

MASTERS COMMENTARY

The Ultimate Dream

The console of my coupe has a small storage space for six audio tapes. With such limited capacity I must choose carefully what I keep in the car for traveling companions. Two spaces contain golf tapes, two are reserved for Kenny Rogers tapes, one for Barbara Streisand, and one for Karen Carpenter. I periodically rotate the golf tapes and the Kenny Rogers tapes. Barbara and Karen are my omnipresent therapy for all of life's ills.

Kenny's range of music makes it unnecessary for me to become attached to any particular style of vocals for very long. He handles country, ballads, rock, and pop with equal appeal. His voice has a quality of engaging the soul without obscuring the lyrics. There is one particular set of lyrics that is my favorite description of what my wife, Reita means to me: "You decorate my life and paint my heart with love."

Well, she has done it again. She has decorated my life with an ultimate dream. I suspect that almost any half-serious golfer dreams of one day being able to play the Augusta National Golf Course. I know that has been a dream of mine for years.

I have watched The Masters on television for years while drooling over the magnificent vistas of springtime in Georgia. Those gorgeous rolling fairways, the tumbling brooks, those immaculate and lightning-fast putting greens are all tailored with dogwood and azaleas. Even on the TV tube, those scenes intoxicate the mind with the remote possibility of just walking on those hallowed grounds where the great, legendary golfers have trod.

If they would just let me hit one shot, I know exactly where I would dig in my spikes. It would be the teeing ground of the par three 16th hole. I can easily imagine lining up a high fade with a middle iron trying to drift a shot over the pond into a tight pin placement near the middle of the green. In my dream, I would have Jack Nicklaus stroke the putt to ensure the birdie. I am sure that I would be so mesmerized under those conditions that I would probably four-putt. Jack would stroke the putt and then suddenly it would be me following the ball as it curled toward the hole with my putter held high in anticipation of watching the ball disappear in the cup.

That's a great dream, Right? Well just wait until you hear Reita's dream of several nights past. She is dreaming that she is sitting in the clubhouse at Augusta National watching the final round of the Masters on closed circuit television. She is enjoying the show as she always does, and listening to commentary about the last time an amateur was in contention to win The Masters. Suddenly she realizes that it is me who is lining up a birdie putt on the 18th hole to win it all.

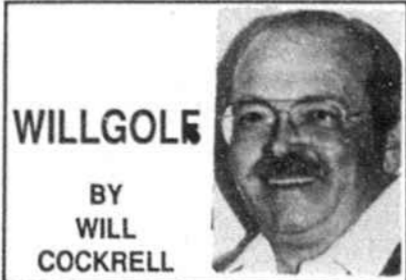
Yeah, me. There I am with some big blond guy who has won it four or five times and a foreigner who is wearing funny looking golf shoes. Both of those guys have missed their birdie putts and are leaning on their putters watching to see if I am going to make my putt or are they going to be in a playoff for the title. Well naturally I make the putt. This is my wife's dream don't forget.

At that point someone says, "Shouldn't you be out there to hug your husband?" So she makes her way out across the veranda on the 18th green. The crowd senses she is my wife and magically parts the way for her to proceed to my side. And she hears someone say, "She must be at least ten years younger than him."

Now, I did not take exception to Reita being in the clubhouse. She does tend to over-simplify things occasionally. But when I hear this remark about our relative ages, I wonder who is dreaming about what. I have interrogated her about what they are saying about my round of golf that day. What score did I shoot? Did I set a Masters record? How many eagles and birdies did I make?

All of that seems to have escaped her. Reita just sees us arm in arm with all the cameras on my darling young wife. She doesn't even remember the scene in the clubroom where Faldo took the green jacket on me. You would think that she could have at least saved some of that dream tape. But what the heck. I guess if she can decorate my life with a win at the Masters, I can curl up and try to dream the rest for myself.

After all, I must admit she still paints my heart with love every day. And that's no dream.



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Loflins Win Brierwood Homeowners Tournament

GOLFING ACTION

Gene and Jan Loflin fired a net 58 and won the Brierwood Homeowners best ball golf tournament April 6.

Couples counted the best ball on each hole using 80 percent handicaps. Runners-up were Paul and Doris Dunfee with net 60 and Straud and Betty Maerker with a round of 61.

Two couples tied for fourth place. Pat and Ginger Sugrue shot 62 to tie John and Joanna Lang.

