

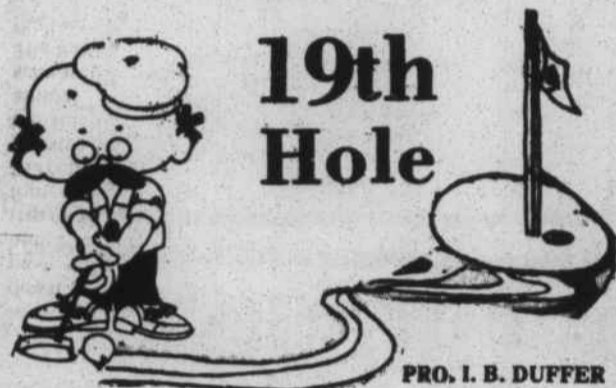


Joe Lanier

SON of A GUN

I know most folks in Duplin slept better this past weekend. Three of Duplin's county commissioners were supposed to go off to Washington to a "legislative meeting." If Reagan's bunch don't have things in enough of a mess, we sent our crew to help. . . But, knowing our crew's record from the trips they have been on in the past, I think we can rest easy, for they probably spent more time sightseeing and having a good time than attending meetings. I used to think it was wrong for the commissioners to go off to these supposedly business meetings, spending tax monies. However, after last year's venture, we know they are off enjoying themselves rather than in business meeting, and we just may be better off because of that. Ain't no telling what kind of ideas they might have gotten in one of those meetings. . .

Donald Blackburn and PeeWee Turner have this basketball-betting business down to an art. Donald is a Carolina fan while PeeWee is a State fan. Several years ago they placed a dollar bill in a picture frame and when State won, PeeWee kept the dollar. When Carolina won, Donald got the dollar back. The score of each game was written on the dollar. The only thing changed was the background. When Donald had the dollar, Carolina was the winner and the background was blue, but when Pee Wee had the dollar, the background is changed to State red. So, the same dollar is just passed back and forth as one wins and one loses. However, being fans, they sometimes get carried away. . . Donald hates to give up the dollar, but he hates even worse for PeeWee to change the background. . . So, he devises ways to keep PeeWee from being able to get into the frame. This last time, a week or so ago, Donald welded metal strips around the frame after building a box for the whole thing. I am sure PeeWee has gotten into the frame and changed the background to red. . . And, when the two teams meet again, if Carolina wins, I have heard that Pee Wee is going to set the frame in cement. . . Of course, Donald says if he does. . . and he loses again, he is going to Billy Kennedy's and have him crush a car around it. . . Who says losing isn't fun? . . .



19th Hole

PRO. I. B. DUFFER

Rockfish Pro Jim Finch reports several highlights at his club in Wallace, including a Scramble tournament during March. Members are urged to make plans to play in the monthly Scramble golf tournaments. The first of the year will be announced next week in the 19th Hole. The East Central golf team will be playing a match at Rockfish on March 13 at Finch's club. The real big Spring Fest invitational tourney at Rockfish has been set for the weekend of May 14-15. Mark that date on your calendar.

Rick Reece, James Furman Honeycutt, and Monty Bristow.

Smoot also announces several big tournaments set at his club including the annual Two-Man best ball set for April 23-24. Also other big events include the fantastic Four-Man Superball Invitational set for May 28-29, followed by the annual Invitational scheduled for July 16-17 and, of course, the annual Member-Guest on tap in August. Set these dates up on your calendar. You don't want to miss these tournaments.

Southern Wayne's Rick Murphy headed a group of 20 down to Myrtle Beach this past weekend. Reports all had a real good time on the trip to S.C. Murphy reports a four-man best-ball set for March 19. Members and guests are invited to play in the four-man tourney. SW's annual Invitational has been scheduled for April 15-16-17. The format in the SWAIGT is the two-man event.

Dates are not final but the big match of the young season may be about ready to happen between Dean Teachey and Mark Vinson. Both have been working real hard with Vinson getting tips on plum-line to distance. Teachey has had some real tough outings against the ever-dangerous Johnny Thompson and Dennis Kirby. We will carry it live in the 19th Hole.

Duplin Pro Rick Green reports a break-in at his club this past week. Anyone having any information is asked to contact Pro Green at 296-0919 or the Duplin sheriff's office in Kenansville.

Pro Rick Green reminds those over 50 of the Senior Invitational scheduled at Duplin CC on Tuesday, March 29th. Those interested are asked to contact Pro Green at 296-0919 or come by the pro shop and sign up as soon as possible. Green also says applications will be available.

Manager Monty Robinson reports good play down at Longmeadow but no tournament committee action on early spring events, either from the men or ladies.

Green also announces a steak fry for Saturday night, March 19, for members and invited guests. Green will stage a Superball tournament on Sunday, March 20th. Members and invited guests need to call early and sign up. Don't wait until the last minute, Green said.

Pro Ed Smoot reports the first hole-in-one of the year over at Coharie in Clinton with Henry Moore recording the once-in-a-lifetime shot on the number 10, 3-par, 158 yard hole, using a four-iron. Those who witnessed his first ace were Ensley Kennedy,

Fore.

PIK Program Ends March 11

"The final date for farm operators to file contracts to participate in the PIK (Payment-In-Kind) program is March 11," according to David English, Duplin County executive director of ASCS.

10-30 percent of base PIK compensation will be the farm's program yield times 95 percent for wheat and 80 percent for corn and grain sorghum.

The PIK program is designed to encourage farmers to further reduce 1983 crop acreages of wheat, corn and sorghum from previously announced acreage reduction and land diversion programs. They can divert an additional 10-30 percent of the crop acreage base for PIK. Compensation under the PIK program is a quantity of bushels of the commodity for which the additional acreage reduction is made. For the

Farmers may elect to divert the whole crop acreage base for the farm on a bid basis, provided such bid is accepted. The whole base bid means the producer offers to reduce the planted acreage of the crop to zero and devote an acreage equal to the crop acreage base to approved conservation uses. The producer bids by specifying the percent of the farm's program yield per acre that is acceptable as compensation for participation. The lowest bids are accepted first.

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