

# Florida Golf News

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## TWO COURSES FOR MEMBER INVITATIONAL APRIL 2-5



This picture tells the story of the Fairway Award tournament held recently at Avon Park Golf Club by the Florida State Golf Association. Mrs. Leon Sikes, Sr., left, smiles proudly at her two "winners", Leon Sikes, Sr., center, recipient of the 1969 FSGA Fairway Award and son, Leon Sikes, Jr., who won the tournament.

## LEON SIKES SR. WINS FAIRWAY AWARD, LEON JR. "PAPPY" EVENT VICTOR

Florida State Golf Association members and directors gathered in Avon Park February 14 and 15 to honor one of Florida Golf's greatest men, Leon Sikes, Sr., of Palm Beach. Sikes received the FSGA 1969 Fairway Hall of Fame Award during the two-day affair. In the 36-hole golf tournament held in connection with the award presentation, it was, ironically enough, Leon Sikes, Jr., of Lakeland, who bested his Dad and a field of approximately 70 other top amateurs.

Leon, Jr. had come to help pay tribute to his father and found himself the winner of the overall low gross honors as his rounds of 76-78, 154 edged Ken Sliz of St. Petersburg and Dave Crum of Lakeland by one stroke. Bob Grimsley of Tampa was the overall low net winner with a 36-hole total of 140, including a sizzling 66 on the final

day. In the Senior Division, for those 55 and over, Billy Watts, of St. Petersburg, won the low gross prize on rounds of 83-73, 156. He bettered the second place total of H. O. Davis, Clearwater, by two strokes. Rodney Karlson, of Vero Beach, took the handicapped, low net honors in the Senior Division with 144. In addition to the above mentioned winners, the following players took home prizes: Leon Sikes, Sr., second low net Seniors, John Geigley, Ed Randall, Vernon Lanier, Bill Rolleston, Fairway Award Committee Chairman, Harold Hayes, Don Ford, Cal Courtney, Larry Pickett, Jim Crisp, Joe Rood, FSGA President Bill Wodtke and Wilbur Boyd. In addition, a total of 21 players bettered the target score of net 76 fired by Leon Sikes, Sr. in the special "Beat Pappy Sikes" event

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## SEBRING'S HARDER HALL, AVON PARK G.C. SITES OF 72 HOLE TOURNAMENT

Harder Hall Golf Club in Sebring and Avon Park Golf Club in Avon Park will host the Florida State Golf Association's annual Member-Invitational Tournament April 2-5, 1970.

The event is open to all current members of FSGA and the field is limited to the first 300 entrants. Both courses will be used during the 72-hole event.

Tournament headquarters will be the 41-year-old Harder Hall. The hotel was built in 1929 by, oddly enough, Mr. Harder and Mr. Hall, two Miami developers. The hotel is completely air-conditioned and has 120 rooms and 13 suites. There is entertainment, music and dancing. The dining room is famous for its excellent cuisine. Tournament contestants and their wives staying at the hotel will have access to swimming pool, fishing ponds, sailboats, shuffleboard and tennis courts and much more for off-the-course fun. Use the reservation form on page three to secure a room for the tournament. All tournament connected banquets and cocktail parties will be at Harder Hall. Plans call for a cocktail party Thursday evening and a banquet Saturday night. Room rates for the tournament will be \$16 per person, per day double occupancy, including breakfast and dinner. Suites for three are \$15 per person, per day including breakfast and dinner. Singles are \$20 per day including breakfast and dinner. Contestants staying at Harder Hall will receive a \$6.00 credit for the Saturday night banquet.

The annual meeting of all FSGA members will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 1970 at Harder Hall. All current members of FSGA are invited to participate in this business meeting. Election of officers and

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## Member Invitational

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district directors will be conducted during this session. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. and should conclude at Noon.

Norton Harris, veteran Florida senior amateur from Key West, is expected to defend the Member-Invitational title he won last year at St. Lucie Country Club. His 72-hole score of 288 bettered the second place finish of Roger Kennedy of Pompano Beach by four shots. Harris fired a final round 72 over a tough, windy Sinners Course at St. Lucie to win the championship. The Pompano Beach Country Club Foursome of Roger Kennedy, Roger Woon-ton, Glen Spoor and Hoagy Carmichael won the 36-hole team event with a combined score of 622. The FSGA Club Team Championship is played each year during the first two rounds of the Member-Invitational. Entry blanks are available to each current member-club. There is no entry fee.

Lots of prizes and fun for everyone are the highlights of this event. FSGA members are urged to submit their entries early for the Member-Invitational. Use the entry form on page three.

