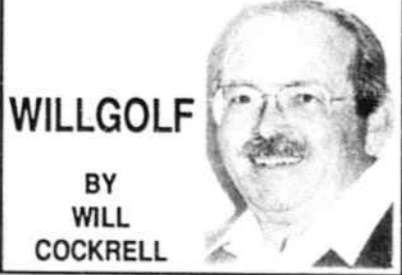


# Cougars, Grainger Will Go To State Again Next Year

The South Brunswick team did a great job in their first ever crack at the North Carolina State High School Golf Championship Tournament. The young Cougars fired a first round score of 313, the same as West Brunswick's score, which led the field in the first round last year. This year South's score was only good for fourth place after 18 holes. Ledford, the team that finished as the State Champions this year, shot a 305 and two other East Region teams, Roanoke Rapids and Farmville Central, came in with 308 and 309.

I must say that 2A golf is getting better each year. The top five of the 12 teams in the championships really had solid scores this year. The best 3A team score at Chapel Hill would have placed that team in no better than fourth place in the 2A ranks. Competition is fierce to say the least. The second round of the tournament had most teams feeling the pressure and team scores went up. All of the first five teams shot higher scores in the final round when the weather and wind conditions were actually better than during the first round.



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## Scores Higher In Final Round

The Cougars shot a second round 329 to finish with a 642. Last year the West Brunswick golf team followed their 313 with a 326 to score 639, good for 4th place. I suppose one would have to admit that the pressure of the final round took its toll on both teams in the past two years.

South Brunswick recorded five of their ten rounds in the 70s over the tough Finley Golf Course. That is a solid accomplishment for any first time team. They have every reason to be proud of their play in Chapel Hill.

With no seniors on this team, they should work their way back to the big one again next year. They can only get better.

## Learning Experience For Grainger

Jeremy Grainger, a 15-year-old sophomore, represented West Brunswick well in the individual competition. He shot 79, 76-155 to finish 9th in a field of 76 competitors. He will be going back to Chapel Hill. T. G. Thomas of Ledford was the individual state champion with a score of 71, 71-142. Grainger learned a lot in three days at Finley and knows what it takes to shoot a good round there. He was leaving approach putts short in the first round, but not in the second round. He learned that the contoured fairways on the back nine can remarkably reduce the width of what may appear to be wide fairways.

Grainger's game is long and strong. He was conservative in using his driver and selected three-wood or one-iron on almost half of the holes. When he did use his driver he turned a few heads, averaging over 280 yards per drive. On the par four, 18th hole at Finley, you must make it past the dogleg in the fairway if you hope to par the hole. During play of the final hole on the last day, Jeremy's two fellow competitors hit drivers safely to the corner. Jeremy placed his one-iron ten yards beyond both of them.

## On Course Commentary

There is one story that I must relate. During the practice round on Sunday, Jeremy played with four other golfers who were competing for the individual title. One of the players had a coach who had played for the Tar Heels when he was in college. As the players reached each tee, this coach would enlighten all of us regarding that hole's playing characteristics. That was a sort of OK, friendly gesture, I guess. But when he began to give advice to all the players in the group, it became irritating.

Once the player hit his shot, this coach would make a running commentary: "Good shot, that will get there." "OK, no trouble there." "Nope, you didn't catch that one." "Oh, no! You are in jail over there." Near the end of the front nine, Jeremy asked me, "Coach, who is that guy? He sounds like a CBS commentator." At the turn, I asked this coach to let me work with my player and evaluate his shots. He complied and cut down on some of the noise.

When we got to the 13th hole, a downhill 480 yard, par 5 which can be reached with two good shots, this coach said to Jeremy as he was teeing up, "Davis Love used to play this hole with a driver and a pitching wedge." Grainger's eyes widened and his lips narrow. When we got down the hill to his ball, 30 yard farther than anyone else, he had carried the hill and rolled to a stop 340 yards from the tee. Although he still had 140 to the green, he pulled his sand wedge out, showed it to the "CBS Commentator," and ripped his ball to the back of the green.

That was the last we heard from our commentator that day.

# Team Fires 64 In Sea Trail Captain's Choice

Dave DeFerie, Dick Zinser and Bill Burkart shot 64 to win the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association captain's choice event last Tuesday.

Finishing one shot back in second place was the team of Wayne Ruff, Roger Young and Bob Moore. The tournament was played on the Maples course.

On a match of cards, the team of Marv Peters, Louis Grace, Lew Meyer and Jerry Nappy took third with a 67.

Placing fourth, also with a 67, was the foursome of Doug Mehne, Frank Seaboldt, Dutch Geesey and John Lawrenson.

## Brierwood Ladies

Marge Roach and Peg Sawyer combined for a net 58 and won the top flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament last Tuesday.

