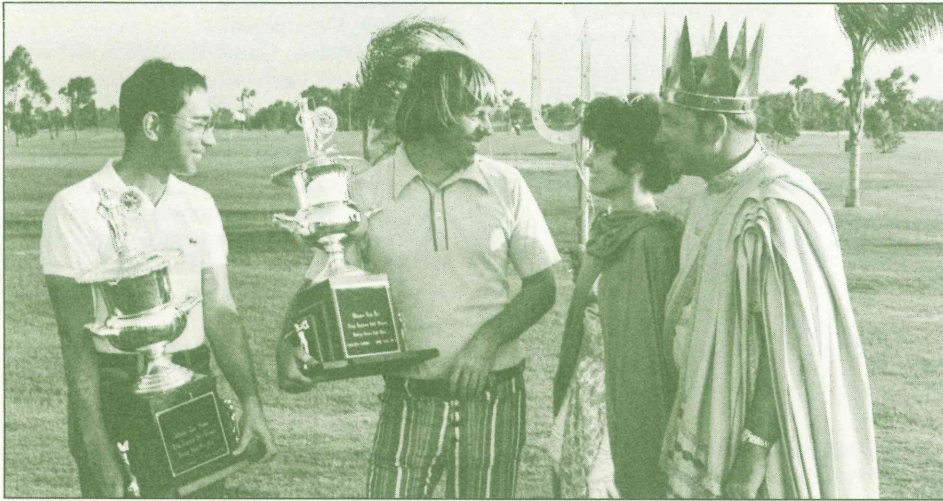


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STATE AMATEUR AT SILVER SPRINGS SHORES



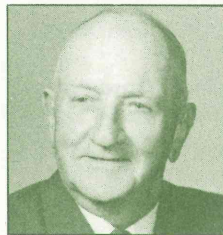
SARASOTA -- Dr. Phil Catalano, left, Bradenton, won FSGA's first major event of the 1973 season with an April victory in the King Neptune Tournament. His one over par 145 was a two stroke victory. Queen Athena and King Neptune (Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Eason) were on hand at Rolling Green G. C. to make the awards on the final day. Andy Moore, center, Sarasota, won the quota side of the event with a plus 11.

Arnold and McInnis Elected President and V.P., By-Laws Changed at Member Meeting

Roland Arnold, Vero Beach's genial Ford dealer and long-time supporter of state golf activities, is the new President of Florida State Golf Association.

Arnold, a former President of the Florida Seniors, was elected at the annual meeting of FSGA members and club representatives at Royal Oak C. C., May 3. The new president succeeds popular Tampan Nate Schine who headed the Association for two terms. Arnold moved up from vice president.

M. T. McInnis, Bradenton, the Clerk of Court for Manatee County, was elected Vice President at the busy annual session which in addition to the annual elections and reports saw several By-Law changes made by members. McInnis, a leading Gulf Coast amateur for a score of years helped organize and administer the very successful DeSoto National Handicap Tournament in Bradenton. He



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has been an FSGA Director for three years.

Principal change in the By-Laws was to realigned FSGA sections to conform with the recently redistricted 15 Congressional Districts.

Elected for two year terms as directors from odd numbered districts were: Edwin W. Greene, Panama City; C. J. Gunti, Jacksonville; Bob McCullers, Leesburg; Nate Schine, Tampa; Orin Blair,

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Fast Field of Top Players Entered, Koch Will Not Defend Title

The 56th annual Florida State Amateur Golf Championship has its classiest field in history. And the swinging experts will have a course to match their prowess in long, lake-dotted Silver Springs Shores Country Club near Ocala.

Scores of new young players, college and junior college stars, established veteran amateurs and past champions highlight the FSGA's 60th anniversary year entry list.

One thing is certain. There will be a new champion. Gary Koch, winner of the title last year at Bay Hill, will not be back to defend his crown in the 72 hole stroke play test which begins Thursday, June 7. Koch, University of Florida star who led the Gators to a recent SEC team championship and copped the individual title, has a commitment to play in the Sunnehanna, Pa. invitational on the same June 7 - 10 dates.

There is a platoon of sweet-swingers ready and able to take over the Koch mantle. One would have to name half the entry list to cover players capable of winning. On past and current performances three former champions rate high.

Two-time state champion Jack Veghte of Clearwater, who won in 1968 and 1970; the 1969 winner, Bob Rankin, also of Clearwater, and 1967 champion John Darr, Jr., Ft. Lauderdale, are among the top threats. Darr's record ten under par 278 for four rounds over the very tough PGA National courses in 1967, still stands for the field to shoot at.

