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1995 Florida State Amateur Championship Slated For Historic Sara Bay

Larry Bush

Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota will play host June 22-25 to the 77th annual Florida State Amateur Golf Championship, the state's oldest continuous sporting competition.

The State Amateur was started in 1914, a decade before Sara Bay was opened in January, 1926.

A Donald Ross course, it was originally called Whitfield Estates. The first head professional was the legendary Tommy Armour, and the equally immortal Bobby Jones was an assistant sales manager for the property.

Called Sarasota Bay at the time, it played host to the 1941 PGA Seniors Championship, won by Jack Burke Sr., and to the 1957 Florida State Amateur, won by Frank Strafacci Sr. Coincidentally, Frank Strafacci Jr., is next in line to be president of the FSGA, in 1997.

However, it was Jones who first called national attention to this year's site for the State Amateur in remarks to renowned Atlanta golf writer O.B. Keeler which were reported locally in December, 1925.

Jones had already won the U.S. Open, in 1923, two U.S. Amateur titles, 1924-25, and played on two Walker Cup Teams, 1922 and 1924. Hence, when he spoke, people took note. And when Keeler wrote, especially about Jones, it was considered gospel.

Jones' remarks "are rather timely," the 1925 story said, "coming as they do in the midst of the two week period in which golfers of Manatee and Sarasota counties are playing the course as the guests of the Whitfield Estates Club and at a time when a lot of expert information is most acceptable.

"In Bobby's confessional... he did not hedge a bit. His was a frank statement of facts, and among those worthy of note was that the Whitfield Estates stretch was one that had tried him sorely, causing him to extend himself on every hole.

"To Keeler, perhaps the closest student of Bobby's career in the country, that... was rather surprising.

"This course is one of the finest I have ever seen. It is what I call a true

championship layout and Donald Ross sure extended himself in the design," Jones reported.

Then Jones offered a description of the best methods he had found to play the course, and which he recommended to all future players of the course:

No. 1 - 416 yards - Par 4 - Requires good strong drive and an iron second shot with No. 3 or 4 iron. Drive must be kept to right of fairway to avoid bad lie in a swell that crosses course.

No. 2 - 429 yards - Par 4 - Drive here must also hold right of fairway; slight elbow necessary to avoid bunkers; green trapped right and left.

No. 3 - 365 yards - Par 4 - Drive and mashie niblick, slight dog leg: ideal shot played with draw to clear bunkers to left of green and give open shot to the green. A good hole for long hitters.

No. 4 - 138 yards - Par 3 - One shot hole for mashie or spade mashie. A difficult hole; play is to a small green, trapped in front and on sides, but not

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CHRIS WILMOT OF ORLANDO ASSUMES FSGA HELM

Larry Bush

A pro-active organization is the game plan for the Florida State Golf Association the next two years, according to Chris Wilmot, the new president.

"We want to be a broad-based group that will reach as many golfers in Florida as we can," says Wilmot.

"I feel extremely bullish on the FSGA and on golf in Florida in general, and with the assistance of the President's Committee, I want to develop a five-year plan that will be pro-active, not re-active."

Wilmot, 43, of Orlando, ascended to the presidency during the Annual Meeting last November in Sarasota after serving the obligatory two years each as secretary and vice president. He succeeded Bill Erwin of Palm Beach Gardens.

Among Wilmot's goals for 1995-96 will be a new FSGA-sponsored tournament for the physically challenged, tentatively scheduled in August in the Fort Lauderdale area; bolstering the FSGA scholarship program so that it becomes self-sustaining; getting the volunteer groups around the state more active with the FSGA; adding one-day tournaments to the schedule; and eventually adding a junior golf coordinator to the staff.

"The reality is, we would also like to have our own building," Wilmot added. FSGA headquarters have been at Sunrise Country Club in Sarasota since 1982.

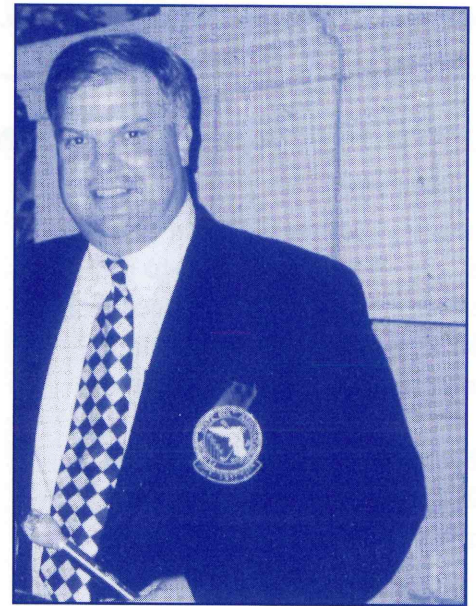
A former golf professional, Wilmot is the vice president and general manager of Florida operations for L.B. Smith, Inc., of Camp Hill, PA, and he is president of Smith Holding and Investment Co., a subsidiary of L.B. Smith, Inc., a company which markets large, off-road, heavy equipment. He set up the Florida division when he joined the company in 1988. There are currently six stores with 140 employees across the state.

