

Spicer, Putnam win golf tournament

Eric Spicer and Gerald Putnam shot a 64-67-131 to win the Member-Member Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

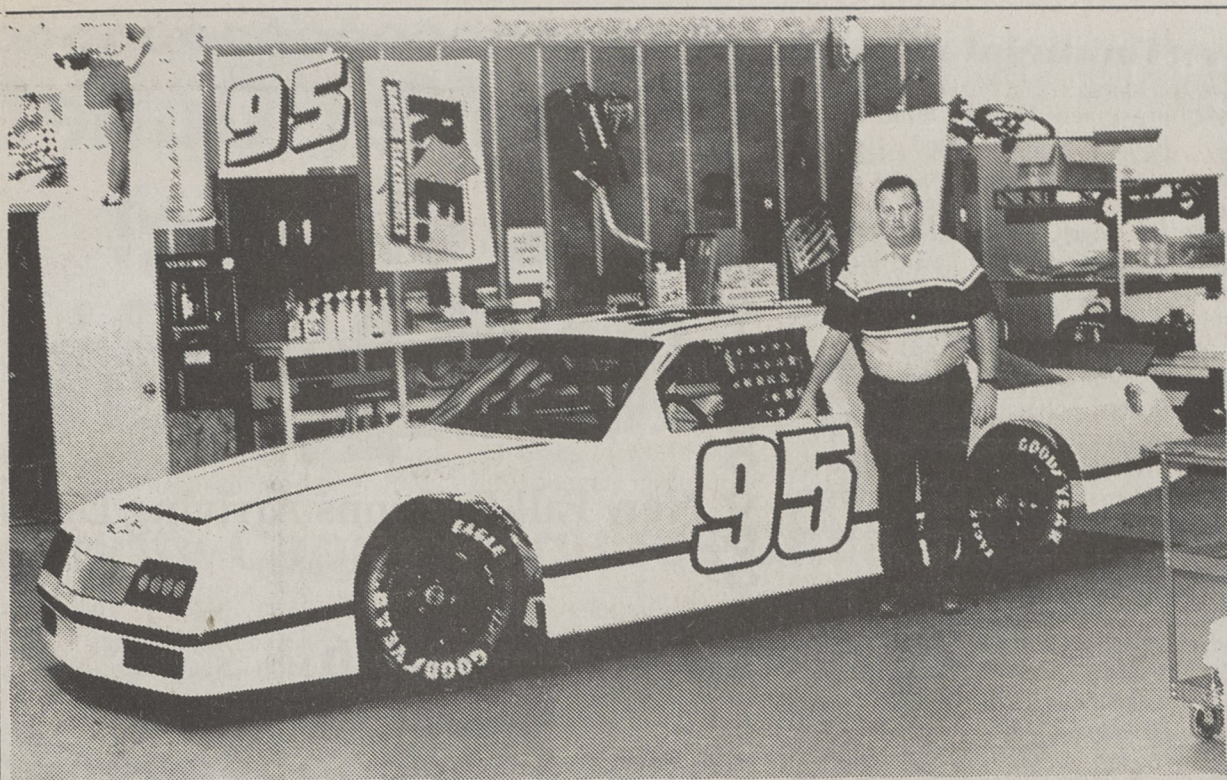
They won by four shots over Bob Jones and Ken Nantz, who shot 68-67-135. Scott Summitt and Jerry Broadwell were third with a 68-71-139.

Ronnie Wilson and Robert Scism won the first flight in a playoff over Ragan Harper and Geep Howard. Wilson and Scism shot 70-72-142 and Harper and Howard shot 74-68-142. Dennis Hicks and Toney Wells were third with a 71-74-145.

Jim Lybrand and Guy Trout won a playoff over Tom Thomas and Jerry Ross to win the second flight. Lybrand and Trout shot 78-74-152 and Thomas and Ross shot 76-76-152. Pete Lovall and Jack Acheson

were third with a 76-80-156. Nicki Pilgrim and Becky Johnson won the ladies handicap division with a 58-65-123. Peggy

Jackson and Sandy Itters were second with a 66-59-125, and Cathy Summitt and Susan Cloninger were third with a 60-68-128.



Steve Clark stands beside his #95 Monte Carlo which he hopes to drive across the finish line before anyone else in next week's Sportsman races at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Cleveland County's Steve Clark to compete in Charlotte races

By GARY STEWART
Editor of the Herald

Cleveland County race fans attending next week's time trials and special races being held in conjunction with the Mello Yello 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway will have the opportunity to pull for a hometown driver in the NASCAR Sportsman races.

