

South course a beast; north 18 a parking lot?

By BOB GROSS

The 1979 Professional Golfer's Association Championship tournament will be held July 30 through Aug. 5 at Oakland Hills Country Club's storied South Course.

The South Course has been the site of the 1924, 1927, 1951 and 1961 U.S. Opens. More recently, it was the site of the 1972 PGA tournament.

The South Course used to be listed in Golf Digest as one of the top 10 courses

in the United States. The 16th hole of the South Course was chosen by Sports Illustrated in 1972 as one of the best 18 in the country. In 1951, after the course was redesigned by Robert Trent Jones, it was dubbed "The Beast" by Open winner Ben Hogan. In 1972, the pros called it "The Survival Course."

The South Course has received its share of notoriety, and rightly so, but what about the "other course" of Oakland Hills?

The club's North Course will be used

during the PGA tournament, as it was in 1972, for a parking lot.

The North Course was built in 1919, and in its first incarnation was a public golf course owned by Oakland Hills. It was called North Hills then and went by that name until 1969. In that year, the clubhouse was torn down, a bridge was built over Maple Road to connect the courses, and it was turned into a private golf course.

It was also redesigned in the same year by none other than Robert Trent

Jones, the man responsible for "The Best" across the street.

The North Course, in its present life, is a relatively short par-70. According to Ted Woehrlie, golf course superintendent at Oakland Hills, the course from the back tees is every bit as difficult as its sister course.

Jones designed the course with tight targets and plenty of bunkers. In addition, there is one water hole on the front nine, and four water holes — the

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th — on the back nine.

Woehrlie said that there is room for 14,000 cars on the North Course, but he expects only 10,000 cars to park there on any given day.

Such a crush of cars will, said Woehrlie, "trample the grass down... after a couple of rains it turns green again."

If it rains during the tournament, "you get ruts," said Woehrlie. It rained

in 1972 during the tournament and it was several weeks before the course was put back into playable condition.

"Either way," said Woehrlie, "it's going to look bad. It's a sacrifice you have to make."

Not all of the members at Oakland Hills are pleased about making the sacrifice. Woehrlie said, "A lot of the members don't see the merit of using the North Course for parking, but it sure makes a nice tournament when you can."

Racquetball tourney has area players

Three Observer-area residents have advanced to the finals of the National Court Clubs Amateur Racquetball Championships next month in Southfield.

The three — Gerald Green, from Westland, and Livonians Steve Jezorski and Charles Akay — qualified for the national finals by winning local class qualifying matches.

Green came from behind to defeat Matt Richardson, from Livonia, 21-21, 21-20 and 11-5, to claim the Class A championship. Eight contestants from the Livonia, Southfield and Taylor Racquetball Clubs participated in that class.

Jezorski also needed a comeback to prevail in the Livonia Racquetball Class B finale. He edged Northville's Chris Kindred, 11-21, 21-10 and 11-5. Nine entered that competition.

Akay defeated Tom Voyles, from Livonia, in consecutive games, 21-3 and 21-8, in the Novice Class at Livonia Racquetball. Twenty competed for that title.

Southfield Racquetball will host the national finals Aug. 17-19. The tourney was open to amateur players. Those with no previous experience in large tournaments competed in the Novice Class, those with moderate experience in Class B and those with much proficiency and experience in Class A.

Several other players from the Observer & Eccentric area also advanced to the finals at the local club level before being eliminated.

Kevin Hayes, from Redford, gave Pontiac's Richard Erickson a battle before losing in a tie-breaker, 6-21, 21-3 and 11-5. Those two duelled in the Class B title match at Southfield Racquetball.

Lynn Bernadette, a Farmington Hills resident, was measured by Karen Miller, from Walled Lake, in the Women's Class A championship match at Southfield, 21-18 and 21-16.

Troy's Pat Boumans took a 21-19 and 21-13 loss from Joe Franklin, from Detroit, in the Women's Class B title dual at Southfield.

Woodbrooke wins meet

Woodbrooke Hills Swim Club opened its Northwest Suburban Swim League home dual meet season with a convincing 306-259 victory over Cranbrook Swim Club Thursday night.

Woodbrooke, located in Farmington Hills, collected its second win of the season in three meets against the Southfield-based Cranbrook club.

Nine double-winners paced the Woodbrooke victory. Liz Worthen won twice in the 7 & 8-year-old division, capturing the 25-meter freestyle and the 25-meter backstroke.

For the 9 & 10-year-olds, Michael Tunney was a double-winner for the third straight week, taking the 50-meter freestyle (34.4) and the 50-meter butterfly (39.6). For the girls, Jennifer Rowe splashed to wins in the 50-meter backstroke (43.4) and the 50-meter freestyle (38.7).

In the 11 & 12 age group, four Woodbrooke swimmers combined to win eight of the 10 individual events. Colleen Carey and Helen Sue Howard each won two events for the girls. Carey taking the 50-meter freestyle (32.7) and the 50-meter backstroke (37.6), while Howard won the 100-meter individual

medley and the 50-meter butterfly.

For the boys, Glenn Spence captured the 50-meter backstroke (41.9) and the 50-meter butterfly (40.0), and Chris Leslie won both the 100-meter individual medley (1:21.0) and the 50-meter butterfly (36.9).