As an assistant pro, Wilmot worked for Jim Yancey at Ocala Municipal Golf Club, 1971-76, and Jim Folks at Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, MD, 1976-77.

He calls Yancey and Conrad Rehling, the former golf coach at Florida and Alabama, as the two who were most influential in his golfing career. "Both were very giving individuals," Wilmot says.

In addition to this affiliation with the FSGA, Wilmot is an active member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee and a volunteer with the Orlando Minority Junior Golf Association. He also has been a past president of several business groups in the Orlando area.

"I think it's important for the FSGA to be known as more than a tournament association," Wilmot says. "Tournaments are important, but it's up to the officers and directors to sell the FSGA story through the services it provides—course rating and measurement, reinstatement to amateur status, the



New FSGA President, Chris Wilmot of Orlando

USGA handicap program, the state's liaison with the USGA, functioning as the rules organization for the state.

"Through the efforts of the FSGA, there are now in Florida 190 GHIN member clubs with 57,000 individual members of GHIN," the USGA's Golf Handicap and Information Network, he said.

A member at Lake Nona, Wilmot is a five handicapper. "The USGA and the FSGA take a lot of time," Wilmot notes, hence he hasn't played as much or as well recently as when he was a plus-one.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WORD

One last explanation/clarification of the Four-Ball Championship and the Four-Ball Tournament. This year's event at the magnificent World Woods Complex will be enjoyed by all who make it there. The top ten teams from the 1994 Four-Ball are exempt from qualifying providing their team is the same. NO SUBSTITUTIONS for the exempt category. New partner and it is into the qualifying pool you go. We will have regional qualifying sites (7) throughout the state. Forty teams will qualify for the CHAMPIONSHIP, which will be held July 22-23rd on the Pine Barrens Course. The next 100 teams qualify for the TOURNAMENT, which will be the following weekend, July 29-30th. The remaining teams who qualify will be alternates for the TOURNAMENT. EACH qualifying site will be a regional tournament and we will have a small prize list at each site, dependent upon the total number of entries.

I re-discovered an article in the August, 1992 issue of Golf Digest, which was written by the renowned golf writer, Charles Price. He muses about "Winter rules". The following is excerpted piecemeal from the original article: *"Winter rules" are not the ones to play in a tournament, I have bitterly learned, nor should they be used at all if you are playing against anybody you don't know well, really well. Today I wish I had never played them for whatever reason. They create a no-man's land in the conduct of a round where anything goes, none of it leading to golf you will like to remember the day after, let alone years later. Playing the*

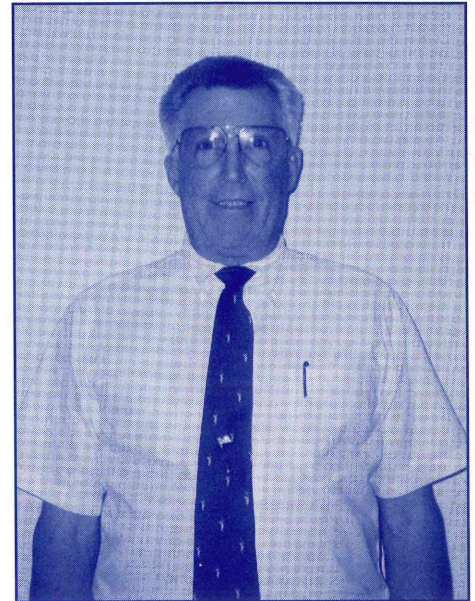
course as you find it and the ball as it lies is golf in its simon-pure form; indeed, the only form recognized.

What I have against "winter rules" is not the ethics of rolling the ball over. It's the way preferred lies deceive us that I object to. I mean, they just don't work. Looking back on half a century of \$2 nassaus, I can't recall a hole I ever won that was won because I improved my lie. I can't even remember a good score I shot, whether it was just my foursome who were using "winter rules" or the entire field in a tournament. To the contrary, the lowest scores I have ever made were shot while playing the ball as it lay.

Any superintendent will tell you "winter rules" destroy more turf than they protect, thereby defeating that purpose, which is only masquerade anyhow. The real reason we play them is to build an even more advantageous lie than the ball could find for itself.

