

MEETING THE MEDIA-Mike Solarte of Fox 22 interviews professional golfer Mark Carnevale

during a media day held March 18 at the Prestonwood Country Club.

Nike leader swings through Prestonwood

By Mary Beth Phillips
Mark Carnevale, 1992 PGA
Rookie of the Year and the golfer
who has so far dominated the 1997
Nike Tour, says "It's arnazing what
happens when you commit."
Carnevale flew to Prestonwood
Country Club on March 18 for
"Media Day" to promote the 1997
Nike Carolina Classie which will
be held May 8-11.
After much success early on,
Carnevale had a bad year during
1995 and began to divide his time
between the PGA and the Nike
tours.

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Tit was too easy, I had gotten complacent, Carnevale said. After he won only \$17,485 last year, Carnevale's father, Ben, who was a longtime basketball coach at the Naval Academy and led the Carolina Tarheels to their first NCAA victory in 1946, told him, "Either give up or commit."

Carnevale chose the latter and has come in first or second on the first

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Empire Open in Moreno Valley, Calif., on Feb. 20-23 and came in second at the Lakeland Classic in Lakeland Fla. on Jan. 30-Feb. 2 and the Monterrey Open in Garzia Gar-cia, Mexico on March 13-16. He has already won \$78,088 in three games.

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Promoters for the Carolina Classic joked with Carnevale that he would not be back for the match in May.

Even if he doesn't come in first for three games, he will probably not be in the Nike Tour next year. The top 15 players on the Nike Tour will earn PGA Tour cards for the next year.

So far this season, he has to his credit 69 birdies and two eagles.

Carnevale said it's all a matter of attitude.

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"I have more experience now, I can deal with things better. Four years ago...I would go ballistic if I made a stupid bogey."

Now, "I'm at case, comfortable with what's going on."

He has been aggressive, he said. "I decided to be at every tournament mentally. So far it has hap-

pened every week. Last year, I was mentally at three tournaments. "If I make a bogie, I'll come back and birdie the next hole," he said. Playing the Nike Tour is almost as tough as the PGA, he added. "The players are hungry. They want it more," he said. "You've got to shoot five or six under every round; you've got to go for the pin; you can't be playing it safe." The Nike Tour has more camaraderie than the PGA, he added. "Those guys are going out to dinner with agents," he said. On the Nike Tour, "There's more kidding, more guys doing things together."

He also enjoys the fact that the crowd can come onto the fairway with the golfers. "There's an intimacy that the crowd and the players have...the player gets a better feeling about the people behind him."

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Carnevale always takes a day off after a tournament. "It's a mistake to play every day," he said. "You still have to go on with life; you need a certain time that's not involved with golf."

Carnevale says, "In the last few wars. I had lost my nession for:

years, I had lost my passion for golf....[Now] Golf is fun again."

Prestonwood Notebook

'Barefoot,' buffet a highlight for April menu

Bradway comes to Prestonwood April 12.
That's the date for a Dinner Theater presentation of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy which had a Broadway run of 1,532 performances.

A buffet dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., and the play will begin at 8 p.m.
Featured on the menu will be roasted sheed tenderloin of beef, baked chicken roulade and baked filet of salmon. There also will be assorted salads, vegetables and desserts.

Simon's play, which will be performed by the Alpha Omega Players, centers around newlyweds who try to set up housekeeping in an apartment. The situation is complicated by the bride's mother and a friendly neighbor.

The cover price for the buffet and play is \$25. This does not include cocktails. Members can make reservations by calling the front desk at 467-2566. Seating will be limited to 120 people.

The Kids Club at Prestonwood will sponsor its

The Kids Cuth at Presidence with a page of third annual Fashion Show and Tea on Sunday, Apri 13.

Kids Club members and their mothers will be modeling fashions from Talbouts and the golf and tennis shops. The fashion show will start at 4 p.m. and will be followed by the serving of assorted teas, with each meeting.

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The cost is \$10 for adults. There will be no admission charge for children under 12. Reservations can be made by calling 467-2566.

In other Kids Club news, summer camps will be held at Prestonwood the weeks of July 7-11 and July

21-25.
Daily activities, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include arts and crafts, games, swimming and lunch. Golf and tennis lessons and a cooking class will be among the special activities offered.
The first camp will be open to children ages 5-7 and the second camp to children 8-10. Registration starts April 1, and the fee will be \$150 per child.

To register, contact Patty at 467-9279. For more information, call Carol at 467-9601.

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The club has a full sports calendar in April.

Registration for the Prranhas swim team will take place April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at the breezeway by the tennis shop. All swimmers must be accompanied by a parent.

The swim team will have a new suit for the 1997 season, and orders will be taken during registration.

All levels of swimmers are welcome.

Tennis clinics for jumors will begin April 7. Instruction will be on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be offered separately for middle and high school students, elementary school students and youngsters ages 4-6.

Three women's clinics are also on the tennis schedule. They start April 8 for advanced players, April 9 for intermediate players and April 10 for beginners.

A tennis round robin and cookout will take place Saturday, April 5. Play starts at 9 a.m., followed by a noon cookout and an exhibition match. In men's golf activity, match play competition is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. Also, new officers have been named for 1997. They are Stan Smith, president, Jay Kyne, vice president, Dan Stellz, secretary; and Chuck Tickle, treasurer.

Recent senior men's golf day winners included Bud Harris, J.T. Davis, John Stephenson and Fred Bickus. The next senior men's golf day winners included Bud Harris, J.T. Davis, John Stephenson and Fred Bickus. The next senior men's golf day winners included Bud Harris, J.T. Davis, John Stephenson and Fred Bickus. The next senior men's golf day winners included Bud Harris, J.T. Davis, John Stephenson and Fred Bickus. The next senior men's golf day winners included Bud Harris, J.T. Davis, John Stephenson and Fred Bickus. The next senior men's golf program. All junior golf members and their parents are invited to attend. To sign up, call the golf shop at 467-9601.

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Morrisville Fire Department hires assistant fire chief

By Mary Beth Phillips
A deputy fire chief will start work
for the Morrisville Fire Department
on April 7, which will lessen the
workload on Fire Chief Tony
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Mike Chambers, who served as depuly fire marshal with the Wake County Department of Public Safety for the last six and a half years, will also be responsible for the department's fire code and public fire education programs and serve as the department's safety officer, Chiotakis said.

He will be available to developers to answer questions about fire code requirements, and will take responsibility for fire investigations both within the Morrisville fire district and coordinating fire investigations with other agencies.

Ch a m bers "primary responsibilities for Wake County were in code enforcement, specifically with the Wake County public school system, Chiotakis said. He was instrumental in developing a comprehensive fire prevention inspection program for the school system.

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protection specialist with the U.S.
Air Force Reserve.
"With the growth in town, plus the anticipated growth with the connection to Cary, fire code enforcement and inspections becomes even more important," Chiotakis said.

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The connection with Cary's water and sewer system is expected to be complete this summer, which will allow developments which have been waiting for water and sewer to begin building.

Fire inspections are needed not only for new buildings. The department inspects each of the town's commercial buildings once a year on an ongoing basis. Residential buildings are done on request.

"The town has reached a point where we need to have an individual that focuses in on this type of service to the community." Chiotakis said. "It's part of the normal growth and development of the department. It's the next position that was needed."

Chambers was hired in pay grade 25, which ranges from \$32,579 to \$48,134. Chiotakis declined to give his saiary, but said he was in the mid-range of that pay grade.

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