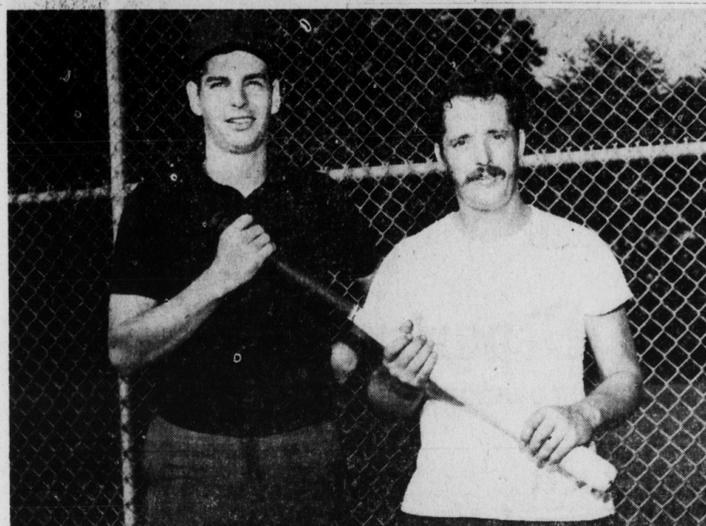




RUNNER-UP AT GROVER — Here's the Plunk Repping softball team which was runner-up in the Midwestern District 23 tournament held recently in Grover. Front row, left to right, are Glenn Perkins, Steve Hill, Dickie Burgess and Pete Burgess. Back row, Jerry Ramsey, Eric Yates, Gerald Carrigan and Larry Bennett. Not present when picture was taken were Rick Hamrick, Bobby Green, Dana Sarvis, Mikee Smith and Lefty Moss. Dickie Burgess, Moss and Ramsey were named to the all-tournament team and Burgess was the tournament's most valuable player.



ALL-TOURNAMENT... MVP — Jerry Ramsey, left, and Dickie Burgess, members of the Plunk Repping softball team won individual honors in the Midwestern District 23 softball tournament at Grover last week. Both were named to the all-tournament team and Burgess was named the event's most valuable player. The Plunk team finished second in the double-elimination event.

Football Team Now Number 36

Twice-A-Day Drills To End On Thursday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers now 35 strong, are drilling twice-a-day getting ready for the Sept. 3 opener against Bessemer City.

Coach Bob Jones says he believes the team will be strong but points out that "every team in our division will be strong." The Mountaineers will complete their two-a-day drills Thursday. They'll dress out Friday morning for pictures and then scrimmage on Friday afternoon.

Coach Jones, beginning his first year as head mentor, says he has been pleased with the team's showing thus far but adds that the Mountaineers still have a lot of work to do. The Mountaineers have 15 lettermen back from last year's team which finished 7-3. Jones has at least one letterman at every position.

David Bolin, a 170-pound senior who played fullback his first two varsity seasons, is calling the shots at quarterback but he is being pushed by junior Chris Johnson. Both are good runners, but Bolin holds a slight edge in passing.

Two returnees, Marshall Logan and Chris Blanton, are running at the linebacks but Ernie White and Frankie Stokes will also see a lot of action there. Logan was second only to Bolin in scoring last year and Stokes was the team's leading ground gainer.

Jones said he was pleased with Blanton's performance in last Friday's scrimmage.

John Grier who has played at guard the past two years, is running at fullback. The 195-pound senior is still playing linebacker on defense. He was All-Southwestern Conference at that position last year. Gerald Owensby, a returning starter, and Bobby Johnson have the edge at offensive ends. Alfred Ash and Dale Russell, two more returnees, have the edge at guard and Mark George and Steve Plunk are alternating at center.

However Jones and his staff have a problem at tackle. It's a pleasant one, though. Four players, John Edgess, Jake Bridges, Joe Bell and Steve Ingle are fighting it out for the two posts and Jones can't see a lot of difference in the four.

Defensively, the lineup will look about the same. Jones and Jerry Valentine and Wendell Hawkins will see a lot of action at ends. Owensby will play in the secondary, along with Logan. Either Bolin or Johnson will open at Safety.

