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SON of A gun

There are a couple of TV commercials that were apparently put together with the belief that all watching TV have the brain capacity of a 5-year-old. One is a beer commercial and the other a steak sauce commercial. The beer commercial shows people playing a game with vigor never before possible from the individuals. All the stops were pulled out. They are a dynamo of energy and their accuracy is unexcelled by even the pros. So they finish their game all sweaty, drink a beer, saying, "You mean you play that hard for a brown bottle of beer?" He smiles and says, yeaaaaaa. But, did you notice. The losers are also drinking that brown bottle of beer. So why were they playing so hard. Even the loser's got a drink.

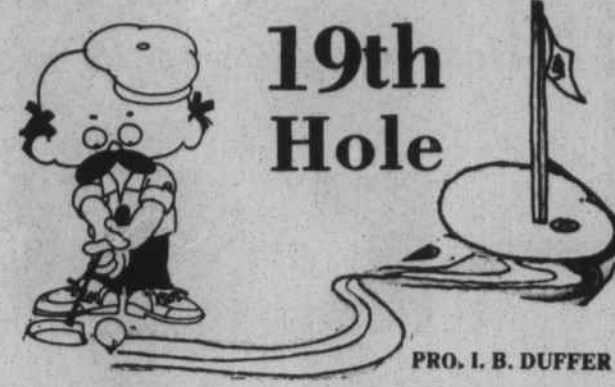
As for the steak sauce. This fellow is sitting in a hamburger joint. The waitress brings him his hamburger. Where is my C-3 Steak Sauce, he says. He looks around the booth for the bottle and sees none. So he picks up his plate and looks under it. Don't you just know he is going to find a bottle of steak sauce under that place. Hamburger is chopped up steak, and I want my steak sauce to put on it, says he. He signals the waitress and she brings him a bottle. He douses it on the burger, turns to the fellow sitting in the next booth and says, Why don't you put steak sauce on your chopped up steak hamburger. Don't you do it at home. I sure do, says the fellow. He too calls the waitress. If this fellow is so excited that everyone should have steak sauce, why didn't he just pass the bottle he was finishing across to the fellow in the next booth.

Superior Court Judge Michael Bruce of Mount Olive is finding Duplin County women who are called to be jurors in his court have a habit of telling it like it is. If you don't want to know, don't ask in Duplin. At the dismissing of those called to be on the jury at the close of court, Judge Bruce has a habit of asking those who have been called to serve, if there was anything they saw or heard during the week that they did not understand or did not like, or had praise for. When he asked the question this past week, Alice Ross stood up and said, "Yes, sir. You have made me and others very uncomfortable during this session. The lady went on to say that his gruff-talking to lawyers, law enforcement people, jurors, etc., his demanding voice, rather than an asking voice, made them uncomfortable. At one point the Judge threw a stapler because it had no staples. Mrs. Ross went on to say that during her service on a jury, in the jury room, those on the jury had discussed how the judge had made them feel uncomfortable. And we did not come here because we wanted to. We were, at some time, going to tell the Judge of his treatment, causing us to feel uncomfortable. And at the close of court he said that if you have something to say, don't go to the country stores and tell it. Let's hear it here." Well, he asked and he heard. A month or so ago, Judge Bruce asked another jury being dismissed, the same questions. This time Betty Whaley stood and questioned Judge Bruce's remarks. Earlier in the week, Jerry Willis of Wallace was brought before the judge on a probation violation. Willis was to make payments to the court of \$25 a month to pay court-related fines, fees and so on, in the amount of \$1,068. However, Willis had paid only \$10 since his sentence in December of 1980. When the judge asked why he had not paid, the man said he had no job and was unable to find one. Judge Bruce then said, "It is not due to the failure of the defendant to make a good faith effort to obtain employment, but is likely due to the policies of the Republican administration. He (the defendant) is therefore continued on probation." The man was 16 years old, healthy, had a package of cigarettes in his pocket. Seems to me, blaming it on the Republican Party is not quite right; neither is dismissing it so lightly, and Mrs. Whaley stood and so stated.

Someone once said. If we could see ourselves as others see us. Judge Bruce is getting it handed back in Duplin County by some well-meaning people. I wonder if Judge Bruce amends his behavior to conform, or just dismisses it as being all in a day's work. If he does take the answers he gets at these informal discussions and uses them, he is doing himself, the court system, and the public a favor. If not, it is a waste of a lot more than time. Case dismissed. Son-of-a-Gun.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS in the 4th annual Spring Shindig golf tournament was Ronnie Batts and his partner, Nancy Edens.



19th Hole

PRO. I. B. DUFFER

Duplin Pro Rick Green reports 60 players enjoyed the fourth annual Spring Shindig golf tournament held this past weekend with Ronnie Batts and partner Nancy Edens winners. Gerald Quinn and his partner, Robin Albertson, won second place followed by Ike Riddick and Charlie Sutton.

Club President Lloyd Parker reports the efforts of the Spring Shindig were very successful. The Shindig has been an overall project to offset the tremendous expenses that continue to accrue in operating the golf course and other facilities. We had over 120 couples attend the pig picking and dance following the tournament," Parker said.

Prockfish Pro Jim Finch announces a successful Spring Fest tourney with Wilmington's John Corbett and Joel Gidson winners with rounds of 68-68-136, eight under par. In second place in the championship flight were Pete McBride and Billy Potter, two strokes back, followed by Butch Budd and Mickey Fortner in third. Billy Odom and Paul Squire won top honors in the first, Albert Council and Buddy Pope were second, and Don Vest-Dwight Johnson third. Ivey Jones and Billy Harrell won the second

May 16th with 18 teams competing for awards and prizes. "We started the tournament way back some six months ago and now an overall winner will be selected," Finch said.

Pro Rich Green urges members and friends to get things rolling for the steak fry scheduled at DCC, Saturday night, May 8th. Call Green and let him know you are interested. Thanks.

Rule 22. Lifting, dropping and placing. How to drop. A ball to be dropped under the Rules or Local Rules shall be dropped by the player himself. He shall face the hole, stand erect, and drop the ball behind him over his shoulder. If a ball be dropped in any other manner and remain the ball in play, the player shall incur a penalty stroke.

Pro Doug Smith announces starting May 1st a nine-hole Superball golf tournament will be played at his club starting at six o'clock in the late evening, and you are invited to come and play. Smith said a two-man best ball will be staged on June 5-6.

Cobarie Pro Ed Smoot urges area golfers to start making plans for the two-man best ball invitational scheduled in Clinton Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16. Entry fee of \$90 includes practice round, carts for tourney, pig picking and dance.

Duplin's Pro Rick Green announces the 18th annual Invitational Golf Tournament is set for his club on Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23.

Entry fee of \$40 includes practice round, 36 holes of tournament golf, cocktail hour and dance. Merchandise will be awarded five places in each flight (100, 80, 60, 40, 20). Starting time will be reserved upon receipt of entry fee. This is the really big one, and don't you miss it. Call Duplin Pro Shop at 296-0919 or better still, pick up application at any local pro shop.

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