

# Couples And Boros Are Easy Swingers

The first book I ever read about golf was written by Julius Boros about the time he won the PGA Championship. I had watched him win that tournament on television and had been impressed with his smooth swing.

Julius has a fascinating preswing routine that began with a waggle and ended by pushing his club out behind the ball in a manner similar to the method that Greg Norman uses today. Boros' swing appeared to be almost effortless, even lazy, to the naked eye. The ball, however, literally jumped off the club and flew long and strong down the fairway.

On television, he seemed to be drawing the ball on most shots. Later when I saw him in person at the Pensacola Open, I noted that he could shape shots in whatever direction was necessary. His drive at the 18th hole during the third round at Pensacola trundled into the tree line on the right of the fairway and came to a stop near my feet. In just a second or two his caddie arrived and began clearing us out of the way.

I positioned myself directly behind the ball, satisfied I would get a good close look at Julius' swing. The shot had to be played low to clear the trees and then fade and run well to get on the front left of the green.

The pin was tucked in behind a gaping bunker in the back right of the green. The face of the bunker was so high there was no chance of running the ball through it and on to the putting surface.

The ball was lying about 170 yards from the green and I suspected he would choke a 3- or 4-iron and punch the ball low toward the green. Before I became too analytical Julius arrived with a long weed stuck in the corner of his mouth. The caddie was set to serve up a club but watched quietly for the 10 or 15 seconds Boros took to survey the shot. The caddie did not volunteer any yardage or club selection.

When Boros looked at the caddie, he simply asked, "Six?" and the caddie simply confirmed, "Six!" handing Julius the club. Boros waddled over to the ball, and I would swear to this day that he almost yawned. Then he waggled, pushed, and smacked the most crisp iron shot I have ever heard or seen.

## Out Of Jail For A Birdie

The ball rifled low and true back toward the fairway for about a hundred yards and then it suddenly began to climb and cut to the right. It soared over the large bunker, landed half way between the bunker and the pin, took two hops and stopped dead. When I got up to the green and Boros remarked his ball to putt, I saw it was only 10 or 12 feet from the pin. Someone said "Out of Jail for a Birdie" when he rolled the putt home.

I have seen other remarkable shots since then, but I always have to conjure up some information about the hole and the situation. Not so with Boros' shot. All you have to do is say "Boros" and I can see that shot all over again in my imagination. It is as pure and clear as a Triniton. No VCR required.

When I returned to Fort Benning after that tournament I went to the Special Services Library on post to look for a book on golf. Maybe I could learn how to hit a shot like that. I was pleasantly surprised to find a whole shelf of golf books, and one titled, "Swing Easy, Hit it Hard" by none other than Julius Boros. That little darling and Hogan's "Five Fundamentals" went home with me that night. I would have taken half the shelf, but Special Services would only allow two to a customer in those days.

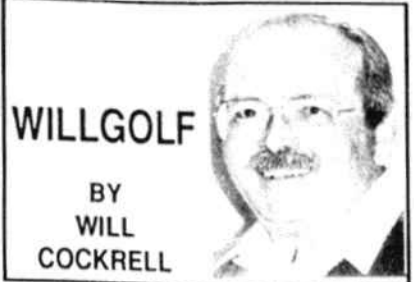
In the event you are wondering what prompted this flight of nostalgia, you need only look at the cover of the October issue of *Golf Magazine*. The cover features a picture of Freddy Couples and the title of an article which describes how he swings easy and hits the ball hard. If Boros ever stops fishing long enough he should sue them.

The instant I saw the cover of the magazine, I relived the Boros shot at Pensacola and suddenly remembered that Fred Couples' swing had always been reminiscent of a swing I had seen somewhere before. He has the same casual, almost lackadaisical approach to the game as Boros. His swing is big and smooth, almost effortless. His style and demeanor are totally calm. He is a little "Julie." Now I know.

I once followed Couples and his group, which included Raymond Floyd, for nine holes at the Tournament Players Championship in Sawgrass in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. It was the second year that the championship had been played at the treacherous new Pete Dye stadium course. The paper that morning said that Couples and just a few more of the players were long enough and had the daring to go for the par five holes: in two shots. I wanted to see than and I did. He hit two par fives that day and Floyd hit one.

Floyd did it with a rip and a slash. Couples seemed to yawn, coil sleepily, and just slide through the ball which took off like a rocket. Swing easy, and hit it hard.

Not bad advice.



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# Ewart Repeats As Sea Trail Club Champion

## GOLFING ACTION

John Ewart successfully defended his title as Sea Trail Men's Club Champion last week, closing out the three-day event with a one-up victory over John Walker.

