

BCC To Field Golf Team

Brunswick Community College is looking for students interested in playing on a college golf team, the first intercollegiate team to be fielded by the school.

Joe Moorefield, who is coordinating the team's schedule, said that in August, BCC joined the Eastern Carolina Community College Athletic Conference. At present the conference has 12 members and offers competition in softball, volleyball, basketball, golf and tennis.

BCC may try to field a volleyball team this year as well, after fielding a team this past fall in a Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department League.

To play on the golf team, students must be enrolled in at least six curriculum credit hours in the spring quarter, said Moorefield. Registration for the spring quarter is Wednesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The team will play a six-week schedule, starting March 18. BCC is looking for a course at which to host its first conference match April 19. Golf team members will be able to play free at courses near each of the other conference colleges.

Moorefield said he anticipates matches with Bladen Community College, Sandhills Community College and Sampson Community College. Division tournaments and play outside of the conference are expected also.

Any student who is interested in becoming a member of the BCC golf team should call Moorefield at 754-6900. He is also recruiting community volunteers to work with and/or travel with the team to matches.

Zinzer Shoots 68 To Win Sea Trail Tourney

Dick Zinzer shot a net 68 and won the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament last week.

Runners-up were Gene Connelly and George Rowe with scores of net 69. The event was played on the Maples course at Sea Trail Plantation.

Winners of the closest-to-the-pin contest were Bill Morris at the third hole and Connelly at the 11th.

Brierwood Ladies

Jan Loflin fired gross 85 and Hilda Hall shot net 63 to take first place in the top flight of the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament Feb. 12.

Second flight winners were Marie Brown with gross 95 and Marian Corbin and Maureen Farley with matching net scores of 70.

Winners in the third flight were Janice Owens with gross 101 and Lou Akers with net 74.

Low putts winners were Mrs. Hall in the first flight, Mrs. Corbin in the second flight and Jean Lacerenza in the third flight.

The only birdies during the tournament were carded by Doris Dunfee at the ninth hole and Mrs. Loflin at the 14th.

Chip-ins were recorded by Marian Johnson at the fourth hole and Mrs. Akers at the ninth.

GOLFING ACTION

Sea Trail Ladies

The Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association held a Nassau tournament last week with winners named for low net scores on the front nine, back nine and all 18 holes.

Winners on the front nine were Gail Schagle and Nancy Mehne with scores of net 37. Shirley Helmke placed second with net 38.

Freddie Kimball had low net on the back nine with a 31. Eloise Lucas was second with net 31.5.

Heni Moulton had the low net for 18 holes with 72. Jane Bye was the runner-up with a 73.

Carolina Shores

Betty Kibblehouse shot net 28.5 to win the first flight in the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association crossover tournament last Thursday. Second place in the top flight went to Jean Krisher with net 30.

Second flight winners were Gladys Bowen and Lynn Jerr with matching scores of 28.5. Mrs. Bowen took first place on a match of cards.

Sue Greiner won the third flight with a net 28, followed by Joan O'Neill with net 29. Ruth Rice took third place on a match of cards over

Gerry Burdick after both golfers shot 30.5.

Fourth flight winners were Martha Paynter with net 25, Jackie Distler with 28, Mae Robertson with 28.5 and Lois Howard with 30.

Joan McNamara had low putts for the tournament with 27. She also had one of four birdies at the eighth hole.

Mrs. Distler birdied the eighth hole and chipped in at the fourth. Mary Shafer and Mrs. Greiner both chipped in for birdie at the eighth.

Other chip-ins were recorded by Edith Grice at the third hole, Shirley Vazquez and Pat Reardon at the fourth, Ginny Derrickson at the 17th and Dotie Russo at the 18th.

Brierwood Men

The foursome of Joe Reiter, Ferrie Nicol, John Cowie and Bob Sterner fired a 10-under-par round of 134 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday.

Teams counted the two best balls on each hole and used 80 percent handicaps. Second place went to the team of Joe Tymchak, Jim Kelleher, Don Seitz and Paul Keeley with a score of 136.

In other recent action at Brierwood, the foursome of Jan Loflin, John Martocci, Joanna Lang and Dede Havenga shot 33 to win the

nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday.

Two teams tied for second place. Nick Lacerenza, Al Butler, Ann Causer and Ginny Anzelone shot 34 to tie the team of Howard Scutt, Al Hierman, Hilda Hall and Jean Lacerenza.

On Feb. 11, Morris Hall won the full-handicap individual match play versus par tournament. He finished at 4 up on par.

Other top finishers were Gary O'Connell at 3 up on par, Hal Schuler at 2 up on par and Barney Martin at 1 up on par.

Ruth's Renegades

Ruth's Renegades golf group held tournaments at Carolina Shores and Brierwood last Thursday, with winners named for low gross and low net minus scores on the par fives.

Jean Caiazza shot the low gross of 124 at Carolina Shores. Low net winners were Jackie Storm with a 45, Mrs. Caiazza with a 49 and Betty O'Rourke with a 51.

Jennie Ward had chip-ins at the 14th and 15th holes, and Anna Clute chipped in at the 11th.

At Brierwood, Marion Corbin had the low gross of 113. Low net winners were Ruth Jacobs with 48, June Whipkey with 51 and Dot Frey with 51.

SHORT GAME INSTRUCTION

Chipping And Approach Putts Can Lower Score

The putter is the undisputed MVP of your golf game. Half the shots in a routine par round of golf are made with the putter. Thirty-six strokes are devoted to getting on the green and 36 putts produce the standard score of 72 for 18 holes of golf.

Unfortunately for most of us we rarely, if ever, approach that standard. We whack our drives in the rough and either come up short on our approach shots or dump them in hazards around the green. We don't get to play often enough or we refuse to practice enough to ever realize those standard 36 shots to reach the putting surface in routine figures.