Improving your lie might improve a shot or two somewhere along the way. But making a habit of it will damage your swing, perhaps irreparably, as any pro knows, even though he might teach a beginner just the opposite. But I'm not speaking of beginners searching for confidence. I'm talking about the rest of us, some of whom use "winter rules" long after the crocuses bloom and when fairways are in carpet condition.

Rolling the ball over is insidious. It doesn't take long to become a habit. It then not only weakens the structure



Cal Korf, Executive Director of the FSGA

of your swing, it undermines your whole game, giving you a false sense of well-being. Almost nobody whose handicap is determined with preferred lies can play to it without them. It's like learning how to swim wearing a life preserver. You aren't really learning how to swim. You're being lulled into drowning.

Practical matters aside, "winter rules" deprive us of that transcendental experience that gives golf its uniqueness. Whatever it is, it can only be found playing the ball as it lies and the course as you find it. Preferred lies subtract from the unexpected and the undeserved, and golf ceases to become the adventure it ought to be. That ends my extraction from Charles Price's article. What more can be said. If you employ the bad habits he is describing - cease immediately and improve your game.

FSGA HOSTS AWARDS DINNER

Eileen Forrester

This past November the FSGA hosted its second annual Awards Dinner, which is held in conjunction with the annual meeting. The event was held in the ballroom of the Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota (see front page article). The association honored the winner of each 1994 championship, along with out-going and incoming directors. New directors for 1995 are:

Richard Blomstrom, *Melbourne*
 Kevin Butler, *West Palm Beach*
 Bruce Fitzpatrick, *Homestead*
 Bruce Flower, *Maitland*
 Jack Free, *St. Augustine*
 Tony Hebel, *West Palm Beach*
 Gordon Langseth, *Gulf Breeze*
 Richard Rainville, *Palmetto*

These gentlemen will serve on the Board of Directors for the next three years.

Elected to the Advisory Board were newcomers Chris Bleile, Coral Springs, and John McCann, Daytona Beach.

The dinner also afforded an opportunity to welcome new president Chris Wilmot of Orlando, and to present three very special awards.

A "Lifetime Achievement Award" was presented to Mr. Jim Callender of Jacksonville. Mr. Callender's selfless and untiring devotion to the FSGA has contributed to the success of the organization over the last several years.

"Player of the Year" was awarded to Doug LaCrosse, Tampa. Mr. LaCrosse has proved himself to be among the ranks of the very best amateur golfers in the state.

A few of his 1992 accomplishments:

- Qualified for US Open Sectional
- Qualified for US Mid-Amateur
- Runner-up in State Mid-Amateur

Last, but not least, the "Volunteer of the Year" was Mr. Bruce Flower of Maitland. Although Mr. Flower has a very busy law practice, he assisted in the administration of several state championships and qualifiers. His knowledge of the rules of golf is an invaluable asset to the association. Congratulations to each recipient!

The Awards Dinner was viewed by all to have been a great success. We look forward to 1995!



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in rear-designed for bold, straight play.

No. 5 - 382 yards - Par 4 - Decided dog-leg that crosses water twice. Drive may carry 300 yards without penalty of rough or water, if straight. Good drive and No. 3 iron well-played will reach the green.

No. 6 - 332 yards - Par 4 - Good drive and mashie niblick will carry to the well trapped plateau green.

No. 7 - 548 yards - Par 5 - Good man's-sized hole requiring splendid drive, excellent brassie second and perfect mashie niblick to get home. Two elbows to be negotiated and water to be crossed.

No. 8 - 176 yards - Par 3 - A jewel among short holes, requiring a stiff slap from a No. 2 iron. Water must be crossed, and the creek that runs just in front of the green takes an angle that is sure death for a sliced tee shot--the usual short hole fault. Small green but little trouble behind it if the shot is straight.

No. 9 - 451 yards - Par 5 - Requires a drive and a brassie on a long spoon second. Drive must hug the left side of the fairway and the second must be played over the edge of a deep grass hollow to keep away from trouble.

Out - 3,237 yards - Par 36.

No. 10 - 434 yards - Par 4 - Will require a drive and a No.3 or 4 iron. A straight hole with trouble comparatively eliminated.

No. 11 - 449 yards - Par 4 - Up hill with a drive and a long spoon to a turtle-back green that calls for a run-up shot since there is little chance for a high pitch to hold on the sloping green. The putting surface is comparatively small, but there is little trouble around the green.

No. 12 - 358 yards - Par 4 - Takes a drive and a mashie niblick or spade niblick. Creek crosses fairway about 300 yards from the tee. Hole is down hill and must be played to left of the fairway.

No. 13 - 218 yards - Par 3 - Good spoon shot up hill, from a high tee with green trapped on both sides.

No. 14 - 379 yards - Par 4 - Drive mashie with water to be crossed. Play must be straight.

