

# PGA Show in Orlando is only a few weeks away



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Hopefully during the recent season of giving, each of you golfers got a much-wanted new club, some cold-weather apparel, a book or something related to the game. Although most serious golfers will tell you they do not need any golf balls, a dozen or two to add to the arsenal is always welcome.

The recent blast of cold weather and snow has not made it possible for the golfers to get on the links and test the new equipment, wear the new duds or use any of the new balls. It's been the Golf Channel and the beginning of the 2002 PGA Tour season for most of us. I don't know about you but the old black and white competitions they are showing with the likes of Nicklaus, Palmer, and Player are interesting to watch. In any event, hopefully everyone had a joyous and blessed holiday season.

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only weeks away. Reports indicate Nike will introduce its new line of golf clubs at the show. Wonder how long before Tiger Woods starts playing the new Nike clubs? You can bet that the other golf companies will also have their new clubs, balls and accessories on display as well. It has also been rumored that most of the companies will introduce moderately priced lines of clubs. That's certainly appropriate as the economy takes a dip. Look for some nifty marketing genius from the multibillion dollar golf industry again this year.

The dedication of the E. Jerry Jones Clubhouse at Winston Lake Golf Course is scheduled for Feb. 16 at noon. Everyone from the community is invited to attend. Do not miss this event. Mr. Jones was instrumental in putting Winston-Salem and Winston Lake Golf Course on the map as a golfing haven for African Americans before it was the popular and accepted thing to do. The city of Winston-Salem is providing a memorial in the clubhouse depicting the history of the golf course. Again, don't miss this recognition of Mr. Jones, and be a part of

African-American history. Mr. Jones' name was placed on the front of the clubhouse late last week.

The Winston Lake Senior Golf Association will hold its regular monthly meeting next Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the E. Jerry Jones Clubhouse at The Lake. The association president, Robert Bethea, encourages all members and prospective members to attend the first meeting of the new year. For details, contact Bethea at 724-5968.

The Winston Lake Senior Golf Association will host its Pinehurst Golf Outing Jan. 20-21 at Foxfire Golf Course. There will be two days of great fun and, of course, serious golf. Rabbits and squirrels will be running rampant all over Foxfire. Contact Herman Springs, (336) 661-1063, for details. There still may be a few openings. More than 30 golfers have signed up for the annual trip to Pinehurst. You don't have to be a member of the association to attend the outing. Get on over to Winston Lake Golf Course if you want to have a golf handicap. For a \$12 fee, you can record your golf scores and receive a monthly

handicap from the Carolina Golf Association. This is the only way to go if you play in tournaments throughout the year. Most tourna-

ments require golfers to submit valid golf handicaps before playing. A golf handicap can also allow you to see ups and downs in

your golf game—perhaps even the need for a lesson or two or more. Until next time, keep it in the fairway.

## High Point athlete honored with U.S. Olympic committee award

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

**GREENSBORO** — Dr. LeRoy Walker, who served as president of the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games and president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, will recognize Billy Quick of High Point for being named the male Special Olympics Athlete of Year 2000 by the USOC, according to Keith L. Fishburne, president of Special Olympics North Carolina. Walker will present the award during SONC's Sport Development Team Conference at noon Jan. 12 at the Radisson Hotel in Greensboro.

"I personally admire Billy Quick for many reasons," said Walker. "Billy has been an inspiration to youth by his accomplishments as an athlete with personal limitations. Billy's accomplishments as a Special Olympics athlete are a true embodiment of his belief that high goals should be so important that they override all distractions," he said. "Billy Quick's worldwide successes give deeper meaning to the Special Olympics motto: 'Let me

win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.' Billy is indeed a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, he raises his sights to see the possibilities to achieve excellence. He always sees them for they are there."

Quick has been active in SONC for more than 10 years. He competes in athletics, aquatics, cycling, bowling and basketball. He has run the Marine Corps, Boston and New York marathons several times, always finishing in less than four hours. In May 2000, he cycled across the United States with World T.E.A.M. Sports. Quick is a Global Messenger, where he serves as a spokesperson for the organization. In 1998, he was one of 12 athletes selected by Sargeant Shriver, chairman of the board of directors for Special Olympics Inc. to serve as a 30th Anniversary Global Messenger. He has also helped train new Global Messengers in other parts of the world, most recently in China.

Quick served on the boards of directors for SONC, the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer

Games and the High Point ARC. He served on the inaugural SONC Athlete Congress to offer input on Special Olympics issues and in May 2000 he attended the Special Olympics Global Athlete Congress in the Hague, Netherlands. Quick was named SONC Athlete of the Year in 1993, and received the SONC Chairman's Award in 1999.

The SONC Sport Development Team Conference will be held Jan. 11-12. The conference will bring together members of Special Olympics sport development teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia to discuss training and education of their specific sports and to set goals for the upcoming year.

Sport development teams are made up of four to six volunteers who represent each sport offered in Special Olympics. These volunteers conduct training school and coaches clinics, assist in recruiting new coaches, work to improve the quality of competition for the sport they represent, and serve as sport resources and advisers for SONC.

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