



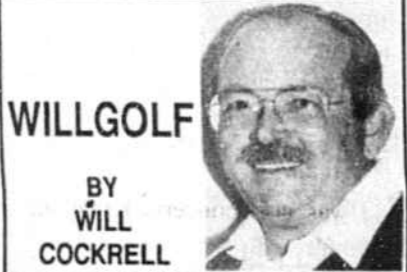
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**Wins Golf Clubs**

Grant Sharpe (center) of Syracuse, N.Y., and Ocean Isle Beach, won a new set of golf clubs and a seven-day vacation at St. James Plantation in an April 18 drawing at the golf course development near Southport. Also pictured are Homer Wright (left), owner of St. James Plantation, and Bill Donofrio, a friend of the winner. The golf course is scheduled to open Sept. 1.

**Championship To Be Decided Differently**

The Waccamaw 2-A Conference decided last month to change the method of awarding their golf championship. In years past a conference championship tournament was held at the end of the regular season to determine which team won the crown. The regular season record of wins and losses had no bearing on the championship.



The recently approved change to the conference by-laws will reverse that procedure and give full value for wins and losses during regular conference play. The details of how each tournament win will be valued are yet to be decided. Several methods are possible.

Golf competition in the Waccamaw Conference has always consisted of a regular season schedule and a year-ending championship tournament.

Regular season competition was scheduled by all five teams meeting once a year at each of the competing schools. The teams compete in stroke play. Each team plays six players and the low four individual scores are totaled for the team score.

When each team's score is recorded, the team with the lowest score has defeated the other four teams and has a record of 4-0. The second place team has a record of 3-1, and so on to the last place team which would have a record of 0-4. If the conference chooses to use this style of accumulating championship points in terms of wins and losses, then at the end of the year the team with the most tournament wins would prevail as the conference champions.

**Championship Tourney Needed?**

Under such a scoring system a year-end championship tournament could become unnecessary if one team had a record which could not be overturned in one last competition. For instance, if this system was in effect this year West Brunswick would already be the conference champion with a record of 17-2-1. South Brunswick's second place record of 13-7 would not allow them to overtake the leaders in one final tournament. Even if South took first place and West Brunswick took last place the year-end record would be in favor of West 17-6-1 to 17-7.

But wait, what if the conference championship tournament would be valued with double championship points for wins and losses. Under that arrangement South could win eight championship points in the final tournament to go to 25-7. If West finished second their record would be 23-8-1 and they would finish as the conference runner up.

**Some Use Total Strokes**

In the Mideastern 4A Conference the Wilmington high schools decide their championship by total team strokes. They play a round robin regular season schedule and simply add up team scores for the year to decide the team standings at the end of the year.

Selection of a Waccamaw All Conference Team is also at stake in the new change. Currently the six players with the four lowest scores in the Conference Championship Tournament are automatically named as the All Conference Team. Although it has never happened, it is currently possible for one team to win all six positions on the All Conference Team.

A medalist for each tournament is recognized during the regular season, setting up one alternative for selecting all conference honors under the new system. It would also be possible to take each players scoring average in conference play and simply award all conference status to the six players with the best scoring averages.

**Pros And Cons**

The pros and cons of the two systems are pretty obvious. Under the current system all the honors are in the Conference Championship Tournament, rendering performance in the regular season schedule worth nothing more than playing and practicing for the year-end event. Under the new system every shot in every tournament counts for something.

Currently a team that gets hot at the end of the year can take the whole ball of wax. A team that loses a key player toward the end of the year has nothing to show for their early season success. This year one of the teams has had a player who competes in tennis and golf. As the year has unfolded that player has played more tennis than golf which has reduced their golf team's chances of winning. Imagine the pressure on that player to participate in the championship tournament. Or for that matter, the final tennis match if his team is in contention.

I personally prefer the new system and have tried to get it approved over the years. Under the new system West Brunswick would have won the last two championships. It occurs to me that there may be some of readers who are familiar with other systems of awarding championship points over the full season. If you have any other ideas, please let me know.

**Renegades Compete In Sumter, Whiteville**

**GOLFING ACTION**

Ruth's Renegades golf group traveled to Sumter, S.C., overnight recently for two days of golf.

