

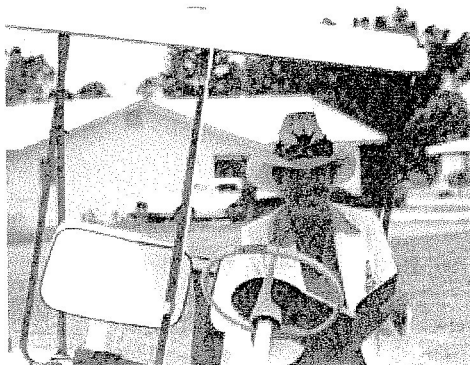
THE EIGHTIES

The eighties began with Leslie Shannon winning her second State Championship at Sun City Center with Betty Hilliard as the presiding president. Mary Burnside began her two-year term in 1981 with the State Amateur held at Club Indigo in Daytona Beach. Peggy Brass won the title at Indigo after seventeen tries - she defeated Lynda Brown 5 and 3. In the semis, Peggy met Leslie Shannon, defeating her in the first hole of sudden death with a birdie.



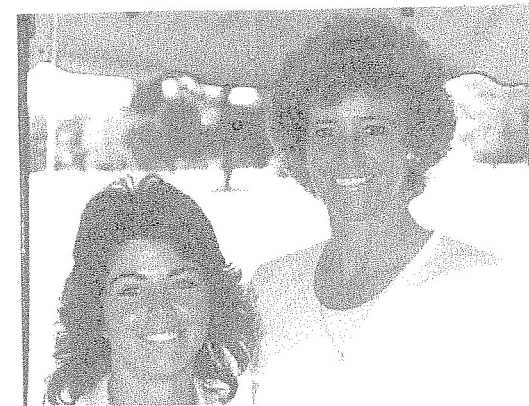
Mary Burnside presenting Peggy Brass with trophy

At the annual business meeting held at Indigo, Mary Burnside told all those present about the invitation received from the Georgia Amateur Ladies Golf Association to participate in an annual interstate team match. The Board accepted the invitation and approved the expenditure of \$100 to send the ten lowest qualifiers in our State Tournament. Thus, the Florida/Georgia matches began. The team matches were held at the University of Georgia August 21-23, with Georgia emerging as the victor.



Mary Burnside

Lehigh Acres Country Club again hosted the State Amateur in 1982. The theme was "The Round-up at Lehigh". All the local committee members wore western regalia and cowboy hats. Patty Berg came to watch the tournament. At the annual meeting, the site for the Florida/Georgia matches was decided upon as Errol Estates in Apopka. Mary Burnside, the president, announced that the USGA is inaugurating a new course rating system that will be mandatory for all golf courses. Directors were encouraged to attend a course rating seminar in Sarasota conducted by Dean Knuth. Peggy Brass attempted to regain the title for the second year, but lost to Leslie Shannon in the semis, setting up a Shannon-Brown final. Lynda Brown won the title on the 18th hole.



Lynda Brown and Leslie Shannon

In 1983, Leslie Shannon won her third State Amateur at Errol Estates, defeating Sisi Hedges in the final match. The 56th State Amateur, with Palm Beach Polo Golf and Country Club as the site, was dedicated to the memory of "Winnie" Holmes, our founder, who passed away on February 10, 1985 at the age of 89. Her son, John Jr. attended the awards presentation and brought the sterling silver pitcher that his mother won in 1927. John Jr. spoke to the ladies. One of his mother's favorite stories: *When she was playing at Hyde Park Golf Club, on the eighth hole, a good par four, her second shot went into the cup. Two older ladies happened to see it. "Did you see that?" one said. "That was super." "What's so good about it?" the other one said. "She plays out here all the time."* Leslie Shannon continued her winning ways by defeating Sisi Hedges once again for the fourth State Championship. In the May 2, 1985 Florida Golf Week, Ron Balicki wrote: *"The FWPGA has a class act. It is one that has deep, long-lasting roots and one the women of the state can take pride in. And it's obvious they do. You don't get a field of over 300 players if you run a second-rate operation."*