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GOLDEN EAGLE FALLS PREY TO HERRELL IN MID-AM *by Bill Anderson*

Clearwater's Rick Kerper is a wonderful golfer, a player whose stern stare and consistent play can intimidate many a competitor. "Tournament tough," they call it. So tough that many thought him to be an insurmountable obstacle for Tallahassee's Glen Herrell to conquer in his quest for victory at this year's State Mid-Amateur Championship at the Golden Eagle Country Club.

However, words like insurmountable, unbeatable, and impossible don't exactly phase Mr. Herrell. He thrives in the face of adversity; welcomes a bold challenge. He is courageous and determined. When under the gun, he refuses to fold. Though these superlatives may not be applicable when describing a golf tournament, Mr. Herrell has capitalized on these traits in overcoming an opponent of a much greater magnitude...a lung disorder called pleurisy which has caused him to move golf aside a bit on his list of priorities. Though Herrell downplays his condition a bit, it has forced him to refrain from competition in various events earlier this summer.

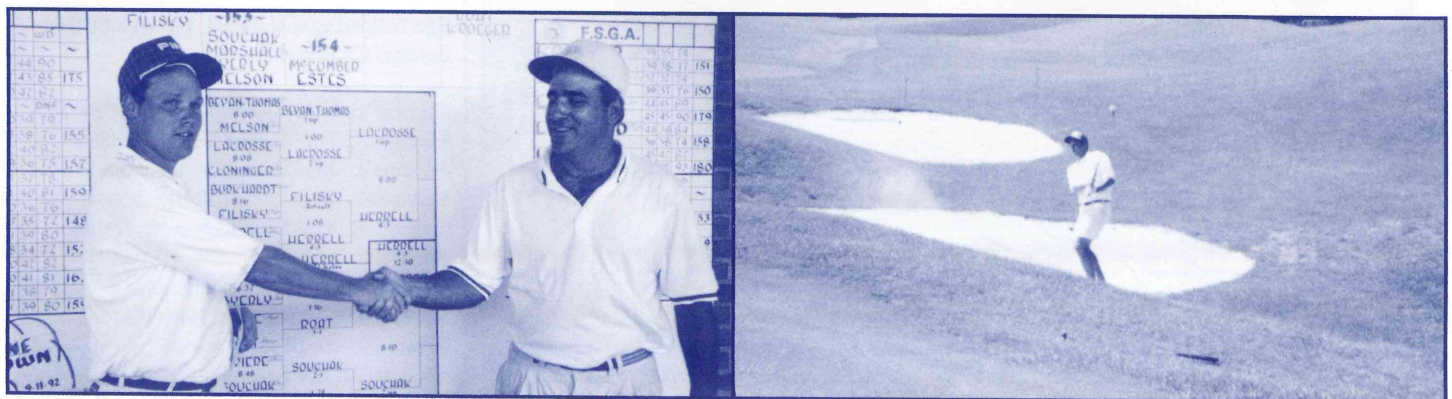
"It's no big deal," claims Herrell, "but to overcome it this week and win a major victory is very, very sweet." Similarly sweet was his short game in the finals, as he repeatedly got it up and down with a deft touch and silky putting stroke. Finally, after 21 tedious holes, Kerper knocked his approach into the greenside "gunch" and a new FSGA champion had surfaced.

Prior to the final, Herrell had never encountered numbers 16, 17 or 18 as thrice he had defeated his opponents 4 & 3. In his first match, he thumped the early- struggling Gary Keymont of Winter Springs. Next was Avon Park's Mike Filisky, a fine player with whom Herrell also shook hands on the 15th green. The Semifinals pitted the future champ against State Amateur champion Doug LaCrosse, the choice of many enthusiasts to add the Mid-Am trophy to his rapidly growing collection. It was not to be LaCrosse's week, however, as Herrell upset the favorite in convincing fashion. "Doug is a superior player," quipped Herrell, "and the opportunity to compete against such a notorious champion really elevated my game to another level. I was surprised a bit at the results, but his conduct following the loss did not surprise me one bit. He is a gentleman and a sportsman."

Sharing the Mid-Am spotlight with Herrell was Golden Eagle's Tim Lawson and his capable staff, a group without whom the tourney would certainly have suffered. Stated the new champ, "Tallahassee is not usually deemed a mecca of championship golf facilities, but Golden Eagle showed the rest of the state that this city is determined to contribute to the administration of quality events."

An even 100 of Florida's best "25 & older" amateurs ventured north to experience the vintage Tom Fazio design. Following stroke play qualifying on Thursday & Friday, the low 16 advanced to the weekend for match play. Big names like Cloninger and Melson were defeated early, affording some relatively unknowns the opportunity to reach the quarters and semis. One of those aforesaid unknowns was Herrell, a strong local player who played a little college golf in Maryland but for whom this victory undoubtedly shines the brightest.

"The many exemptions I earn with this win really excite me. My wife already told me we're going to Orlando for next year's State Amateur. She wants to go to Disney World." Orlando and 1993 State Am host Bay Hill will be happy to welcome the Herrells to the area and its attractions. Who knows? If Herrell simulates his play of the Mid-Am, Bay Hill may soon be Glen's Magic Kingdom.



