"Cartis aren't allowed by the USGA, and that's a definite factor in this tournament," Littler said. This isn't an easy course to walk.
"I'm used to a certain pace, so I don't like carts myself," said Littler, the 1961 U.S. Open champion at Oak-land Hills, whose litustrous golf career lost only a minimum of momentum due to a bout with cancer in 1972. Littler is prepared, however, for the future.

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"Age takes its foll," he said. "You can partially combat it by exercising and by swinging heavy cluis to keep the muscles conditioned. But you can't totally keep it from happening.

The body's not as supple, the swing is shortened — you lose distance, your nerves go and your concentration isn't as intense. They all add up."

SNEAD, A MEMBER of the PGA SNEAD, A MEMBER of the PGA GOH Hall of Fame and the World GOH Hall of Fame, said, "Your not sup-posed to be playing with the seniors until you're 55. But I know why the USGA lowered it to 50 — so guys like Arnold Palmer and Gene Littler can

play."
But Snead is far from being bitter.
"If you're 50 to 62 it's OK to be
playing — I shouldn't be on the tour
in the first place. I don't think or put as well as I used to, and my nerves are shorter.

"You get a little exhausted in heat like this and a little bit more exhausted when you play bad.
"But my hobbies are hunting and fishing, and to get the money to do the state of the state

CASPER SAID the CFA's restric tion on the use of carts kept Julius Boros, among others, out of the tour-nament. And he said that "I've felt for some time that the USGA should hon-

nament. And he said that "I ve lett for some time that the USCA should honor their past champions by allowing lem to play in the Cpen.
"But they have reasons for rules that you can? condemn or condome," he said.
Overall though, Casper couldn't have a more optimistic outlook on golf — or life in general. You might say he's found the fountain of youth. "Just a couple of days ago, I was a seasoned veteran. Now 'I'm a rookle," he said in reference to his recent 50th birthday — his ticket of entry to the senior tour.
"There's a much more relaxed atmosphere here than on he regular

mosphere here than on the regular tour. All of us have grown up compet-ing against each other. We all know each other and can have a good time."

As good as Casper is feeling, he's likely to give Littler and other favored players some healthy competition.

Former Oakland Hills pro returns

"The shot requirements around Oak-land are very high. You have to hit 80 percent and up to get any kind of result on this course.

"Right now my driving is probably the best part of my game, and my put-ting has been erratic. Here at Oakland you have to do a good job on the greens, because whatever else you may do right will go fer naught if you can't

"Hopefully I'll maintain some sort of stroke this week," he said. "I usually do better on faster greens than slower greens."

A REGULAR member of the Seniors tour since its inception last year, Souchak's best performance was at the 1981 Atlantic City Senior International. Souchak led through the third round, but finished second to Don January.

muling **U.S. Senior** Open

So far this year Souchak has earned \$21,241 which leaves him in 18th place \$27.1 List which leaves him in 18th place among the regular four members. Little for the pmoney winner with \$108,551.

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Texas Open. He carded a sensational 257 — including a round of 60 — which is still an all-time scoring record.

versity. "While I was (at Oakland Hills) I only played in some of the local tour-

"But, the last 12 months have been a lot of fun, and I always get excited about coming here," he said. "It's a marvelous club. There's not anybody in

marvelous club. There's not anybody in the country that puts on a better tournament than Oakland Hills." Souchak will tee off in the tournament's first round at 1:40 p.m. today with Palmer and amateur William C. Campbell of Huntington, W.V.a. Mengert, who qualified for the tournament last week at Franklin Hills Country Club, will tee off at 12:48 p.m. today, Southfield's Tom Rex will begin at 8:19 a.m.

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Oakland Hills Country Club amateur
Peter Snith will start at 8:44, Orchard
Lake's Bob Inman will start 11:39 a.m.
and former Southfield resident George
Bayer, who is the bots pro at the Detroit Country Club, tees off at 8:53 a.m.

Fans brave heat to see senior pros

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A smiling Jerry Gerzykowski from Shelby Town-ship was grateful for the opportunity to see some of the older players.

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"The younger golders are always on TV," said
Gerrykowski, who golfs at Oakland University.
"These guty you never see. They're cordial and receptive, and that's really nice."
Probably the most celebrated member of the gallery, was Al Watrous, OHCC's former pro of 37

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"This is like a homecoming for me," said the 82-year-old, still an active golfer.

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BICYCLING EVENT

Bicylists will go ba-

nanas over bicycling when they participate in a fitness ride on Sunday, sponsored by CKLW ra-dio and Chiquita Interna-tional

Entries for the all-day event are available at most local bicycling shops, in area supermar-kets or by calling the Michigan Bicycling Fed-eration at 547-0050.

Special guest Dick Pur-tan, a Bloomfield Hills resident and disc jockey

for CKLW, will celebrate merce President's Trohis birthday by bosting a ply will be at stake when one-hour show live at the
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Kern Block before therekern Block before thereteld Open Golf Day Fring in the dianer and eventury Club in West BloomThe Chamber of Comfield.

Cost is \$75 per person or \$30 for non-golfers when with to attend the send of the prime rib dianer and eventually at a Bay Pointe Country Club in West BloomThe Chamber of Comfield.

Rides vary in length from 52 miles to 20 miles to 20 miles from 52 miles to 20 miles to 20 miles to 20 miles from various suburban locations to Detroit. Registration deadline is today for the hird annual Michigan Junior Amarteur July 20, Port Huron on July 20, Sagiban do back. Registration deadline is today for the hird annual Michigan Junior Amarteur July 20, Port Huron on July 20, Sagiban do back.

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Green Ridge Country Club in Grand
Rapids.
Junior boys and girls (under 18 years
of age) with handicaps of 12 and under
are eligible for competition.
The \$10 entry fee is due by 5 p.m.
today at the Golf Association of Michigan office, 2112S Northwestern Higbway, Southfield.
Several qualifying sites around Michigan are slated for late July — Detroit
For more information, call 589-3400.