Coach Jones tags South Point as the team to beat in the SWC but points out that Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Shelby and East Rutherford will also be strong.

Kings Mountain's weak spot, it appears, will be the ends. Only Owensby saw any action there last year. The Mountaineers lost three starting ends, either offensive or defensive.

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CITED BY COACH — Halfback Chris Blanton was cited by Coach Bob Jones for his offensive showing in last Friday's scrimmage. A senior letterman, Blanton is being counted on to help shoulder the running load for the Mountaineers this fall.

Meet The Mountaineers

NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	CLASS
Jacob Bridges	T	6' 2"	205	3
Mark George	C	5' 10"	170	3
Jerry Valentine	E	6' 0"	170	3
Tommy Shirley	T	6' 0"	205	3
Dale Russell	G	5' 7"	172	4
David Bolin	QB	5' 9"	170	4
John Bridges	T	6' 0"	192	3
Chris Johnson	QB	6' 0"	172	3
Ronnie Tesseneyer	B	5' 9"	172	3
Rick Falls	E	5' 10"	141	4
Chris Blanton	B	5' 8"	142	4
Bobby Johnson	E	6' 0"	169	4
Gerald Owensby	E	5' 11"	150	4
Steve Plunk	C	5' 10"	160	4
Myron George	B	5' 6"	120	3
Jimmy Amos	G	5' 9 1/2"	160	4
Frank Humphreys	G	5' 9"	148	3
Buck Wheeler	C	5' 8"	128	3
Randy Harrelson	G	5' 8"	145	4
Marcus Floyd	E	5' 10 1/2"	143	3
Mike Shipp	T	5' 11 1/2"	185	2
Freddie Williams	E	5' 9 1/2"	142	3
Clyde Bess, Jr.	FB	6' 0"	166	4
Frankie Stokes	B	5' 6"	155	3
Javon Smith	B	6' 0"	152	3
Harlee Davis	E	5' 9"	145	3
Barry Jackson	T	6' 0"	201	2
Wendell Dawkins	E	6' 0"	175	3
Alfred Ash	G	5' 10"	170	3
John Grier	FB	6' 1"	192	4
Marshall Logan	B	5' 11"	165	4
Joe Bell	T	6' 3"	215	4
Danny Rhodes	FB	5' 9"	155	4
Andy Strickland	G	5' 10"	168	3
Steve Ingle	G	5' 11"	180	4
Fraver White	B	5' 9"	135	3

Men's Bowling League Season Begins Monday

Six five-men teams will make up the 1971-1972 men's bowling league at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

The teams were chosen Monday night at an organizational meeting.

The six teams include: Team number one: Albert Brackett, captain; Roddy Houser, Eddie Jackson, A.J. Tignor and Buck Vincent.

Team number two: John Dilling, captain; Harold Barber, Gerald Higgs, Terry Higgs, and Gene Stone.

Team number three: Mull Ramsey, captain; Joe Beam, Richard Bridges, Gene Moose and Lee Norville.

Team number four: Ronnie Culbertson, captain; Wilfred Bowen, Bud Wells, Ronnie Scruggs and Furman Wilson.

Team number five: Ronnie Blanton, captain; Bob Broome, Bill Mullinax, Steve Rathbone and Paul Ware.

Team number six: Bob Herndon, Randy Culbertson, Robert Ramsey, A. K. Walker and Boyce Wells.

Any businesses interested in sponsoring a team are asked to contact Steve Rathbone at 739-1721.

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Game Hunters Need License

Hunters who plan to hunt big game—deer, bear, wild boar or wild turkeys—anywhere in North Carolina during the 1971-1972 hunting season will need a \$1.75 Special Big Game License in addition to any other required licenses or permits.

These special Big Game Licenses are required both on and off in N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission's managed Game Lands.

Hunters who plan to hunt on the Wildlife Commission's Game Lands either for small or big game will also need one of the new \$6 season Game Land Use Permits. Attached to the Game Land Use Permit are big game tags. These tags do not take the place of the Special Big Game License.

Hunters who plan to hunt on the Game Lands are cautioned to be sure they have both a valid Special Big Game License (\$1.75) and a valid season Game Land Use Permit with attached big game tags (\$6.00).

