

THE MASTERS REVISITED

'Woosey,' Watson And Wadkins

I am sure no one was surprised that I did not win The Masters as my wife had predicted in her dream. I would claim otherwise, but no one I would accept that I was actually Ian Woosnan in disguise. That would really be stretching the imagination too much since I have him bested by almost 60 pounds. And Ian has me bested by more than 50,000 pounds sterling.

I was able to make the cut by watching more than four hours of replays of the first two rounds and to be around for the live telecasts on Saturday and Sunday. I was rewarded with one of the most competitive and exciting golf tournaments that I have ever seen. Although we were not treated to a sudden death playoff, the finish could not have been more dramatic.

First we were teased by the possibility of Jack Nicklaus being in contention during the final round. But alas, the six-time winner ended up with an early tee time on Sunday. Those fans who were pulling for somebody—anybody—to beat the European golfers found some fading thrills in the performances of Tom Watson, Lanny Wadkins and Larry Mize.

Watson's return to championship form this year has to be exciting for many fans. Hopefully he will build on his success over the past few weeks and find his way into the winner's circle before the year is over. His putting duel with Nicklaus during the third round was reminiscent of some of their battles in past British Opens. I have always admired the bold putting style of Watson which always seemed to leave him four or five feet beyond the hole when he missed. He never seemed to fear the come-back puts.

It has been easy to pull for Wake Forest's Lanny Wadkins due to his aggressive style of play. He always seems to be shooting at the pins, even when they are in treacherous locations. As one commentator put it, "Lanny has never seen a flag he could not attack." Except for a couple of momentary losses of concentration, Wadkins could have been in a playoff on Sunday. His missed backhand stab at a tap-in putt was unfortunate, but he compounded his mistake by an unforgivable remark to the press.

Wadkins Lucky He Is Not On Golf Team

I know that every high school coach in the nation cringed when he said that he had done that before and that he would not doubt do it again. Suffice it to say, Mr. Wadkins is lucky that he is not on our high school team. If he was, he would still be doing "laps" around Brick Landing today.

There is an ongoing theory that major championships are lost and not won. No such claim is possible for this year's Masters. Larry Mize shot a great final round early Sunday to post a nine-under-par figure for the leaders to shoot at. Although it seemed some would fold on the back nine at Augusta, Woosnan, Watson, Wadkins and Jose-Maria Olazabal kept shooting for the win. Watson and Olazabal fell victim to the sand traps on the final hole as Arnold Palmer has in the past.

Woosnan's huge drive over the fairway bunker on the 18th hole was not really the gamble that it initially seemed. It gave him an angle to the pin on the rear of the green which took the front bunker out of play. Had his approach shot carried a couple of feet farther, he would have been putting for a birdie instead of a par. If other big hitters choose that tactic in the future, the people at Augusta may have to plant some trees to protect against approach shots from the driving range.

It seemed almost prophetic that when Nick Faldo could not "three-peat," two other European golfers were standing in the wings to make a charge for the green jacket. I got a big kick out of Faldo's curtain call on the slick 16th green when he was sweeping the path of his putt as in European Ice Kogling. Don't count these off-shore players out of the other major championships this year. They are for real and they seem to always lick their chops when facing the perfectly-prepared American courses.

It does not matter to them how difficult the golf courses are set up for major championships in the United States. The condition of the courses are so much superior to what they play on in Europe they always seem to be ready to "Have a go at it." These aggressive stars of the other continent have been kicking the PGA players in the pants in the Ryder Cup recently and seem to be in contention in all the big events on our tour.

I make me wonder about our practice of bumping golfers who are not on the exempt list down to the Hogan Tour or the USGA Tour. Maybe we should send them to Europe to play for a year.

Learn To Swim At Caswell During Summer Program

Swimming lessons will be offered this summer at the N.C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell for both children and adults.

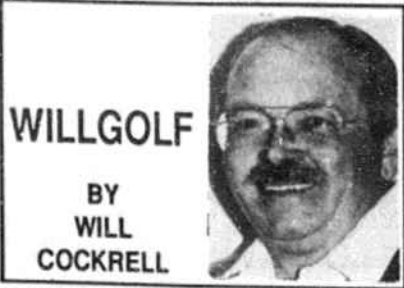
Sponsored by the Baptist Assembly and the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, the 45-minute classes are taught by American Red Cross instructors and life guard trainees. The cost is \$25 per person weekly.

Persons should register at least one week before the class date. Childrens classes are June 17-21; June 24-28; July 8-12; July 15-19; July 22-26; July 29-Aug. 2; and Aug. 5-9.