The second annual tournament was held Sept. 10, 11 and 12. In the first flight, Marv Peters was the winner and Frank Seaboldt placed second.

Hugh Bolick won the second flight, followed by Winston Stephens. Third flight winners were Louis Grace and Guy Moulton.

In the consolation tournament last Wednesday, George Gallop won with a net score of 70, followed by Bill Kushner with 73.

### Brierwood Ninettes

Helene Baker shot 43 to win the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last Friday. She also had low putts with 14.

Runners-up were Shirley Eifert with net 44 and Judy Durham and Ann Polson with 48. Mrs. Eifert finished second in low putts with 15.

### Brierwood Men

Bill Rose, Jack Causer, Jim Roach and Jerry Smith fired a 17-under-par 127 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball event last Thursday.

Second place went to the foursome of Gene Loflin, Morris Hall, Bill Allen and Paul Keeley with a 128.

The team of Joe Reiter, Jim Crosby, Alene Sterner and Marilyn Athan shot 31 to win the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday.

Finishing second was the team of Burley Athan, Bob Sterner, Marje Roach and Hazel Casey with a 35. The foursome of Dick Baxter, Fred Einstein, Marian Johnson and Nancy Bouldin placed third with a 36.

On Sept. 9, Emile Vrydaghs won

an individual point system tournament with five points.

Jim Crosby and Nick Lacerenza tied for second place with three points each. Roy Havenga placed third with one point. Al Hierman, Jim Roach and Straud Maerker tied for fourth with zero points.

### Sea Trail Ladies

Pat Reid and Joanne Rowe combined for the low gross of 38 in the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament last Wednesday.

Teams counted scores on par fives and par threes only. Runners-up in the low gross division were Louisa Nicol and Kitty Smoker with 40.

Low net scores were posted by Marge Gallop with 24, Henri Moulton with 28 and Shirley Helmke and Jane Bye with 29.

### Brierwood Ladies

Joanna Lang chipped in for birdie at the seventh hole and fired a net

25 to lead the first flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association crossover tournament last week.

Jan Loflin, Ann Causer and Mary Schaack tied for second place with net 28. Mrs. Causer birdied the sixth and 14th holes, and Mrs. Schaack had low putts in the top flight with 28.

Ruth Linder chipped in at the third hole and led the second flight with net 27. Ethel Brown and Nearle Einstein tied for second with net 27.5. Peg Sawyer, Dot Crean and Mrs. Brown tied for low putts with 31 each.

In the third flight, Julie McCall was first with net 25. Emily Laughlin placed second with 26.5, and Peg Steiner was third with net 27. Joan Cowie had low putts with 27.

Chips-ins were recorded by Betty Shreve at the eighth hole and Peg Sawyer at the 18th. Nel Justice birdied the second hole.

## RECREATION BRIEFS

### County Sets Winter Ski Trips

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation is planning three downhill skiing trips this winter for area residents age 21 and older.

The first trip of the season will be to Appalachian Ski Resort in Blowing Rock and is designed for beginners.

Total cost of the Jan. 17-19 trip will depend on the number of people sharing motel rooms. A \$35 deposit is due by Nov. 20.

The second trip of the season will be Feb. 21-24 to Canaan Valley in West Virginia.

The total cost of the trip will be about \$151 per person, which covers three nights lodging at the Canaan Valley Lodge, two days of lift tickets and transportation.

Food and ski rentals will cost extra. Participants must pay a \$50.73 deposit by Oct. 29.

Skiers will stay in a slope-side condominium on the final trip of the season—a March 13-16 trip to Snowshoe, W.Va.

Three nights lodging, two days of lift tickets, meals and transportation will cost \$205. Ski rentals are extra. A \$63.90 deposit is due by Oct. 9.

For more information, or to register for the trips, contact Emma T. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

### Deadline Extended

The registration deadline for a November horseback riding trip to Burkemont Mountain has been extended to Friday, Sept. 27.

Participants must pay a \$75 deposit to the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department by next Friday.

The total cost of the Nov. 1-3 trip will be between \$110 and \$130, depending on the number of partici-

pants.  
For more information, call Emma T. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

### Exercise At Waccamaw

A new exercise class at the Waccamaw Community Building is scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 14.

Ray Glover will lead the class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$15 per month or \$3 per class.

For more information, call the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

### Canoe Shelter Creek

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a weekend canoe trip on Shelter Creek near Burgaw.

The trip is scheduled Nov. 9 and 10, and the group will camp one night at Holland's Fish Camp.

There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of camping, canoe rentals and transportation.

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