

Putting Around ■ NEWS BRIEFS

Frolic on the fairway

Sixteen teams teed off at the Kings Mountain Country Club Thursday afternoon in the Rotary tournament and I was somewhere among them. I came out to the Country Club a little after 1 p.m. on Thursday to take a few photographs of the tournament. It was my first time ever being out on a golf course. I had played croquet, as a child, and even into my adulthood I've played my fair share of miniature golf, but never the game of golf itself.

My adventure began at the Pro Shop, where I was handed a key to a golf cart. I didn't tell the nice gentlemen in the shop that I had never actually driven a cart by myself. But, hey, I know how to drive a car so I figured it would be no sweat...and it was until I tried to start up the "engine".

I put the key in the ignition, turned it to "on"...no sound. I turned it "off", took the key out, put it back in, and turned it "on" again...nothing. I took the key out, flipped it over, put it back in, turned it "on"...still nothing.

I turned it "off" and "on" a few more times. The cart was silent. "Oh great, they've given me a dud," I thought to myself. I sat there and pondered what to do. I really

wanted to drive myself, but if I went back in the shop and asked them "how do you turn this thing on?" the jig would have been up. My "experience" driving golf carts would have definitely been doubted.

I turned the key over a few more times and then I heard a man's voice ask, "Can I help you?"

"Umm," I laughed, "how do you turn this thing on, again? I forget."

The kind gentleman put the key in, turned it "on" and told me to simply press "go". He also gave me a quick tutorial on how to reverse and how to put the parking brake on - things I also really needed to know.

And then I was off. I, eventually, laughed to myself when I remembered that this was an electric cart not the internal-combustion engine I drive every day.

The first four-man team I ran across...purely coincidence...was the mayor's. They had just finished up one hole and were moving on to the next. I told them I would follow them to the next one and take pictures of them there. Nothing doing.

Once I got the cart going again, I lost my target. Which way did they go? And, are these cart paths supposed to be one-way? If so, I might be in trou-



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ble.

But in my aimless wanderings through the golf course, which soon became a maze, I stumbled upon other teams to capture.

Jim Champion's team was next. "Do you mind if I take some pictures of you playing?" I asked. No problem, they replied. "Okay, let me get an action shot of you guys slicing the ball," I said, with gusto.

The comment provoked a few quizzical looks. (As I later relayed what had happened to Ron back at the office, he explained that "slicing the ball" is not a good thing. - Strike one.)

The gentlemen and ladies on the course Thursday afternoon were very kind to let me disrupt their silent concentration to snap photos of them while they played. And one of them was kinder still to save a damsel, who could have ended up in distress. Robert Eng, with his valiant shoe, deflected an errant golf ball that ricocheted my way.

Of course, the ball had bounced off of the cart I had haphazardly parked. "Whew!" Flag on the play.

After I had taken a few dozen pictures I decided to see where the path took me...and just drove. I was already lost, might as well explore. I was amazed at the size of the course and delighted in finding new paths...until none of them seemed to lead back to where I'd come from.

Then I saw a sign pointing to the 18th hole. My logic was the 18th hole is the last hole so surely it should lead me back to the first one. But when I asked a group of guys putting on the green of what I thought was the 18th hole if this was their last one, they said no, it was their sixth. Yikes! But I found my way back and with a little disappointment I parked the cart at the Pro Shop and ended my adventure. I loved driving that cart and I never did catch up with the mayor - maybe he's tired of being in the paper.

I still don't know what a bogey or a birdie (other than one with feathers) or even what a mulligan is, although I did hear that last one quite a few times on the course. But I do know that there is more to golf than I first thought. Thanks guys!

Bethware Awards Day Today

Bethware Elementary School held its traditional Parade/4th nine weeks awards K-4 Tuesday. End of the year Awards Day for K-2 is at 9:45 a.m. and for grades 3-4 at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the gymnasium. Parents are invited.

Blood Drive

A Community Blood Center of the Carolinas blood drive is scheduled for 2-6 p.m. June 10, at the Sterling House, 1425 E. Main St., Shelby. It is open to the public.

Carroll Family Reunion

Descendants of William Henderson Carroll will hold their annual reunion on Sunday, June 13, at Antioch Baptist Church Fellowship Hall near Blacksburg, SC. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. In addition to the business meeting, there will be a short program on "Carroll War Heroes," a family photograph and a drawing for door prizes. For more information call 864-9292 or 803-222-9721.

KMLT to Hold Auditions

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will hold auditions on Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center for the comedy, "Play On."

"Play On" is a comedy that centers around a community theatre group desperately trying to put on the play "Murder Most Foul" amid the author's constant revising of plot and script continuing right up to the opening night when everything that can go wrong does.

Dan Treharne will direct the play which has parts for seven women and three men with ages ranging from early 20s to mid-50s.

Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Herald, "Play On" will open August 13 with additional performances set for August 1, 15, 20 and 21.

Good Neighbor Poker Run

The third annual Good Neighbor benefit poker run will begin June 26 at Blue Crew MC Clubhouse, 902 West Cabaniss Road, Shelby, with the first bike out at 10 a.m. and the last bike out at 1 p.m. All proceeds go to Cleveland County families. Call 704-300-7037 or 704-284-4555 for more information.

Patterson Reunion Set

Descendants of Ira Hardin Patterson will have a reunion at Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain Sunday, June 27, at 1 p.m. Call Dennis Patterson at 704-860-4787 for more information. Everyone welcome.

Hospice Events

Hospice of Cleveland County has planned the following activities and events to be held during the month of June:

Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7 - "Reflections" - grief support group will meet for six weeks at the new Kings Mountain Hospice House, 321 Kings Mountain Blvd., 10:30 a.m.-noon. Free and open to those who've lost a loved one. Call 704-487-4677, ext. 166.

Thursday, June 17 - Memory Bear Workshop - Two sessions will be held at the Kings Mountain Hospice House, 321 Kings Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to make a teddy bear out of a loved one's shirt or other article of clothing; children welcome if accompanied by an adult.

June 21, 22, 23, 24 - Hospice Training Class - To be held at the Kings Mountain Hospice House, 321 Kings Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m.-noon. Hospice training open to anyone interested in learning more about hospice care and the services provided to the community. Call Krista Haynes, at 704-487-4677, ext. 111.

Sunday, June 27 - Kings Mountain Hospice House Ribbon Cutting and Open House - come take a tour of the new facility from 2-4 p.m., 321 Kings Mountain Blvd.

For more events, visit www.hospicecares.cc

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