

Brierwood Women Drop Scores On Worst Holes

Golfers dropped scores on their two worst holes on the front and back nine and used half handicaps in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament July 23.

Jan Loflin led the first flight with a net score of 49.5. Other top scorers were Ginger Sugrue with net 50 and Doris Dunfee at 51.5. Mrs. Sugrue had low putts with 26.

In the second flight, Maureen Farley and Virginia Gibson tied for first with scores of 53.5. Runners-up were Dot Crean with 54 and Lois Beato with 55. Mrs. Gibson had low putts with 30.

Catherine Clemmons led the way in the third flight with a 51, followed by Betty Maerker with net 54. Bobbye Cordisco placed third with 55.5 and had low putts with 28.

Fourth flight winners were Mary Nicol with 57.5, Pierrette Tompkins, 62 and Marian Rockstroh, 62.5. Olive Seitz had low putts with 31.

During the round, Peg Sawyer birdied the 14th hole and chipped in

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at the 18th. Mrs. Beato chipped in at the fourth and birdied the 16th.

Other chip-ins were carded by Joanna Lang and Mrs. Cordisco at the sixth hole, Mrs. Sugrue at the 11th, Esther Smith at the 13th and Marie Brown at the 18th.

Birdies were recorded by Nancy Bouldin at the first and 10th holes, Nearle Einstein at the 14th, Mrs. Loflin at the 15th and Elsie Grubbs at the 17th.

Carolina Shores

The foursome of Terri Gould, Harriette Jones, Jackie Distler and Ruth Radcliffe shot 129 and won the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday.

Teams counted the best two nets on each hole. Second place went to the team of Jean Sperry, Marge Earl, Marge Dale and Dot Trostle

with a 131. Dottie Meader had low putts for the day with 27. Sue Greiner birdied the 16th hole.

Chip-ins were carded by Mrs. Radcliffe at the third hole, Mrs. Distler at the fourth, Shirley Vazquez at the sixth and Sally Manifold at the seventh.

Brierwood Men

Bob Tompkins, Bill Goldsberry and Morris Hall shot a 12-under-par 132 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last week.

Finishing one stroke back in second place was the team of Bill Rose, Fergie Nicol, Don Seitz and Jerry Smith.

Three teams tied for first place in the nine-hole captain's choice mixed scramble last Wednesday.

Winning teams were Gene Loflin, Dick Baxter, Nancy Bouldin and Marian Rockstroh; Frank Bringoli,

Jim Roach, Barbara Baxter and Priscilla Shoemaker; and Bob Meek, Jack Baker, Marje Roach and Liz Bruce.

On July 22, two teams tied for first place in a two best ball tournament. Jack Causer, Greg Bouldin, Al Butler and Al Hierman shot 136 and tied the foursome of Hank Culp, Jim Crosby, Jerry Smith and Bob Sterner.

Ruth's Renegades

Members of Ruth's Renegades golf group counted scores on holes starting with the letters "F" and "I" and used half handicaps in the weekly tournament last Friday.

At Carolina Shores, Evelyn Wuthrich won on a match of cards over Jean Bordinger after both women finished with net 38.

Lois Hargreaves was third with a net 39. Ruth Brown had the overall low gross of 112 and low net of 72. Toni Kobos led the way at Brier-

wood with a round of 34.5. June Whipkey finished five strokes back in second place. Dot Frey had the low gross of 104 and low net of 67.

Brierwood Ninettes

Helen Bangs and Joyce Rose tied for first place in the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last Friday with net scores of 11.

Runners-up were Helene Baker with net 12 and Pat Narazinski and

Liz Bruce with rounds of net 13. Golfers counted scores on even-numbered holes in the nine-hole event and used one-fourth of their handicaps.

Ann Polson parred the eighth hole and had low putts for the day with 13.

Other pars were carded by Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Baker at the second hole. Mrs. Bangs chipped in at the sixth.

SHORT GAME FUNDAMENTALS

How To Choose A Club For Chipping

This series of columns on the short game fundamentals has its genesis in the *PGA Teaching Manual* which suggests that golf instructors teach putting, chipping and pitching as shots which have much in common when learning and understanding how they are executed. The similarities are such that I suggested last week that the easiest way to learn to chip is to approach that shot as a putt with a lofted club.

This week I will expand upon and reinforce that notion. If you are a golfer who routinely chips with a single favorite club and are satisfied with the overall results you are getting, you may want to go ahead and turn to the TV section or the police report. The balance of this column will be aimed at convincing you to use a three or four club system of chipping which will allow you to use the same stroke every time, a stroke which is remarkably similar to the putting stroke.

A Single Club Produces Inconsistent Results

I am confident that everyone recognizes that using a single club for every type of chip shot means that you either hit the same kind of shot on every chip or that you must make small adjustments in your set up, ball position, club loft and stroke for each chip shot you face. Somehow I suspect the latter is most often the case. It is obvious to me that using the same shot on all chip shots will simply not get the job done.

