

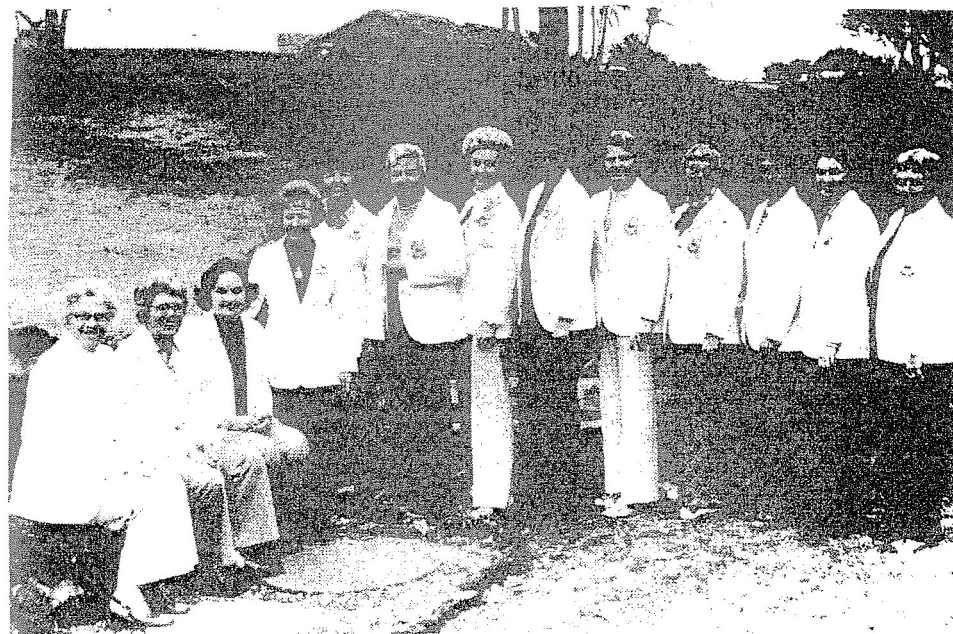
## THE SEVENTIES (cont.)

It had been 20 years since FSWGA had journeyed to Pensacola for the state amateur. The 45<sup>th</sup> annual tournament was held at Scenic Hills Country Club with the Holiday Inn as the host hotel with a rate of \$8.50 per person double occupancy. The dates were April 6-11 and the weather was horrendous most of the week. *One of the players in FWSGA hit a ball so far it landed in the aquarium in the yard of a home. But it couldn't be rated a water hazard. However, the way the weather's been since the state golfers arrived has made almost every hole a water trap.* Evie Kirkland won on her home course, defeating Sylvia Ferdon 3 and 2 in the final match. Mrs. Kirkland's words after winning: *"I'm glad all the excitement is over and I can get back to my husband, children and the ironing board."*

In 1976, Pat Meyers won at Ocala over Chris Desch. Pat started playing golf in 1971 and turned pro after winning her amateur state title. The championship was up for grabs in 1977 at Errol Estates in Apopka. Leslie Shannon, after only six years of playing golf, had won the Connecticut State Amateur and then moved to Florida. She defeated Karen Crews on the third hold of a sudden death playoff. Twice during the tournament Leslie hit the 475-yard par five up hill sixth hole in two.

The fiftieth State Amateur was held at Ponce De Leon Country Club in 1979. Celebrating the golden anniversary were 330 women trying to qualify for the 176 spots. Two days of qualifying were held, one for the higher handicappers and one for the lower. Julie Madison served as state president in 1979 and Winnie Holmes, our first president and first champion, was present at the Annual Banquet. Alice Dye won her third title defeating Mindy Moore. The most unusual match during the tournament was between Tammy Bowman and Mary Beth Murphy with Bowman winning one up after 28 holes.

A little anecdote from this event: *Two women were competing in one of the higher flights in the match play format when one of them tried to call the match on her opponent for using an outside agency. Now what do you suppose that "outside agency" was? Try a pacemaker. That's right, a pacemaker. The motion was naturally denied. What was the opponent supposed to do, shut the pacemaker off until she putted out on No. 18? Honest, it happened. Really.*



THIS IS THE GOVERNING BODY of the Florida Women's State Golf Association. From left: Mrs. Marjorie Roundtree, treasurer, District 4, Gainesville; Mrs. Charles Troxel, president, District 11, Fort Lauderdale; Mrs. Aaron Davis, vice-president, District 2, Jacksonville; Mrs. Frank Grant, secretary, District 5, Deltona; Mrs. Robin McBride, District 6, Apopka; Mrs. O Dave Burdette, District 7, Seminole; Mrs. Sam Kirkland, District 1, Pensacola; Mrs. Mark McDermott, District 9, Rockledge; Mrs. Thomas M. Madison, District 3, Jacksonville; Mrs. William R. Parish, Honorary President, Lakeland; Mrs. Kent Ewing, District 10, Boynton Beach; Mrs. James Peck, District 12, Coral Gables; Miss Eileen Campbell, District 8, Lakeland. Missing from the picture: Mrs. George Hamilton, District 13, Marco Island.