Runner-up Rick Kerper (r) congratulates Mid-Am champ Glen Herrell (l).

Glen Herrell sends the match into overtime!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Cal Korf

Another season is almost behind us. It has been an interesting and exciting year. Absolutely the toughest weather conditions that I have had to cope with, but other than the abbreviated State Amateur, we survived. We have most of the 1993 schedule ready with a few specific dates to finalize. We will return to Harbor Hills and Mission Inn respectively for the Mixed Team and Handicap Championships. The Senior will be at Grenelefe on the East and West courses, May 7-8-9. The Club Team is tentatively scheduled for the early part of June, but we are still finalizing the site. The State Junior will be at C.C. of Mount Dora during the 3rd week of June. The State Amateur will be at Bay Hill, June 24-27. The Match Play Championship will be at Wentworth C.C. in Tarpon Springs, July 15-18. Since the Four-Ball was in such demand we will again return to the same great venue at TPC at Sawgrass, July 31-August 1. We had tentatively set the dates of August 21-22 for the Father-Son; however, we are not finalized at Disney. The Mid-Amateur will be at Loxahatchee, October 7-10. The Senior Four-Ball is not finalized, but we are tentatively set for Quail Ridge C.C. in Boynton Beach, October 2-3. The last weekend in September will be the U.S. Senior Amateur which pre-empts our normal dates. The Life Begins @ Forty will again return to Naples Beach Hotel. We had tentatively scheduled the first weekend of October; however, that date will have to be adjusted because of the U.S. Senior, Senior Four-Ball pre-emptive dates. Hopefully it can be in mid-October. The Florida Open will return to Grenelefe, July 22-25.

The long discussed and promised Rules seminar/workshop presented by FSGA has finally reached a firm commitment for November 21, 1992. Ray Columbaro has put forth a great deal of effort in getting this initiated and you will have a great array of our rules experts as presenters; Jim Callender, Ray Columbaro, Tom Dudley, Abie Gordon and Jack Reed. I do not think any of you can dream up a rules questions which could stump them. The site will be at Lake Nona Country Club on Saturday morning. The seminar will last approximately four hours including a question and answer session and a brief quiz to help enhance your learning curve. There will be modest charge of \$20 for attendance, which will include your attendant information package, the seminar and a buffet lunch. Unfortunately, golf is not included. However, we will have a short session on the golf course which will give you a brief glimpse of a truly great course.

Within this newsletter is your invitation to join us at the Rules seminar. Please note that attendance will be limited to the first 100 applicants. Please complete the tear-out application and return to the FSGA with your check for \$20. So if you are interested, respond even faster than you will for the State Four-Ball Championship!

This brief, but newsy column terminates to make room for a photo of the FSGA staff so those of you who call in from time to time can put a face with a name. This is just the Headquarters staff and does not include Al Rader, who is our marketing expert on GHIN and resides in Ocala.



(Back row) Bill Anderson, Susan Shannon (Front row) Bernice Hill, Eileen Phillips, Kathy Naple

HOORAH TO OUR FSGA VOLUNTEERS

by Kathy Naple

For the past several years, the FSGA has had an outstanding committee known as the Sectional Affairs. This committee was implemented for the purpose of fulfilling the many services the association offers to club and individual members. Through the efforts of our many volunteers, we have been able to accomplish rating of golf courses, measuring of golf courses (yardage and sprinkler head) in addition to acquainting the general public about FSGA and our many benefits.

The committee is divided into twelve sections, with each section representing different Florida counties. Each section has a chairman and committee members. The main thrust of the committee is to make every organized golf club aware of what the FSGA is and what services the FSGA provides to the club and their members.

The state Sectional Affairs Committee Chairman is Don Williams of Naples. Mr. Williams has been instrumental in organizing and familiarizing the volunteer efforts in the state, with the assistance of Bill Anderson, Asst. Executive Director of the FSGA.

The following "Facts and Figures" were compiled by Mr. Williams in early 1992:

# of clubs operating in FL	837
# of courses operating in FL	1048
# of courses w/certified ratings	904
# of golfers playing in FL on a continuing basis	256,400

In addition to numerous course ratings and measurements, many of our volunteers are starters and certified rules officials and extend their time and services for our many championships and qualifiers.

Our wholehearted thanks and appreciation go out to each and every one of the dedicated volunteers for their help, expertise, and generosity.