Times are 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. for advanced swimmers; 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for beginning swimmers; and 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for non-swimmers and toddlers.

A water class for babies will be offered during July.

Adult can learn to swim from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., June 24-28 and July 22-26. The fee is \$25 per week. At least six students must



sign up to have a class.

Transportation will be provided from the government complex in Bolivia for swim lessons during the weeks of June 10-14 and June 17-21. There is a \$5 fee for each child and persons must register before May 30.

Vans will leave at 8:20 a.m. and return to the complex at 12:30 p.m. Open swims will be held at Caswell June 10-Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Monday through Saturday. There is a \$1.50 fee.

Lap swims will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., June 11-Aug. 8, for a \$1.50 fee. Water exercise and aerobics lessons will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in three sessions: June 4-27; July 8-Aug. 1; Aug. 6-29. A \$20 fee is charged per session or \$3 for a drop in.

For more information on the summer water and swimming programs, call the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, 253-4357, or 1-800-222-4790.

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Squire Wins Brick Landing Event With 43

Betty Squire fired a net 43 and won the Brick Landing Plantation Ladies Golf Association tournament last Thursday.

Players used full handicaps and dropped scores on their worst par three, four and five holes.

During the round, Joy Cavan scored birdies at the sixth and 10th holes. Other birdies came from June Beck at the third hole and Mildred Thomas at the 11th.

Sea Trail Men

Bern Dawley and Frank Seaboldt shot 67 1/2 and won the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association "Scratch and Scramble" golf tournament April 16.

Second place went to the team of George Gallop and Bill Burkart. Golfers competed on the Byrd course at Sea Trail Plantation.

Brierwood Ladies

Jan Loflin and Joanna Lang combined for gross 75 and Sharon Martin and Catherine Clemmons teamed up to shoot net 56 and won the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association Member-Member Tournament last week.

Second through fourth places in the best ball event were decided on a match of cards after three teams

Bowlers' High Scores Listed

High scores for the week of April 8 have been announced by Little River Lanes at Little River, S.C.

They are as follows: **Hi & Dry Doubles:** Jimmy Pierce, 505; Gene McKelvey, 521; Arthur Fortier, 544.

River Rollers: Marie Brown, 529, and Betty Koss, 524.

Dixie Men: Rupert Bellamy, 221, 604; Mark Evans, 257, 657; Richard Stein, 524; Ed Molter, 545; Richie Jacobs, 508; Larry King, 589; Wilbert Batten, 566; Johnny Johnson, 581; Bill Zerfass, 579; Oscar Fischer, 221, 597; Bill Seybert, 548; Bill Prugel, 531; Steve Smith, 542; Ken McNutt, 561; Mal Evans, 271; Ray Neat, 562; George Gallitz, 555.

Monday Madness: Buddy Stone, 237; Joey Vereen, 530; Ernest Schubeck, 504; Lindsey Adams, 503; Tim Goggin, 572; Bruce Mitchell, 569; Sandy Livingston, 501; Linda Owens, 541; Joseph Livingston, 521; Charles Chestnut, 506; Tom Griffin, 513; Ricky Watts, 582; Art Vella, 550; Buddy Stone, 630; Tammy Adams, 519; Teresa Morton, 561.

Survivors: Simon Kluj, 541; Bill Rudden, 526; Dick Loester, 501.

Coffee/Donut: Randy Vereen, 208.

Town Criers: David Crocker, 516; Kelly Todd, 500; Lindsey Walton, 523; Doug Mehne, 509.

Tee Time: Paul Fulford, 534.

Carolina Shores: Bill Miller, 222, 625; Robert Roland, 517; Mike Stachowiak, 561; Tom Kennedy, 540.

State of Confusion: Waddell Evans, 226, 600; Roy Hunter, 232, 528; Pete Thomas, 223, 612; Ronnie Birchfield, 506; Rick Stanley, 520; Chris Moshoures, 510; Bill Shoemaker, 531, 224; Wilbert Batten, 548, 220; Arty Karlson, 508; Mike Goodwin, 554; Ray King, 612, 236; Pris Shoemaker, 507, Bob Hassler, 515; Steve Simmons, 537; Kelly Todd, 547; Bill Latta, 508; Jerry

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shot net 57.

Maureen Farley and Vera McCabe took second place, Mary Ahearn and Dot Frey captured third and Lois Beato and Virginia Gibson placed fourth.

Carolina Shores

The foursome of Ginny Dorshimer, Jennie Botts, Edith Grice and Marge Schober shot 126 and won the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association tournament last Tuesday.