The group competed in a scramble the first day at Lakewood Links. On a match of cards, first place went to the team of Betty Sehrt, Jennie Ward, Neil Baer and Len Brown with net 74.

Placing second with a 74 was the foursome of Peg Steiner, Anna Clute, Bob Corbin and Paul Wuthrich.

Closest-to-the-pin contest winners were Peg Steiner and Harry Caiazzo.

The second day's tournament was held at Beech Creek. Teams counted one best ball for the first six holes, two balls for the next six and three balls for the last six.

Jean Caiazzo, Peg Steiner, Len Brown and Allen Storm took first place with a 136.

Second place went to the foursome of Jackie Storm, Evelyn Wuthrich, Ed Jacobs and Frank Steiner with 147.

Jean Caiazzo had the longest drive. Closest-to-the-pin winners were Marion Corbin, Paul Wuthrich and John Ward.

In other recent action, the Renegades traveled to Whiteville where they competed in a best net of two-some event at Land 'O Lakes Golf Course.

The pairing of Lois Hargrave and Mary Ahearn took first place with a round of 54.

Jackie Storm and Sue Baer placed second with a 55. Doris Dudley had a chip-in at the 12th hole.

**Brierwood Ladies**

Joanna Lang shot net 23 and won the first flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association crossover tournament April 23.

Golfers used half handicaps and counted scores on the first or 10th holes, second or 11th, etc.

Other top finishers in the first flight were Ann Causer at 24.5, Ginny Dorshimer at 25 and Hilda Hall at 25.5.

Nearle Einstein led the second flight with a 21.5. Marian Johnson, Elsie Rickbeil and Chick Weingarten tied for second place with scores of 25.

Third flight winners were Louise Blizzard with 25.5, Esther Smith and Marian Corbin with 26.5 and Janice Owens with 27.

Joan Cowie and Emily Laughlin tied for top honors in the fourth flight with scores of 28.5. Runners-up were Mary Nicol with 29.5 and Pierrette Tompkins and Evelyn Wuthrich with 31.5.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Virginia Gibson at the third hole and Mrs. Dorshimer at the ninth.

Low putt winners were as follows: Lois Beato, first flight, 26; Mrs. Einstein, second flight, 26; Mrs. Smith, third flight, 28; and Mrs. Nicol, fourth flight, 25.

During the tournament, Mrs. Nicol birdied the fifth hole and chipped in at the 12th and 18th. Mrs. Gibson birdied the third and chipped in at the 15th.

Other birdies were carded by Nancy Bouldin at the first hole, Jan Loflin at the fourth, Carolyn McCroskey and Audrey Salmon at the fifth and Mary Schack at the sixth.

Chip-ins were recorded by Vera McCabe at the seventh hole, Mrs. Beato at the eighth, Mrs. Owens at the 13th and Mrs. Smith at the 17th.

**Foxy Ladies**

The team of Ethel Brown, Nearle Einstein, Ginny Anzelone and Pat Strauss won the recent best ball tournament hosted by the Foxy Ladies from Brierwood Golf Club.

The winning foursome shot 127 in the two best ball event was held at Oak Island Golf Club.

Finishing seven strokes back in second place was the team of Nancy Bouldin, Betty Shreve, Joan Cowie and Lou Akers.

Ann Causer, Dotty Crean, Lou Culp and Marian Rockstroh placed

third with a score of 137. The Foxy Ladies' next event is scheduled May 16 at Lion's Paw Golf Links at Grissetown.

**Sea Trail Men**

John Ewart, Winston Stephens, Bob Kakos and Gene Connelly teamed up to fire the low net of 298 in the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament April 23. Golfers competed on the Byrd course at Sea Trail Plantation.

**Brick Landing**

The team of Mildred Thomas, Ginny Hohing, Sue Houston and Pat Collins shot 79 and won the Brick Landing Plantation Ladies Golf Association captain's choice event last Thursday.

Finishing one stroke back in second place was the foursome of Pauli Waddle, Ruth Gardner, Terry Ehlers and Rosemary Dobson.

**Brierwood Men**

The team of Thom Parker, Keith Curry, John Cowie and Bill Allen won the Brierwood Men's Golf Association tournament last Thursday with a score of 18 under par.