Mrs. Sugrue was closest to the pin at the 14th hole. Frank Niland was closest at the third hole.

Sea Trail Couples

The team of Nin Consalvi, Gayle Schadle, Jim Blanda and George Gallop shot 126 and won the Sea Trail Couples Scramble April 5 on the Maples course.

Second place in the "Jack and Jill" best ball tournament went to the foursome of Nancy Mehne, Marie Blanda, Bill Burkhardt and Wayne Ruff. They also shot 126, but lost first place on a match of cards.

Co-chairmen Rosemary Walker and Louisa Nichol hosted a "Deli Delight" buffet following the tournament.

Ruth's Renegades

Ruth Jacobs shot 36.5 to win the tournament sponsored by Ruth's Renegades last Thursday at Brierwood Golf Club.

Golfers counted scores on even-numbered holes only and used half

of their handicaps in the weekly event.

Phyllis Harding took second place with a score of 41.5. Dot Frey had the low gross of 106 and low net of 69 in the tournament.

Brierwood Men

Two teams tied for first place in the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday.

Odie Johnson, Nick Lacerenza, Straud Maerker and Emile Vrydaghs shot 121 to tie the team of Jack Causer, Howard Bayne and John Cowie.

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

The foursome of Roy Havenga, John Martocci, Morris Hall and Paul Keeley placed third with a score of 125.

The nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday also ended in a tie.

Dave Harper, Dick Baxter, Morris Hall and Martha Wareheim shot 32 to tie the foursome of Nick Lacerenza, Bob Wareheim, Alene Sterner and Ruth Linder.

Two teams tied for third place with scores of 33. Ed Rockstroh, Marge Harper, Ann Causer and Pierrette Tompkins tied the foursome of Nel Justice, Lou Akers, Margaret Wood and Lois Beato.

On April 8, Jack Causer, Barney

Martin and Morris Hall teamed up to win a best ball event with a 27-under-par score of 125.

Teams counted one ball on the par threes, two balls on the par fours and three balls on the par fives.

Finishing two strokes back in second place was the team of Hank Culp, Dave Harper and Emile Vrydaghs.

Sea Trail Men

The team of John Ewart, Ron Schadle, Al Cambria and Jim Blanda fired a 66 and won the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association captain's choice event April 9.

Brierwood Ladies

Jan Loflin shot gross 78 and Lois Beato fired net 61 to lead the first flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament April 9.

Second flight winners were Ruth Linder with gross 90 and Jane Flieg with net 63.

Bettliou Bayne shot 99 for low gross in the third flight. Louise Blizzard had the low net of 64.

Winners in the fourth flight were Esther Smith with gross 107 and Fran Torgersen with net 72.

Low putt winners were Mrs. Loflin, first flight, 27 putts; Marian Johnson, second, 30; Mrs. Bayne, third, 30; and Edith Wilkens, fourth, 31.

Two women chipped in for birdie during the round. Marie Brown chipped in for birdie at the 14th hole, and Nel Justice chipped in for

birdie at the 17th.

Other chip-ins were carded by Mrs. Wilkens at the 10th hole, Nearle Einstein at the 11th and Lou Akers at the 15th.

Birdies were recorded by Ginger Sugrue at the second hole, Mrs. Loflin at the third, fourth and 18th holes, Janice Owens at the fifth, Bobby Maples at the 11th, Ginny Dorshimer at the 14th and Chick Weingarten at the 15th.

Brick Landing

June Beck shot net 72 and won the Brick Landing Plantation Ladies Golf Association tournament last Thursday.

Golfers played nine holes from the ladies' tees and nine from the seniors' tees and used full handicaps.

Runners-up in the weekly event were Rose Gorney and Martha Cullen with scores of 75.

Brierwood Ninettes

Molly Hoke won the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last week with a score of 8. Golfers subtracted the number of putts from their net score.

Runners-up were Marian Allen with a score of 10 and Liz Bruce and Judy Durham with scores of 11.

DeDe Havenga had low putts for the tournament with 15. Wyarian Taylor, Rita Dugan, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Hoke had 16 putts each.

Mrs. Taylor chipped in at the sixth hole, and Mrs. Havenga chipped in at the eighth.

Simmons Claims Racing Title

Roger Simmons of Ash won the Southern R/C Motorsports winter points championship, completing 395 laps with his Coors Light Ford and racking up 82 points during the 10-week season.

