

Home Builders Golf Tourney Set Saturday

Hope Harbor Home, Disaster Relief and the Brunswick County Schools Vocational Education Department will all benefit from the South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association's first annual golf tournament set for Saturday.

The captain's choice tourney begins at 9 a.m. at The Pearl Golf Links at Calabash and will also feature various prizes as well as a buffet lunch.

The field will be divided into two flights with each member of the first-place teams winning \$100. Members of the second-place teams will receive \$75 while members of the third-place teams win \$50.

There will also be closest-to-the-pin contests on all par 3 holes and a longest drive contest on one par 4 hole.

All prizes will be presented by the Hooter Girls who will also be participating in a caddie auction.

Entry fees are \$50 per person or \$200 per four-player team. For more information call Steve Mann (579-7291) or The Pearl (579-8132).

SHORT GAME FUNDAMENTALS

The Pitch Shot

There may be more variations of the pitch shot than any other in the game of golf. They range from the little flip shots around the green to the standard three-quarter swing wedge shot. They do not include the explosion shot out of sand.

Some golfers may find it hard to believe that a three-quarter pitch shot has much in common with a chip shot or a putt. The master teachers who compiled the *PGA Teaching Manual* say there are common threads which wind their way through all these shots. It is their belief that these three money-making shots are easier to learn and understand if they are taught from a basis of common principles.

These common threads are found in the *Short Game Fundamentals* contained in the *PGA Manual*. The golfer should check to see that his ball position is the same for every shot, or he should understand why he plans to vary the ball position. The set-up to the ball should also be consistent on all pitch shots. The manual also reinforces the need to accelerate the clubhead to and through the ball on all pitch shots to produce solid contact with the ball.

'Essentials' For The Pitch Shot

The "essentials" of shot-making which are common to both the chip shot and the pitch shot, according to the *PGA Manual* are: gripping down on the club, firm to light grip pressure, feet and hips open, a slightly narrower stance, ball played in the center of the stance for normal shots, and allowing the arms to hang comfortably from the shoulders.

The swing for the chip and pitch shots have evoked some "observations" by the teaching professionals which are worthy of our consideration. Your backswing and follow-through should be approximately the same length for both chips and pitches. It is better for a backswing to be too short than too long. It is helpful to visualize your desired shot trajectory while taking a few practice swings, preferably while one of your fellow competitors is making his stroke.

Difficult Shot Requires Feel

The more difficult the shot, the more touch and feel is required. Once you have the feel for the shot, you should play as soon as practical. You should use a more deliberate tempo with soft pitch shots and a faster tempo for knockdown shots or when you are trying to put spin on the ball.

A ball which is in a good lie in the grass will come out softer and a ball in a tight lie which needs to be struck with a more descending blow will invariably come out hotter. The set-up for a tight lie should place the ball farther back in your stance than normal, behind the center position. It is particularly essential that the hands lead the clubhead through a shot from a tight lie. Remember the hands should be along the inside of your left thigh in your set-up for a tight lie and they should return to that spot before the clubhead strikes the ball.

Keep Your Center Of Gravity Left

Your weight should begin, remain, and end on the left foot throughout the pitch shot. Weight shift to the right foot during the swing is neither advisable nor is it necessary. Your can deliver a solid, three-quarter swing with a pitch shot with your weight favoring the left side throughout the stroke.

It is also important to remember to read the green for both chip shots and pitch shots. Golfers most often forget on pitch shots. It is important to know how far to hit the ball, but no less so than knowing how the ball will roll once it is on the green.

Next week we will review some of the common mechanics of the pitch shot as well as those occasions when uncommon techniques may be necessary. There is a greater variety of shots within 50 yards of the green than anywhere else on the course. It has to be comforting to know that all of those shots have many things in common.

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Gould Wins Carolina Shores Women's Event

Terri Gould won the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association "Mutt and Jeff" tournament last week with a score of 30.

Shirley Vazquez also shot 30 in the weekly event, but placed second on a match of cards.

Golfers counted scores on the par threes and par fives and used half of their handicaps.

Other top scorers were Betty Goodwin with 31.5, Sue Greiner and Doreen Spearin with 32.5, Jackie Distler with 33 and Emily Sharp with 33.5.

Anna Mae Huber had a chip-in at the eighth hole. Carol Szarks had low putts for the day with 29.

Brierwood Ninettes

Liz Bruce and Joyce Rose tied for first place in the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last Friday.