## SECOND ANNUAL KING NEPTUNE CLASSIC AT ROLLING GREEN APRIL 18-19

FSGA will hold the second annual King Neptune Golf Classic in conjunction with the King Neptune Pageant in Sarasota. The 36-hole tournament will be played at Rolling Green Golf Club, April 18-19, 1970. The field will be limited to the first 160 entries. Use the form on page three. Entry fee is \$20 and includes a practice round on Friday, April 17 and a cocktail party and awards presentation immediately following play on the final day.

There will be prizes for low gross and low net scores over the 36 holes. Handicapped (net) play will be on the point-quota system. The system works like this: A player's handicap is ten. Par (giving two points per hole for a par) would be 36. Therefore, the player's "quota" is 26 points. Players earn points on the following scale: One point for a bogie, two points for a par, four points for a birdie and eight points for an eagle. Double bogies and up earn no points. Generally, the point-quota system is regarded as one of the fairest methods of handicapped play. The event is open to all FSGA members and you are urged to enter early. FSGA suggests you try the following Sarasota Hotels for accommodations: Sarasota Motor Inn, Cabana Inn, The Colony Beach Club, Far Horizons or Golden Host. There is also a fine Holiday Inn (North) and Howard Johnsons (North).

Brad Baldwin, one of the Tampa Bay Area's great golfing teenagers, took first

## ATTENTION SENIOR GOLFERS

To help clear up some of the controversy over FSGA's new seniors section, Chairman William R. Watts suggests the following: "Our newly formed section will henceforth be known as the SENIOR GOLFERS OF FLORIDA — A Division of the Florida State Golf Association. Members of FSGA who are old enough to be Senior Golfers (55) will automatically belong to Senior

Golfers of Florida. Likewise, a senior player who joins to play in Senior Golfers of Florida events will automatically be a member of the Florida State Golf Association."

Watts went on to dispell confusion with the Florida Senior Golf Association, headquartered in Tampa. "They have no connection with us or FSGA," he said.

Watts said he and his Seniors Committee are planning two events, one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast, probably at Punta Gorda, in the near future. These would be the first events, officially, for the Senior Golfers of Florida.

## Fairway Award Tourney

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played during the first round. They received merchandise prizes.

Leon Sikes, Sr. received the FSGA 1969 Fairway Award at a banquet in his honor on the evening of the first day's play. The award cites his many contributions to Florida golf and his work with state, regional and national organizations of senior golfers.

Avon Park Golf Club hosted the event and FSGA officials praised the hospitality and help extended by the membership and staff.

**JOIN  
FSGA  
TODAY!**

### 1970 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES AS REPORTED TO THE FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

**MARCH (1st Week)**  
FLORIDA SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP,  
Palma Ceia, Tampa

**MARCH 5-7**  
CITRUS OPEN, Rio Pinar, Orlando

**MARCH 13-15**  
STEPHENS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, Sebring

**MARCH 13-15**  
SILVER LAKE INVITATIONAL,  
Silver Lake, Leesburg

**MARCH 22-27**  
NATIONAL AIRLINES OPEN - Miami

**APRIL 2-5**  
FSGA MEMBER INVITATIONAL,  
Harder Hall & Avon Park G.C.  
Sebring and Avon Park

**APRIL 18-19**  
FSGA KING NEPTUNE CLASSIC,  
Rolling Green, Sarasota

**MAY 7-9**  
DeSOTO HANDICAP - Bradenton C.C.

**MAY 25**  
U.S.G.A. OPEN QUALIFYING  
DeSoto Lakes. Sarasota

**JUNE 25-28**  
FSGA STATE AMATEUR,  
Tomoka Oaks, Ormond Beach

**JULY 8-10**  
FSGA STATE JUNIOR, Bobby Jones, Sarasota

**OCTOBER 24-25**  
FSGA STATE 4 BALL,  
Cape Coral C.C., Cape Coral (Ft. Myers)

**NOVEMBER 20-22**  
FSGA LIFE AT 40, Site to be named

place honors in the inaugural Neptune Classic last year. His 36-hole score of 145 tied Bobby McKee of St. Pete and Baldwin won the playoff on the first extra hole. Dr. John Mercer won the handicapped portion of the tournament with a Plus 15.

**A reminder, a portion of the \$20 entry fee in the King Neptune Classic goes to FSGA's College Scholarship Fund.**

## How to Update Your FSGA Handicap Card

After you have renewed your membership in FSGA, you will receive a small yellow card in the mail. Please put the designated portion of the card in your wallet. The other portion of your card should be used as a current handicap register. If you will look on the back, you will see that a place is provided for you to update your handicap each month and have it initialed by the handicap official at your club.

When you enter an FSGA event, we ask for your CURRENT handicap (i.e., your latest club handicap) and that is the one that should be on the back of your FSGA card. *It is up to you to maintain an up-to-date record on the FSGA card.*

For FSGA membership renewal or for making application to join FSGA, use the form on page three.