No. 15 - 433 yards - Par 4 - More water to be crossed; drive and No. 3 iron to a punchbowl green with no traps close but an abundance of mounds that will make trouble for the careless. Must be played to the left to avoid trouble on the right.

No. 16 - 191 yards - Par 3 - The large tee permits choice of shot ranging from a No. 2 iron to the spoon. The green is well trapped

No. 17 - 451 yards - Par 5 - Down hill journey for a drive and No. 2 iron. Green well up and saucer shape wide open for the shot.

No. 18 - 438 yards - Par 4 - Drive and a good stiff iron required to be up to the large green.

In - 3351 yards - Par 36/6588 yards - Par 72

COURSE RATING WITH THE FSGA

Hardly a day goes by that a team of FSGA volunteers is not rating a Florida golf course. These individuals unselfishly give their time and effort for the benefit of all golfers. As a new facility nears completion, the team in that section is called upon to rate the course. Courses are re-rated as trees mature or changes are made to the layout, and should be re-rated at least every five years.

The Course Rating determines a course's relative difficulty for scratch golfers and the Slope Rating does the same for bogey golfers. The USGA's handicap formula uses these numbers to arrive at a player's Handicap Index. The Slope rating also allows a golfer to convert his Index to a Course Handicap at virtually any other course in the country.

SLOPE is the reason an average golfer will likely get more strokes at Bay Hill than at his home club. It is also the reason he may receive fewer strokes at a flatter, open course.

When the FSGA receives a Service Request form from a member club, the Team Captain for the appropriate FSGA Section is notified. He then arranges with club officials for the date and time of the rating team's visit. On the appointed day, the Captain and his 3-4 team members first meet with the golf professional and superintendent to discuss course maintenance (mowing heights and green speed affect the rating).

The rating team then goes out onto the golf course. They evaluate each hole from the various tees, looking for such things as carry distances over hazards or deep rough, possible forced lay-ups, and the general layout of the hole. The team then proceeds to the landing areas for the "scratch" and "bogey" golfers.

Because of the obvious differences in how scratch and bogey golfers play the course and the distances they hit the ball, the

USGA has determined distance standards for each type of player. A "scratch" player hits his drive 250 yards and his second shot 220. A "bogey" golfer hits his drive 200 and subsequent shots 170 yards [for women, the yardages are 210/190 for a scratch player and 150/130 for a bogey golfer].

At the putting green, the rating team analyzes the green slope and speed, surrounding obstacles and bunker coverage and depth.

At the completion of the hole, each team member consults his Course Rating Manual to rate the ten obstacles. The team discusses the findings and reaches a consensus on each item before continuing. The entire process usually takes an experienced team from four to five hours to complete eighteen holes.

The captain later totals the ratings for each obstacle and sends the form to the FSGA office. The totals are checked for accuracy and the data is entered into the computer. The USGA program then computes the new Course and Slope Ratings.

Many club members do not understand the rating process and would like the FSGA to change the rating one way or the other. This is not possible for the following reason: The USGA designed the system to minimize subjectivity. Either an obstacle exists or it doesn't. If an obstacle is present, the degree that it affects the play of the hole is determined by the charts in the Course Rating Manual. The USGA is constantly revising and improving the system, striving to make the rating process as objective as possible.

If you are the type who looks for challenges and enjoys seeing and playing different kinds of golf courses, you may want to become a member of the rating team in your area. For more information about your participation, please contact the FSGA.

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NEW AREA CODE TO CALL THE FSGA

Effective May 28, 1995 the geographical 813 area code will be divided. The greater Tampa Bay area will retain area code 813. All other areas, which include Ft. Myers, Lakeland, Naples and Sarasota will be changed to area code 941. For the remainder of 1995 you will receive a verbal recorded message when dialing area code 813 that the new area code is 941 for future reference. After March 1996, you will no longer be forwarded or receive a correction message. Please commence using the new area code effective June 1, this year.

FSGA TO CO-SPONSOR DISABLED GOLFER TOURNAMENT

In an effort to provide competitive golf opportunities for more amateurs in Florida, the FSGA, in conjunction with Judy Alvarez(PGA/LPGA) and the Association of Disabled American Golfers, will conduct a tournament for the disabled this fall. Hosted by the Carolina Club in Margate, the first-time event will be held on Monday, October 2.

The day will begin with a clinic by Dennis Walters, world-renowned trick shot artist and disabled golfer, followed by a two-player scramble and lunch. An able-bodied and a disabled player will comprise each team. Further information and entry forms will be mailed to the FSGA membership in the near future.