Teams counted the two best balls on each hole. Finishing one stroke back in second place was the team of Pat Sugrue, Jim Crosby, Paul Keeley and Charles Stransky.

In the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday, the team of Don Martin, Dick Anzelone, Hilda Hall and Marion Rockstroh won with a 3-under par 33. Three other teams shot 34.

On April 22, the foursome of Hank Culp, Keith Curry, Emile Vrydaghs and Paul Keeley won the Brierwood best ball event with a round of 23 under par.

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

**Sea Trail Ladies**

The team of Dinah Gore, Jane Bye, Kitty Smoker and Joyce

Maudesly fired a net 60 to win the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament April 17.

Teams counted the two low balls on each hole. Second place went to the team of Louisa Nicol, Ruth Kivett, Mary Penfield and Dorothy Cambria with a net 64.

Two teams tied for third place. Jennie Botts, Elsie Bolick, Marge Gallop and Gayle Schadle shot 65 to tie the threesome of Shirley Helmke, Marge Bach and Lynne Nichols.

Members of the women's golf group competed for low putts and chip-ins in an April 10 event.

Lynne Nichols had low putts with 33, followed by Rosemary Walker with 36. Kay Gonska had the only chip-in. It came at the first hole.

**Brierwood Ninettes**

Joyce Rose, Alene Sterner, Margaret Pingo and Liz Bruce were winners in the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last week.

Golfers competed for the best poker hand in the weekly event. Each of the winners had four of a kind.

Pars were carded by Wyarian Taylor at the third hole, Rita Dugan at the fifth and Margaret Hoke at the eighth. Mrs. Hoke also birdied the fifth hole.

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**Brunswick County Selected For Summer Youth Golf Program**

Brunswick County has been selected as one of only 25 sites across the nation to host the "Hook A Kid On Golf" program this summer.

Sponsored by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, the program is designed to give disadvantaged youngsters, including many who face economic or cultural barriers, the opportunity to learn about golf.

Some 50 Brunswick County youths between the ages of 8 and 14 will be selected for the free five-day program which will be held at Sea Trail Golf Links at Sunset Beach on July 15-19.

"This program gives youths from all different walks of life the chance to learn the game of golf. Every child has the chance to learn to play baseball and football but only a few ever get the chance to learn about golf," said Joe Rosselli of the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department which will serve as the host agency for the program.

The upcoming program is the first of a three-level plan that introduces youngsters to all the aspects of golf through a series of week-long, half-day clinics. It also gives the participants the opportunity to continue to play by providing them with a free starter set of clubs as a part of the first level of the program.

The program will begin with registration and an introduction class on the opening day.

This introduction continues the second day with participants divided into groups so that the program staff can work on fundamentals and different clubs through various drills.

Different stages of the game, learning about the clubs and techniques are scheduled for the third day which will also include a guest speaker who will address the youth on golfing careers.

More instruction will continue on the fourth day along with a with a talk from the Sea Trail staff on golf rules.

The final day will feature a nine-hole golf tournament for participants and their sponsors. Lunch will also be served each day.

"Hook A Kid On Golf" has been endorsed by a number of Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour players, the PGA of America, PGA Tour, the Golf Course Superintendents Association and the U.S. Golf Association (USGA). In fact, the USGA has established a matching funds program in which they will match all contributions made to the "Hook A Kid On Golf" program during 1991 up to \$90,000.

The program is also backed locally by the Brunswick County 4-H program and Brunswick Challenge,

a voluntary action group that deals with alcohol and drug abuse and upgrading the quality of life in the county.

The program is made possible through sponsorships from local businesses and individuals. For a \$100 contribution each sponsor allows a youngster to experience and learn about golf. Sponsors are also directly involved with the week-long introduction clinics by teaming with their child in a nine-hole tournament at the end of the week.

"Golf is a lifetime sport and we're looking to target those youngsters who have never had the opportunity or chance to learn the game," said Rosselli. "Even at the program's conclusion, we want to keep in contact with the participants and encourage them to continue playing through privileges at local golf courses and driving ranges."

For more information concerning applications or sponsorships for the program call Rosselli at 253-4357 or 800-222-4790.

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