Chip shots come in an endless variety: uphill, downhill, sidehill, slow greens, fast greens, long chips, short chips, good lies, poor lies, and a variety of contours to be found in the area where your chip shot will land on the green and start to roll to the hole. These variations even outnumber those found in selecting a line to the hole when putting.

To encounter and negotiate such variations does not seem practical for one club, one swing and one trajectory to the target. By using two, three or even four different clubs for chip shots you are able to limit the variations in your set up and stroke.

Hank Haney Advocates Four Clubs

In the June issue of *Golf Illustrated* magazine, Hank Haney, their chief instructor, suggests a "Four-Club System." His article on "Chipping" follows closely the guidance found in the *PGA Teaching Manual*. Haney suggests the 6-iron, 8-iron, pitching wedge, and sand wedge for his four-club system. Haney's system is in line with my conviction that the most important aspect of a chip shot is the decision on how far you want the ball to carry in the air and how far you want it to roll on the green.

That decision is driven by several considerations. How far is the ball from the edge of the green, how far is the pin from the edge of the green, what type of contours will the ball carry and what type of contours will the ball roll on? What is the speed of the green?

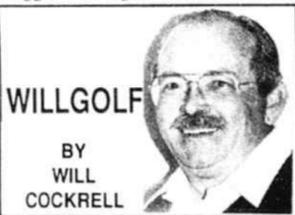
Haney believes, as I do, that if your ball is only a few feet off the green and the pin is 30 or 40 feet away, that the 6-iron is the ideal club to use for chipping. The six iron delivers solid contact with the ball carrying it over the fringe and landing two to three feet on the green where it will begin to roll the balance of the distance to the hole. By choking down on the 6-iron and delivering a putting type stroke to the ball the golfer is provided with maximum control over the shot.

When your ball is further off the putting surface, say 15 to 20 feet in the fringe, you will want to use the 8-iron in order to loft the ball three or four feet on to the green and allow for a bounce or two before the ball starts to roll to the cup. If your ball is 30 or 40 feet off the green and you are faced with carrying the ball almost half way to the hole you will want to use a pitching wedge or nine iron to get the job done.

Sand Wedge Is A Pitcher Not A Chipper

I do not agree with Haney on the use of the sand wedge as a chipping club. I believe the sand wedge shot should be reserved for shots out of heavy rough or when the ball is in a tight lie. In those cases the swing is more like that used with a pitch shot, involving significant breaking of the wrist and sliding the clubface under the ball instead of striking it with a firm wristed chipping stroke.

The chipping stroke is designed to put very little spin on the ball and the pitch shot is designed to put spin on the ball. Next week we will look at why the chipping stroke delivers a ball which gets on the putting surface quickly and delivers a uniform roll to the pin.



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It's The Team To Beat

The twosome of Daniel Kopp (left) and Maj. Steven Kerr is the team to beat at the National Shriners Crippled Children Open Golf Tournament Aug. 2-4 at Sea Trail Plantation, Sunset Beach. Tournament Chairman Don Willets said one of the local sponsors will donate up to \$500 to the Shriners Hospital for each two-man team that beats the Kopp-Kerr twosome. Kopp, a rising 11th-grader at South Brunswick High School, led the school golf team in scoring average last season and has been selected to the all-conference team each of the last two years. Kerr is director of operations at Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal.

Seniors Play At Ocean Isle

Local senior golfers competed for prizes at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course July 18 in a tournament sponsored by Brunswick County Parks and Recreation.

Winners and their scores are listed below according to age group.

Men 55-59: Loy Buff, 78; Matt Orlando, 81; and Walt Elkins, 82.

Women 55-59: Florence Green, 94; Ann Causer, 94; and Ellen Parker, 94. (Winner determined by match of cards.)

Men 60-64: Bob Karthous, 82; Joe Raitano, 83; and Albert Thomas, 86.

Women 60-64: Bobbie Maples, 88; Lois Beato, 92; and Vivian Rowe, 94.

Men 65-69: Ted Comeau, 81; Walt Pennington, 82; and John Rowe, 90.

Women 65-69: Betty Wilson, 89; Paula Kalweit, 89; and Elsie Grubbs, 97.

Men 70-74: Bob Lawler, 78; Andy Kozak, 84; and Walt Kemittick, 85.

Women 70-74: Margaret Wood, 92; Jody Cole, 95; and Esther Fisher 109.

Men 75-79: Jim Jeffries, 91; Ray Wood, 94; and Ernie Bratt, 119.

Women 75-79: Lorraine Smith.

Men 80-84: August MacTaggart, 109.

Men 85 and over: Larry Nielsen, 94.

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