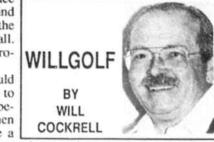
#### SHORT GAME INSTRUCTION

# Taking Practice Games To The Golf Course

Last week we explored a number of ways to practice the short game which will produce a better feel around the green. By varying your club se-

lection, ball position and clubface position, you should be able to find a combination that produces the cleanest feeling of nipping the ball. That combination should also produce the most consistent shots.

It would be helpful if you could work in a second practice session to confirm what you have learned before playing your next round. Then when you do play you will have a



pretty good idea of what you want to do around the green. It is important that your shot planning and your preshot routine be framed by a positive

Look over your short shots and recall the club, ball position, and clubface angle which gave you the best results in practice. Visualize the trajectory of the desired shot and imagine how far you want the ball to carry and then how far it should run. Then set up, take a couple of practice swings, and stroke the shot.

#### Don't Be Afraid To Experiment

Remember not to be hogtied to your old habits around the green. Some golfers fall in love with a single club for their short shots, like a wedge or sand wedge. If that works well for you, OK. But remember that this crazy game can give us some weird shots at times. If you have taken time in practice to experiment with some variables in shot-making, you will be better prepared to cope when you draw an unusual shot.

Also think each shot through carefully and plan to get it close to the hole. The only time to be conservative with a short shot is when you have a bad lie or a pin position that sends up the caution flag. In those cases it is always good judgment to simply concentrate on getting the ball on the putting surface even if it means you are not aiming at the pin.

On those occasions when our driving or approach shots are leaving us with a lot of recovery shots we are tempted to attempt shots that are either not in our bag or which simply do not have much of a chance of getting us out of trouble. We tend to gamble on these shots in order to save a stroke that we have already lost. A good rule of thumb for planning these difficult shots is to pick a shot which will guarantee that you can get up and down in no more than three strokes.

#### Putting Is Half The Game

The putting games suggested last week are designed to give you a better feel for speed and distance produced by the putter. Speed is the single most critical element of a putt. If the speed of your ball is correct you will almost never be far from the hole after your first putt. This is true no matter how poorly you have read the break.

Ball speed can take all the break off of short putts. Ball speed will minimize the effect of breaks on slow greens. And, of course, ball speed is absolutely critical for fast greens and dramatic breaks in the line of the putt. Here are a few suggestions for dealing with various types of putts and putting conditions:

On slow greens allow for less break and be sure to put enough speed on the ball to finish beyond the hole. If the slow green putt is uphill be sure to leave a miss beyond the hole. Downhill putts on slow greens can almost always be aimed inside the cup and given a solid rap to finish in the hole.

On fast greens select your line quickly and spend most of you time and concentration on getting the speed of the putt correct. Fast greens tend to magnify putting errors as well as the amount of break on the ball.

For a big break on a fast green I tend to overestimate the amount of break and concentrate on rolling the ball toward that spot with a speed which will allow the ball to die near the cup. It is almost as if you are putting at an alternate cup where you want the ball to stall and then trickle down to the real cup.

Here is a tip for putting inconsistent greens. When playing greens that are bumpy treat them as fast greens. When your chosen track for the day has been aerated or overseeded, treat them as slow greens.

Time spent in practicing the short game will always have a big payoff on the course. Command of those scrambling recovery shots and putts will help to keep your score respectable on those days when the rest of your game is less than what you expect. During you next practice session plan to invest some time on these critical little strokes.

# **High Bowling Scores Posted**

High scores for the week of March 18 at Little River Lanes are as follows:

Hi & Dry Doubles: Art Fortier,

Monday Madness: Joseph Livingston, 226, 558; Donald Errickson, 506; Art Vella, 548; Bruce Anderson, 500; Gordon Leroy, 504; Phil Urban, 524; Ricky watts, 573; Joey Vereen, 501; Bob Pounds, 504; Charles Chestnut, 513; Eddie Platt, 534; Lendsey Adams, 502; Bob Krause, 527; Frank Healy, 559; Cassie Johnson, 520.

Dixie Men: Mark Evans, 240, 662; Wayne Gallman, 548; Tony Magnotta, 509; George Gallitz, 502; Edward Reed, 501; Joe Raitano, 544; Ken McNutt, 550; Rupert Bellamy, 603; Steve Smith, 222, 573; Mal Evans, 548; Bill Seybert, 535; Bill Rudden, 518; Richard Stein, 506; Martin Nelson, 525.

