

Local Shriners Sponsor National Golf Tourney

Shriners from Southeastern North Carolina Shriners have pulled off a real coup by staging a national golf tournament to benefit Shriners Hospitals and Burn Centers across the nation. In just the second year of their golf tournament they have secured the endorsement of the national Shriners organization to conduct the National Shriners Crippled Children Open Golf Tournament.

Almost all 50 states will be represented in the two-man best-ball event to be conducted over two courses at Sea Trail Golf Links Aug. 2, 3 and 4. Shriners in several states are holding their own golfing events and are offering as a prize an expense paid trip to the National Shriners Tournament here in Brunswick County.

Friday will feature a free practice round and a social hour with band music. Saturday the field will compete in a qualifying round in order to place the two-man teams in flights for the final round on Sunday. Saturday's round will be followed by a social hour, a prime rib dinner and entertainment. Sunday's round will be followed by the awards ceremony.

The entry fee is \$200 per player. There is a reduced fee for those not planning to attend the social functions.

A car will be given away each day of the tournament for a hole in one. Nearest the pin prizes will include a \$1,500 diamond ring and a free weekend at Ocean Isle Beach. The tournament will also feature the finest array of door prizes one could imagine, Shriners say.

The Shriners support 19 hospitals and 3 burn centers across the United States. The annual budget for these treatment centers is more than \$325 million. The Shriners Crippled Children's Fund is the lone beneficiary of this and other Shrine fund-raisers.

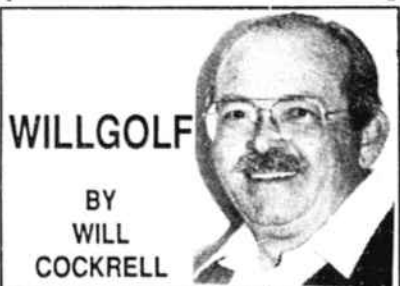
The tournament is open to all local golfers. For information or an application form contact Don Willets (919) 253-5294 or Albert Parker (919) 754-6634. The tournament slogan is, "Hit the ball so a crippled child may stand tall."

SHORT GAME FUNDAMENTALS

Chip Like You Putt

You may recall that I have been working on a set of columns which are based on teaching methods and techniques found in the new *PGA Teaching Manual*. In addition to being impressed with the manual as a whole, I particularly like the set of chapters on putting, chipping and pitching. The manual suggests that these three shots are similar in many respects and provide instruction which places each of these shots on a learning continuum.

My last column on the short game fundamentals provided you with several putting drills which allowed you to focus on the PGA's putting principles while practicing putting in order to install precision and confidence in your putting stroke. To review, the putting principles which the PGA Manual suggests are: be sure your ball position in the stance is always the same, check to see that your set-up is the same each time you putt, make certain that you are delivering the putter face through the ball with a smooth accelerating stroke, and be conscious of making solid contact with the ball.



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Parting Thoughts About Putting

Before we depart from putting and transition to the chipping stroke, I would like to leave you with a few other notions found in the PGA teaching manual.

Place your eye line directly over the ball when taking your stance and setting up to the ball. I would go even further and ask you to place your "master eye" or dominant eye over the rear perimeter of the ball, such that you are looking directly at the back of the ball. "Placing your eye line inside or outside of the ball tends to distort your perception of the line to the hole."

Locating the master eye over the ball will go a long way in assisting you to fine tune the same ball position each time you putt. It is also a good aid in checking to insure that you have a consistent set up to the ball.

Be sure that your putting stroke delivers the putter blade through the ball and not just to the ball. A putting stroke which decelerates at the ball will never give consistent results. One method of checking on your technique is to be sure that the hands always pass beyond your left leg on the follow-through of the putting stroke. Even on short putts. Just remember to accelerate smoothly and finish the stroke after the ball is on the way.

Chipping Is A Descending Stroke

Learning to chip a golf ball with confidence and precision is much easier if you use what you have already learned about the putting stroke. There are certainly more similarities between the strokes than there are differences. This prompts my contention that you should chip the same way that you putt. For my money, the chip shot is basically a putt with a lofted club.

You still want a standard ball position, a standard set-up, and an accelerating stroke which produces solid contact on the sweet spot of the club. The only changes you make in the chip shot are those which accommodate the fact that the master teachers in the PGA agree that the stance for chip shots differ uniformly. The feet are slightly open and closer together than in the putting stance. Also your hands should be slightly forward of the ball position and they should choke down on the club for greater control.

The PGA manual also suggests that your body weight should be more on the left foot. Moving the hands forward and the weight to the left foot serves to ensure that you contact the ball before you reach the low point of your swing arc. This descending stroke enables solid contact on the sweet spot of the club. Furthermore the hands should always lead the clubhead through the ball.