Many think Silver Springs Shores will be tougher to score on than Bay Hill was last year when Koch's three over par 291 did the job. Like most north central Florida courses Silver Springs had a frost-plagued winter and early spring followed by a long dry spell.

"We were in pretty bad shape a month ago but have come back with some rain and work on the course," head profes-

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Equitable Stroke Control And Your Golf Handicap

DEAR FSGA MEMBER:

Equitable Stroke Control is the rule. It is mandatory and players are urged to observe it in an effort to make handicaps more accurate.

ESC is spelled out simply in poster form on the facing page of this newsletter. Post the notice on your handicap bulletin board and let's seek the cooperation of all in making ESC work.

Players are reminded that they should have only one handicap. If you play a variety of courses those scores must be returned with course ratings to your reporting service if your club is on computer. Or keep the scores and ratings yourself and have them verified by your handicap chairman each month.

Many home club handicap five players missed receiving an invitation to the State Amateur this year because their handicap of record with FSGA was higher. You should not have handicaps for different courses. One is all you are entitled to. Keep it current and accurate and use ESC.

Under Stroke Control, an 18 hole score is automatically adjusted downward when, due to one or more unusually high scores on individual holes, the score is abnormal in relation to the player's general ability. The adjustment downward is based on the following scale:

<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Limitation on Hole Score</u>
Plus or scratch	Limit of <u>one</u> over par on any hole.
1 through 18	Limit of <u>two</u> over par on number of holes equal to handicap. Limit of one over par on balance of holes.
19 through 36	Limit of <u>three</u> over par on as many holes as the handicap exceeds 18 strokes. Limit of two over par on balance of holes.

Each player is responsible for adjusting his score in accordance with the ESC formula before it is returned for handicap purposes. (Note: A simple way to adjust a score is to mark the scorecard for each player in a group as follows: (1) Record a dot in the player's scoring square for a hole if the player's actual score for that hole exceeds by one stroke his ESC limit, record two dots if the actual score exceeds the ESC limit by two strokes, and so on; (2) At the end of the round deduct the number of dots from the actual score to obtain the adjusted score for handicap purposes.)

We would like to stress again that this change is not optional. It must be done by each member starting at once. You are responsible for adjusting and posting your score. In order to have uniform handicaps throughout the state and nation, we must cooperate and follow these rules exactly. In states where Equitable Stroke Control has been tested it has been found that once a member is familiar with the practice, it becomes second nature and is no trouble at all.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bill Carey

Bill Carey
Executive Director

STATE AMATEUR CONTINUED --

sional Stan Shaw reports.

"The track will be in shape for all the aggravated assault you FSGA guys can give it," Stan said.

The stylish limber-backs aboard for the June fracas plan to aggravate par on Stan's acreage as much as possible.

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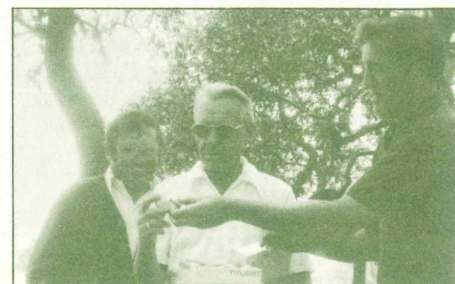
Melbourne; Duncan Cash, West Palm Beach and Norton Harris, Key West. From the even numbered districts for one year terms: Bill Stark, Tallahassee; Wes Paxson, Jacksonville; Al Tidrow, St. Petersburg; Bill Kreag, Sarasota and Bill Wodtke, Vero Beach.

In addition, Gunti McCullers, Schine, Wodtke and Cash will serve as regional vice presidents to conform with another By-Law change. These posts were created to stimulate more sectional participation in FSGA events. The vice presidents will be in charge of creating new events and promoting new individual and club memberships. Regional activities will be coordinated by the state office in Sarasota.

Eight Directors At Large were elected by the membership to serve one year terms. They are: Chip Anderson, Ferdinandina Beach; Jim Mitchell, Vero Beach; W. G. Birdsong, Titusville; Ron Hicks, Sarasota; Jack Ledoux, Winter Park; Hugh Coates, Tampa; Dexter Daniels, Jr. Winter Haven and Harvey Poe, Melbourne.

Detailed financial, tournament and scholarship program reports were made by Executive Director Bill Carey who also gave attending members a progress report on the acquisition of land and plans to build an FSGA golf course.