The tags which are furnished with the Game Land Use Permit are designed only to help Wildlife Commission personnel check kills and more efficiently manage big game populations on Game Lands.

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Dove Hunting Seasons And Limits Are Set

The homes of many of North Carolina's hunters have taken on some rather strange aromas in recent days.

In the evenings the master of the house — unless the wife wears the pants — has secreted himself in his den, and the faint smell of bananas, old cheese and moldy clothes is being wafted under the door jamb. Lumps of dry dirt have appeared on the rugs and stray feathers can be found on the sofa. Over all this hangs the smell of damp dogs.

There is, however, a simple explanation. The dove hunting season is drawing nigh.

Unless you are a hunter, you will not understand that the scent of slightly ripe bananas is really the smell of Hoxys No. 9, a gun solvent commonly used to clean fowling pieces. The moldy smell obviously comes from the hunting clothes that have been packed up for the summer and the scent of decayed cheese is explained by the fact that an ancient piece of this stuff was finally located in one of the pigeon's digestive.

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The woodcock season will open December 11 and close February 12 with a daily bag of five birds permitted and a possession limit of 10. The season on Wilson's snipe opens November 20 and closes on January 22 with a daily bag of 8 and a possession limit of 16.

The season on king and clapper rails will open September 1 and close November 9 with a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30, while the season on sora and Virginia rails is the same—from September 1 through November 9—and the daily bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails is 25.

Waterfowl seasons — ducks and geese — have not yet been set, but should be announced soon.

Incidentally, the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission's 1971-1972 Hunting and Trapping Regulations have now been published, and you can pick up a copy when you buy your license.

For those who have not yet checked, the squirrel season this year opens October 11 and lasts through January 31. There are two local exceptions on squirrels in part of Dare County and Pender County. Check your regulations if you hunt in these areas.

The rabbit season opens November 20 and lasts through February 12 this year, while the quail season will open November 20 and last through February 29.

Match Play Tournament Is Set At Pinehurst

What makes a great golf tournament? Why have some events, such as the Masters, grown in stature and prominence year after year while others, carrying larger purses have fallen to the wayside? What is that inexplicable force that triggers excitement in play and spectator alike for some tournaments, while others fail to generate more than passing interest?

Is it the course? Or the field? Maybe it's public sentiment... or the prestige linked with various contests.

The answer is not easy to come by. Tournament promoters have been asking themselves these same questions for years... and they still don't have a surefire formula which guarantees success. They do know, however, that every successful tournament must have a combination of ingredients—such as a tough course, a highly competitive field and a sizable purse—if it is to have any chance of ever becoming great or even surviving.

That being the case, the golf world is just weeks away from the birth of what could be one of the truly great golf tournaments on the professional tour—the U. S. Professional Match Play Championship. The tournament will be August 24-29 at Pinehurst.

If the revival of match play isn't unique enough to whet your golfing appetite, think about some of the other features the tournament will offer:

A field of champions. The 64 contestants will be winners of major TED-sanctioned tournaments in the twelve months prior to the event, as well as the current British Open champ and other golf greats chosen on a basis of tournament performance from January 1, 1971, through the tournament immediately preceding the championship.

A purse of \$200,000, with \$35,000 to the winner, \$17,500 to the runner-up, with all players receiving graduated purses depending on the number of rounds they play. First-round losers receive \$1,250.

A \$30,000 satellite tournament at Kiamesha Lake, New York, and two pro-ams. These four tournaments—the championship, the satellite, and the two pro-ams—will have a grand total of \$263,000 in prize money making it the richest week it golf during the year.

But the tournament has more going for it than the purse and field. The chosen site—Pinehurst North Carolina—could be the single most important ingredient in making this one of the truly great tournaments.

Pinehurst, located in the middle of North Carolina Sandhills area, is the heart of one of the greatest golfing complexes in the world. In addition to the five courses which are part of Pinehurst, Inc., there are eleven other alluringly beautiful, yet treacherously competitive lawns in a six-mile radius.