The basic chipping stroke is still like that with a putter, a single lever stroke using the shoulders instead of the arms, wrists or hands. The back of the left hand and wrist should remain firm as in putting stroke. No effort should be made to cross the right hand over the left during the chip shot.

You can practice this chipping stance, set up an stroke using the same putting drills suggest earlier for medium length putts. Next week we will examine the selection of clubs to use for chipping and a small variation for really long chip shots.

Bordeaux Wins Brierwood Championship

GOLFING ACTION

Harley Bordeaux fired a two-day total of 144 to take first place in the top flight in the Brierwood Golf Club men's championship July 13 and 14.

Second place in the championship flight went to Tim Evans, who finished four strokes behind Bordeaux.

First flight winners in the club championship were Gene Loflin with a 158 and Jerry Triplett with a 161.

Bill Rose led the second flight with a 167. He was followed by Jim Stadick with a 169.

Top scorers in the third flight were Greg Bouldin with a 179 and Jim Roach with a 185.

On July 14, Kelly Beeler made a hole in one at Brierwood. He aceed the 140-yard third hole and shot a 67.

In more recent action at Brierwood, the team of Dave Harper, Nick Lacerenza, Emile Vrydaghs and Harry Pearson shot a 14-under-par 130 to win the best ball event last Thursday.

Two teams tied for first in the nine-hole mixed scramble last

Wednesday. Straud Maerker, Gary Niland, Ginny Anzelone and Helen Zackowski shot 32 to tie the foursome of Jack Baker, Ray Zackowski, Catherine Clemmons and Jan Loflin.

Bill Shoemaker, Bill Allen, Betty Maerker and Marian Rockstroh shot 33 to tie for second with the team of Greg Bouldin, Bob Meek, Molly Hoke and Marty Niland.

Carolina Shores

Glady's Bowen shot net 62 to win the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association Queen Bee Tournament held July 11 and 18.

Golfers counted the best 18 of 36 net holes in the two-day event. Helen Morrison shot net 66 and won the first flight on a match of cards over Joan O'Neill.

Other winners were Gerry Burdick in the second flight with net 65, Edith Grice in the third flight with net 66 and Fran Torgersen in the fourth flight with net 64.

Golfers made 12 birdies during

the tournament and chipped in 14 times.

Foxy Ladies

Nancy Bouldin fired a net 74 and won the first flight in the Foxy Ladies golf tournament last Thursday at River Hills.

Runners-up in the top flight were Marge Roach with net 77 and Joanne Lang with net 81.

Second flight winners were Lou Akers and Pat Strauss with scores of net 83. Dot Crean was second with net 84.

Marion Rockstroh won the third flight with a net 91. She was followed by Martha Wareheim with 102 and Andria Starks with 106.

Ruth Linder had the only birdie of the day. It came at the 12th hole.

The Foxy Ladies' next tournament is scheduled Aug. 15 at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Ruth's Renegades

Members of Ruth's Renegades golf group used full handicaps and threw out the worst hole on the front and back nines when they

competed Thursday at Carolina Shores and Brierwood.

Top finishers at Carolina Shores were Jean Ciayzo, net 60; Jenny Briggs, net 63; and Laura Paliwoda, net 66.

Cynthia Omundsen had the overall low gross with a 114.

At Brierwood, Peg Steiner finished with net 57; Dot Frey, net 59; and June Whipkey, third with net 60.

Toni Kobos scored overall gross with a 109.

The group will play at Sea Trail Aug. 12, followed by lunch.

Sea Trail Ladies

Shirley Helmke, Nin Consolvi, Mary Blenda and Rita Bilz shot a low net of 57 to win the Sea Trail Ladies Golf tournament last Wednesday.

The team of Lynne Nichols, Pat Burkhart, Elsie Bolick and Dorothy Cambria shot a 60 to tie the team of Jane Barnes, Rosemary Walker, Eva Baham and Pam Allen.

Placing third with a 60 was the team of Joanne Rowe, Adele Stephens and Mary Bach.

Simmons Wins Spring Racing

Roger Simmons of Ash and his Coors Light Ford keep rolling along. Simmons recently won the Southern R/C Motorsports Spring Championship, racking up 78 points and completing 406 laps during the season. He also won the 1990 fall points title and the winter points championship.

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

William Smith of Holden Beach finished three points behind Simmons during the spring season, which began April 21 and ended June 30. Smith received the Hard Charger Award for improvement during the season.