The following is a list of FSGA's twelve Section Chairmen:

- Section 1: Ivan Trusler, Panama City Bch
- Section 2: Tom Bullard, Panama City
- Section 3: Jim Callender, Jacksonville
- Section 4: Gale Boxill, Ridge Manor
- Section 5: Roy Knickerbocker, Deland
- Section 6: Dick Rainville, Palmetto
- Section 7: Clyde Hobby, Naples
- Section 8: Joe Durante, New Port Richey
- Section 9: To be determined
- Section 10: Jim Roberts, Winter Springs
- Section 11: Steve Kalenich, Coral Springs
- Section 12: Sam Smidt, Lake Worth

LaCROSSE, KERPER SURVIVE SAWGRASS by Bill Anderson

Tampa's Doug LaCrosse continued his torrid summer streak as he and consistent Rick Kerper of Clearwater combined for a two-day total of 12-under 132 to take top honors at the 1992 FSGA Four-Ball Championship. FSGA standout Tom Knapp and partner Ron Tumlin also finished at 132, but a dreaded double bogey on the initial playoff hole paved the way for LaCrosse and Kerper. The Stadium and Valley courses at TPC Sawgrass served as the Four-Ball venue, as a record number of entries were received for the '92 event. While team scoring was expectedly strong, whistling winds and a wicked architect (Pete Dye) caused many top amateurs to ink the infamous "X" on the card on more than one occasion. And yes, many a new ball was dumped in the devilish drink on the Stadium's signature 17th. Results are as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Doug LaCrosse, Tampa/Rick Kerper, Clearwater	68-64-132
Ron Tumlin, Palatka/Tom Knapp, W Palm Bch	65-67-132
Bill Boutwell/Bob Mielnikowski, Jacksonville	65-68-133
Rick Luzar/Ron McKendree, Melbourne	65-70-135
Denny Allen/Bob Bleakley, Crystal River	67-69-136
Bill Erwin, Palm Bch Gdns/Vince Draddy, W Palm Bch	68-68-136
Larry Zee, Naples/Greg Carpousis, Orlando	69-68-137
Eric Schreiber/Mike Lefebre, W Palm Bch	68-69-137
D J Holland/Luis Albertini, Tampa	67-70-137
John Micallef/Mitch Hantmann, Boca Raton	66-71-137
Richard Ekey, Juno Isle/Bill Harvey, Palm Bch Gdns	69-69-138
Steve Riviere, Apopka/Ross Hiner, Winter Pk	68-70-138
Matthew/Howard Koff, Okeechobee	69-70-139
Tom Harrell, Palm City/Buck Buckner, Orlando	69-70-139
Bill Varn/Wes Paxson, Jacksonville	68-71-139
Johnny Ward, Winter Pk/Hammer Ward, Orlando	68-71-139
Mark Taylor, Jacksonville/Brian Placock, Neptune Bch	68-72-140
Shane Supple, Defuniak Spgs/Jason Moulton, Laurel Hill	69-72-141
Jim Prim/Tom Hayes, Pensacola	69-72-141
Frank Strafacci, Miami/Tom Danluck, Miami Bch	69-72-141
Jim Marshall/Walter Himelsbaugh, Tallahassee	68-73-141
Fred Ridley/Bob Kouwe, Tampa	68-73-141
Don Dye/Van Champion, Tallahassee	68-73-141
Rick Heard/Steve Condore, Boca Raton	67-74-141
Troy Wheat, Boynton Bch/Beau Oblinger, Maitland	69-73-142
Dewey/Derek Tomko, Grenelefe	69-73-142
Rick Spears/Dave Kartner, Palm City	68-75-143
Bill Griffith/Bill Baxter, Miami Shores	67-76-143
Chris Payne/Peter Lee, Jacksonville	69-76-145

FIRST FLIGHT

Jack Davis, Longwood/Rick Cloninger, Orlando	70-67-137
Frank Coughanour/Roger Gamblin, W Palm Bch	72-69-141
Doug Snoop, Altamonte Spgs/Jeff Kridel, Longwood	70-71-141
Terry May, Casselberry/Brad Estes, Apopka	70-72-142
John Mussoline/Steve Boller, Palatka	70-74-144
Tom Keedy, Lady Lake/Jim Keedy, Leesburg	70-74-144
Peter Newton, Boca Raton/Dave Anderson, Ft Lauderdale	74-72-146
Chris Wilmot, Orlando/Wayne Casey, Gainesville	73-73-146
Dean Van Wart, Boynton Bch/John Van Wart, Ormond Bch	72-74-146
Scott Smith/Chris Sutton, Orlando	71-75-146
Steve Saterbo, Winter Haven/Paul Melson, Plantation	70-76-146
Ernie Vaderson/Eddie Smith, Ponte Vedra Bch	70-76-146
Jim/Ken McGuigan, Jupiter	74-73-147
Steve/Brookes Burkhardt, St Augustine	72-75-147
Doug Reintgen/Paul Caveny, Tampa	72-75-147
Tim Tronzo, Miami/Robert Meador, Miami Lakes	77-72-149
Peter Martin/Bill Martin, Palm Bch Gdns	76-73-149
Gil Turner, Port St Lucie/Kevin Downing, Jupiter	73-76-149
Jim/Josh McCumber, Middleburg	72-77-149
Brad Strella, Winter Pk/Wayne McElree, Venice	75-75-150
Fred Wollett/Duke West, Ocala	73-77-150
John Zaccaro/Don Davis, Coral Springs	72-78-150
Gale Smith, Port St Lucie/Bob Frechette, Ft Pierce	74-77-151
Moot Thomas/Kirby Manning, Ocala	76-76-152
Bill McCormick/Bill Leasure, Tampa	74-78-152
Charles Smith/Dan Clark, Pensacola	78-83-161

