



### Eye On The Ball

Enjoying a sunny Sunday at Shallotte Township Park, Bruce Dillard of Gause Landing practices his swing early for the upcoming baseball season. For a while, Dillard had to pitch the ball to himself. However, he was soon joined by several friends for an afternoon of America's favorite pastime.

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## RULES OF GOLF

# Putting Green Has Unique Set

Last week we were exploring the significance of definitions in the rules of golf. We learned that a working knowledge of 20 or so of the definitions which we use routinely will go a long way to understanding the rules better.

We learned that a term, *through the green*, comprises most of the golf course since it is everything except the teeing ground, the putting green and hazards. The teeing ground is a rather mundane and obvious definition of the place we begin play on each hole. We are all familiar with hazards and their potential for both trouble and penalties.

The putting green is an area of the course which has its own unique set of rules. There are things that may be done on the putting green which you may not do anywhere else on the course. There are things that you can do through the green that you may not do on the putting green.

The putter has long been known as the magic wand or the equalizer. The putter may be used on and off the green. Should the occasion arise you may, of course, use other clubs to putt the ball on the green. We have often heard of a golfer who breaks his putter in anger and is obliged to putt with his 2-iron for the remainder of the round.

### The Definition Says A Lot

The putting green is by definition that ground specially prepared for putting the ball into the hole. Putting greens take every imaginable size and shape. Most are elevated in varying degrees above the level of the fairway. Some are relatively flat and others have large undulations and mounds on them. Putting greens are generally tilted higher in the rear in order to be receptive to approach shots.

The definition of putting green includes the fact that a ball is considered to be on the green when any part of the ball touches the green. Otherwise it is on the area known as through the green and subject to a different set of rules. The ball is considered to be holed when it is at rest, totally inside the circumference of the hole, and all of the ball is below the lip of the cup.

### Different Rules For The Putting Green

One obvious difference is that the golfer always has the option of marking, lifting and cleaning his ball when it is on the green. A ball anywhere else on the course must meet some very specific criteria, including the necessity to inform a fellow competitor before lifting the ball.

The golfer may move sand, loose soil, and other loose impediments on the green by picking them up or brushing them with his hand. You may not use a towel, hat, club or anything else to move loose impediments. The golfer may not touch the line of the putt except in lifting the ball, pressing down a ball marker, when measuring, repairing old hole plugs or ball marks, in moving movable obstructions or moving loose impediment, sand and soil.

### Sand, Soil And Damage On The Green

Through the green the golfer may move loose impediments, but not sand or loose soil. In short, the rules allow the golfer to ensure the best possible surface for putting without taking an unfair advantage. The golfer cannot press anything down on the putting green except to smooth the surface where he has legally repaired the surface. Other than ball marks or old hole plugs the golfer may not repair any other damage if it would subsequently assist in play of the hole. Spike marks, divots, and damage by green maintenance equipment are examples of damage which may not be repaired or pressed down.

Furthermore, a golfer may not brush aside or otherwise remove dew on a green. Nor may he brush aside or soak up casual water on a green. The rules give a player relief for casual water on a green, but not for dew. A golfer may, however, scoop casual water from the hole on the green.

An accm or some similar loose impediment which has been imbedded in the surface of the green may be removed, but the depression it has made may not be repaired until completion of play on the hole.

### Ball Overhanging Hole

When any part of the ball overhangs the lip of the hole on a green, the golfer is allowed enough time to reach the hole without delay plus an additional ten seconds to see if the ball will fall into the hole. At the end of that time the ball is said to be at rest.

Finally, a player may not play a stroke on the green while a ball which has been played from the putting green is still in motion. This violation incurs a two-stroke penalty, unless it was the golfer's turn to play.

If these or any other peculiarities of playing on the putting green are a mystery to you, please refer to Rule 16, in the *Rules of Golf*.

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# Sheilds Shoots 43 To Win Nifty Niners Event

Jeanne Shields fired a net 43 to win the Carolina Shores Nifty Niners tournament last Thursday at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Players dropped their two worst scores in the nine-hole event. Runners-up were Gerri O'Connell with net 44 and Charlotte Martin with 45.

### Brierwood Men

John Martocci, Joe Reiter, Jerry Smith and Harry Pearson shot 136 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday.

Finishing six shots back in second place was the foursome of Dave Harper, Howard Bayne, Emile Vrydaugh and Al Hierman.

Two teams tied for first in the nine-hole mixed scramble at Brierwood last Wednesday.

Matt Monaghan, Bob Hoke, Rose Reiter and Barbara Baxter shot 34 to tie the foursome of Jack Baker, Burley Athan, Nancy Bouldin and Ruth Mary Buzzell.

On Feb. 3, four golfers tied for first place in a full-handicap points tournament at Brierwood.

Dave Harper, Bob Hoke, Joe Reiter and Jerry Smith each finished at plus one. Jim Crosby, Charlie Stransky and Emile Vrydaugh tied with zero.

### Sea Trail Men

The team of John Ewart, Gene Bilz, Bill Kimball and Bob Moore shot 288 to win the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament last week.

Second place went to the team of Roger Young, Don Lowensten,



Augie Douglass and Bill Burkhardt with a 293.

