

Derrickson Wins Carolina Shores Flag Tournament

Ginnie Derrickson won the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association Flag Day Tournament last Thursday. Golfers played as far as they could on the course using a pre-determined number of strokes computed by adding the handicap to par 72.

Mrs. Derrickson, a 24-handicapper, was permitted 96 strokes and finished the 18 holes in 90 shots.

Runners-up in the annual tournament included second-place finisher Peg Sawyer and Doerthe Needham, the only other golfers to finish 18.

Joan O'Neill placed fourth after using up her 96 strokes and finishing one inch from the 18th hole.

Also finishing on the green at 18 were Jean Krisher, 12 inches from the hole; Helen Morrison, 18 inches; Shirley Vazquez, 4 feet; and Betty Kibblehouse, 5 feet.

Golfers finishing in the ninth through 12th places were near the green. They were Inky Remais, Dolly Mott, Sue Greiner and Ellen Rose.

Sawyer, the tournament runner-up, had low putts for the day with 28 and had a birdie at the 12th hole.

Other birdies were carded by Ann Hierman and Kibblehouse at the sixth hole. Kibblehouse also chipped in at the 16th.

Rose chipped in for birdie at the 16th. Other chip-ins came from Mott at the seventh, Louise Oldman at the 13th, and Derrickson and Jean Palmer at the 15th.

Sea Trail Ladies

Robin Walters and Linda Olsen both shot 53 to tie for first in top flight of the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament last Wednesday.

Golfers dropped scores on their two worst holes in the weekly event, which was played on the Byrd course.

Runners-up in the first flight were Jan Rick, Jean Krisher and Eva Baham with rounds of 56.

Second flight winners included



Heni Moulton with 53 and Nancy Williams with 57. Ann Holman and Shirley Helmke each shot 59 and Betty Street had a 60.

Nin Consalvi led the way in the third flight with a 56. She was followed by Gayle Schadle with 59 and Pam Allen with 66.

Calabash Veterans

Clayton Dyson and Dave Earle combined for a 74 to win the Calabash Veterans Golf Association tournament last Friday at The Pearl Golf Links.

The two-man total net event, played on the east course, was cut back to nine holes due to inclement weather.

Placing second with a 75 was the team of Steve Allard and Paul

Allard. Alan Kletchka and Bill McDavid took third with a 77.

The group will play a captain's choice tournament Friday at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Brierwood Men

Dave Harper, Don Redding, Norm Soucie and Bill Allen shot 22-under-par 130 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association tournament last Thursday.

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

On June 8, Jim Crosby won an individual low net tournament at Brierwood with a round of 69.

Runners-up were Jim Bryant with 71, Bill Goldsberry with 74 and Emile Vrydaugh and Neal McCall with scores of 75.

Ruth's Renegades

Members of Ruth's Renegades competed for low net and low gross honors last week at Carolina Shores and Brierwood.

Irene Terzo won both categories at Carolina Shores, posting a gross 109 and net 73. Blanche Johnson finished second with gross 116 and net 82.

Maxine Gray had the third low gross with 120. On a match of cards

Ilse Bateman edged Wanda Ogden for third low net with an 83.

At Brierwood, Dot Frey led the field of 10 golfers with net 73. Evelyn Wuthrich had the low gross of 113.

Sea Trail Men

Joe Reid, Doug Mehne, Don Lowry and Guy Moulton posted a 121 to win the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament last Tuesday.

Playing the Byrd course, each team counted the one best ball on par fives, two balls on par fours and three balls on par threes.

The foursome of Dick Matheny, Stan Risch, Ken Harris and Winston Stephens took second with a 122.

Placing third, also with 122, was the team of Dave DeFerie, John Walker, Dick Worley and Lowry.

On a match of cards, Herb Holman, Frank Seaboldt, Lynn Slimmer and Mehne took fourth with a 123.

C.S. Travel League

George O'Connell, Bob Matteson and Bob Krivos won the Carolina Shores Men's Travel League tournament last Friday on a match of cards.