JOHN CORZILIUS: MID-AMATEUR CHAMPION

Jim Witherspoon

Exhibiting a strong all-around game, Nokomis' John Corzilius won the final match of the 1995 State Mid-Amateur Championship over Doug LaCrosse of Tampa. The normal pressure of trying to win a state championship was the least of John's worries, as his wife, Susan, was due to bring a new Corzilius into the world at any moment. The tournament winner made the 90-minute commute to Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club each morning and returned home immediately after completing each day's play.

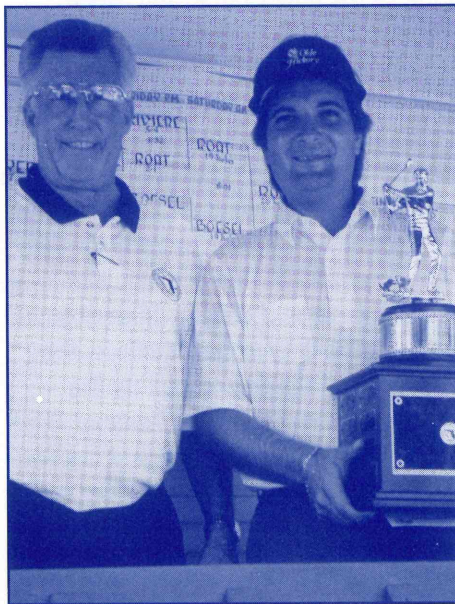
Beginning with the 1994 Championship, the format of the Mid-Amateur has been revised to enable more players to qualify for match play. The size of the field was increased to 112 stroke play competitors, with 32 advancing to Friday's matches.

Heavy rains soaked the Palma Ceia course the week prior to the event, and the maintenance crew did a tremendous job getting the course in condition to play. At a par of 70, the 6252 course played much longer than normally, and Wyatt Meyer, of Tampa(69), was the only player to break par in stroke play. Five contestants at 75 played off for the last four spots in the match play field.

LaCrosse, a member of the host club, won his semifinal match over Windermere's George Roat on the 18th hole. Corzilius, had a difficult quarter-final against Orlando's Jeff Lindquist, but claimed the victory after being three down with four to play. He then defeated Wyatt Meyer in the semifinals 4-3.

By Sunday the course had dried considerably, and weather conditions were ideal. The final match went back and forth for the first eight holes, then momentum seemed to swing in Corzilius' favor on #9. LaCrosse hit an outstanding fairway wood to within six feet of the hole, with his opponent's ball more than forty feet away. What looked like a certain win turned into a loss as Corzilius improbably holed his birdie and LaCrosse missed.

The remaining holes saw LaCrosse make repeated efforts to close the gap, but Corzilius maintained his high level of play, and he closed out the match on the 16th hole, 3-2.



Mid-Amateur Champion, John Corzilius proudly displays his trophy. Next to him is Cal Korf, Executive Director, FSGA.



EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

In order to gain entry into some of the State Championships, a player must first qualify in a regional tournament. The sheer number of entries in these Championships has forced the FSGA to determine the contestants through this method. The following table lists the applicable events and the requirements for exempt status.

STATE AMATEUR

Top 8 finishers from previous year
All former State Amateur Champions
State Mid-Amateur Semi-Finalists
from previous year
Match Play Champion from previous
year

STATE MID-AMATEUR

Current State Amateur Champion
Current Match Play Champion
Mid-Amateur Champions from last 5
years
Mid-Amateur Semi-Finalists from
previous year

STATE MATCH PLAY

Current State Amateur Champion
Mid-Amateur Champion from
previous year
Match Play Semi-Finalists from
previous year (Championship
Flight only)

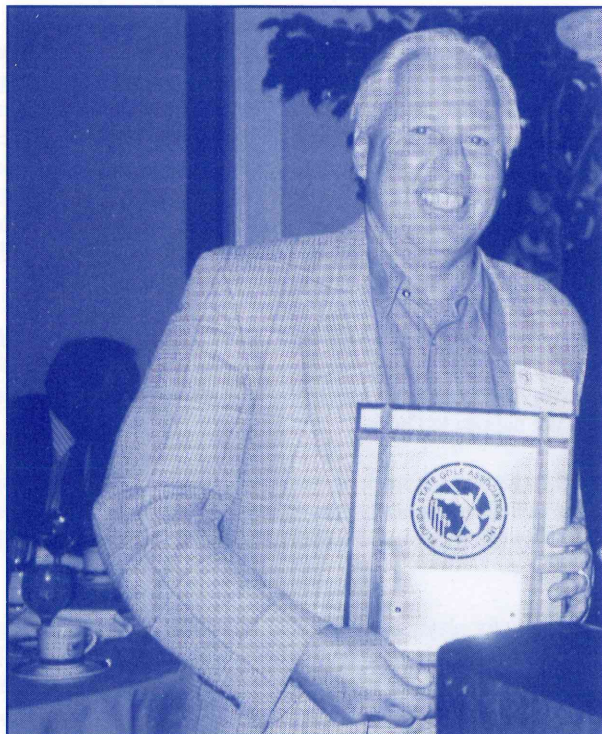
STATE FOUR-BALL

Top 10 teams from previous year, if
intact(Four-Ball Championship
only)

LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY REPEAT FOR LAW

Rennie Law of Tampa capped a solid year by defending his title in the Bill Carey Life Begins at Forty Championship at Cape Coral Resort. Accurate drives and cool determination helped Law gain a spot in a play-off with Skip Lujack of Brandon and Bradenton's Jim Stone. Stone birdied the last two holes of regulation play to gain the tie. Law won the playoff with a birdie-4 after executing a near perfect short pitch shot to within 4 feet on the first hole. Stone narrowly missed his long birdie attempt, as did Lujack, before the winner calmly stroked the deciding putt into the center of the hole.

From the 1995 event onward, this competition has been renamed the Bill Carey State Mid-Senior Championship.



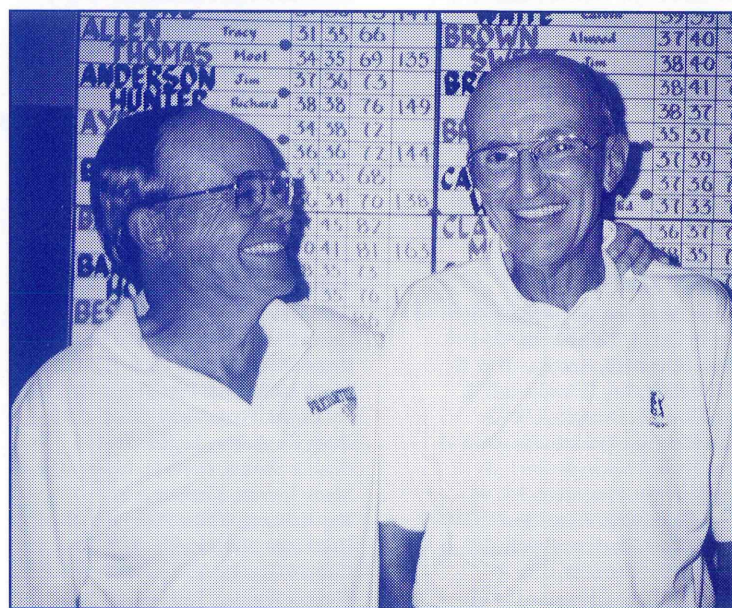
Two time champion of the Life at Forty Tournament, Rennie Law receiving his championship plaque at the 1994 FSGA awards dinner.

ALLEN-THOMAS DUO TOO STRONG

Tracy Allen of Winter Park and Ocala's Moot Thomas seemed "least likely to win" going into the State Senior Four-Ball Championship. Moot, one of the more colorful members of the FSGA, told Tracy just before the tournament began that he was playing so poorly he was only going to drag the team down. Tracy talked him into showing up at Feather Sound Country Club (Clearwater), and the result is now history. Moot struck the ball very well, as did his partner, and the team scored its only bogey on the 36th hole. Entering the final round with a two stroke advantage, Allen-Thomas extended their lead to four strokes after #17, making the last-hole mistake inconsequential.

The teams of Bob Headlee-Phil Hubacher and Walter Baldwin-Bob Rankin shared second place, and Gary Holmes-Elvin Yarbrough took fourth, four strokes back of the champions.

Feather Sound was literally drowned by heavy rains in late September, forcing the postponement of the competition until November. The club was most gracious in offering the later date, and the FSGA thanks the members and staff of Feather Sound for their accommodation.



The dynamic duo Tracy Allen (left) and Moot Thomas (right) looking just a little bit happy about their newly acquired title of Senior Four-Ball Champs.

FIRST 1995 CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAMPA'S RICHARD ELLIOTT

Richard Elliott of Tampa, a 10 handicap golfer at Town and Country Golf Club, won the State Handicap Championship at Mission Inn on April 2. Using the Stableford scoring system, Elliott cruised the difficult El Campeon layout with a score of +4 and came home with a +9 on the more open Las Colinas course. His +13 total edged the runner-up, Tamarac's Rick Malinski, by one point. Bill Moulton, Orlando, won the first flight with a final round of 72, giving the five-handicapper a +5 for the day.