Members of the non-profit organization race remote control vehicles on a concrete oval track located about four miles south of Shalotte off U.S. 17. The cars have 1/10 scale NASCAR bodies.

The winter points season started Jan. 27 and ended April 7. The club held four races every other Sunday, for a total of 24 events. Points were awarded each week based on the performance of each driver.

Besides winning the points championship, Simmons also won the Hard Charger Award for improvement during the season. Simmons also won the 1990 fall points title.

SOUTHERN R/C MOTORSPORTS WINTER POINTS SEASON

DRIVER	TOWN	CAR	PTS	LAPS
1. Roger Simmons	Ash	Coors Light Ford	82	395
2. Doug Alsbrooks	Holden Beach	True Value Chevrolet	62	320
3. Al Ward	Thomasboro	Valvoline Pontiac	60	310
4. Bryan Hewett	Holden Beach	Purulator Chevrolet	52	255
5. Kenny Holden	Shalotte	Mello Yellow Pontiac	44	274
6. Elton Bland	Shalotte	Goodwrench Chevrolet	42	275
7. Lynn Gause	Shalotte	STP Pontiac	38	223
8. William Smith	Holden Beach	Maxwell House Ford	30	186
9. David Buffkin	Shalotte	Tide Chevrolet	26	205
10. Steve Somersett	Shalotte	Motorcraft Ford	20	152
11. Timmy Hewett	Supply	Havoline Ford	17	116
12. Eddie Ferster	Shalotte	Kodak Chevrolet	11	97
13. Frankie Stephens	Charleston, SC	Kodiak Pontiac	2	2

County Sets Seniors Tourney

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will hold a seniors golf tournament next month, with winners qualifying for the 1991 State Senior Games in Raleigh.

The May 21 tournament will be held at Lockwood Golf Links near Holden Beach. Registration is at 8 a.m., and play starts at 8:30 a.m.

Players are encouraged to make up their own foursome. The \$20 entry fee covers green fees, cart and lunch following the tournament.

Golfers will compete against players in their own age group. Winners will receive gold, silver or bronze medals, and top finishers qualify for the state games.

All golfers age 55 and older can participate, but only Brunswick County residents can win and qualify for the state games in September.

On March 25, the county sponsored its second seniors golf tournament of the year at Olde Fort. Winners, listed in their age group in order of finish, were as follows:

Men 55-59: Jim Parker, Edward Smith and Chuck Walling.

Women 55-59: Judy Collins, Bronzer Kizer and Ellen Parker.

Men 60-64: Jim Johnson, Teeny Ellison and, in a three-way tie for third, Frank Morris, Trex Thomas and Jack Hall.

Women 60-64: Betty Holt, Pat O'Brien and Enid Shea.

Men 65-69: Walt Pennington, Jack Ammons and Joe Christian.

Women 65-69: Alice Potts, Betty Wilson and Ruby Rickard.

Men 70-74: Bill Shirk, Bob Lawyer and, in a two-way tie for third, Wally Dunn and Hannon Templeton.

Women 70-74: Loretta Shirk, Margaret Wood and Loraine Smith.

Men 75-79: Ray Wood, Al Mayberry and Jim Jefferies.

Men 80 and over: Larry Neilsen.

For more information on the upcoming tournament, call the Lockwood Golf Links pro shop at 842-5666.

4-H Sets Wildlife Camp

Youngsters interested in exploring wildlife and other natural resources can sign up for the ninth annual Fur, Fish 'N Game Rendezvous July 14-19 at Millstone 4-H Camp near Ellerbe.

Billy Privette, county extension agent for 4-H, said 100 boys and girls ages 11 through 15 from across

the state can attend. Youngsters who have attended the camp before are not eligible to sign up again. Those who attend are not required to be 4-H members.

Participants learn about wildlife photography, fishing and hunting techniques, swimming, canoeing, first aid techniques, map and compass reading, reptiles and other topics.

Cost is \$120 if paid before May 15 and includes lodging, meals and other expenses. The cost goes up to \$135 after May 15.

For more information contact Privette at the county 4-H office in Bolivia, 253-4425.

West Golfers Win League Meet

West Brunswick's Scott Quaintance fired a 73 and Joey Stadick carded a 74 to lead the Trojans to a first-place finish in a Waccamaw 2-A Conference golf match last Monday at Whiteville.

The Trojans shot a team-total 299 to outdistance second-place South Brunswick with a 326.

Whiteville took third with a 331 followed by East Bladen and Fairmont.

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