The team shot 57 in the nine-hole two best ball event to edge the team

of Bob Johnson, Joe Giamalva, Earl Conley and Henry Michel.

The tournament was played at Ocean Ridge Golf Links. Placing third with 58 was the foursome of Tom Brendgord, John Myers, Ed Johnson and Tony Basile.

On a match of cards, Joe Bruzzi, Bob Roland, Joe McDonough and Jim Kieley took fourth place with a 59.

Finishing fifth, also with 59, was the team of John Farley, Vic Hahn, Fred Janzen and Bob Corbin.

Sea Trail Hosts Par 3 Shoot Out

Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach will host a "Par 3 Shoot Out" next Monday to benefit the Easter Seal Society of North Carolina.

Prizes will be awarded to the golfer who is closest to the pin at each par 3 on the course. All participants will receive a golf towel.

The entry fee is \$10. Registration will be held Monday from 7 a.m. until 9:24 a.m. at the first and 10th tees.

The "Par 3 Shoot Out" at Sea Trail is one of 20 planned this year in North Carolina being sponsored by United Carolina Bank.

The Ocean Isle Beach Branch of UCB is sponsoring the local event, with Ben Burrows and Lisa Smith serving as general chairmen.

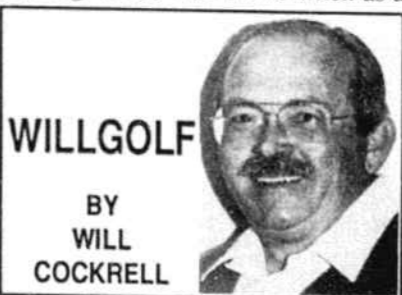
The Easter Seal Society of North Carolina served more than 14,000 people with disabilities last year, according to a news release.

Out of every dollar contributed, 96 cents remained in the state and 86 cents was used for program services.

PSYCHOLOGY OF GOLF Concentration Is Not Easy

All our lives we have had our parents, elders and bosses counsel us on the need to concentrate on what we are doing. There was a time when as a young lieutenant in the Army, that I was convinced that the word concentration was one of the many "buzz-words" that the Army used when they did not know a better way to communicate the need to focus on a task.

I always felt that marksmanship required a fine focus on the integrated act of shooting. You had to practice assuming a firing positioning that is much like setting up in stance and address position in golf. In marksmanship you had to discipline your breathing cycle, focus on the sights and target, and execute the trigger squeeze in a coordinated sequence. Golf is similar in that it places concurrent demands on various parts of the body which must be coordinated and timed accurately to produce the desired results. As in marksmanship, some of these actions must be trained through muscle memory, and others may be refined by following a disciplined pre-swing routine.



WILLGOLF

BY WILL COCKRELL

Focus on the Task

All of these are methods of focusing on the task at hand without causing or creating negative actions or thought. In that sense, the integrated act of concentrating on each and every shot in a round of golf is not as easy as some might imagine. It does require planning and understanding why and how focus on the important elements of the swing can contribute to better, more consistent golf shots.

The PGA Teaching Manual views concentration in terms of visualization, broad focus and narrow focus. I have discussed visualization in the recent past. Broad focus embraces assimilating all pertinent information about the shot at hand, and narrow focus occurs as you are about to make the shot.

Broad Focus

Broad focus views the shot in terms of distance, carry, lie, hazards, wind and any elements of terrain or elevation which may affect any given shot. By any other description, broad focus as described in the manual is a deliberate process of visualizing the necessary shot and analyzing the club to be used.

Some golf instructors/gurus want us to begin our broad focus as soon as we have finished the previous shot. I am not that disciplined. Hogan and a number of other golfers can remain totally focused for an 18-hole round of golf, but I cannot. I need to take a mental break between shots. I want to take a mental break between shots and enjoy my companions and their play.

I am aware that there are some elements of information that we may be able to gather as we proceed from one shot to the next. Often you may be able to observe across the fairway and through the woods a pin location on a hole yet to be played. It is also true that certain subtle changes in elevation on the fairway and on the greens may be more apparent from a greater distance where horizontal reference points are easier to use.