Following a night of steady rain, the El Campeon course was saturated but playable. The normally fast greens were tamed somewhat by the moisture, resulting in better scoring from much of the field than in previous years. Sunday was a bright, sunny day; the winds gusty in the morning, but calming through the afternoon. The Las Colinas course was much more manageable, and the smooth greens made putting less of an adventure (for most of the field!) than during the previous round. Following are the final results from Mission Inn:

FIRST FLIGHT

Bill Moulton, Orlando -6/+5 -1
 Bob Pearce, Melbourne -2/-1 -3
 Gil Turner, Port St. Lucie +1/-4 -3
 Bob Ethridge, Plantation -2/-2 -4
 Joe Ondo, Orlando -2/-2 -4
 Larry Barousse, Loxahatchee -2/-2 -4
 Dave Kartner, Palm City E/-4 -4
 Bill Griffith, Miami Lakes -9/+3 -6
 Richard Yoo, Lady Lake -3/-3 -6
 Mike Serino, Orlando -5/-2 -7
 Leonard Loyd, Port St. Lucie -1/-6 -7
 Rick Spears, Stuart -4/-5 -9
 Bill Baxter, Miami Shores -6/-3 -9
 Andy Schwartz, Melbourne -9/-2 -11
 Dale Anderson, Stuart -6/-6 -12
 Tim Harward, Gainesville -7/-7 -14
 Tim Tremblay, Winter Park -5/-9 -14
 Robert Allen, Rotonda West -9/-6 -15
 John Turner, Palm City -6/-12 -18
 Mike Colin, Coral Springs -11/-9 -20

SECOND FLIGHT

Eddie Bannister, Winter Park -3/+8 +5
 Kevin Davey, Tallahassee +2/-1 +1
 Dean Stromwall, Apopka -1/+1 E
 Bobby Simpson, Orlando -2/E -2
 Fred Rankin, Orlando -1/-1 -2
 Lou Mattiace, Jacksonville -6/+3 -3
 Ron Hyde, Plantation -4/+1 -3
 Jay Kaltman, Plantation -3/-1 -4
 Steve Jakubaitis, Punta Gorda E/-4 -4
 Jim Devine, Daytona Beach -6/E -6
 Bob Kahne, Sarasota -3/-4 -7
 Ken Carpenter, Orlando -4/-4 -8
 Gary Gaff, Royal Palm Bch -4/-10 -14
 Harold Manning, Palm City -5/-9 -14
 Douglas Tietjen, Tampa -12/-5 -17
 Stephen O'Neill, Atlantic Beach -9/-8 -17
 Art Holt, Orlando -10/-8 -18
 Colin Follett, Hudson -8/-12 -20
 Bob Robison, Deltona -14/-7 -21

THIRD FLIGHT

Lance Serine, Howey..Hills +8/-1 +7
 Tom Vickers, Port Orange +3/+3 +6
 Kevin Downing, Jupiter -3/+3 E
 Richard Blomstrom, Melbourne E/-1 -1
 Robert Maxey, Tampa -4/+2 -2
 Jose Serra, Palm City -2/-1 -3
 Harold Newburn, Miami -1/-3 -4
 David Britigan, Sarasota -5/E -5
 David Andrzejewski, Orange Park -7/E -7
 Charles Murphy, Hialeah -4/-3 -7
 Nelis Banninga, Jacksonville -4/-3 -7
 Thomas Stapleton, Riverview -8/E -8
 Jim Sweet, Clermont -12/+1 -11
 Don Jones, Vero Beach -8/-3 -11
 Bill Flint, Palm City -8/-5 -13
 Patrick Rooney, West Palm Bch -3/-10 -13
 Glenn Paulk, Longwood -9/-6 -15
 Chris Gory, Miami Lakes -8/-13 -21

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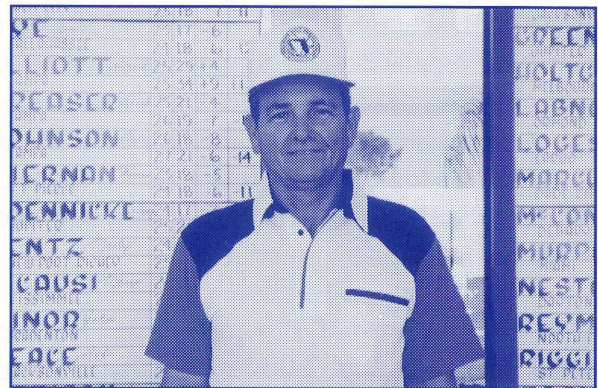
Richard Elliott, Tampa +4/+9 +13
 John Minor, Bradenton +4/+1 +5
 David Sweeney, Stuart +2/-2 E
 Roger Dorio, Port St. Lucie E/E E
 Marty Lentz, New Port Richey -1/-1 -2
 Pat Coyne, Ponte Vedra Beach -5/+2 -3
 Doug Koennicke, Jupiter -7/+1 -6
 Charles Storton, North Ft. Myers -4/-2 -6
 Mario Licausi, Kissimmee E/-7 -7
 Ray Robison, Winter Park -5/-3 -8
 Bob Peace, Jacksonville -3/-7 -10
 Richard Greaser, Tampa -4/-7 -11
 Thomas Kiernan, Ft. Pierce -5/-6 -11
 Bob Dunlea, Palm City -4/-7 -11
 Jim Dye, Tallahassee -6/-6 -12
 Dale Johnson, Tampa -8/-6 -14
 Bruce Beisler, Palm City -13/-3 -16
 Hugh Bitter, Winter Haven -9/-7 -16
 Donald White, Stuart -8/-10 -18
 Bruce Sizemore, Tarpon Springs -6/-12 -18