SECOND FLIGHT

Craig DeLongy, Orlando/Jim Byington, Winter Pk	69-66-135
Sandy Edward, Jacksonville/Gary Holmes, Casselberry	71-67-138
Warren Rosander/Chuck Guinn, Jacksonville	72-67-139
Scott Ranney, St Petersburg/Rob Irvin, Tampa	69-70-139
Perry Diamond, W Palm Bch/Larry Barousse, Loxahatchee	72-70-142
Tim Tremblay, Winter Pk/Mark Nuzum, Orlando	69-73-142
Guy Bailey, St Cloud/Martin Armstrong, Kissimmee	74-69-143
Bill Weyer/Tom Vermilya, Jacksonville	73-70-143
Mack Wilcox, Nokomis/Dave Voigt, Venice	71-72-143
Everett Norton, Melbourne/Paul Berry, Indialantic	72-72-144
Dale/Andy Anderson, Stuart	74-71-145
Greg Milligan/Milton Johnson, Tallahassee	73-72-145
Tony Tartaglia/Carlton Leonard, Ft Myers	72-74-146
Charles Wallace, Orlando/Walt Taylor, Altamonte Spgs	76-71-147
Jack Vasko, Clearwater/Jack Gleason, Palm Harbor	79-69-148
Jeff Muir/Dale Johnson, Tampa	75-73-148
Jeff Yablun/Ray Cibischino, Tampa	74-74-148
Ken Young/Ted Ritter, Ft Myers	79-71-150
Charles Johnson, Nokomis/Richard Morrison, Boca Grande	79-71-150
Carl Reese, Ocala/Mike Holland, Jacksonville	77-73-150
Jim McGaffin/Seymour Gardner, Miami	76-74-150
Ed Witt, Jacksonville/Mark Shultz, Tampa	72-78-150
Sam Jones/Dave Britigan, Sarasota	80-72-152
Jimmy Dye/Rick Boutin, Tallahassee	84-69-153
Jeff Hutchinson, Altamonte Spgs/Derek Embody, Tampa	79-74-153
John Kalaf, Valrico/John Hager, Sarasota	75-78-153
Jim Scott, Melbourne/Dave Crowder, Palm Bay	80-74-154
Roger Vaccaro, St Augustine/Jim Devine, Daytona Bch	78-76-154
Ray Parlade, Daytona Bch/Larry Labno, Ormond Bch	78-76-154

THIRD FLIGHT

Tripp Smith, Tampa/Evan Nyer, Odessa	75-69-144
Richard Rankin/Randy Kopelman, Orlando	77-68-145
Jevon Estes/Greg Aplin, Tampa	75-70-145
Mike Reynolds, Palm City/Doug Koennicke, Jupiter	78-68-146
Steve Neiswender/Alex McConnell, DeBary	75-74-149
John Ruggerio, Palm Harbor/Bill Phillips, Clearwater	76-74-150
Gary Takacs, Clearwater/Greg Kehoe, St Petersburg	78-73-151
Bill Martin/Don Jones, Vero Beach	81-71-152
Ken Tuttle, Maitland/Dave Taulbee, Tampa	80-72-152
Mack Moore, Jacksonville/Joe Labat, Tallahassee	85-68-153
Frank Journey, Jacksonville Bch/Pat Coyne, Ponte Vedra	78-75-153
Kevin Tighe/Don Dufresne, Jacksonville	78-75-153
David Haag, Delray Bch/Don Bruschi, Maitland	79-75-154
Ernie Miller, Vero Beach/Newt Hodgkins, Delray Bch	78-76-154
Doug Easton/Walter Blankenhorn, Jupiter	78-76-154
Don White/Jose Serra, Palm City	80-75-155
Eddie Grimes/Jason Estes, Tampa	82-76-158
Lance Langston/Bob Burlison, Tallahassee	83-76-159
Jay Leek/Paul Herndon, Ft Myers	81-79-160
Scott Phillips, Miami/Tom Keller, Fedhaven	89-72-161
Bill Russ/Dick Blomstrom, Melbourne	84-77-161
Allen Long/Sam Childers, Tallahassee	80-81-161
Tom Lynch/Vic Butler, Orlando	86-76-162
Herb Hedgecock/Bill Fulton, Satellite Bch	85-78-163
Bill Hagen/Jim Dye, Tallahassee	85-87-172
Harry Latos, Ft Lauderdale/Paul Laster, Deerfield Bch	92-82-174
David Brown/Greg Wilkinson, Orlando	85-97-182