Steve Clark of Shelby, who owns and operates Southern Imports in Grover, will be competing for the \$3,000 first place money in the Sportsman races on Wednesday night and Saturday morning.

Clark - not by choice - is one of the best kept secrets of area racing. His huge race team tractor-trailer and his 1987 Monte Carlo which was once owned by Hendrick Racing and driven by Darrell Waltrip often sit outside his auto salvage business on Long Branch Road. But since that isn't one of the most heavily traveled roads in the county, and because he hasn't received a lot of publicity during his career and does not have a sponsor to promote him, he is virtually unknown in racing circles.

But Clark has steadily improved since leaving dirt track racing for the NASCAR Sportsman division, and he has his sights set on making the big time some day. He has had 11th place finishes at Charlotte and Pocono, his latest being on the weekend of The Winston in Charlotte earlier this year.

Clark says a driver has to love the sport to compete in the Sportsman division without a sponsor. He estimates that it costs \$6,000 to run a race and the winner's purse is only \$3,000.

"This is just like playing college ball," says the 34-year-old father of five. "You hope that someday you'll get a shot at the big time."

Clark started his racing career at the age of 15 by racing motorcycles. He began racing Enduros at several area tracks in 1985, and moved to Super Stock in

1987. This is his fourth year on the NASCAR Sportsman circuit and he says he will finish out this year and next in that division, and then give the Winston Cup Series a shot. Drivers like Jeff and Ward Burton and Dennis Setzer have made the move successfully in recent years.

"I've been in the car business ever since I was in high school," he noted. "I've loved racing all my life. I went to a few races in Charlotte when I was a kid and I've just always wanted to do it."

Clark qualified seventh for the Winston Sportsman race in Charlotte, and he was running sixth in the race before losing a valve. Despite running on seven cylinders, he still finished 15th.

"We've got a new engine program put together, and I feel like we'll run a lot better this time," he says. "Crew Chief Mike Huss of Lincolnton and a lot of others have worked hard to get the car ready for these races."

Qualifying for the Wednesday night race will be held Tuesday, and qualifying for the Saturday morning race will be on Thursday. Both races will be televised live on SportsSouth.

"Anyone who hasn't been to this type of race in a while will really be impressed," said Clark. "The past four years it has really gotten competitive. Over 90 cars tried to qualify for the May race, and there are usually 40 in the field. Over 30 of them will be racing within four to five miles per hour of each other. The field is not spread out like it used to be."

Clark said night racing at Charlotte is impressive. The Winston in May drew a record 180,000 people - the most to ever watch a sporting event.

"For us, racing is a family affair," he says. "My wife, Susan, and children Jennifer, Kyle, Tyler, Lauren and Haley attend every race. This is our trips to the mountains and vacations."



GIFT TO SHRINERS - Ray McKenney of McKenney Chevrolet presents the proceeds of the recent McKenney Family Golf Classic to the Shriners Hospitals and Burn Centers. Left to right are Joe Wallace, president of White Plains Shrine Club, McKenney, Potentate Tom Price and Divan Bill Vandresser of Oasis Temple, Woodbridge golf pro Gene Thompson, and Carl Champion, who coordinated the tournament.

Golf tournament to benefit the MDA

The first annual Handy Pantry Citgo/MDA Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Monday, October 10 at Cramer Mountain Country Club.

The event will be hosted by Acme Petroleum and Fuel Company, Handy Pantry Food Stores and Citgo Petroleum Corporation. The money raised will buy wheelchairs and provide physical, speech, occupational and respiratory therapy, a free clinic and a week long summer camp for hundreds of people in the Southern Piedmont who are affected by neuromuscular diseases.

Entry fee is \$150 per person and includes golf cart, green fee, golf tees, lunch, certificate, hospitality cart, drinks and more.

Registration is at 11 a.m. There

will be a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. For more information, contact the MDA in Charlotte (704/567-2912) or Debbie Armstrong in Gastonia (704/867-7281).

Trise Watson wins \$100 football prize

Trise Watson of Kings Mountain predicted 18 of 20 winners to win the \$100 prize in last week's Herald football contest.

Watson only missed Mississippi State's victory over Tennessee and Washington's victory over Miami.

The third contest is inside today's Herald. Pick the most winners and turn your entry into the Kings Mountain Herald by Friday at 4 p.m. and you will be the next winner. Entries may be brought to the Herald on East King Street or mailed to Football Contest, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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