Carey was instructed to investigate the possibility of entering into three year contracts with golf courses to hold three of the principal Association events each year - the Member Invitational, Life At Forty and State Four Ball. The State Amateur will continue to be rotated around the state, attempting to select the best regional facility available for the Championship.



Bob Anson, center, looks in disbelief at the dozen "old cuttys" awarded him by Norm Donnelly, right. It was a touching ceremony at the scoreboard to mark Anson's sterling play. An amused Laine Rinker looks on.



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REDUCTION OF HOLE SCORES

A score for any hole is reduced to a specified number of strokes over par for handicap purposes only, as follows:

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19 through 36	Limit of THREE over par on as many holes as the handicap exceeds 18 strokes. Limit of TWO over par on balance of holes.

Each player is RESPONSIBLE for ADJUSTING his score in accordance with the above formula before it is returned for handicap purposes.

EXPLANATION — Under such a control, an 18-hole score is automatically adjusted downward when, due to one or more unusually high scores on individual holes, the score is abnormal in relation to the player's general ability.

HISTORIC STATE AMATEUR AWARD



This is the famous Camp Bowl, awarded annually to the winner of the State Amateur Golf Championship. Complete with silver ladle and carrying case from Tiffanys, the award has been in circulation for half a century. The trophy is kept by the current champion during his victory year. Through 1960 the Championship was at match play. From 1961 to the present, 72 hole stroke play events decided the state championship. Winners listed below, beginning in 1961, are identified by home city, winning 72 hole score and location of tournament.

PAST CHAMPIONS OF FSGA

1914	A. C. Ulmer	Jacksonville	1951	F. Borkovich, Jr.	Lakeland
1915	J. G. Harnett	Jacksonville	1952	Dub Pagan	West Palm Beach
1916	T. W. Palmer	Ft. Lauderdale	1953	Don Bisplinghoff	Orlando
1917	A. C. Ulmer	Jacksonville	1954	Don Bisplinghoff	Orlando
1918	No Tournament		1955	Don Bisplinghoff	Orlando
1919	W. A. Knight	St. Augustine	1956	Doug Sanders	Miami
1920	Gordon Gibbons	Tampa	1957	Frank Strafaci	Miami Beach
1921	A. C. Ulmer	Jacksonville	1958	Don Bisplinghoff	Orlando
1922	A. C. Ulmer	Jacksonville	1959	Jim Kayser	Ft. Lauderdale
1923	T. W. Palmer	Miami	1960	Al Kelley, Jr.	Orlando
1924	Lee Chase	Miami	1961	Ray Terry	Jacksonville
1925	Gordon Gibbons	Tampa	283 -	Ponce de Leon CC,	St. Augustine
1926	John Dailey	Tampa	1962	Al Kelley, Jr.	Orlando
1927	Tommy Aycock	Jacksonville	289 -	Rio Pinar CC,	Orlando
1928	A. C. Ulmer	Jacksonville	1963	Ed. Kirkland	Orlando
1929	Tommy Aycock	Jacksonville	279 -	St. Lucie CC,	Port St. Lucie
1930	Jimmy West	Miami	1964	Frank Mize	Panama City
1931	Jack Toomer	Jacksonville	289 -	St. Lucie CC,	Port St. Lucie
1932	Jack Toomer	Jacksonville	1965	Bob Murphy, Jr.	Nichols
1933	Carl Dann, Jr.	Orlando	290 -	Bay Hill CC,	Orlando
1934	Carl Dann, Jr.	Orlando	1966	Bob Murphy, Jr.	Nichols
1935	Horace Williams	St. Petersburg	292 -	Lost Tree CC,	Lost Tree Village
1936	Bobby Doak	Bradenton	1967	John Darr, Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale
1937	Carl Dann, Jr.	Orlando	278 -	PGA National,	Palm Bch. Gdns.
1938	Carl Dann, Jr.	Orlando	1968	Jack Veghte	Clearwater
1939	W. D. Stark	Jacksonville	279 -	Panama CC,	Panama City
1940	George Bolesta	Tampa	1969	Bob Rankin	Clearwater
1941	Earl Christiansen	Miami	288 -	Longboat Key CC,	Sarasota
1942	Skee Reigel	Miami	1970	Jack Veghte	Clearwater
1943	- 1945 -	No Tournament	282 -	Tomoka Oaks CC,	Ormond Bch.
1946	Jim Lee, Jr.	Tallahassee	1971	Randy Sansing	Lakeland
1947	Vasco Landrum	Ponte Vedra	280 -	Silver Lake C.C.,	Leesburg
1948	Ward Rogers	Clearwater	1972	Gary Koch	Temple Terrace
1949	Carl Dann, Jr.	Orlando	291 -	Bay Hill Club,	Orlando
1950	Jim Lee, Jr.	Tallahassee	1973	?	