Golfers alternated playing from the red, white and blue tees on each hole in the event, played on the Maples course at Sea Trail.

### Ruth's Renegades

Ilse Bateman shot net 43 to win the Ruth's Renegades nine-hole tournament last Thursday at Carolina Shores.

The regular weekly event was reduced to nine holes due to inclement weather.

Other top finishers in the 12-person field were Jackie Storm with net 44 and Blanche Johnson with 44.5.

Ruth Beaty had the overall low gross of 62 and low net of 42.

### Carolina Shores Men

Bob Flack, Bern Distler, John Ogden and Curly Anzich shot 124 to win the Carolina Shores Men's Golf Association tournament last week at Heather Glen.

Each team counted the two best nets of the foursome on each hole. Second place went to the team of

Wayne Johnson, Dick Stewart, Art Seaby and Al Storm with 125.

Placing third with a score of 128 was the foursome of Ed Garvey, Jack Elliott, Herb Hinkle and Frank Steiner.

The team of Bob Russo, Bob Wilkens, Wayne Krisher and Bill Bottenus finished fourth with a 129.

Closest-to-the-pin honors went to Russ Nickens at the fourth hole, Jim Sullivan at the eighth, Dick Barreto at the 11th and Al Storm at the 13th.

### Carolina Shores Ladies

Sally Manifold shot net 40 to win the first flight in the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

The Nassau event was cut to nine holes due to a sub-freezing wind chill factor. Elsie Flack finished second in the top flight with 40.5.

Second flight winners were Marilyn Seaby with 39.5 and Ruth Rice with 40.5.

In the third flight, Doreen Spearin had the low net of 38. Jean Palmer was second with 38.5.

Ducky Rice won the fourth flight with a net 44.

Jean Krisher had low putts for the day with 13. Gerry Burdick had a chip-in at the first hole.

### Brierwood Ladies

Claire Aston shot net 57 to win the first flight in Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

Runners up in the top flight were Joyce Tompkins with net 60 and Marge Roach and Marie Dolan with scores of 61. Aston had low putts with 27.

Second flight winners were Betty Blough with 63.5, Dot Crean with 64 and Marge Harper and Bobby Cordisco with 64.5. Ester Smith and Harper tied for low putts with 31.

Pierrette Tompkins led the way in the third flight with a net 62. Runners-up were Bettilou Bayne with 63.5 and Marilyn Athan with 64. Joan Cowie had low putts with 30.

In the fourth flight, Barbara Baxter finished first with net 62. Louise Blizzard shot 62.5 and Betty Neal had 67. Blizzard had low putts with 31.

Chip-ins were recorded by Anne Causer at the first hole, Cowie at the third, Smith at the fourth, Dot Frey at the sixth and Dodie Niland at the 13th.

### Sea Trail Ladies

Kitty Smoker shot gross 83 and Freddie Kimball shot net 70 to lead the first flight in the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

Runners-up in the top flight were Pat Reid with gross 92 and Nancy Mehne with net 73. The event was played on the Maples course.

Top finishers in the second flight were Mary Penfield with gross 103 and Carol Young with net 74. Runners-up were Dinah Gore with gross 110 and Jane Bye with net 76.

Low gross winners in the third flight were Betty Dawley and Jill Wilson with scores of 113. Eileen Lawranson had the low net of 82, followed by Mary Youst with 85.

During the tournament, Reid had birdies at the 14th and 18th holes, and Smoker birdied the 17th.

## Country Songwriters Will Perform At Golf Festival

More than a dozen Nashville songwriters are expected to entertain at the Songwriters' Golf Festival next weekend at Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach.

The inaugural event featuring a captain's choice golf tournament is being hosted and sponsored by Sea Trail as a fund-raiser for the Brunswick Community College Foundation.

The Feb. 21-23 festival will revolve around a two-round golf tournament on the Jones and Byrd courses at Sea Trail.

For a \$100 entry fee, golfers will be entitled to two rounds of play, two evenings of entertainment and a special reception, according to a BCC news release.

The country strumming and singing portions of the festival are open to the public on Friday and Saturday nights for a \$10 admission fee. Tickets can be purchased in advance at BCC's main campus in Supply or at the door.

Golfers competing in the tournament and their guests will be admitted at no charge.

The entertainment starts Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., with Nashville

songwriters performing Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. Both entertainment sessions will be held in the Jones-Byrd Clubhouse at Sea Trail.

Dicky Lee, a writer and singer who produced songs such as *Let's Fall to Pieces Together*, *Laurie*, *9,999,999 Tears*, *She Thinks I Still Care*, *Patches*, *Peanut Butter* and *The Never Ending Story of Love*, will perform.

Also attending will be Chip Young, a guitar player who produced Jerry Reed and The Gatlin Brothers. He also played guitar for Elvis' last three albums, the news releases states.

Other songwriters who have agreed to attend include Sam Hogin, Jerry Chestnut, Bucky Jones, Danny Morrison and Johnny Slate.

"The songwriters all play music well, and most sing better than the recording artist who they produced their music for," said Dean Walters, general manager of Sea Trail and one of the event organizers.

Golf tournament entry forms are available at Brunswick Community College and Sea Trail Plantation.

For more information, call BCC at 754-6900.

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