The format for the weekly event was the best ball net of twosome. Rose Stadick and Ethel Brown shot 59 to tie the team of Brenda Causey and Ann Causer for second in the top flight.

Two teams also tied for third. Ginger Sugrue and Shirley Groff fired a net 60 to tie the duo of Lois Beato and Doris Dunfee.

The leaders in the second flight included Dot Crean and Mary Ahearn and the twosome of Janice Owens and Bobbye Cordisco with a matching scores of 61.

Runners-up were Marion Johnson and Catherine Clemmons with 62, and Marge Harper and Sally Dye with 67.

In the third flight, Elizabeth Carter and Betty Shreve earned top honors with a net 57. They were followed by Marilyn Athan and Betty Brough with a 64 and Carolyn McCroskey and Emily Laughlin with a 65.

Lou Culp and Jean Lacerenza led the way in the fourth flight with a net 62. Louise Blizzard and Jen Ward placed second with a 64. Toni Kobos and Marion Rockstroh shot 65 to tie Mary Nicol and Dot Frey for third place.

Birdies during the tournament were carded by Roach at the third hole, Sugrue at the fourth and sixth, Causey at the sixth, Stadick and Causer at the seventh and Dunfee at the 16th.

## Carolina Shores Men

Jack Hinte, Bob Wilckens, John Healy and Murray Palmer won the Carolina Shores Men's Golf Association tournament last week on a match of cards.

The foursome shot 141 to beat the team of Mike Spronck, Dick Barreto, Bill Goode and Jack Hanaway.

Playing at Robber's Roost, teams counted the three low nets on the



first six holes, two balls on the next six and one ball on the last six.

Finishing in third place, also with a 141, was the foursome of Dick Stewart, Don Rose, Bill Higgins and Ernie Koepfel.

Placing fourth with a 146 was the team of Ewart Lockyear, Bob Lupean, Joe Gainer and Bob Corbin.

They edged out Ed Garvey, Mike Healy, Dan Alfieri and Mike Abbene on a match of cards.

The group's next event will be May 22 at Carolina Shores.

## Brick Landing

Members of the Brick Landing Ladies Golf Association were limited to just three clubs of their choice and a putter in last week's tournament.

Millie Thomas led the first flight, followed Martha Cullen. Second flight winners were Sue Houston and Pat Taylor.

June Beck chipped in for birdie at the 12th hole and Alice Grossman chipped in for birdie at the 14th.

Other chip-ins were carded by Sue Nelson at the fourth hole and Joan Behrle at the fifth. Pauli Waddle birdied the 17th.

## Brierwood Ninettes

The Brierwood Ninettes competed for low net honors on the odd-numbered holes, even-numbered holes and all nine holes in their tournament last week.

Helene Baker had the nine-hole low net with a score of 28.12. She had pars at the 10th and 13th holes and low putts with 14.

Judy Durham parred the 16th hole and had low net for the even holes with a score of 18.11. She was second in low putts with 15.

Alene Sterner was the top finisher on the odd-numbered holes with a score of 10.86.

## Nifty Niners

Jane Taubel, Gerrie O'Connell, Janet Confer and Dot McAleer fired a 48 to win the Carolina Shores Nifty Niners captain's choice event last Thursday.

Finishing second with a 50 was the foursome of Jean Cardiff, Ginny Bingham, Rita Kielty and Jeanne Shields.

On a match of cards, the team of

Cynthia Swanson, Marilyn Mattutat, Audrey Card and Helen Spinner placed third with a 52.

The tournament was held at The Gauntlet at St. James Plantation. Dot Meader had the longest drive and Gerrie O'Connell was closest to the pin.

## C.S. Travel League

Bob Johnson, Joe Giamalva, Tom Brendgord and Joe Bruzzi shot 116 to lead the first flight in the Carolina Shores Men's Travel League event last Friday.

Teams counted the one best ball on par fives, two balls on par fours and three balls on par threes.

Second place in the top flight went to the foursome of Don Redding, George O'Connell, Don June and John Miller with 119.

Placing third with 119 was the team of John Farley, Bob Wilckens, Percy Blough and Tom Hoskinson.

Leading the second flight with a 119 was the team of Joe McDonough, Al Drager, Tom Keene and Bert Reed.

Finishing one shot back in second place was the foursome of Jim Ahearn, Guy Williams, Lou Christensen and Fred Janzen.

Terry Radcliffe, Tony Basile, Ed Johnson and George Anderson placed third with a score of 122.

## Calabash Veterans

Roy Morfit had 11 points and took first place in the Calabash Veterans Golf Association Stableford tournament last Friday at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Other top finishers included Ed Hennessey with 11, Donald Critz with 10 and Elmer Metz with nine.

Larry Bollinger had seven points, Paul Turan six, Steve Allard and Jose Lucero five each and Plummer Good and Alan Kletchka four each.

Members are still needed for the new golf group, which is scheduled to play this Friday at Brick Landing.