FSGA FATHER/SON INVADES NEW DISNEY DESIGNS by *Bill Anderson*

Capitalizing on a flurry of Sunday birdies, Gainesville's dangerous Father/Son duo of John & John Darr scored 79 second round Stableford points and cruised to victory in the Regular Division of the 1992 State Father/Son Championship. Disney's Eagle Pines and Osprey Ridge designs played host to the event on August 15-16, as 130 teams enjoyed the golf and the many area activities. Catering to fathers and sons of all ages, champions in the Junior and Mid-Junior Divisions were also crowned. Jim and Jim McGuigan claimed Mid-Junior honors, while Tom and Bill Case of Ft Myers set the pace for the Juniors. Results are as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION

Tom & Bill Case, Ft Myers	35
Glen Sr & Glen Jr Davis, Orlando	31
Don Sr & Don Jr Norbury, Ocala	30 1/2
Brad & Mike Stainsby, Lakeland	30
Jerry & D J Jones, Ocala	30
Kim & John Schwencke, Temple Terr	29
Thomas & Tommy Finwall, Winter Pk	29
Kevin & Jason Marrone, Coral Spgs	28 1/2
Don & Evan Brannon, St Petersburg	26 1/2
Rick & Scott Meli, Ft Lauderdale	26 1/2
Richard & Andrew Kouwe, Temple Terr	26
Jim Roberts/John Handley, Winter Spgs	24
Mark Sr & Mark Jr Walters, Sarasota	23 1/2
Bryan & Reed Nelson, Apopka	21 1/2
Jim & Bryan Rozier, Orlando	20
Steve & David Gombas, Palm City	19 1/2
Bill & Matt Eichmann, Tampa	19
Steve & Andrew Turker, Seminole	19

MID JUNIOR-1ST FLIGHT

Jim Sr & Jim Jr McGuigan, Jupiter	130
Tom & Ryan Stead, Longwood	129
Warren & Daniel Wilhite, Palatka	120
John & Jonas Mikals, Jacksonville	117
Steve & Greg Carman, Middleburg	110
Bruce & Chris Reid, Tampa	110
John & Daniel Downs, Tampa	109
Randy & Nathan Bertsch, Gulf Breeze	105
Jerry & Brian Johnson, Stuart	103
Paul & Mike Natale, Clearwater	90
Philip & Andrew King, Merritt Isl	89

MID-JUNIOR-2ND FLIGHT

Richard & Rick Demo, No Ft Myers	96
Dana & Gavin DeWindt, Palm City	92
Gary & Madison Holmes, Casselberry	83
Sanford & Mike Seligman, Jacksonville	82
George & Christian Lufkin, Palm Hbr	81
David & Howard Berman, Miami	81
Sidney & Grant Crawford, Mulberry/Lakeland	81
James & Louis Aurelio, Ft Myers	78
T & John Kitchin, Winter Pk	76
James & Brad Wilkinson, Ocala	76
David & Paul Johnson, Spring Hill	67
Edward & Will Smallwood, St Cloud	35

REGULAR DIVISION-1ST FLIGHT

John & John Jr Darr, Gainesville	151
Hammer & Johnny Ward, Orlando/Winter Pk	147
Jack & David Veghte, Clearwater	146
Gary & John Pettit, Winter Spgs	138
Don & Kevin Dyer, Lk Placid/Clearwater	135
John & John Jr McKey, Orlando/Palm City	135
Joel & Joel Jr Velasco, Ft Myers Bch	134
Rick & Andy Spears, Palm City	133
Wm Snyder/Robt Ireland, Longwood	133
John & Clay Tucker, Ponte Vedra Bch	131
Sam & Mark Robinson, Orlando	128
Dale & Andy Anderson, Stuart	128
Frank & Troy Wheat, Boynton Bch	128
Jesse & Jay Clark, Land O'Lakes	127
Wes Sr & Wes Jr Paxson, Jacksonville	126
Chas & Chas Jr Walters, Sarasota	125
Billy & Rusty Napier, Winter Haven/Valrico	125
Don & Mike Wallen, Orlando	125
Rodney & Rod Jr Griffin, Clermont	124
Greg & Billy Warner, Boca Raton	124
Ron & David Pezzino, Davie	118
Ralph Jr & Ralph III Ghioto, Tampa	115
Robert & John Abisch, Miami	113
Wes & Chris Maxson, Maitland/Tarpon Spgs	113
Mark & David Thomas, Jupiter/Okeechobee	113
C Linne & C Linne Jr Carlson, Ocala	113
Tommy & Tom Kirby, Floral City/Brooksville	111
Jimmy Dye/Hal Labatt, Tallahassee	111
Jim & Don Dye, Tallahassee	110
Pat A & Pat M Carrier, St Petersburg	110