FIFTH FLIGHT

Jim Nestor, Daytona Beach +3/+7 +10
 Chris Marcum, Dade City +9/E +9
 Stephen Loges, Largo +2/+4 +6
 Everett Stanley, Melbourne +2/E +2
 Bruce Bubenzer, Tampa E/+1 +1
 John Satterfield, St. Petersburg -5/+3 -2
 Tom Boyd, Lutz +4/-6 -2
 Larry Labno, Ormond Beach +1/-3 -2
 Bill Bryant, Stuart -2/-1 -3
 Jimmy Murphy, Miami -1/-3 -4
 Richard Riggins, St. Petersburg -1/-3 -4
 William Waldrop, Panama City -3/-3 -6
 Charles Holtgreven, Melbourne -1/-5 -6
 Marty Greene, Jupiter -3/-4 -7
 Alex McConnell, DeBary -8/-1 -9
 John Reyman, North Ft. Myers -7/-2 -9
 Miles Dean, Jacksonville -3/-6 -9
 Ralph Ciasullo, Bradenton -5/-8 -13
 Tom Rooney, Palm Bch Gardns -6/-10 -16

SIXTH FLIGHT

Rick Malinski, Tamarac +5/+7 +12
 Vitaly Alexandrov, Ft. Myers +3/+6 +9
 Dennis Harrell, Jensen Beach E/+7 +7
 Bob Salois, Pompano Beach -1/+3 +2
 Russell Wall, Lakeland +2/E +2
 William Martin, Vero Beach E/+1 +1
 Samuel Hansche, Riverview +2/-1 +1
 Dale Roysse, Tampa +1/-1 E
 Herb Hedgecock, Satellite Beach -2/+1 -1
 Edward Rubich, Winter Springs +1/-4 -3
 Len deBoer, Winter Haven +3/-7 -4
 Lowell Steele, Tequesta -4/-2 -6
 Ted McAnlis, Palm Bch Gardns -1/-5 -6
 Howard Freeman, Gainesville -2/-5 -7
 Stanley Drzewi, Melbourne -3/-6 -9
 Ray Lamb, Tampa -6/-4 -10
 Bill Russ, Melbourne WDI
 Gary Taylor, Mjiami WDI
 Paul Partyka, Winter Springs DQ



State Handicap Champion, Richard Elliot of Tampa

* RULES NOTE *

An unusual rules situation occurred at the Handicap Championship, resulting in 2-stroke penalties for three players. This was unusual because all three committed the same violation, on the same hole, in the same group. All because they failed to identify their golf balls. These competitors, upon arriving at the green, found that each had played a wrong ball from the fairway. Before they compounded their problems, an FSGA Rules Official, Roger King of Deltona, came upon the scene and was able to straighten out the confusion. Roger explained that they were required to replace the balls in the original positions (adding a penalty of two strokes) and play their second shots again.

This situation should never have happened! Most of you have seen Duffy Waldorf playing the PGA Tour on television. He is well-known for the artwork his wife inscribes on his golf balls. We can be sure that the above problem will not happen to Duffy.

So, please put an identifying mark on your golf balls before starting your round. Each of you should identify your brand of ball and marking to your fellow competitors (or opponent in match play) when you meet at the first tee.

There is no penalty for playing a wrong ball in a hazard. That is the reason you may not lift a ball in a hazard for purposes of identification (Rule 12-2). In match play, except when the wrong ball has been played in a hazard, the penalty is *loss of hole* (Rule 15-2). In stroke play, the penalty is *two strokes* and the error must be corrected before playing a stroke from the next teeing ground or, if the last hole of the round, the player must announce his intention to rectify his mistake before leaving the putting green (Rule 15-3).

I think Duffy has a great, inexpensive idea. Buy yourself a Sharpie pen or other waterproof marker, and mark something unusual on your golf balls. This could save you strokes in the future.