



### Swing With Fir State

by: Bill Bell

Fir State golfers continued to "follow the sun" on last Sunday, June 3rd, holding a club play at the scenic and tantalizing Hi Cedars Golf and Country Club located in Orting, Washington. It was a long drive from Seattle to what seemed nowhere, but the course, 6296 yards long, par 72, was worth it. Especially for those who like large greens, tremendous undulations, lots of sand traps, considerable water and trees everywhere. I never saw so many ball ls splashing in water, or banging against trees as on this occasion as the course more subtle than it appeared. All the scores were not in at the time I departed the place but several had posted surprisingly high totals. John Freeman, Roscoe Richmond and Pete Costello survived the battle better than most shooting 75, 78 and 78 respectively. LiDean and Bob Duckworth also were in the 70's as were Montgomery, Benson and a few others. Steady Frank Jackson was really done in by the course, shooting an 88, only 10 better than his rapidly improving son, Ryan. Your writer had six penalty strokes but managed an 83. Wilbert Ponder, George Reynolds and John Valley were "bitten" by 84's. So you can see the first time on the course was quite a challenge as we had one of our largest turnouts to date. We will indicate the various winners in next week's article.

The playoffs are underway for the Captain's Cup. The first round must be completed by June 15th. Those participating are indicated on a sheet posted at Jefferson. We are aware of the outcome of one match to date. John Valley wnet 19 holes with Bill Langworthy with John emerging the victor following Bill-spraying a shot out of bounds. Hopefully next week we can report the results of other matches.

Twenty players are competing for the Club Championship. The lowest gross after four rounds of play at specific sites and dates ( West Seattle twice, Jefferson, and Jackson) will determine the winner.

Further, our annual picnic will be held at Spanaway in July. The Annual Open Tournament again is scheduled for Alderbrook Country Club in August, the 10th and 11th. So with plenty of action remaining, get your games in shape and pick up some of the coins that Beaver, Duckworth, Freeman and others always make available. Incidentally, congratulations to Bob Duckworth on the exceptional job he is doing in getting out correspondence to the members.



**RING SIDE NORTHWEST**  
BY JOE WEST



Hi Boxing Fans-----As you can see most of the boxing news in this area this week is bad, it stems from the Grand Jury hearings held over the past few months, at this writing one of Seattle's past leading promoters has been charged with fixing the outcome of bouts held out of the state, being a boxing man myself I will await the outcome of his trial before passing judgement, and I hope that all of the boxing people in this area will do the same. At one time in this country there was the saying in our courts that a man was innocent until proven guilty, with all of the hearsay and innuendos in the Watergate Affair and now this little thing in our town I'm beginning to wonder about that, most of you readers I think I remember Wendell Wilkie at one time for the young that read Wilkie ran for the President of this country, and some of his thoughts weree about the world at large, he said and I hope the Historians correct me if I'm wrong and being a human I an entitled to a few mistakes, the world was becoming one world and we in this country were bound to become involved, well I do hope that we do not go along with some of the laws of other countries that a man is guilty and he has to prove his innocence, I still think that our way is better, that the state has to prove his guilt, this I think is the better way, let not have the way of the land changed to appease the weak and small people just to placate their feelings, if you are small and weak that is probably where you belong, I'm sorry to see the publicity of this come out on boxing because I like the sport and want it to become one of our leading sports here, it can be that, but the strong have to stand up and weed out the chaff, at this moment after talking to one of our leading men here in boxing and after what I was told I cana do and what I cannot do I have decided just this morning to consult with my attorney and see what charges can be made to protect oneself against the onslot of the favored few, and we do have that situation here in this town, I've been pushed to the edge trying to help boxing and boxers and have received not one pleasant word nothing but kicks and bruises, it has now come to an end, I would rather go down protesting and fighting than just let it be still as in the past, there has been nothing but roadblocks in the past, now we will move some of those

roadblocks, this will be for the future people that come behind, and I really hope that the air will be cleared once and for all, no more behind the scene dealings if we are going to clear it up lets do a bangup job at it, let the rules apply to all and not have two sets of rules for white and black, if it has become one world lets make it good for everyone, it has come to the point of live or die and believe me this is a good world and I do not intend to go out without trying to make it better for those behind me. More next week.

---CI BON

## 'Say-hey' Willie Mays is now only a memory

NEW YORK, —Willie Mays doesn't "Say-hey" anymore...Or much of anything else for that matter. What is there for him to say? What is there really for anybody to say about this absolutely incredible 42-year-old man who some people purposely deluded themselves into thinking would always remain a boy?

Willie Mays is close to the end. Another month or so, a couple of weeks, a couple of days, who knows?

Some ballplayers quit, then retire five years later. With Willie it's altogether different.

He'll retire soon, but in his heart he's never going to quit being a ballplayer because the fact of the matter is he never wished to be anything else, and

still doesn't.

At the moment, Mays is nursing a sore shoulder and an equally sore .105 batting figure.

That's only part of the story. The awful truth is Willie Mays can't hack it anymore. He simply can no longer play, and it doesn't matter whether he comes out and tells everybody in the plain, almost boyish way Mickey Mantle did or continues keeping the fact to himself, he can't kid mother nature.

