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## Winston Lake Junior Golf Association Teaches Youths Fundamental Skills

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The Winston Lake Junior Golf Association is a membership organization in which any male or female under 17 years old is eligible to join, with the membership being limited to the first 30 who apply.

According to Ernest Morris, golf professional and organizer of the program, "This organization was formed to give kids who were interested in golf a chance to learn the basics and fundamentals of the sport."

"We don't go out and recruit

kids for this program. We find that if a person comes on their own and wants to learn how to play golf that they will stick to the program."

"For the past eight years almost everyone who entered the program stuck it out. This year we had 43 kids enroll in the program," Morris said.

There are three divisions in the program: 10 and under, 12 and under and 17 and under. This gives each age group an equal chance to learn and compete with youngsters on their own level.

The program had three major golfing events this season: the

Match Play, Long Drive Contest and Beat the Pro event.

In the Match Play event the winners as follows:

In the 10 and under Class A division, Eric Wilson took first place, with Anthony Wellman finishing second.

In the 12 and under division, Ashley Lindsey finished first, with Darius Sturbivant taking second. Jarmar Eller-Crawford took first place in the 10 and under Class B division. Phillip Jefferies took first in the 17 and under Class A division, with Vince Manns finishing second. In the 17 and under class B

division Al Reaves finished in first place and Deron Simmons took second.

The Long Drive Contest had three, with Chip Williams taking first in the 10 and under division, Lonnie Wellman finishing first in the 12 and under, and Jason Wright winning first place in the 17 and under division.

In the Beat the Pro event, no one took that position, with the pro holding a score of 37. However, Robert Drayton came the closest with 49 points, counting his 11 point handicap.



▲ Andrew Bradsher, youngest on the team, never missed a session.

◀ Winston Lake Junior golfers get in a little practice before play.

## Wake Forest Football Opens with New Coach

Jim Caldwell, Wake Forest's new head football coach, is facing his first recruiting class, signaling the opening of the preseason preparations for the 1993 Demon Deacon campaign.

Caldwell and his coaching staff had barely one month to assemble this year's group of freshman, but the first-year coach has spoken highly of the 16 newcomers and is excited about having them on hand for their initial workouts.

"This is a good group of young student-athletes, and we are really excited about each and every individual in the class of '97. We're looking forward to a great start with them," Caldwell said.

Caldwell replaced retiring head football coach Bill Dooley, the winningest coach in Atlantic Coast Conference history.

Caldwell has served as a full-time assistant under five coaches for the past 15 years; four have won national titles and the other is now a highly regarded coach in the National Football League. Caldwell was assistant coach at Southern Illinois, Northwestern, Colorado, Louisville, and Penn State.

For the past seven years, Caldwell has worked under one of the nation's coaching legends, Joe Paterno, at Penn State. "Caldwell is one of the bright young people in college coaching. He has tremendous knowledge of the game and is a marvelous motivator," Paterno said.

According to Caldwell, "After my first year at Southern Illinois under Rey Dempsey, I began to think about preparing for a head coaching position."

"From that point on over the next 15 years, I began to devise my offensive and defensive philosophies, collect recruiting



Jim Caldwell

information and learn to evaluate possible staff members.

"At the same time, I've never been impatient, never applied for a head coaching job. This (Wake Forest) was the first opportunity which came about, and I feel fortunate to be here," Caldwell said.

According to Caldwell, "My first months as head coach have been extremely hectic, I have to admit. In fact, I have been so busy that I really haven't had time to celebrate my appointment. The days have been full, busy hiring a staff, organizing recruiting, and providing new direction to the squad members in preparation for the upcoming season."

Caldwell is joined with two players from Winston-Salem: George Kinney, a sophomore whose face is familiar on the field and earned a varsity letter in 1992 for his excellent work with the Deacons special team; and Milgo Floyd, a freshman who graduated from Carver High School last year winning all-Northwest honors playing under Coach Keith Wilkes.

Caldwell and his team will open their season with their first game on Sept. 4, when Wake Forest faces Vanderbilt in Groves Stadium at 6 p.m.

## Roadrunners Honor Founding Track Coach

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Virgil G. Simpson is a legend, a historical figure or a beginning for the future of many who follow in his footsteps.

Simpson was honored last week at his home by the Roadrunner track team, friends and DeVal Penn, the current head coach.

Simpson informally organized a running club during the summer of 1972. The initial group of participants was small in number. They competed primarily in local track meets.

Inspired by his teen-age daughter, Sharon, who encouraged him to expand the Roadrunners track club, Simpson officially organized the club on May 19, 1973.

According to Simpson, "My daughter showed an interest in running, in competing. I told her if she could get three of her friends to join her, I'd take them to competitions."

It began with Simpson's daughter, Sharon, Vanessa Smith, Donna Matthews and Lemilla Johnson. With the encouragement of his daughter and her friends in the spring of 1973, Simpson expanded the club into a summer program with 30 athletes competing under the name Roadrunners Track Club. On May 19, 1973 they competed in the Annual District Junior Olympic Games at Wake Forest University.

The event was a success, with 22 of the 30 athletes placing first, second or third in their events and qualifying for the State Junior Olympics Games in Raleigh.

On June 2, fifteen of the 22 participants excelled with victories at the state meet and then advanced to the Regional Junior Olympics in Manchester, Tenn. on July 14.

By the end of the 1973 season the 30 athletes had won more than 100 medals and trophies. The club continued to grow and accomplish feats that seemed nearly impossible.

In 1975 the team was registered with the Amateur Athletic Union. The club is also a member of the North Carolina Association of Ath-



Virgil Simpson, founder of the Roadrunners Track Club, and a few athletes enjoy a cookout in his honor.

letes.

The team has accomplished many feats over the years under Simpson's leadership. Simpson said, "I don't like to lose." Some of the accomplishments are represented in the runners themselves.

Since 1974, the club has had an average of 65 youngsters participating each summer in local, sectional, state, regional and national meets.

In 1976, James Samuels, in the long jump event, won first place in the regional meet and qualified for the nationals, where he finished sixth, jumping 23' 8".

In 1978, Vanessa Smith and Teresa Hall were both alternates to the national meet. Smith competed in the high jump, and Hall competed in the long jump and low hurdles.

In 1979, the club was represented in the nationals by Hall and Teresa Woodbury. Hall qualified in the regionals, placing second in the

long jump and winning the low hurdles. Woodbury qualified in the regionals, placing first in both the 100 and 220 dash.

In 1980 the nationals was held in San Jose and Santa Clara, Calif. De De Slade participated in the long jump, placing sixth in this meet and second place in the regionals.

There are former Roadrunners who are attending college. Ninety-five percent of these youngsters have been and are presently active in the track and field program at their colleges.

"I knew we had some kids who could really run, and I knew there was money available to help sponsor. I wanted our kids to have a chance at competing, an opportunity to cash in on running. That first year I put the girls in the 4 x 40 relay team, they started winning first place every time they went out. Man, we started cleaning up," Simpson said.

"The next year everyone wanted to run, and they started coming from everywhere. There was a lot of expense — shoes uniforms, travel, and lodging — but we got it together with some parents who had some interest and shared the expenses with me."

"My principal at that time let us rent the bus in the summer, which meant buying gas and insurance. So we'd have bake sales, car washes and candy sales plus contributions from churches and organizations to raise the money, but we made it."

"I remember one special girl, Vanessa Smith, who specialized in the high jump and relays — the 400 and 800 relay — and got a scholarship to Winston Salem State University," Simpson said.

Simpson remembered one team in particular, the Durham Striders Track Club, being their toughest competition. He also tearfully

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