REGULAR DIVISION-2ND FLIGHT

Steve & Carroll Smyers, Mulberry	112
Tom & Dennis Cooley, Bradenton	112
Travis & Travis III Akin, Melbourne/Satellite	109
Larry & Larry III Barousse, Orlando/Loxah.	108
Sandy & John Reese, Ocala	108
Jack & Kevin Daut, Venice/Boca	106
Bill & Glenn Morton, Jupiter	105
Austin & Chris Jones, Orlando	103
Charlie & Earle Bretz, Sarasota/Cape Haze	103
Key & George Scales, Weirsdale	103
Rick Boutin & Gary Wittick, Orl/Tallah	102
Tom & Charlie Radcliffe, Maitland	102
Terry & Brandon Keyser, Jacksonville	101
Bob & Ed Robison, Deltona	100
Robert & Jose Jr Sias, Orlando	100
Ed & Jon Rubich, Winter Pk/Winter Spgs	100
Brian & Richard Seaberg, Tampa	96
Pete & Tim Wagner, Bradenton/Sarasota	96
Paul & Greg Rusilko, St Pete	95
Craig & Scott Miller, Ft Wal Bch/Niceville	95
Jack & Lex Veech, Deland/Orl	94
Chuck & Tyler Lindgren, Boca	92
Gerald & Steve Peffers, Tampa	89
Tim & Dennis Christensen, Lehigh/Coral Spg	87
Gerald & Gary Lesnik, Miami	82
Wally & Wally III Hallows, Orlando	79
Carter & Roy Briggs, Sebastian/Jupiter	72

REGULAR DIVISION-3RD FLIGHT

Tom Sr & Tom Jr Richards, Lakeland	103
Bud & A W Allen, Boca Raton	100
Richard & Tom Garrison, Windermere	97
Terry & Troy LaGree, Lecanto	93
James & Gunner Aker, Sarasota	87
Ray & Carl Robison, Winter Pk	87
John & John Jr Mitchell, Lake Mary	85
Larry & Greg Yost, Casselberry/Ft Laud	83
Jerry & Jerry Jr Broome, Hollywood	83
James & Dan Sweet, Orlando	81
Mike & John Lombardo, Orlando	81
Calvin IV & C H III Peck, Orlando	78
Graham & David Finlayson, Cape Canaveral	77
James & Chris Cuffe, Brooksville	77
Mak & David Mannen, Titusville	77
Tom & John Davis, Winter Pk	77
Lou & Lewis Burdette, Sarasota/Holiday	76
Charles & Tom Sheffield, Brooksville	75
Fred Jr & Fred III Bartleson, Ft Myers	74
Dan Sr & Dan Jr Merritt, Brooksville	74
Wm & Robert Sturgeon, Eustis/Deltona	73
Jim & Frank Armstrong, Tampa/Sebring	68
Mark & Louis Preziosi, Gainesville/Brandon	68
Dave & John Watts, Tampa	68
Sam & Mike Sofferin, Lakeland	65
Mike Corcoran/Rich Mangon, Melbourne	62
Ed & Ed Jr LoSasso, Melbourne	60
L E Goldman/Lewis Kevelson, Ft. Laud	58
Albert & Mike Young, Inverness	55

PIED PIPER OF THE PLANTATION

by *Jim Achenbach*

Ted Beisler is a skilled golf professional who carries a unique title -- director of sports at The Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice. In this case, sports means golf, tennis and swimming.

Naturally, Beisler's expertise can be seen in golf. He's been a PGA professional in Florida for almost 20 years, and he's shown a remarkable knack for adapting to changing times.

Kids love Beisler. You would to -- if you were 10 years old and your pro gave you a high-five. "Kids want to step up and hit it," says Beisler, "so why get in the way? I always say this: Encourage, don't teach.

"Young golfers need encouragement more than anything else. I give them high-fives, and I give them gold stars. If they're going to keep it up, it's got to be fun for them."

Beisler has had remarkable success with several young golfers in the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association, an exemplary program that produced Paul Azinger.

FATHER/SON DUOS AND MORE STATE CHAMPS.....



Tom & Bill Case



John Handley & Jim Roberts



Jack Reed, Mark & Mark Jr Walters



Jack Reed, Rick & Andrew Kouwe



Don & Don Jr Norbury



John & John Jr Darr



Jack Reed, Bryan & Reed Nelson



Glen & Glen Jr Davis



James & Jim McGuigan



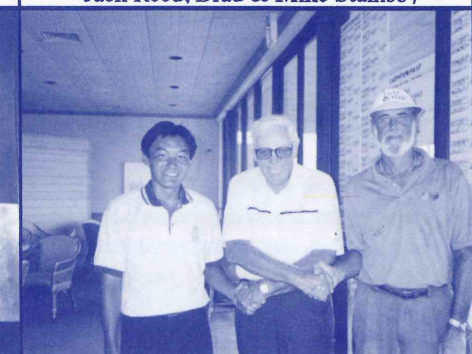
Jack Reed, Brad & Mike Stainsby



Ryan Lagergren (l) & Chris Wilmot (r)



Rick Cloninger, Match Play Champ



Atsushi Kozaki, Bill Baker, & Ken Peysor

UNDERSTANDING THE DIABOLICAL SLICE by *Betsy Nelson*

Understanding why golfers slice is not as difficult as it may seem. I have found it useful on my own lesson tee, for example, to go into detail on the origins and potential cures for slicing.

In my experience, people slice for one of two primary reasons--either (1) they have incomplete information about what a golf club does when it strikes a golf ball, thus producing an illusion about ball flight, or (2) they have equipment that is ill-fitted for their swing, thus causing them to make the classic "outside-in" moves associated with slicing.

