

Prestonwood Notebook

Those 'studs' could play a little golf

By Judy Cregan

It wasn't matching shirts or caps that pointed out Prestonwood pro Vance Heafner's foursome on pro-am day at the Nike Carolina Classic. Viewers had to look a bit closer to see the sticky earrings worn by David Dorsey and club members Stuart Welbourne and David Russo. The object of their imitation happened to be Greyson Quarles, CFO of SAS Institute and a PWCC member.

The diamond stud regularly worn by Quarles inspired Heafner's teammates to follow suit, although the pro chose not to don a sticky stud himself. Not only did those sticky-studded "studs" look great, they could play a little golf, too, coming in at 20 under par for the day.

In the classic itself, Heafner finished in a tie for 19th with an 11-under par 277, but he could have finished a notch higher if he hadn't whiffed a shot on the second day. The swing and a miss came on the par-5 ninth hole when the toe of his club caught part of a tree. His tournament earnings totaled \$2,150, some \$500 less than he would have pocketed if you deduct the whiff.

Mike Christie, whose victory at Prestonwood was his first on the Nike tour, credits at least part of his success to his caddy, Mike Mollet.

After a poor start in the first round, Christie admitted his mind was on his recent breakup with his girlfriend. "Forget about your girlfriend; we're playing golf," Christie quoted Mollet as saying.

Christie finished the tournament with a 22-under 266, the lowest total on the Nike tour this year and 10 strokes better than Skip Kendall's winning score a year ago. The South Carolinian earned \$36,000 for the victory which came on his 26th birthday.

A handicap really isn't a handicap in golf. That was demonstrated again in the Prestonian member-guest golf tournament the weekend of July 14-16, which saw third flight and fifth flight entrants win the overall championship in their divisions based on a combined point and handicap system.

Jerry Kingrey and Don Simpson, entered in the third flight, won their flight and posted the lowest overall score in the Shinecock Division. Al Rager and Bill Luksis, winners of the fifth flight, were champs in the St. Andrews Division.

Shinecock Division flight winners included Chris Knott and Phillip King, first flight; Mike Rogers and Terry Huffman, second flight; Don Burnett and Jim Brown, fourth flight; and Howard Flerman and Joe Lee, fifth flight. St. Andrews Division flight winners included Rick Hill and Mike Hill, first flight; Mark Mitchell and Van Murray, second flight; Mark Mitchum and James Taylor, third flight; and David Wilson and Mike Castalani, fourth flight.

The biggest splash of the summer for swim team coach Susan Barritt and husband Tom came June 27 with the birth of Kristen Sommer Barritt at Raleigh's Rex Hospital. There were a couple of tense moments when the new arrival lost her blood oxygen supply, but Kristen soon was breathing normally. She weighed in at six pounds, five ounces.

Susan certainly is equal to the task of being a first-time mom, having coached 179 children on the swim team. She guided the Prestonwood Piranhas to a 3-3 record in their first year in South Wake's Division One.

In the late 1980s, when Danny Colangelo participated in the juniors tennis program at Raleigh Racquet Club, his instructor was Dan Weant, the tennis director at Prestonwood Country Club.

Colangelo, now a rising senior All America tennis player at Elon College, learned his lessons well. So well, in fact, that he defeated Weant July 23 in the men's single finals of the Chapel Hill Pro Invitational at Chapel Hill Tennis Club. Weant fell in two sets, 6-3 and 6-2.

Weant also reached the finals of the tournament's round robin competition before he and Prestonwood tennis pro Shane Wells fell, 4-6, 6-0 and 6-7 to Chapel Hill Country Club tennis pro Lindsey Benton and club member Max Hilkey. The 14-year-old Hilkey is the 15th ranked junior player in the country.

The good times rolled at the Pairings Party and Auction, which kicked off the Nike Carolina Classic at Prestonwood.

The bids rolled off the tongue of Jerry Oates, Prestonwood's own auctioneer who kept the June 20 auction lively enough to raise nearly \$23,000 to benefit the Girls and Boys Clubs of North Carolina.

Among Prestonwood members who participated, Donald Bernstein was the big donor of the evening, giving several sets of custom-made clubs and a hand-crafted putter. The top bidder of the evening was Danny Jones, who shelled out \$600 for a signed Arnold Palmer putter.

When final totals are in, this year's tournament contribution is expected to more than double last year's total of \$17,000.

Yvette Shallcross and Jennifer Vrscak were model PWCC members as they handled themselves with style and grace in a fashion show held July 15 during the Prestonian.

The large turnout enjoyed a light lunch of gourmet fare creatively prepared by chef Ed Kaminsky, and then sat back to watch the parade of fashion presented by LeMontage clothing boutique. That was followed by a show of different hairstyles using a computer imaging technique demonstrated by Mitchell's Hair Styling.

"Kate Vaden" by Reynolds Price is the latest book featured by the Ladies Book Club. Price is James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University.

The novel, which received the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction in 1986, tells the story of a Southern woman who, at a crucial point in middle age, looks back at her life and tells its story.

Members will discuss the book at a 7:15 p.m. dinner on Aug. 3. Call Molly Nichols at 481-2329 if you plan to attend.

French cuisine will be offered through August in the formal dining room. A specialty menu along with premium French wine will be offered each evening. Other dining events include Family Night Buffets every Thursday at 6 p.m., with a Family Night Extravaganza on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. and Prime Rib Nights Aug. 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Prestonwood Country Club is a private club and attendance at all functions and activities is for members and guests only. If you have a story idea for the Prestonwood Notebook, call correspondent Judy Cregan at 380-9842.

Sauls likes mayor's job, files to keep it

Bill Sauls is in a no-lose situation after filing as a candidate for mayor of Morrisville.

If Sauls wins, he'll be the new mayor. If he loses, he'll keep his seat as an at-large member of the Board of Commissioners since he won't be up for re-election to that post until 1997.

Sauls, who has been acting mayor since the May resignation of Ernest Lumley, made it no secret after Lumley resigned that he would be running for mayor. The 53-year-old gas station owner paid his eight-dollar filing fee on July 19. He has served more than six years as a commissioner.

His entry into the race came 12 days after former town commissioner Margaret Broadwell filed for the office.

Broadwell, a 46-year-old real estate agent, is running for the office for a second time. After serving two four-year terms as commissioner, she was defeated by Lumley in the 1993 mayor's race. She also is a former chairman of the Town Board of Adjustment.

"I think it is of critical importance that Morrisville has a strong, informed and experienced leader with a sincere desire to bring Morrisville forward with just policies and vision," she said after filing.

Said Sauls, "I love the town very much. I think we need to have someone in there who can keep the town on the right track, to keep it moving forward as I have helped do in the past."

C.T. Moore, an at-large commissioner, has filed for re-election and Mark Silver-Smith has filed for the District 3 seat being vacated by Bill Ufferman. Leavy Barbee, who represents District 1, says he remains undecided about re-election plans.

Moore, 58, was elected in 1993 to replace the Rev. Floyd Enzor, who moved out of town after serving two years of a four-year term. Moore is the owner of Consolidated Maintenance, a specialty sheet metal company in Morrisville.

"There are a few things, especially water and sewer, that I want to keep working on and follow to completion," Moore said.

Silver-Smith, 47, is making his first run for office. He is a part-time

salesman with Western Auto in Raleigh and is the former owner of a commercial printing business on Long Island, N.Y.

"I want to continue what Bill Ufferman started, with the help of the

other commissioners, by putting the town in the positive direction it's going in now," Silver-Smith commented. "I want to be part of the growing process and contribute my experience."

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