Fortunately, however, all of us possess the potential to manage the short strokes around the green well enough to shoot a putting par. With just a little extra effort we can learn to shoot four to eight strokes under our putting par of 36 strokes. If that seems far fetched, just remember how many times you have missed the green and are left with a pitch or chip shot which provides an opportunity for a one-putt green. If you consider a one-putt green a putting birdie you can comprehend a putting par of 36.

Take My Round, Please!

My round recently at Oak Island was a good example. My putting score was three under par, 33. Good pitching and chipping set up three tap-in putts of three feet or less for putting birdies (one-putt greens). I also had a chip shot drop in for a putting eagle or no-putt green. A couple of brainless three-putt greens produced the putting score of 33. The rest of my game was not very inspiring. Scattered drives and indifferent approaches kept my overall score at 80.

I played the par fives as if I was braindead, two over par. I didn't even come close to a birdie on them. I hit only 8 of 14 fairways with my drives a poor 8 of 18 greens in regulation. The most confounding part of the round was my inability to make any of the four birdie putts (10 to 15 feet) which the good approach shots set up. If I make two of those birdies and don't three-putt, my putting score would be 29 putts or seven under par and my scorecard would read 76 strokes.

The information which I have referred to came from the coded data which I record on the scorecard. I help me to review my round and better understand why I shot that score and realize what that score could have been with better play and better putting. You may say that I am just dreaming of what could have been. That would be true if I do nothing to improve on my mistakes and poor play. If I record the results of this round in my notebook and structure my practice around reducing the number of putts I take, then the extra effort to record and review my stats will be well worth the effort.

I can combat three-putt greens by working on my approach putts and chip shots. Today the chip shots worked like a charm, but frustration with my inability to make the birdie putts led me to be too aggressive on two approach putts and the ensuing disgust interrupted my concentration on the four to five foot comebacks. It was a clear case of mind over matter, in a very negative sense.

Chips and Approach Putts Should Finish Close

I forgot that chip shots and approach putts are intended to finish close to the hole and not go in the hole. When they do drop in the hole it is usually the result of good luck or that rare perfect stroke on the ball. The desired mental image for approach putts is one of curling to a stop within three feet of the hole. Putting to a six foot circle instead of a four and one half inch hole is a much more attainable goal. It tends to relax and smooth out the stroke.

The same is true of chip shots. There should be no thought of trying to make the shot, just get it close. I consider the chip shot as an approach putt with a lofted club. By setting up, gripping the club, and stroking the shot exactly as you do with a putter the stroke is greatly simplified and tends to produce a smoother stroke and solid contact with the ball.

The only decision you have to make with this "chip-putt" technique is what club to use. Ideally you would choose the club which will land the ball just on the putting surface to allow maximum roll on the shot. We have imminently more control over a ball rolling on the surface of a green than that of a ball in the air.

If you are a golfer who has trouble with chip shots, I strongly suspect that you are making that shot with a miniature swing. Accordingly, you are probably breaking your wrists which creates the need to time the clubface through the ball. A mini-swing may encompass all sorts of variables which you would never consider using in your putting stroke.

May I suggest that you consider the "chip-putt." You will immediately notice fewer flubbed and skulled chip shots. You will quickly learn how far each club carries the ball in the air before it lands on the green and starts to roll. Once that information is in the "feel" file of your computer, your margin of error will be dramatically reduced. One-putt greens will increase with the happy effect of saving more pars, keeping your putts closer 30 for a round and lowering your overall score.

Westgolf Tourney Postponed

Frozen greens and severe weather caused the Westgolf Tournament, scheduled for last Saturday, to be postponed. "We apologize for any inconvenience to players and sponsors," a booster of the West Brunswick High School golf team said.

A new date for the tournament is being negotiated and details regarding rescheduling may be found in next week's issue of the *Beacon*.

"Thanks for your understanding and support," Westgolf Boosters said this week.

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Competed In Rocky Mount

Two winners in the Calabash Elks Hoops Shoot Contest held Jan. 29 at Shallotte Middle School recently competed in Rocky Mount against students from across the state. Jerome Thomas (middle), local winner of the boys division for ages 8 and 9, and Darmus Bellamy (right), who won the boys division for ages 12 and 13, made the trip with Aram Noorigian (left), exalted ruler of Calabash Elks Lodge No. 2679.

State Halts Spanish Harvest

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has temporarily halted the commercial harvest of Spanish mackerel, but it's not expected to have an impact on local fishermen.

The commercial season for Spanish was closed Wednesday and will reopen April 1, said Marine Fisheries Director William Hogarth.

Hogarth said the commercial season was closed because Atlantic coast fishermen reached their quota for the 1990 fishing year for Spanish mackerel, 3.14 million pounds.

The closure applies to state waters, which are within three miles of the beach. On Jan. 26, federal fisheries officials halted the commercial harvest of Spanish mackerel in waters up to 200 miles offshore.

Rich Carpenter, regional manager with the Division of Marine Fisheries, said the closure won't have much of an effect because fishermen usually catch Spanish in the spring and summer.

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"There's not a whole lot going on with Spanish right now," Carpenter said. "They're catching very few Spanish."

This Week's Tide Table

		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	21	12:24	12:44	6:49	7:02
Friday	22	1:29	1:56	7:58	8:11
Saturday	23	2:40	3:10	9:08	9:21
Sunday	24	3:50	4:19	10:17	10:27
Monday	25	4:56	5:22	11:17	11:29
Tuesday	26	5:54	6:20	—	12:09
Wednesday	27	6:47	7:13	12:23	12:57

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.
SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.
LITTLE RIVER—add 7 min. high tide, add 7 min. low tide.

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