The summer points season started July 14. Remaining races are scheduled July 28, Aug. 11 and 25 and Sept. 8 and 22. All races start at 6 p.m.

Spokesperson Jennifer Holden said the public is invited. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

| DRIVER | TOWN | CAR | PTS | LAPS |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Roger Simmons | Ash | Coors Light Ford | 78 | 406 |
| 2. William Smith | Holden Beach | Maxwell House Ford | 75 | 360 |
| 3. Al Ward | Thomasboro | Valvoline Oldsmobile | 59 | 374 |
| 4. Steve Somerset | Shallotte | Somerset Hardware Ford | 59 | 354 |
| 5. Bryan Hewett | Holden Beach | Purolator Chevrolet | 52 | 320 |
| 6. Doug Alsbrook | Holden Beach | True Value Chevrolet | 34 | 230 |
| 7. Elton Bland | Shallotte | Goodwrench Chevrolet | 30 | 248 |
| 8. David Buffkin | Shallotte | Western Auto Chevrolet | 26 | 282 |
| 9. Kenny Holden | Shallotte | Mello Yello Pontiac | 24 | 180 |
| 10. Frankie Stephens | Ash | Kodak Pontiac | 22 | 187 |
| 11. Lynn Gause | Shallotte | STP Pontiac | 19 | 223 |
| 12. Eddie Ferster | Shallotte | Kodak Chevrolet | 18 | 203 |
| 13. Jerry Todd | Shallotte | Stanley Tools Chevrolet | 16 | 132 |
| 14. Timmy Hewett | Supply | Havoline Ford | 11 | 65 |
| 15. Ken Puckett | Shallotte | Folgers Ford | 2 | 12 |

Men's Church Softball League Tournament Begins Monday

Supply/Mount Olive nipped Camp Methodist 14-13 on Monday to remain in first place in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League as the end of the regular season ends Friday.

Supply/Mount Olive improved to 15-2 with the win while second-place Ocean View Baptist nipped New Britain Baptist 9-8 last Friday to up its record to 12-4.

In other league play Monday, Longwood Baptist edged past Letties Grove Pentecostal 10-9 and Calvary Baptist topped Shallotte First Baptist 19-12.

Other results from Friday included Zion Baptist taking a 10-5 win over Calvary and Letties Grove nipping Friendship Baptist 11-10.

League play resumes tonight (Thursday) with three makeup games originally scheduled for May 24—New Britain vs. Ocean View at 7 p.m., Longwood vs. Letties Grove at 8 p.m. and Shallotte First Baptist vs. Calvary at 9 p.m.

In the final night of regular season play Friday, Ocean View meets Friendship at 7 p.m., Camp Meth-

odist battles Zion at 8 p.m. and Supply/Mount Olive faces New Britain at 9 p.m.

The league's post-season tournament begins Monday at 7 p.m. at Waccamaw Park. The double-elimination tourney continues Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and ends Saturday with the championship.

Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Standings as of Wednesday, July 24

| Team | W | L |
|----------------------------|----|----|
| Supply/Mount Olive Baptist | 15 | 2 |
| Ocean View Baptist | 12 | 4 |
| New Britain Baptist | 10 | 6 |
| Zion Baptist | 9 | 8 |
| Shallotte First Baptist | 8 | 9 |
| Longwood Baptist | 8 | 9 |
| Friendship Baptist | 7 | 10 |
| Calvary Baptist | 6 | 11 |
| Letties Grove Pentecostal | 6 | 11 |
| Camp Methodist | 3 | 14 |

Pro Volleyball Action Comes To Myrtle Beach

Many of the nation's best volleyball players, including seven Olympic gold medalists and 14 former collegiate All-Americans, will compete this weekend in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

They will play for more than \$37,000 in cash as the Michelob Light Volleyball Tour makes its final stop of the year Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, at the Radisson Resort Hotel at Kingston Plantation.

The four-man beach format is designed to feature the fast action and strategy of the six-man indoor game, while providing a competitive arena for world-class players who don't compete in two-man beach competitions, said tour president Craig Elledge.

Unlike other double-elimination beach volleyball tournaments, the new pro tour features a five-team league playing a round-robin format.

Captains for the five teams are four Olympic gold medalists and the 1988 Olympic team assistant coach.

Beach volleyball action starts Friday at noon with competition continuing Saturday at 10 a.m. The finals are expected to start around 2 p.m. Saturday.

The tour began play last month in San Diego. Other stops on the tour have included Phoenix, Cleveland, Boston, Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Clearwater, Fla.

All events will be broadcast on ESPN. The Myrtle Beach tournament is scheduled to air Aug. 19 at 10 p.m.


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