Survivors: Ralph Minor, 505; Bill Rudden, 521; Harvey Schield, 540; Tom Maher, 510; Chuck Dugan, 544; Arty Karlson, 514.

Coffee/Donut: Randy Vereen 200, 214, 589.

Carolina Shores: Ray Erickson, 204, 524; Bill Miller, 204, 521; Dawin Whipkey, 205, 507; Frank Vogler, 501.

Town Criers: Lindsey Walton, 222, 563; Doug Mehne, 502; Lucille Crocker, 521; Kelly Todd, 542; Joyce Freeman, 529.

Wednesday Nite Classic: Donald Errickson, 220, 227, 630; Johnny Johnson, 242, 605; Mark Shriner, 220, 592; Bill Rudden, 527; Mike Stanley, 537; Buddy Stone,

506; Steve Simmons, 520; Bob Hassler, 503; Larry King, 540; Ken Beasley, 569; Ed Scher, 579; Shelton Inman, 552; Ken Deuker, 220, 536; Tom Kennedy, 253; Martin Nelson, 549; Milton Williams, 530; Randy Vereen, 518; Jim Roth, 521; Steve Smith, 553; Howard Hudson, 553; Tom Kennedy, 591; Bill Shoemaker, 576.

Early Risers: Betty Sack, 503.

State of Confusion: Bill Shoemaker, 223, 583; Rick Stanley, 533; Gene Jones, 513; Mike Goodwin, 539; Cecil Suggs, 555; Doug Scott, 569; Pete Thomas, 581; Joe Raitano, 571; Mimi O'Sullivan, 500; Pat Thomas, 513; Bob Hassler, 520; Beal Turner, 531; Waddell Evans, 523; Lindsey Walton, 523; Kelly Todd, 565; Ray King, 563; Mark Shriner, 568; Karen Haddock, 504.

Wholly Bowlers: Arty Karlson, 504; Roy Hardee, 520; Howard Hudson, 519; Steve Bishop, 509; George Gallitz, 507; Eddie Reed, 505; Joe Spautz, 535; Gerald Weber, 504; Barry Tucker, 503; Eddie Rowell, 524; Bob Peterson, 526; Eldridge Rowell, 566.

Baytree: Bob Karl, 506; Bob Aiken, 521.

Little River Methodist: Hal Lewis, 509.

Mama's & Papa's Too: Charles Farron, 504; Dick Anzelone, 517; Ginny Anzelone, 518; Fred Baer, 516; Steve Reynolds, 560.

Superstars: Sharone Livingston, 131, 309; Adrian Vereen, 126, 142, 391; Andy Thomas, 148, 331; Patrick Coffee, 125, 314; Brian Living-

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## Brierwood Foursome Wins With 20 Under Par

The foursome of Ed Asten, Fergie Nicol, Jim Crosby and Emile Vrydaghs won the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball event last Thursday with a round of 20 under

Teams counted the two best balls on each hole, and golfers used 80 percent of their handicaps. The winners shot 124.

Two teams tied for second place. Odie Johnson, Bill Rose, Charlie Stransky and Hank Culp shot 126 to tie the foursome of Roy Havenga, Keith Curry, Paul Keeley and Gene Loflin.

Three teams shot 33 and tied for first place in the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday at Brierwood.

Winning teams were Dave Harper, Chuck Dugan, Catherine Clemmons and Ethel Brown; Howard Scutt, Frank Thompson, Marge Harper and Ginny Anzelone; Joe Reiter, Dick Anzelone and Barbara Baxter.

On March 25, two teams tied for first in a point system event. Each team combined the high and low net ball on each hole, and points were awarded under the Stableford for-

The threesome of Dave Harper, Keith Curry and Gary O'Connell

#### Clinic Scheduled For Women Golfers

The Professional Businesswomen's Golf Network will sponsor a golf clinic for working women the next three Saturdays at Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach.

The lessons for beginner and intermediate golfers will be offered April 6, 13 and 20 at the Jones/Byrd Clubhouse.

All working women who are members of the golf network or who are interested in joining are invited to participate in the clinic.

The cost is \$40 for the three lessons. Each lesson will start at 9:30 a.m., but golfers should arrive before 9:15 a.m.

Deborah Merritt, a local Ladies Professional Golf Association teaching pro, will conduct the clinic.

To register for the lessons or get more information on the golf network, call Jana Martin at 579-7274 or Ms. Merritt at 754-4373.

#### RECREATION BRIEFS White-Water Rafting Trip Set

If white water rafting is your idea of excitement, the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department has just the trip.