Lesson No.1: Are You Seeing The Whole Picture?

When you first pick up a golf club, you have limited knowledge of the elements involved in hitting a ball to a target. You look at the club, look at the target, and knowing that the object of the game is to hit the ball in the air in the direction of the target, you make a motion that looks somewhat like lifting the ball into the sky with the club...this starts a string of events that produces a shot that goes to the right.

Over a short period of time, you pick up other compensations to make the ball go to the target. You swing the club so the ball would start farther left -- the "outside-in" or "from the top" swing. Since the clubface at impact is still pointed to the right, though, with the club traveling to the left, the net effect is a shot that turns to the right.

The first key to understanding your original slice is *your hand position is the ultimate determinant of clubface position*. For some reason, if you slice, you have an open clubface position at impact. Don't beat yourself up over it -- just accept that what *feels* square to you is actually open.

When you first hit a golf ball, you probably held on to the club very tightly and in responding to the centrifugal force of the clubhead, you probably gripped even tighter at impact, putting your wrist into an extension.

Leaving the clubface open...slicing...are you getting the first glimmer about why your clubface feels square but stays open?

Before you ever hit a golf ball, your very smart brain made a serious error. You looked at the golf club, sized up your objective to get the ball into the air, and you told your wrists to *extend* in order to get the clubface *under* the ball.

How do we cure this? How would you feel about learning to hook? Why? A hook is, after all, no better than a slice. Either shot can be useful when needed and a nemesis when unpredicted. But learning to hook teaches the slicer that the flight of the ball can be controlled by using different hand positions.

Here's a slicing drill in three parts...the first part is just to assume a static exaggerated hooking position. The left arm is supinated, with the wrist remaining flat or slightly flexed (knuckles under). Secondly, you take a short backswing and stop in what feels like a very abrupt position. Finally, you tee up balls and hook 5-irons, then 3-woods until you've mastered this. Most people will top the first half dozen attempts. Once you're hooking them, then it's appropriate to think about the concept of path, since your present outside-in path is creating a pulled hook. For the first time, you should be receptive to an inside-inside path, which will create a straighter shot.

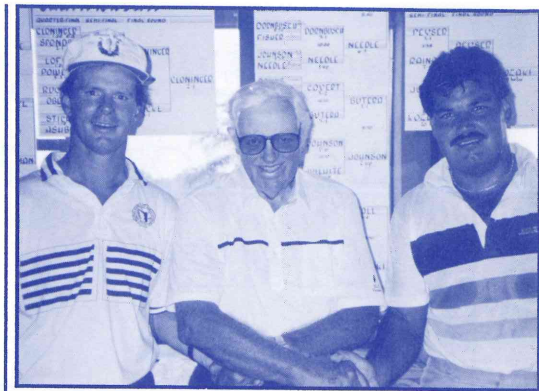
Now that you can make the ball either slice or hook at will, you can experiment with squaring the clubface. This phase of learning should be creative -- *play* at it.

Lesson No. 2: Your Golf Equipment Doesn't Fit.

The other primary reason for slicing, and this is often coupled with the first reason, is poorly fitted equipment. If the lie angles are too flat or too upright, if the shafts are too firm or don't have a good "feel," or any of a number of other variables, the equipment is set incorrectly for you, so expect swing problems and slicing!

A professional clubfitter can help diagnose these problems. There are up to 14 variables of golf club design that can affect your shot results and your swing. If you feel you need help with your equipment, you should see a clubfitter to have your present equipment evaluated or to get fitted for new equipment.

Betsy Nelson, a member of the LPGA Teaching Division, teaches at Sunrise Country Club in Sarasota.



Rick Cloninger, Bill Baker & Gary Stickl

RICK CLONINGER CROWNED MATCH PLAY CHAMP by *Chris Bleile*

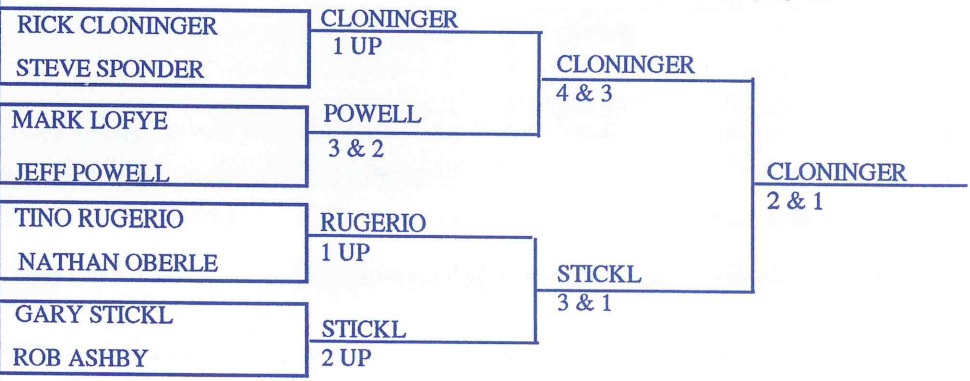
Cloninger, of Orlando, was named the state's first ever Match Play Champion by defeating Gary Stickl of Lakeland 3 & 1 in the 18 hole final. Cloninger advanced to the finals with an early Sunday morning 4 & 3 victory over Jeff Powell of Lake Mary. Stickl advanced to the finals with a 3 & 1 victory over Tino Rugerio of Jacksonville.