INSIDE FLORIDA GOLF

USGA On Handicap Prowl

By Bill Carey

Equitable Stroke Control. Within the next few months your State Golf Association will make a determined effort to acquaint you with this new action. Elsewhere in this issue you'll find detailed information about ESC. I urge you to read it and practice it.

Employing the stroke control factor, together with an update of questionable course ratings at some member clubs, hopefully will give us a more accurate base for the computation of golf handicaps.

True, it won't help us with the sandbagger who doesn't post all scores, but it should sharpen overall returns.

After the summer season and windup of Labor Day tournaments, we're planning a statewide publication of all individual handicaps. This will be done with the help of major newspapers in Florida. Some will publish a special golf tabloid in September in cooperation with FSGA.

The special issue effort will be monumental as far as handicap reports are concerned. However, the published handicap rosters of individuals after a busy summer playing period, will be extremely worthwhile. Even if the findings fail to influence your weekend Nassau, at least handicap chairmen and tournament directors should find the information a crutch of infinite import.

We've had more flak about unreal handicaps so far this year than ever in the past. The wails were pitiful to behold when members were required to have a handicap of five or under as of April 1, 1973, before their entry would be accepted for the State Amateur June 7-10.

The state office had a flurry of calls and letters from suddenly improved players who had been entering and winning with seven and eight handicaps in March and April handicap events.

"I've practiced and worked on my game and am down to two now," one ambitious young player reported in his

zeal, not only to make the State Amateur, but to enter the U. S. Open local qualifying round which required a two handicap.

The computerized printout at his club confirmed the drop from seven to two as did the handicap chairman. How sufficient scores to warrant the change in 30 days time was not related in any detail. However, the applicant was given benefit of the doubt and allowed to enter both events.

His performance at Arrowhead Lakes was not two-ish. He shot 88-78, 166, 22 over par for the one day, 36 hole central Florida qualifying test.

The USGA, finally, is making noises about doing something about cases like this. For the first time in memory the national body requested that officials return the two round scores of all contestants along with those of qualifiers and alternates.

The men at Golf House in Far Hills, New Jersey, are going to take on the epic job of evaluating the more than 4,000 scores from local qualifying over the country and come up with a harsh but long overdue edict.

Those players whose scores exceeded the course rating by 15 strokes per round will be told their play is not of championship caliber and future entry to such events will be denied them.

The exact USGA language says it like this:

"When an amateur, in either round of a qualifying competition, fails to return an 18-hole score within 15 strokes of the course rating of the course, the USGA will request additional information regarding his handicap from the club or association that certified it on his entry application."

In the case of professionals failing to return a score within 15 strokes of the course rating the statement said, "he will be advised that the USGA concludes that he is not an expert player and that, regrettably, it must decline his entries in the future. Appeals will be reviewed by the Championship Committee."

This is a good step by the USGA. Entrants to qualifying rounds for national competitions should include only proven expert players. The business of a large entry of questionable ability to swell the field and make more places available is an imposition on all who make courses available and are charged with the administration of the events.

With this move we'll be looking for the USGA to step out next and investigate those Congressional golf events sponsored by lobbyists. According to columnist Jack Anderson this could be amateur golf's Watergate.

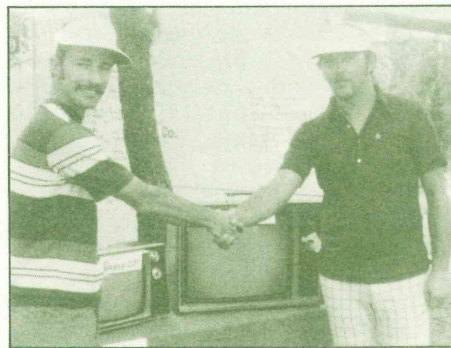
Knoll Wins Member Event FSGA Team Trophy To MacDill

Tom Knoll, MacDill AFB Golf Club, Tampa, won the FSGA Member Invitational at Royal Oak, Titusville, in a sudden victory playoff.

Mustachioed Gary Schroeder caught the power-swinging Knoll on the final day and forced the playoff. Both Gary and Tom finished the regulation 54 holes with one over par 217s.