Where once it was a joy to watch Willie play, it is now a painful experience, particularly for those who remember him as an individual who played baseball with more pure love and abandon than perhaps anyone else in the past three decades. Remember how Willie Mays

used to throw the ball? He doesn't anymore.

He merely flips it back to the relay man from the outfield.

Remember how he used to hit the ball over the fence? He doesn't anymore.

He generally can't get it out of the infield, and he's much too proud to tell anybody the reason, but at 42 nobody can see the same way he did at 22, even Willie Mays, and what it boils down to now is he can't pick up the rotation of the ball. He can't see the stitches.

"I say to hell with all hitters, but I gotta admit I feel a little sorry for him," says one National League pitcher who faced Mays not so long ago.

"Some other pitchers have told me the same thing. You don't want him to hit a home run off you or beat you a ball game, but you wouldn't mind too much if he got a base hit off you once in a while or at least

hit a long drive. You have to remember this is Willie Mays, and he's not even getting the ball out of the infield anymore."

Willie has gone to bat 38 times for the Mets this season and managed only four hits.

"With the warmer weather, he may bounce back," offers Yogi Berra, the manager.

Yogi is only kidding himself. It'll never get that much warmer.

Willie Mays still draws a lot of mail. Earlier this season, one of his former teammates, who likes Willie, saw a photo of him in the paper, and the picture showed Mays back on his heels, already bailing out as the ball was being

delivered.

"I know a lot of people are giving you advice, and who am I to tell you how to hit, but this is what you are doing wrong," wrote his ex-teammate. "Draw a line in the batter's box, make your first step with your left foot over that line and there is no way you'll be stepping in the bucket."

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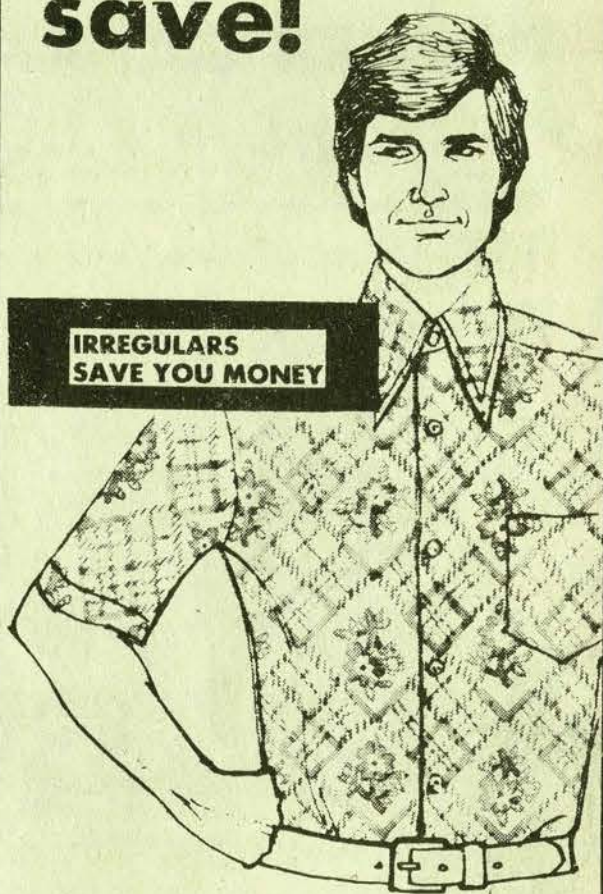


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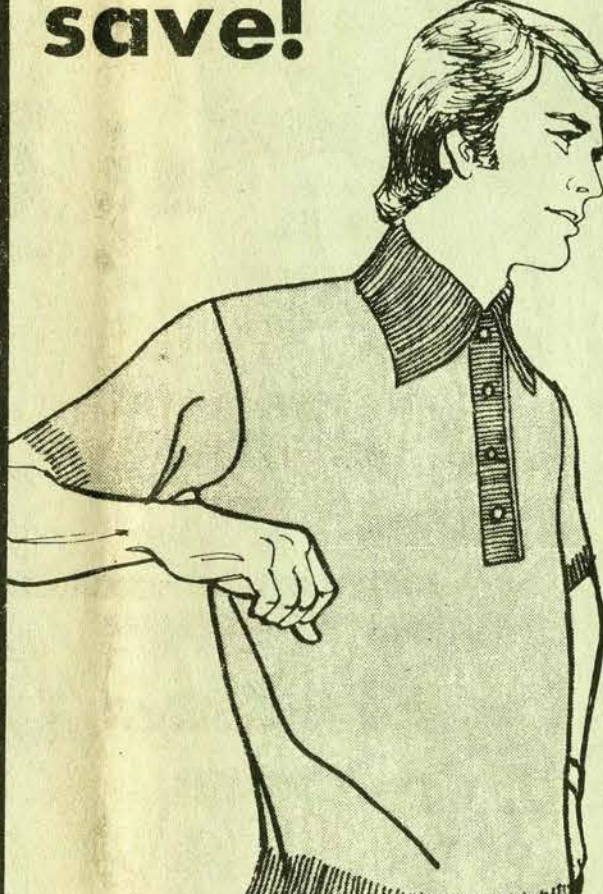
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