Wyarian Taylor chipped in at the fourth hole and had low putts with 13. Mrs. Rose was second with 15 putts, and Mrs. Bruce, who parred the third and fifth holes, was third with 17 putts.

Judy Durham chipped in for par at the ninth hole. Other pars were recorded by Margaret Pingo and Helene Baker at the third hole.

GOLFING ACTION

Ruth's Renegades

Members of Ruth's Renegades competed in a crossover tournament last Thursday, with some golfers playing at Carolina Shores and others playing at Brierwood.

Anna Klute led the way at Carolina Shores with a score of 29. Cynthia Omundsen was second with a 32, and had the overall low net of 76.

Lois Hargreaves chipped in at the eighth hole and placed third with a score of 33.

Winners at Brierwood were Dot Frey with 29.5, Mary Ahearn with 34.5 and Marion Corbin with 35.

Alice Struck had the low net of 78, and Ruth Jacobs chipped in at the 14th hole.

Brierwood Men

The team of Jack Causier, Jerry Smith, Al Hiernan and Paul Keeley shot a 13-under-par 131 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association two best ball tournament last Thursday.

Two teams tied for second place. The foursome of Nick Lacerenza, Neal McCall, Bill Waples and Harry

Pearson shot 133 to tie the team that included Bob Tompkins, Bill Allen and Bill Goldsberry.

In the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday, the threesome of Bob Wareheim, Bob Meek and Nel Justice won with a score of 33.

Bill Shoemaker, Bob Sternèr, Martha Wareheim and Liz Bruce finished one stroke back in second place and tied the team of Joe Tymchak, Graham Justice, Penny Cox and Jean Lacerenza.

On Aug. 5, Odie Johnson won an individual play against par tournament at plus 3. Bob Sternèr placed second at plus 1, and Neal McCall and Hank Culp tied for third.

The foursome of Bill Waples, Hank Culp, Bob Tompkins and Harry Pearson won the two best ball event Aug. 1 with a score of 135. Finishing second at 138 was the team of Roy Havenga, Fergie Nicol and Bob Sternèr.

Sea Trail Ladies

Lynn Nichols fired a low gross 87 to win the Sea Trail tournament held last Wednesday, Aug. 7, by the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association.

Runners-up in the low gross category were Kitty Smoker with a 94 and Louisa Nicol with a 97.

Low net runners-up were Dorothy Cambria with a 74, Shirley Helme with a 75. Tied with an 84 were Carol Young and Nancy Mehne.

Dixie Youth Golf Tourney Set Aug. 24

The Supply/Shalotte Dixie Youth Baseball League is sponsoring a benefit golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Lockwood Golf Links near Holden Beach.

The captain's choice event begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and concludes with a pig picking at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fees for the event are \$50 per person and includes all green and cart fees as well as many special door prizes. Persons interested in attending the pig picking only can also purchase tickets for \$12 each.

All proceeds will benefit the local Dixie Youth league and assist with the purchase of special equipment.

For more information call Dixie Youth league president David Batten (842-9663) or Lockwood Golf Links (842-5666).

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Aug. 20.

RECREATION BRIEFS

Programs Offered For Seniors

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation is offering several programs geared for senior citizens this month.

Shuffleboard clubs meet every Monday at 9 a.m. at Town Creek Park and every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

Home Alone, a family movie will be shown at the Town Creek Park Building, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m.; Shalotte Center, Aug. 26 at 12:30 p.m.; Southport, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.; and Lockwood Folly Building, Aug. 30 at noon.

A fishing trip is planned for Aug. 22 aboard the *Mega Flight* of Holden Beach. The cost is \$15.

A Senior Fun Day will be held Aug. 29 at Town Creek Park.

Shuffleboard, croquet and horse-shoe tournaments are planned and lunch and refreshments are provided.

Aug. 23 is the last day to sign up. For more information on these programs, call the department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Fishing Trip Set

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation is planning an ocean fishing trip for area residents age 50 and older.

The trip aboard the *Mega Flite* out of Taylor's Landing at Holden Beach is set for Thursday, Aug. 22. The boat leaves at 7 a.m. and returns around noon.

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(For those who do not want to play golf, the pig pickin will be \$12.00 per person)

Mail completed form and check to: Supply-Shalotte Dixie Youth Baseball
Post Office Box 175, Supply, NC 28462
Suggested Deadline for Registration is Tuesday August 20.

REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name _____

Players _____ Handicap _____

Phone () _____

(Individual Players will be made into teams)
For Registration or Additional Information Contact: David J. Batten,
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