This golfing mecca, referred to by many as Golfland, U. S. A., came into being back in 1897, just two years after James W. Tufts founded the resort village of Pinehurst. Not long afterwards, Tufts called on the services of Donald Ross, a young man fresh from Scotland, to come down to organize golf. He remained 49 years and designed golf courses all over the Sandhills during that time. The first four at Pinehurst have been called "The St. Andrews of America."

Tournament golf came to the area shortly afterwards, and many of the events spotlighted national attention on this little narrow stretch of sand and greens in the Tar Heel State.

After World War II, the most commercialized and publicized tournaments were gradually discontinued in the Pinehurst-Southern Pines area, with more emphasis being placed on amateur and family play. The North-South Open championship played there 49 years, and brought to the area such big names as Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, and Cary Middlecoff. It was dropped in 1951, but there is again talk of its revival.

Recently, with the increased popularity in professional tournament golf, those connected with the game turned their heads toward Pinehurst. It was a natural site for a tournament of national prominence, but promoters were of opinion it had to be different.

Revival of match play, they said, might be the thing. It apparently was, for it drew immediate support and praise from

some of the giants of the game such as Palmer and Nicklaus. The tournament is unique in another respect. It will be played over a five-day period instead of the customary four days and 72 holes. The golfers will battle head-to-head in 18-hole stroke play matches, with the winner determined by low score.

Five rounds of elimination matches will be played the first four days of the championship, leaving two survivors for the final round. The defeated semifinalists also will play a match the final day to determine the third-place money winner.

In each match, if the two golfers are tied at the end of 18 holes, they will play sudden-death until a winner is determined.

The 6,973-yard CCNC course plays to par 72. Opened in 1933, it features yawning bunkers and huge bent-grass greens. Water comes into play on several holes.

Milton Harrington, chief executive officer of the sponsoring Liggett and Myers Corporation, is a native Tar Heel and avid golfer, not necessarily in that order. It is largely through his efforts that this tournament reached the drawing boards and then became a reality. He thinks it will be one of the biggest in time. "We think it will rank with the Open, the Masters, PGA, and

British Open in time," he said. "It has everything we can think of at the moment, and anything we can't think of now, we'll add if it comes up later."

Harrington said he would like to see this contest become "North Carolina's own." He explained that it was being sponsored by North Carolina firms and proceeds would go to North Carolina—such as the proposed State Zoo.

"I want every Tar Heel to feel a closeness to it," said Harrington, "and I'll do everything I can to make them feel close."

There you have it... the ingredients for the tournament. Do you think it will become one of the great ones?



CHURCH LEAGUE CHAMPS — Here's Temple artist the regular season champion in the KM Church Softball League. First row, left to right, Gary Oliver, Jerry Barrett, Tommy Barrett, Max Brooks, Bill Childers and Randy Oliver. Second row, Ken Towery, Gary Patterson, Donnie Mace, C. B. Green, Raeford White, Bill McMurray and Rev. Frank Shirley.

Film Series To Be Shown

BOILIN SPRINGS. — "Civilization," the renowned color film series on the cultural life of Western man, written and narrated by art historian Kenneth Clark, will be shown at Gardner-Webb college building Auditorium on the campus of the college.

The series includes 13 films each 50 minutes long. There will be two showings of each film. The first will be at 6:45 on each showing date for the college's students and the second will be at 8 o'clock for the general public. There will be no charge for the showings.

The entire list of showing dates is: September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23, September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, November 4, November 11, November 18, December 2 and December 9. In all cases except one the student showing will be at 6:45 and the general public showing will be at 8 o'clock. The exception is September 16 when the student showing will be at 9 o'clock instead of 6:45. The general public showing will be at 8 o'clock.

The use of the films has been made possible by matching grants totaling \$281,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from Xerox Corporation. The films are on loan free of charge from the National Gallery of Art in Washington and will be shown in 40 college campuses in 1971-1972.

In the series Clark traces the story of Western civilization through the visual arts, music, literature and political history, from the fall of the Roman Empire through the 20th century.



BIG HAUL — Kings Mountain fishermen are shown above with some of the 367 pounds of crappies and rock bass they caught over the weekend at Santee Cooper Reservoir. From left are Charles Dover, Gene Sellers (guide), Ervin Eick, Morris Putnam and Henry Lewis.