Jill Andries paced the 13 & 14-year-olds with victories in the 100-meter individual medley (1:17.5) and the 50-meter backstroke (38.5). It was the second week in a row Andries was a double winner.

IN THE 15-17 age bracket, Mary Dunigan broke her own record in winning the 100-meter freestyle (1:08.0) and also took the 50-meter backstroke (40.4).

In another NSL dual meet, Farmington Glen had a rough time as it dropped its second meet in a row, losing a tough one to Forest Hills of Birmingham, 291-276, Thursday night.

Only four Glen swimmers managed to win two events apiece. For the 11 & 12-year-olds, Mike Pelon took both the 50-meter backstroke (41.4) and the 100-meter individual medley (1:24.0). Kim Pogue won twice for the girls in the 13 & 14 age category, taking the 50-

meter freestyle (30.3) and the 50-meter butterfly (33.7), while Alec Campbell won twice for the boys, capturing the 50-meter backstroke (34.0) and the 100-meter individual medley (1:09.9).

Mike Larson was the team's only other double winner, as he won the 15-17-year-old 100-meter individual medley (1:09.9) and the 50-meter backstroke (35.2).

Forest Hills also had four double-winners, with two coming in the 7 & 8 age bracket. Stacy Galla won twice for the girls, taking the 25-meter backstroke (22.7) and the 25-meter freestyle (18.3), while Jeff Wiseman took two for the boys, winning the 25-meter freestyle (17.9) and the 25-meter backstroke (21.84).

In the 13 & 14 age division, Rich Kramer won the boys' 50-meter butterfly (31.45) and the 50-meter freestyle (28.5). Kris Deighan was the teams' last double-winner, as he won both the boys' 50-meter butterfly (30.3) and the 100-meter freestyle (1:01.4).

Glen will be at Woodside Swim Club in Birmingham, and Woodbrooke will entertain Village Swim Club of Southfield on Thursday. Both meets will begin at 6:30 p.m.



PGA parking lot

The North Course of Oakland Hills as seen from the first tee. (Staff photo by Dick Kelley)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FARMINGTON

The Planning Commission of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 1979, in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, to hear all interested persons on the rezoning of a parcel of property located at 23105 Power Road from R-1, One Family Residential to R-1.0, One Family Office, proposed by Charles D. Hannan, owner. (Parcel Identification No. 23-27-335-014).

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views at the above time and place.

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NEDRA VIANE,
City Clerk

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3:30 P.M., Friday, July 13, 1979

ISSUE OF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Drawings and specifications may be obtained by calling the offices of Ralls-Hamill Architects, phone number 427-2870.

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Deposits will be refunded in full, providing the drawings and specifications, including any addenda, are returned in good condition within fifteen (15) days after the bid opening.

LOCATION OF PLANS: Drawings and specifications will be on file for bidding reference at the Architect's office, Dodge Reports and Builders & Traders.

RIGHTS OF THE OWNER: The Owner reserved the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

MS. EMMA MAKINEN
School Board Secretary

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In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

While Detroit lost its bid for the National Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, the bowlers who helped to make Detroit the capital of the bowling world are not going to be ignored.

According to word from the American Bowling Congress, the names of all the persons in the various bowling halls of fame around the country will be listed in a special section of the building.

This means that the names of all the bowlers now in the Detroit Hall of Fame will have a special place, especially since the Detroit Hall was the first in the country aside from the ABC in Milwaukee.

At the moment, there are 90 members in the Detroit Hall on the list are the greatest of long ago who were the best of the nation when teams compet-

ed for the national championship and the individual title was held by Joe Scribner, the first three-step bowler of national prominence.

ANOTHER HONOR has come to Elvira Toepfer, one of the stars of yesterday who is still in bowling with the Jaco team who is the all-star leagues.

She has been named the first alternate on the women's team that will compete in the second annual Greatest of the Great tourney in Las Vegas this fall. Elvira is a five-time Queen of the Detroit bowlers.

RON EYERS caused quite a bit of excitement at the other night in the Thursday mixed league at the Super Bowl.

Although he carries a 202 average he went way up in the clouds with games

of 235, 269 and 202 for a 721 — a new mark for the summer.

ANOTHER EXPERIMENT is going on at Westland Bowl.

Closed for the past two weeks for resurfacing of the lanes, it has opened with an unusual bowling school. It is unusual because you can attend classes any time three bowlers get together, and the classes will be run on an hourly basis.

The charge for the school is three dollars for three hours and there will be three bowlers assigned to each lane. The top bowlers in the all-star leagues are being invited to serve as instructors.

ANSWERING THE MAIL: The Detroit all-star men's league that now

bowls as the Bonanza loop, was originated in 1935 and was sponsored by the now defunct Detroit Times.

It was organized to attract attention to the game and hopefully to make it a "specialty" game. When the Detroit Times left the scene, it became the Detroit All-Star league that traveled every Tuesday night. Now it bowls each Tuesday at Thunderbolt in Allen Park.

The Bowlerettes, first of the women's all-star loops, started bowling at Wurm's at Gratiot Avenue and East Grand Boulevard when Chuck Woods was the manager.

JEAN ESSA moved to center stage in the ladies league at the Super Bowl when she fired a 633 series to top her women rivals. It was one of her best series of the season.

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