



Speaking Of Golf

BY JOE MAPLES

We are receiving entries daily for the tenth annual Blue Ridge Pro-Am which is scheduled for the local course Sept. 11 and 12.

Some of the outstanding professionals from the Carolinas Section who have entered are: Tom Case, Greensboro; Avery and Larry Beck, Whispering Pines; Ken Folkes, Kinston; Hampton Auld, Raleigh; Cliff Collins, Hendersonville; Al Goodrich, Goldsboro; Joe Cheves, Morganton; and of course local favorites Bill Greene from Wilkesboro and Bruce Sudderth and Larry Gragg of Blowing Rock. As of Monday evening, we had received entries from around 25 professionals. We expect a full field of at least 36 teams by early next week.

As of now, we have what would appear to be enough local amateurs signed up for this tournament. However, if you would like to play, put your name on the standby list which is posted on the board. We almost always have one or two drop-outs right up to tee time and welcome people on standby.

Last week was "eagle week"

on the local course or so it would seem since four were reported. Glenn Cottrell and Mack Stroupe made eagle three's on the par-five sixth hole and Allan Wagner did likewise on our second hole. Then along came "big" Charlie Robertson with a huge tee shot followed by a flip nine iron into the hole for an eagle two on the par-four 13th hole.

Qualifying for our Club Match Play Championship really picked up over the weekend with the number of players more than doubling during that time. With the qualifying round running through Sunday, Sept. 15, there is still plenty of time for everyone to enter. Allan Wagner is the new early leader for medalist honors with rounds of 75-73 for a total of 148 with other scores running all the way to 188 and we can expect some better and some worse before it is over.

Next week, the North Carolina Open at the Maggie Valley Country Club and the Boone Golf Club will be represented by Sam Adams and myself. Total purse is expected to run around \$5,000.

More Boys Needed For Midget Football

Jim Hastings, Boone Recreation Director and Commissioner of the infant Midget Football League, said that some 45 more boys are needed to fill positions on team rosters.

He said that individual teams have not been selected as yet and that when the number of registered boys reaches a workable figure, assignments can be made.

Boys must be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grades and must not have reached their 14th birthday by Oct. 15. There is no weight limit in the league. All equipment is furnished with the exception of shoes and mouthpieces and these may be purchased through the Recreation Department.

Hastings said that any boy who meets the eligibility requirements can register by phone at the recreation office (264-9511) or stop by the office located upstairs in the bus terminal.



TENNIS HOPEFULS—Bob Light, coach of the local junior tennis team, feels that these two boys have a lot of potential as tennis players and their showing in the recent State Junior Tennis Tournament played in Wilmington may well back up his hopes. Bob Light, left, made it to the semi-finals in age ten and under play, and teamed with a Charlotte player went to the finals in doubles competition. Also pictured is Mike Owen, who made it to the quarter-finals in this tournament. In the Western North Carolina Junior Singles Championship played in Hickory, Mike swept first place for the second straight year. Coach Light said, "Both boys are sure to be rated high when state rankings are released later this year."

Industrial Recreation League Requirements Set

Eligibility requirements for participation in the industrial recreation leagues were set down in specific terms as the Industrial Council amended a section of the League By-Laws after controversy over the requirements at the last meeting.

The newly amended section will read, "Any individual employed by one agency in a 40-hour work week, and registering for no more than six hours of college courses per quarter, or one course per summer session of no more than three hours, will be eligible for industrial play."

The following assignments were made and these men were directed to organize specific sports for league play: John Barr, volleyball; Russel Winebarger, bowling; Richard Price, basketball; and Herbert Matheson, softball.

Recreation Director Jim Hastings announced that the following deadlines have been set for fall and winter sports registration: volleyball, Aug. 31; bowling, Sept. 30; and basketball, Oct. 31.

Saturday Deadline For Volleyball Play

Saturday is the deadline for registering for play in the Industrial Volleyball League sponsored by the Boone Parks and Recreation Commission.

John Barr of Vermont American is director of the league and applications may be obtained through him.

Five million volunteers sought for Nixon.

Medal Golf Play Enjoyed By Ladies

Medal play was enjoyed by 20 members of the Boone Ladies Golf Association on Aug. 20.

Prizes were won by Gertrude Perry for low gross; Cleone Hodges, low net; and Georgia Miller, who was tied by Johnnie Crockett for low putts.

Ralph Yates of Appalachian State University and Joe Sherwood of Farmer's Hardware, who represents the downtown businesses, were elected to the Industrial Council to fill two vacancies and keep the number on the council at six.

popular tourney. They will be grouped into some 40 five-man teams to constitute a different format from last year when the tournament operated with four-member teams.

The defending individual champion, Bob Galloway, is slated to seek his second straight title.

Javits indicates he will back Nixon ticket.

Largest Purse Being Offered In Pro-Am

The largest purse in the history of the Blue Ridge Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be offered at this year's event scheduled for Sept. 11-12 on the Boone Golf Club Course.

Host professional Joe Maples has announced that the Boone Golf Club has added \$500 to the purse to celebrate the tournament's 10th anniversary. The total purse, including entry fees, will be approximately \$3,800.

More than 200 golfers are expected to participate in the

27 ASU Lettermen Will Meet For Grid Practice

Twenty-seven lettermen will be among the largest number of players ever to assemble for the opening of fall football practice when pre-season drills commence Monday at Appalachian State University.

Head Coach Carl Messere expects about 125 players for the opening session—a marked increase from the number he inherited in 1965 when only 17 showed up for spring drills.

The 65 varsity candidates, in addition to the 60 hopefuls who will be seeking berths on Appalachian's first freshman team in history, will undergo twice-a-day drills from Monday up to the opening game at Newberry the night of Sept. 21.

The Mountaineers, who won seven of 10 battles a year ago, will be welcoming the return of star tailback Jack Roten, who missed eight contests in 1967 due to injury. Also returning are ace quarterback Pat Murphy, hard-running fullback Dwight Kerr, speedy end Bob Agle and rugged offensive guard Bob Russell. All five gained All-Carolinas Conference honors before Appalachian withdrew from the league last spring.

Two additions to the coaching staff have been made since last year. Bill McDevitte, former Catawba College quarterback, will serve as head freshman coach, Jim Daye, an ex-graduate assistant for the Apps, will be defensive line coach.

The returning assistant coaches are Jack Groce, who handles the offensive backs; Bill Church who tutors the defensive backs; and Richard Tickle who

lectures the offensive linemen. Messere, whose three-year record stands at 15-14-1, expects to have an explosive team which should at least match the 34-touchdown total produced last season.

"The real key to our success in 1968 will lie in the improvement of our defense," he notes. "We are hopeful that various changes of personnel will make the defensive unit stronger."

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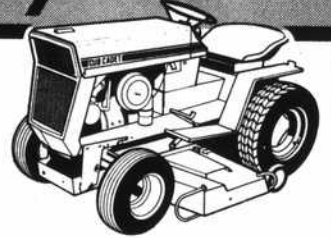
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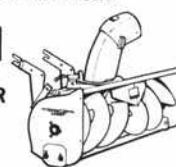
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