Narrow Focus

Narrow focus begins about the time you are ready to hit the ball. This is when we should fine tune our thought process along positive mental images to the exclusion of negative thoughts and other distractions which may interrupt our concentration.

Once I know the club I want to hit and the desired trajectory to the target, I go through my pre-swing routine, which includes standing behind the ball to select an intermediate target several yards in front of the ball to assist in getting an accurate alignment. Then I set up several inches away from the ball and make a lazy practice swing while visualizing the desired trajectory of the ball.

With that image in mind, I set up to the ball and make my swing. I never get over the ball and run through any sort of checklist as some golfers appear to be going. I think that would make me as tight as an astronaut waiting for the computer to light my fuse.

Find Your Own Comfort Zone

I cannot agree with the beady-eyed, gritted teeth method of concentration. Others would disagree with me. They would point to the hawk eyes of a Nicklaus or a Floyd as they come down the stretch. They are narrowly focused to be sure.

Certainly there is room for individuality in preparing to play a shot. You must find what makes you comfortable and satisfied with your game. It is not always easy, but concentration will help you play better golf.

Program Helps Hook Kids On Golf

BY DOUG RUTTER

Two dozen area youngsters will swing golf clubs for the first time next month when they take part in a national program being offered for the second straight year in Brunswick County.

The "Hook A Kid On Golf" clinic will run July 13-17 at The Gauntlet at St. James Plantation, located off N.C. 211 near Southport.

Local boys and girls ages 8 to 14 will participate in the program, which is administered by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association.

"All of these kids have never played golf and may never get to play golf," said county athletic coordinator Joe Rosselli, who is overseeing the program locally.

Working with various state and local agencies, Rosselli said children will be screened before they are allowed in the program. "We try to get as many underprivileged kids as we can," he said.

Each child is sponsored through a \$100 contribution from the community, with area businesses picking up the tab in most cases.

Rosselli, who ran the program last summer when it was held at Sea Trail Plantation, said a lot of the businesses that sponsored kids last year are doing it again this summer.

For \$100, each child receives a shirt, clubs, bag, visor, balls, accessories, a "Hook A Kid On Golf" membership card and five half-days of instruction from the golf course staff.

"It's a fun week, and with the facilities and staff at The Gauntlet it's going to be great for these kids," Rosselli said.

For the first four days, golf professionals will teach the fundamentals of putting, chipping and driving.

"In four days you can't teach them a lot, but you can teach them the basics of the game," Rosselli said.



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NICHOLAS GREEN practices putting during the "Hook A Kid On Golf" program last summer at Sea Trail Plantation.

The kids will be separated into groups that will rotate around various stations that focus on specific skills.

Also during the week, pros will review rules of golf etiquette such

as replacing divots and raking sand traps.

The golf course staff also will teach kids about the equipment used to maintain the lush fairways and greens.

Doing this gives the kids a better respect for the course and lets them know about some of the career opportunities in golf, Rosselli said.

On the last day, the kids will play in a modified nine-hole tournament with their sponsor or a local senior involved in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation golf league.

Among other things, Rosselli said the program helps teach kids that golf is a sport they can play for a lifetime.

"It's really good for the kids when they're 8 years old and they see people 78 years old playing golf," he said.

The 30 youths who went through the "tee level" program last summer will be invited to The Gauntlet during the week to hit balls at the range.

"This way, they continue to use the clubs they got last year," Rosselli said. Each child gets to keep the fairway wood, 7-iron and putter they receive when they enter the program.

Rosselli said efforts are being made to offer the second part of the three-level development program next year, when two clinics may be held locally.

The national program director, John Engh, plans to visit the local course while the kids are there to see how the program can be improved.

"The way we ran the program last year was very successful," Rosselli said. "It was one of the best in the country."

"Hook A Kid On Golf" is growing in North Carolina and around the nation. Brunswick County was one of just 25 sites nationwide offering the program last year. This year, the clinic will be offered at five or six locations in North Carolina and in 47 other states.

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