THIS IS ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE TO PAY ANNUAL DUES,  
 ENTER MEMBER AND NEPTUNE TOURNAMENTS AND MAKE HOTEL  
 RESERVATIONS - FILL OUT, CUT OUT, AND MAIL NOW!

**1.** HARDER HALL,  
 SEBRING, FLORIDA  
 Tournament Headquarters

HARDER HALL IS NOW 100% AIR CONDITIONED  
 COCKTAIL LOUNGE — ENTERTAINMENT  
 PRACTICE RANGE — CARD ROOM — GREAT CUISINE  
 Rates include Breakfast and Dinner (Modified American  
 Plan)

RATES: \$16.00 per person, double occupancy  
 Suite for 3, \$15.00 per person  
 Single, \$20 per day

All contestants staying at Harder Hall will receive a \$6.00  
 credit for the banquet on Saturday night.

For reservations please fill in and return to Harder Hall,  
 Sebring, Florida.

Names .....

Address .....

City ..... Zip .....

Arrival Date .....  
 Harder Hall will contact you direct confirming your  
 reservations.

**2.** ENTRY FORM  
 KING NEPTUNE CLASSIC  
 Rolling Green G.C., Sarasota  
 April 18-19, 1970

No. ....  
 (Do not use)

Name ..... Date of Birth .....

Address ..... City ..... Zip .....

Home Club ..... Handicap .....

Member FSGA? .....

Send check for \$20.00 entry fee and \$10.00 membership  
 fee (if not already an FSGA member) to:

FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION  
 P. O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578  
 Phone 958-6673

No refunds on cancellations received after 5:00 P.M.,  
 March 13, 1970

Your starting time will be mailed April 14th.

**3.** FSGA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
 Statement or  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
 For New FSGA Members

Please fill in COMPLETELY for your FSGA membership  
 card, valid until April 1, 1971. If you have paid dues since  
 Dec. 15, 1969 your membership is valid until April 1, 1971.

\$10 enclosed .....

Name ..... Date of Birth .....

Address ..... City .....

Zip ..... Club ..... Club Hdcp. ....

If you wish us to figure your handicap, please give the total  
 of your 10 lowest scores of your last 20 rounds and the  
 FSGA course rating for your club.

Best Rounds ..... Course Rating .....

**4.** ENTRY FORM  
 FSGA MEMBER TOURNAMENT  
 Harder Hall, Sebring • Avon Park G. C.  
 April 2-5, 1970

Entry No. ....  
 (Do not use)

Name ..... Date of Birth .....

Address ..... City ..... Zip .....

Home Club ..... Current Hdcp. ....

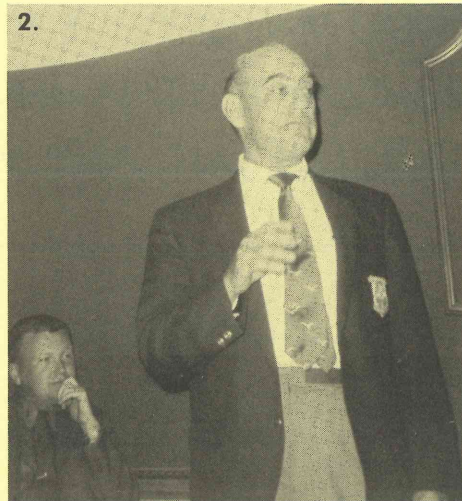
Member FSGA ..... Memberships renewable now.

Please check your card for expiration date. Send **\$25 Entry  
 Fee and \$10 dues** if membership not current To:

FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION  
 P. O. Drawer 1298, Sarasota, Fla. 33578  
 Phone 958-6673

Starting times will be mailed to contestants March 30th.





In typical FSGA fashion, the Fairway Award event and presentation banquet was a friendly, fun-filled affair. These photos are pleasant reminders of the Association's tribute to a fine Florida gentleman and golfer. No. 1. "Pappy" takes a few warm-up strokes before his net 76 on "Beat Pappy" day. No. 2. Gen. Hale, Executive Secretary of the Southern Seniors Association, calls Leon Sikes, Sr. "Mr. Golf in these parts", during a banquet in Mr. Sikes' honor. No. 3. Representative of the friendly people of host city, Avon Park, are the Touchton family, from left to right, Ed, Jr., Annie, Mary Jane and Ed, Sr. No. 4. From left to right, a proud Mrs. Sikes, Fairway Award Winner, Leon Sikes, Sr. and Awards Chairman Bill Rolleston. No. 5. FSGA President Bill Wadtke needles some of the head table contingent as Seniors Committee Chairman Bill Watts smiles approval. No. 6. State Senator Wilbur Boyd of Palmetto congratulates the Fairway Award Winner and the Tournament Champion, Father & Son Sikes.



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