## Brierwood Men

Jim Crosby, Odie Johnson, Nick Lacerenza and Roy Havenga shot 123 to win the top flight in the Brierwood Men's Golf Association tournament Saturday.

Teams counted the two best balls on the front nine and the low gross and low net balls on the back nine.

Top honors in the second flight went to the team of Charlie Stransky, John Cowie, Jim Vermeersch and Jack Akers with a 128. Bill Goldsberry was closest to the pin at the ninth hole.

In other recent action at Brierwood, the foursome of Jim Crosby, Charlie Stransky, Don Redding and Paul Keeley shot 117 to win a two best ball event last Thursday.

On May 11, the team of Don Redding, Jack Akers, Dick Owens and Al Hierman combined for a 109 to win the tournament.

Teams counted one ball on the par fives, two on the par fours and three on the par threes.

Finishing second with 114 was the team of Jim Vermeersch, John Cowie, Jim Bryant and Ned Dye.

## Sea Trail Ladies

Joan Llewellyn birdied the fourth hole and shot gross 83 to lead the first flight in the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

Low net winners in the top flight were Elsie Bolick with 66 and Henri Moulton with 67.

Top finishers in the second flight were Lois Curry with gross 103 and Nin Consalvi with net 70. Runners-

up were Dinah Gore with 104 and Betty Street with 72.

Leading the third flight were Marge Bach with gpps 105 and Lois Pike and Carol Peters with 113. Marie Munn and Betty Dawley tied for low net with 78.

Birdies were carded by Bolick at the second hole, Marge fallop at the sixth and Lois Pike at the 12th.

## Carolina Shores Ladies

The Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association held a Nassau tournament last Thursday at Cypress Bay, with winners named on the front nine, back nine and all 18 holes.

First flight winners were Ann Hierman with a front nine score of 31.5, Flo Warren with 34 on the back nine and Betty Kibblehouse with an overall round of 64.

Gloria Lucas led the second flight with an 18-hole total of net 66. Ruth Radcliffe won the front nine with 33.5 and Edie Grice posted an identical score to win the back nine.

In the third flight, Carol Szarka shot 31 to win the front nine, Eileen Deehan posted the low of 35 on the back and Shirley Vazquez was the overall winner with net 65.

Top finishers in the fourth flight were Doris Rice with a front-nine score of 31, Joan McNamara with 34 on the back nine and Pat Kennedy with an 18-hole round of 69.

Hierman birdied the eighth and 14th holes and tied Kibblehouse for low putts with 24 each.

Chip-ins were carded by Irene Crane and Kibblehouse at the first hole, Thelma Speidel at the 11th and Szarka at the 15th.

## Ruth's Renegades

Ruth's Renegades golf group held a pair of tournaments last week at The Gauntlet and Brierwood.

The Carolina Shores women competed for low gross, low net and low putts at The Gauntlet.

Maxine Gray had low gross with 103 and low net with 66. Arlene Singleton had low putts with 31, followed by Gray and Marlyn Mac-Machlan with 32 each.

Mary Anne Ketcham chipped in for birdie at the fourth hole, and Sue Baer had a chip-in at the first hole.

At Brierwood, golfers counted even-numbered holes and used half of their handicaps. Mary Ahearn finished first with a 33 and had low gross with 98.

Jenny Ward had the low net of 64. Edith Wilckens chipped in at the eighth and Phyllis Harding chipped in at the 18th.

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## AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

# South Golfers Finish Fifth

South Brunswick's golf team ended its best season ever last week with a fifth-place finish at the state championships in Chapel Hill.

The Cougars, who were tied for fourth place after the first round of the two-day event, shot a 329 in last Tuesday's final round at Finley Golf Course.

"We kind of petered out the second day," South Brunswick Coach Gene Doane said. "That 36 holes takes a toll on you. We were feeling it by about the 13th hole on Tuesday."

South Brunswick, making its first trip to the state golf championships, finished 26 shots behind 1-A/2-A champion Ledford.

Top scorers for South Brunswick in the tournament included Brandon Vannoy with rounds of 78 and 79 and Daniel Kopp with 80 and 79.

Other leading scorers were Jeff Howard with 77 and 86, Pat Jones

with 85 and 80 and Andy Broadwell with 78 and 92.

Doane said the performance wasn't bad for a golf team making its first appearance in the state tournament.

"The fortunate thing is we don't lose anybody," Doane said. "I get them all back next year."

South Brunswick won the Waccamaw 2-A Conference golf championship this season as well as the school's first Eastern Regional golf title.

"I feel good for the kids," Doane said. "It would have been quite a nice honor to win the states our first time out. But it was a nice run, and we had some fun."

West Brunswick sophomore Jeremy Grainger fired a 79 and 76 to finish ninth in the individual standings. He had qualified for the state championship by finishing second in the region.

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