

Play-off, putting contests highlight Golf Classic

Winners of the 1993 Chowan Golf Classic were determined by a sudden death play-off at Beechwood Country Club, Ahoskie, NC, when two teams tied for first place honors for Flight A after posting scores of 14-under-par 58. A play-off contest was also necessary to name Flight B's second place winners as well, when identical low scores of 9-under-par 63 were recorded.

The second annual golf tournament, co-sponsored by Kerr, benefits the college's general scholarship fund. Corporate sponsors of the contest were Art Jones Travel of Franklin, USAir, Beechwood Country Club and Charles H. Jenkins and Company. A number of suppliers also provided support in staging the popular "superball" tournament.

In the first play-off match, Steve Brown of Edenton, sank a 10 foot birdie on the first playoff hole to lead his team to first place honors in Flight A. Playing with Brown were Bob Lee, Johnny Jenkins and Bruce Brown, all of Murfreesboro.

Claiming second-place honors was the team of Doug Lilley of Gates, Nat Riddick of Ahoskie, Terry Riddick of Sunbury, and Donald Umphlett of Corapeake.

In the play-off match for Flight B, the team of Jeff Buck, Willis Holloman, Jesse Hollowell and Vernon Swain, all of Ahoskie, scored a birdie on the first play-off hole to finish at 10 under par and win the second place honors.

Participants for the putting contest, a new feature added to the '93 Chowan Classic, were randomly selected during the awards luncheon. Those selected for the contest, which was



More than 80 golfers await in their carts for the starting signal to begin the '93 contest.

sponsored by Art Jones Travel of Franklin, VA, USAir and USAir Express, were Bob F. Hill of Murfreesboro, Terry Riddick of Sunbury, Jeff Buck, and Jon Northcott both of Ahoskie.

Returning to the practice green, Hill was the first to putt and won the contest when his 25-foot putt rolled to within 8 inches of the cup. Hill won two round trip airline tickets to any location in Florida which is served by USAir.

In the longest drive contest on the par 5 Number 2 hole, Hal Mortensen of High Point, claimed the prize for the men, while Linda Cofield of Conway, hit the longest drive for the women. Each received a dozen golf balls.

Nat Riddick's drive was closest to the pin on the par 3 Number 8 hole to take the prize when his ball stopped 2 feet and 5 inches from the cup.

More than 80 golfers, from as far away as South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, competed for prizes and gift certificates in the annual tourney which was followed by a barbecue lunch served in the ballroom of the clubhouse.



ABOVE—Ernie Evans, right, talks with Bill Sowell, who coached the golf team at Chowan for many years.

Teams rank high in last competition as junior college

When Chowan ended its 145th year of service on May 8 with graduation exercises, the long association with junior college athletics came to a close. Next year, Chowan's varsity teams will compete with other four-year colleges in Division III of the NCAA.

In the final year of junior college competition, Chowan's teams participated in 187 intercollegiate athletic events and captured 108 victories for a 58% success rate.

The men's basketball squad posted the best record as they won 19 contests, giving head coach Bob Burke a total of 319 career wins during his 13 years at Chowan.

The women's volleyball program captured 33 victories, finishing second in the conference and Region X. The baseball and women's softball programs set new school records with 29 and 26 victories respectively.

The Braves had numerous All-Conference and All-Region X performers, plus one All-American. Jody Lindstrom (volleyball) was selected as an Honorable Mention All-American while finishing as the No. 1 Defensive Player in the nation.

The Male and Female Athletes of the Year were Mike Niemotka in baseball, and Heather Kulow, who was a three-sport star in volleyball, basketball and softball.

Student athletes also performed well in the classroom, as 21 individuals were named to the spring semester Dean's List for their academic achievements.



Woody Safris ('64), right, and Harvey Rhinehart ('60), back to camera, chat with Dr. Charles Bentley, chairman of the department of education. Both former members of the Chowan football teams, Safris owns a real estate investment company in Myrtle Beach, SC, while Rhinehart has an insurance agency in Mt. Olive.