The Coca-Cola Clinic at Winston Lake Golf Course set for Sept. 11



Ralph Gaillard Around

RJR officials announced last week that the 2001 Vantage Championship is the last Vantage Championship. RJR has been soliciting a new and/or joint sponsor for the tournament for years. This is another corporate business decision that is neither right nor wrong.

The tournament began in 1987 with the highest total purse on the Senior PGA Tour. Since the tournament's inception, more than \$4.5 million has been distributed to local charities associated with the event. The Vantage was a great

the Triad. It has been estimated that the tournament generated \$8 million in revenue for local and area businesses yearly, and more than 2,000 overnight guests as a result of the event.

This writer understands that there is a movement to obtain a new local sponsor and keep the tournament here. However, time is everything. The Senior PGA Tour will very soon be announcing its 2002 tournament schedule. Rest assured the senior circuit is not wasting any time selling the 2002 dates to another sponsor in any area of the country.

The Coca-Cola Clinic at



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The Lake is still on for Tuesday. Sept. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Winston Lake Golf Course. Senior PGA Tour professionals Walter Hall, Jim Holtgrieve, Walter Morgan and Larry Ziegler will conduct the clinic. The Winston Lake Senior Golf Association will host and coordinate the event. Hot dogs, chips and plenty of Coca-Cola products will be served to all attendees at the event. Also a free ticket to the Vantage Championship, to be played at Tanglewood Park Sept. 14-16, will be given to all in attendance.

Walter Hall was born in Winston-Salem and still lives in Clemmons during the off-season. Hall began playing golf as a youngster at Hillcrest Golf Course. He also played on the golf team at

Reynolds High School. Hall did not play on the PGA Tour, but turned professional in 1994 and joined the Senior PGA Tour in 1997. In 1999, Hall won the Belfry PGA Seniors Championship on the PGA European Seniors Tour and finished eighth at the Senior British Open. This year he has eight top-10 finishes, the best being tied for second in the Las Vegas Senior and Classic and tied for third at the Farmers Charity Classic. Hall has placed more than \$800,000 in his pocket thus far this year in winnings on the senior tour. Hall has probably played every golf course in our area, including those infamous gangsomes at Winston Lake Golf Course. He has thoroughly enjoyed his return to play profes-

looks forward to being a part of the Coca-Cola Clinic at The Lake. It gives him an opportunity to renew old friendships and give something back to the community where he has lived and worked all of his life.

You just might not want to first this year's Coca-Cola Clinic at The Lake. The clinic demonstrated the best of our community. I'm betting the Winston Lake Senior Golf Association and other avid golfers in the community will come up with something new to promoteand foster golf for the youngsters of our community

Until next time - keep it in the fairway

Hanes Hosiery Gym Recreation Center concludes successful summer program

Hanes Hosiery Gym Recreation Center recently concluded one of its most successful and busy summer programs. More than 200 kids participated in the center's programs during the 2001 summer season.

Art Blevins, the center's director, said his staff played an important role in the program's success. The staff consisted of Keith James, who is also an assistant football coach and head softball coach at Winston-Salem State: Perez Wardlow, a student-athlete at St. Paul's College; and several volunteers, among them Carl Witherspoon, who was named the center's Volunteer of the Year.

Hanes Hosiery's program participants enjoyed a memorable summer filled with exciting activities. It kicked off the sumprogram with the Crosby/Hanes Hosiery Drug Free Basketball Tournament. All-Star coaches "Bighouse" Gaines, Howard West, Henry Hicks and Walter Faye served as coaches during the tournament. The following day there was an Awards Day for program participants and a cookout, which included the presence of former

NBA player and Hall of Famer Bob Cousy, former Notre Dame and NBA standouts Austin Carr and Kelly Tripucka, and college coaches Bill Gutheridge, Roy Williams and Buzz Peterson, who came to the center and spent time signing autographs and talking with the partici-

Blevins took the kids out to the Crosby Golf Tournament the following day where they got to meet Julius "Dr. J" Erving. Johnny Unitas, Billy Joe DuPree and Jim Taylor. Tom and Betty Jones helped to make the trip to the Crosby possible, along with Crosby director Robbie Wooten.

The summer session continued with more than 200 participants in the "Hot Hoops" Basketball Summer Leagues for players 11-14 and 15-18 and summer baseball teams for 10-13 year-olds and 13-16 year-olds.

The center also had programs during the summer for arts and crafts and a sports card collectors club. There were also special trips and special events throughout the summer, including the Citywide Track Meet and the 15th Annual Hang the Net Contest.

The 15th Annual Hang the



Hanes Hosiery summer staff members Carl Witherspoon, Perex Wardlow, Art Blevins and Keith James.

Net contest, sponsored by the City Recreation Department, is probably the hottest and most popular event.

The event drew a huge crowd and much media coverage and participation, allowing the kids to see a lot of television and newspaper personalities up close and in person.

Among those in attendance

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were "Bighouse" Gaines; Wake Forest basketball coach Skip Prosser; WSSU coach Kermit Blount; former WSSU quarterback Tory Woodbury; WXII personalities Cameron Kent. Dave Goren, Bill Logan and Josh Klaff. Scott Pryzwansky of WFMY and John Dell of the Winston-Salem Journal were also present.

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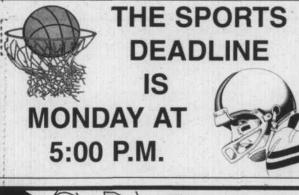
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