On the sudden victory hole, the treacherous par four tenth at Royal Oak, Knoll parred and Schroeder bogied. The Tampan returned 69-73-75 for his 217 total. Schroeder, from Maitland, scored 70-74-73-217.

In addition to the individual crown Knoll led his MacDill cohorts - Pat Gould, Jack Good and Jim Wright - to



Tom Knoll, right, accepts congratulations from Gary Schroeder after the playoff.

the 36 hole four man team championship. The boys carted off the mammoth team trophy which has been the property of Rio Pinar C. C. for the past two years and the individual team silver. After a first day bulge of 23 strokes with their 289 total the MacDill four coasted in with a winning 608. Rio Pinar scored



Outgoing FSGA President Nate Schine awarded the team prizes to fellow Tampan Tom Knoll, Pat Gould and Jack Good.

616 for the distance to finish second. Buck Fennelly, Jim Hamilton, Bill Sellers and Jack Coulter made up the Rio team.

The tournament enjoyed three days of perfect weather, a challenging golf course, good social attitude adjustment periods and 48 prize places went to the 122 man field.

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FLORIDA GOLF NEWS

Jacksonville, Orlando Players Dominate State Amateur

IN THE 55 YEARS the FSGA State Amateur Championship has been played a golfer from Jacksonville or Orlando has won 24 times.

The almost 50 percent victory percentage is an imposing statistic for practitioners from these two active Florida golf centers.

A. C. Ulmer of Jacksonville and Carl Dann, Jr., Orlando, both deceased, each won the coveted title five times. Ulmer's first victory was in the initial statewide competition in 1914 held at Rocky Point Golf Club in Tampa. He won again in 1917, 1921, 1922 and 1928.

Dann, one of Florida's all time great players, won in 1933, 1934, 1937, 1938 and 1949. The eleven years between his fourth and fifth victories was the longest span between wins for repeat champions.

Don Bisplinghoff, playing out of Orlando during his heyday as an amateur, enjoyed the distinction of being the only player to win the title three years in a row. His successive victories came in 1953, 1954 and 1955. Two veteran internationalists, Doug Sanders and Frank Strafaci, won in 1956 and 1957 before Bisplinghoff came back the following year for his fourth triumph.

ALL THE CHAMPIONSHIPS through 1960 were at match play, with the final round going 36 holes. The last match

play event was held at the old Gainesville Golf and Country Club, now owned by the University of Florida. Al Kelley, Jr., Orlando, bested Vic Jacobson of Sebring, 7 and 6, in the 36 hole final.

Kelley won again in 1962, the second year the event was changed to stroke play. His 289 was one over par for the 72 holes at Orlando's Rio Pinar. Kelley is a professional with a club in the Orlando area now. Jacobson still is the head man at Harder Hall, Sebring, one of Florida's traditional golf resorts.

Bob Murphy, Jr., who has made it in a large way on the pro tour, won the championship twice during his playing days at the University of Florida. The rotund belter called Nichols home then and his victories were in 1965 at Bay Hill and the following year at Lost Tree.

In the 1966 championship Murphy and Jack Veghte, Clearwater, were tied at 292 after the regulation four rounds. On the first extra hole on a sudden death playoff Bob curled a 30 foot putt uphill into the cup for a birdie three and the victory.

Veghte is a two time winner. After finishing second three times the former New York State Amateur Champion added the Florida crown to his laurels with a victory at Panama City, shooting the second lowest 72 hole round, a nine

under par 279. Veghte repeated again in 1970 at Tomoka Oaks at Ormond Beach.

Randy Sansing, now a professional and playing in the NTGA, was the victor in 1971 when the tournament was played at Silver Lake C. C. in Leesburg. Sansing, of Lakeland, returned an eight under par 280 for the 72 holes, hanging on in the final day after rain interrupted play on several occasions.

SEC, NCAA, All American, winner of almost everything in sight, Gator Gary Koch added the State Crown to his bag of laurels in 1972. No one tore up the Bay Hill acreage and Gary's three over par 291 total was but a shot better than Bob Murphy's when he won there in 1965. But Koch was last year's champion. However, he will not defend in 1973 because of a commitment to play in the Sunnehanna which yields Walker Cup points to the winner. He finished second last year in the Pennsylvania event and wants it all this year.

John Darr, Jr., Ft. Lauderdale, holds the record for the 72 hole State Amateur. His ten under par 278 after four rounds over the very tough PGA National courses at Palm Beach Gardens in 1967 still stands.

Darr, Veghte and Rankin will be the only former champions scheduled to tee it up for the 1973 title at Silver Springs Shores. It will be an exciting four days.