The champions in the three additional flights are First Flight: Atsushi Kozaki of Lakeland defeating Ken Peyser of No. Miami Beach in 19 holes. Second Flight: Mike Reynolds of Ft. Myers defeated Doug Koennicke of Palm Beach 2 & 1. Third Flight: Roger Dorio of Port St. Lucie defeated Tom Boyd of Tarpon Springs 4 & 3.

"I don't approach the two styles (match & stroke play) any differently. I'm not a free swinger, I tend to make a lot of pars and mix in a few birdies and bogeys. I never trailed at the turn in all my matches and I just told myself that if I'm going to lose, make someone beat me, don't beat myself," said Cloninger.

In the finals, Cloninger putted famously enroute to a 3 under par finish. Cloninger made putts of 8 feet or more on holes 9, 11, 12 and 16 with just the lone putt on 11 being for birdie. "The putt I made on 16 to save par and halve the hole was the biggest of the week for me," said Cloninger.

Congratulations to all the players!





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PETTIT TOP AMATEUR IN CADILLAC FLORIDA OPEN

by Bill Anderson

The West and South courses of the Grenelefe Resort played host to this year's Cadillac Florida Open held July 23-26. While Orlando's own Ron McCann took home the championship trophy and the \$10,000 first place check, seven amateurs fared quite well against the most prominent professionals in the state.

1992 FSGA standout Doug LaCrosse once again performed admirably, as he toured the two difficult designs in 3-over par 291. Finding the spotlight however, was Winter Spring's University of Florida star John Pettit. Pettit, sputtering at 149 through two rounds found his tempo on the weekend to fire scores of 70 and 71 and ultimately snare low amateur honors away from LaCrosse.

Humble but confident, Pettit reviewed his successful week, saying "Grenelefe's condition was superb, and I echo many player's sentiments when I say we're excited about returning in 1993. The opportunity to successfully compete against Florida's best pros is a dream come true for the amateurs. The tournament committee is to be commended for yet another well organized event."

Though only seven amateurs survived the cut, 25 others had advanced to the championship proper. In fact, just under 200 amateurs attempted to advance. As the quality of talented Florida amateurs increases, so does the parity between professional and amateur golf across our state.

The following summarizes the finishes of those amateurs completing the 1992 Cadillac Florida Open:

FLORIDA OPEN-AMATEURS

John Pettit, Winter Spgs	73-76-70-71 - 290
Doug LaCrosse, Tampa	72-73-70-76 - 291
Richard Kerper, Clrwtr	71-78-74-71 - 294
Jack Zeuthen, Winter Hvn	76-71-76-72 - 295
Chris Howell, Winter Gdn	75-74-72-75 - 296
Jason Gobleck, Pembroke Pn	78-69-73-76 - 296
Jim Sleight, No Lauderdale	73-72-72-80 - 297



HANDICAP INDEX vs COURSE HANDICAP by Kathy Naple

There seems to be quite a bit of confusion about the difference between a Handicap Index and a Course Handicap and how they are used.

The USGA Handicap Index is expressed in tenths of a stroke. You never play with this number; you convert it to a course handicap, both home and away, based on the Slope rating of the tees you're playing from.

The Course Handicap is always expressed as a whole number and this is what you play with.

Players who are on the USGA GHIN system have the luxury of having their handicap index converted to a course handicap. The course handicap conversion is based on the primary (a/k/a most used) tees, (usually the middle tees for men, forward tees for women) which is determined by the club. However, when you play a different set of tees [than your normal] or play at an "away" course you MUST convert your index based on the Slope rating from those set of tees. (You will have a different Course Handicap for each set of tees, since they are, in effect, different courses.)

USING THE COURSE HANDICAP TABLE

LOW SLOPE COURSE (106 Slope Rating)		
HANDICAP INDEX	CONVERTS TO A	COURSE HANDICAP
<i>From:</i>		
12.3 to 13.3		12
16.6 to 17.5		16
24.0 to 25.0		23
HIGH SLOPE COURSE (130 Slope Rating)		
11.8 to 12.6		14
16.1 to 16.9		19
24.0 to 24.7		28

Slope ratings range from 55 to 155, with the average being 113. When you play a course with a Slope Rating lower than 113, your Course Handicap will be lower than your Handicap Index. When you play a course with a Slope Rating higher than 113, your Course Handicap will be higher than your Handicap Index. **The formula for figuring your INDEX is: Gross score minus the course rating; multiplied by 113; divided by the slope rating, the end result is called the Handicap Differential. Do this for each of your 20 most recent scores. Then take the LOWEST 10 differentials and add them together, then take 96 percent -- do not round up or down.**

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