassa.

September 22-23, State Four-Ball Championship, Ravines, Middleberg.

October 20-21, Senior Four-Ball Championship, Lone Palm Golf Club, Lakeland.

November 9-11, Life begins at Forty, Lehigh C.C., Lehigh.

JANUARY TOURNAMENT ADDED

A new championship event has been added to the FSGA schedule for 1984 — a handicap tournament that is intended to provide a fun-type competition for the entire membership.

The event will be played January 14 and 15 at the Plantation Inn & Golf Resort in Crystal River, an outstanding golf resort which has a Southern-style mansion inn, a marina, plus tennis and swimming in addition to golf.

The facility received the prestigious four diamond award from the AAA earlier this summer and is a wonderful place to spend a weekend. Incidentally, the Super Bowl will be played the following weekend in Tampa.

The tournament will serve as an ex-

periment with a competition based purely on handicaps. If it is successful, similar events will be given serious consideration for the future.

An outstanding room rate has been obtained for the event, and players can stay in the inn for \$45 nightly (either single or double).

The Plantation tourney will kick off a 1984 schedule that features some of the best courses in the United States. The projected 1984 FSGA schedule, highlighted by the State Amateur Championship at PGA National and the State Mid-Amateur Championship at Fiddlesticks, appears on Page 7 of this newsletter.

TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS

Scott Dunlap and Jay Townsend are the official United States representatives in the Tournament of the Americas, scheduled this week (Sept. 1-4 at Doral Country Club in Miami.)

Dunlap and Townsend, chosen by the Florida State Golf Association, are University of Florida teammates and

will try to duplicate a prior victory in the Tournament of the Americas by FSGA players Bob Michael and Jack Veghte.

The tournament will include teams from North, Central and South America.



ENTRY APPLICATION
FSGA BILL CAREY LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

November 11-13, 1983
Lehigh Country Club, Lehigh

The Life Begins at Forty championship is 54 hole stroke play by age divisions of 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 & over. Also team play first two days. Teams paired by tournament committee.

ENTRY FEE OF \$75 includes 3 days of tournament golf, carts, Friday cocktail party, and practice round on Thursday. Contestants pay for carts in practice round and should call Lehigh Pro shop (813) 369-2121 for practice round starting times. Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time by FSGA championship committee.

Room reservations may be made by calling Lehigh Resort (813) 334-2500, ask for reservations or write to: Lehigh Resort, 225 East Joel Blvd., Lehigh, Florida 33936. Rates are \$30 for single and \$34 for a double. Condominium units are also available. The bedroom unit, which can sleep six is \$75. The studio, which can accommodate four is \$65. The convertible, which is a double, is \$55.

ENTRY APPLICATION

FSGA Bill Carey Life Begins at Forty Golf Championship

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ Office () _____

Club Affiliation _____ Handicap _____

If you have not paid annual FSGA membership dues of \$25 please include with entry.

Entry fee must accompany this application. SEND ENTRY TO: FSGA P.O. Box 21177, SARASOTA, FL 33583.
Pairings will be mailed November 4. No refunds after that date.