Sally Manifold, Ellen Rose, Jackie Distler and Pat Kennedy took second place with 133.

Mrs. Manifold had chip-ins at the fifth and 17th holes and had low putts for the day with 27. Peg Sawyer chipped in at the fifth hole and birdied the seventh.

Other chip-ins were carded by Pat Soule at the second hole, Shirley Vazquez at the 13th and Mrs. Schober at the fifth and 13th.

Mrs. Grice birdied the seventh hole and Gloria Lucas birdied the 14th.

On April 11, the team of Ginny Dorshimer, Pat Reardon, Inky Re-mais and Hellen Marsh won the

Carolina Shores best ball event at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Teams counted the three best balls on the first six holes, two balls on the next six and one best ball on the last six. The winning foursome shot 119.

Finishing two strokes back in second place was the team of Anna Mae Huber, Gloria Lucas, Jackie Distler and Mylle Mattson.

Betty Kibblehouse, Eileen Deehan, Joan McNamara and Dolly Mott shot 125 and took third place.

Four women chipped in for birdie during the tournament. Mrs. Huber did it at the fifth hole, Mrs. Marsh at the 11th and Ruth Rice and Ruby Vanderburg both chipped in for birdie at the 18th hole.

Other chip-ins were recorded by Jackie Distler at the 14th and Shirley Vazquez at the 17th. Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Rice tied for low putts with 28 each.

Brierwood Men

The foursome of Bill Waples, Dave Harper, Tony Maglione and Paul Keeley shot 127 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday.

Teams counted the two best balls on each hole and golfers used 80

percent of their handicaps. The winning team finished 17 strokes under par and won the tournament by four shots.

In the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday, the team of Nel Justice, Tru Schmalder, Pierrette Tompkins and Ann Causer won with a score of 32.

Ray Wood, Barbara Baxter, Nearle Einstein and Dick Anzelone took second place in the captain's choice event with a 33. Two teams tied for third place with rounds of 34.

On April 15, the men's golf group held an individual play against par event, with points awarded for birdies and subtracted for bogies.

Dave Harper and Barney Martin tied for first place in the top flight with five points each. Nick Lacerenza and Bob Tompkins tied for second place with four points each.

Second flight winners were Al Hierman with seven points, Gary O'Connell with five points and Emile Vrydaghs and Gene Cordisco with three points each.

Nick Lacerenza won the Brierwood Men's points tournament April 13 with seven points. Jack Causer, Rick Rickbeil and Tony Maglione tied for second with six points each.



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Scott Wins

James Scott of Joyner's Boxing Club at Southport won his bout at the N.C. Azalea Festival's amateur boxing competition April 13 in Wilmington, reports Coach Larry Joyner. Scott defeated Sam Jones of Washington, D.C., in the 119-pound division.

Knights Plan Tourney

The Knights of Columbus will hold their sixth annual golf tournament Friday, May 17, at Brierwood Golf Club in Shallotte.

The captain's choice event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Men and women golfers are welcome to play.

The \$35 entry fee includes green fees, cart, prizes and lunch. The deadline for entering is May 12.

For more information, call Bill Scharoun, 579-9859; Charles Stransky, 754-5704; or John Angermayer, 457-4973.

South Golfers Win Tight League Match

Host South Brunswick won a five-team Waccamaw 2-A Conference golf match Monday where only nine strokes separated the top four squads.

The Cougars, led by Daniel Kopp's 79, shot a team-total 332 to edge second-place Whiteville with a 334. West Brunswick was third at 335 followed by East Bladen (341) and Fairmont (348).

Kopp, East Bladen's Dax Brady and Whiteville's Jay Stanley all shared medalist honors with rounds of 79.

Chris Bland led West Brunswick with an 80 while Scott Corley shot an 82.

Brandon Vannoy carded an 81 and Jeff Howard an 84 for South Brunswick.

Trojan Golfers 5th In Whiteville Invitational

West Brunswick shot a team-total 329 last Thursday for a fifth-place finish in the Whiteville Invitational Prep Golf Tournament.

New Hanover won the event led by Danny Brawley's 2-over-par 74.

The Wildcats shot a team-total 306 to edge second-place Hoggard with a 311.

South Brunswick shot a 339 to take seventh place in the 10-team tournament.

Southern Pines Pinecrest shot a 314 for third place followed by Lee County (317), West Brunswick, East Bladen (332), South Brunswick, Whiteville (339), Wallace-Rose Hill (352) and Laney (365).

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