The department is planning a rafting trip next month down the Nolichucky River near Erwin, Tenn. The Nolichucky is a free-flowing river, and spring is usually the best time to count on high water levels.

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The extended weekend trip is scheduled May 4-6. Anyone age 21 or older may participate. For more information, call Emma T. McGraw at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

#### Run Postponed

The Oak Island Five Mile Run scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed until May 25 due to lack of entries.

Registration forms are available at the Long Beach Recreation Center. For more information on the run, call 278-5518.

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finished at minus three points to tie the team of Jack Causer, Bob Sterner and Charlie Stransky.

#### Foxy Ladies

Nancy Bouldin had the low gross of 96 and Hilda Hall had the low net of 72 in the Foxy Ladies golf tournament last Thursday at Cypress Bay Golf Club in Little River,

Mrs. Bouldin defeated Doris Dunfee on a match of cards for low gross honors in the first flight. Third place in the low gross division went to Rose Reiter with a 98.

Mrs. Hall also won the first flight's low net division on a match of cards. Runners-up were Ruth Linder and Margaret Wood with rounds of net 72.

Second flight low gross winners were True Schmaler with 106, Marge Harper with 109 and Betty Shreve with 115. The low net winners in the sec-

ond flight were Lou Akers with 78, Betty Maerker with 79 and Dot Crean with 81. The Foxy Ladies' next tourna-

#### **Brierwood Ninettes**

Island Golf Club.

ment is scheduled April 18 at Oak

Pat Narazinski and Margaret Pingo tied for first place in the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last Friday with scores of net 12.

threes and par fives. Rita Dugan placed second with a net 13.

Mrs. Pingo chipped in at the fourth hole. She also tied Wyarian Taylor for low putts with 17 putts each. Mrs. Dugan had 18 putts.

#### Sea Trail Men

Doug Mehne fired a net 69 and won the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament on a match of cards last Tuesday.

Runners-up in the weekly event were Dave Deferie and Ron Shadle, also with scores of 69.

Winners of the closest-to-the-pin contest were Gene Connelly at the sixth hole and John Walker at the 16th. Al Consalvi had the longest drive.

#### Brierwood Ladies

Nancy Bouldin, Betty Shreve, Marian Corbin and Dot Frey combined for 154 points and won the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association point tournament last Tuesday.

Finishing one point back in second place was the team of Ann Hierman, Tru Schmaler, Joan Cowie and Adele Schneider.

Two teams tied for third place, Ann Causer, Chick Weingarten, Esther Smith and Mary Ahearn had 152 points and tied the team of Betty Kibblehouse, Marge Harper, Audrey Salmon and Lucille Martin.

During the round, Mrs. Ahearn birdied the third hole and chipped in at the fourth. Other chip-ins came from Mrs. Frey at the fourth hole Golfers counted scores on the par and Mrs. Weingarten at the sixth.

Birdies were recorded by Sharor Martin at the first hole, Ethel Brown at the second, Marie Brown at the third, Hilda Hall and Doris Dunfee at the fifth, Nel Justice at the sixth, Mrs. Schneider at the eighth and Mrs. Hierman at the ninth.

#### Carolina Shores

Ginny Derrickson fired a gross 89 and Betty Kibblehouse shot net 71 to lead the first flight in the Carolina Shores Golf Association tournament last Thursday at Lockwood Golf Links.

Second flight winners were Marylin Searby with gross 100 and Pat Soule with net 72.

Gloria Lucas shot 100 for the low gross in the third flight. Low net winners were Ruth Radcliffe with 72 and Ruth Rice with 73. Top scorers in the fourth flight

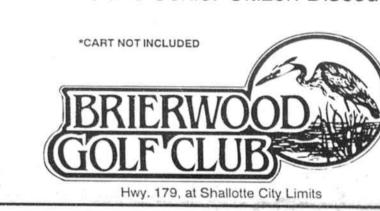
were Kathy Deming with gross 111, Grace Thorpe with net 78 and Helen Brady with net 79. Besides shooting the low gross,

Mrs. Derrickson had low putts for the day with 26. Flo Warren chipped in for birdie

at the seventh hole. Sally Manifold also chipped in at seven. Sue Greiner chipped in at the 16th and birdied the 18th.

Other birdies were recorded by Inky Remais at the first hole, Mrs. Deming at the fifth, Gerry Burdick at the seventh, Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Radcliffe at the 10th, Rose Marcisyn at the 16th and Lill Haupt at the 18th.





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