



Wiffi and friend . . . in January Point-to-Point here. (Humphrey photo)

**IN PEACH BLOSSOM**

**Wiffi Smith Returns To Pro Golf, Snaps Injured Wrist 'Like Whip'**

Dan Foster, sports editor of the Greenville Piedmont published in Greenville, S. C., devoted his column in the April 18 issue to Wiffi Smith, who returned to the ranks of professional golfdom again this month after a four-year absence due to an injury to her left wrist received in a motor accident in 1960. Since then, Wiffi has been living in Southern Pines, and working with the dogs and horses at W. O. Moss's Mile-Away Farms. During the past season, she was whipper-in for the Moore County Hounds, of which Mr. Moss is joint master, with Richard Webb. Mr. Foster's article follows.

Wiffi Smith, who used to figure out what was needed to win the Peach Blossom Tournament and then shoot same, was back on fair-way to a 75 and thoroughly enjoying the sunshine.

She also is thinking some about going back to the professional tour, although the answer she gives could lead you anywhere.

The farm-fresh, freckled face redhead, whose victory streak here was stopped only by a motor-scooter accident, is a greatly reduced lassie now. She has lost

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30 pounds, but she is still hitting the ball a long way, and she is, despite many reasons she should not be, still a threat here.

**Consecutive Winner**

Wiffi won Spartanburg in 1958, a 21-year-old travelling in a Volkswagen bus with her dog and beating the best women golfers in the world. She won the Peach Blossom that year in '59 and again in '60. It is significant that no one player has won it two times straight since.

She has changed her approach some. This year she came down from Southern Pines driving an International Pickup truck; there was no dog, and fan being fans, the gallery had thinned a little from the boom years.

**Injured in Accident**  
What broke Wiffi's streak and directed her away from the tour was a motorscooter accident in August, 1960, three months after her third straight Peach Blossom crown.

An injured wrist required two operations, the last of which was in February, 1963. Further it was the left wrist, which Wiffi snaps like a coach whip to lash that ball for distances.

Some indications that it is much better: she was five feet short of the 495-yard number 15 green on her second shot yesterday. Item two: she was on the 490-yard number 17 green in two shots, and her putt stopped a sneeze away from an eagle, but she wouldn't sneeze.

This was her first tournament since 1960. Was she thinking about going back on the tour?

Well, yes and no . . . and I know that's not much of an answer," said Wiffi. "I enjoyed playing the tour, but I just don't know."

**Whipper-In**  
To understand what Wiffi is doing now it helps to be a master of the hounds. She is whipper-in for the Moore County hounds at Southern Pines, N. C. If you knew there were such a job, and knew Whiffi, you would know that sooner or later she would be in it.

"On a foxhunt," she explains, "when the huntsman sends the hounds into a place where the fox might be, it is the responsibility of the whipper-in to keep the hounds within the control of the huntsman, to keep them from spreading all over the place."

"Then if we see the fox, we let the huntsman know with 'tally ho'."

"As you can see," said the girl who might easily have become the Arnold Palmer of women's golf, "the whipper-in can be a very important person to the huntsman."

The job keeps Wiffi in touch with dogs and horses and the outdoors, any two of which seem essential to her day-to-day living with a third always desirable.

To be fully understood, her 75 of yesterday must be viewed with the proper background. She has shot only 8 rounds of golf this year. One errant shot on the 11th hole yesterday was the type that multiplies itself. It was behind a tree and she finished the hole with a double bogey.

She gave only lip service to a birdie possibly on the par-3 number 14 hole. For a girl out of practice, the fact her tee shot on the 160-yard hole landed within two feet and topped two more

**SCORE ACES**

Two contestants in the North-South Amateur going on this week at the Pinehurst Country Club, scored holes-in-one in practice rounds at the club last week. Lawrence Feldman of Philadelphia, Pa., planted his five-iron tee shot in the sixth hole of the Number Five Course and Leslie A Fish of Phillipsburg, N. J., aced the 17th hole of the Number Two Championship Course with a three-iron shot.

feet away is of passing interest. Her putt tipped and rolled insolently away by four inches.

If her wrist is up to it and the hounds will let her go—just for the summer—Wiffi might be ready again.

"The season at Southern Pines runs from Thanksgiving Day into April," she explained, in answer to whether she could do both if she tried.

Wiffi has the power, even with her loss of weight, and she is a superb putter. Of even great importance, she has the temperament.

In the most critical holes of the Peach Blossom in years past, Wiffi continued to chat with the gallery, smile at her own predicaments and keep everything in its proper perspective.

She could have made a mint she was told, if she had been able to continue before.

"I'm not interested in a lot of money. I just want to have a good time," said Wiffi, which she has always managed to do.

**FOR ST. ANDREWS MUSIC CAMP**

**Scholarship Auditions Set May 16**

Scholarship auditions for the third annual summer music camp at St. Andrews Presbyterian College will be conducted May 16 in the Vardell Building on the campus near Laurinburg.

Franklin West director of the camp and of the St. Andrews Conservatory of Music, announced that the competition will take place between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, May 16.

Two full scholarships of \$100 each are being offered—one by Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company and the other by the college, named in honor of the Vardell family.

Several other scholarships for lesser amounts will be given, including some for string musicians. Some work scholarships will be given by application only.

The camp is designed for serious young musicians, ages 12 to 20, and this is the first year scholarships have been offered. The faculty will include a resident string quartet this year. Opening June 21, the camp lasts

for three weeks. It will offer private lessons and group work in concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed chorus, vocal and instrumental ensembles, and a dance band. Campers use the college's completely air-conditioned facilities.

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