

Golf truly is a game for the ages at Keowee Key

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Amateur golf is a game of numbers and records. Players keep track of their low scores, eagles, double eagles, holes-in-one, the first time they broke 100, 90, 80, their best front nine, back nine, and all of this almost to the exclusion of whether they won or lost any particular match.

The pros mark their careers quite differently, focusing on wins and even more important, majors as their ultimate goal. Basically this is

because they have mastered this difficult game to the point where the milestones all players covet, they achieved many times early in their career. In a game where only one out of six players legitimately break 100 and one out of 20 ever break 80, there are very few highlights that a PGA or LPGA professional have in common with amateurs.

Yet there is one goal that almost every golfer of all abilities — who has ever teed it up — aspires

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to.

That is the thrill of shooting a score that matches or is lower than his or her age.

Everyone, be it Jack Nicklaus or a member of the Keowee Key Men's Golf Association remembers the first time and every time they did that.

Several weeks ago two members of the KKMGA not only shot their age, but they did it in impressive style.

Glen Fiddymont in consecutive weeks shot a score of 83, nine strokes better than his age and the next week bettered that with a round of 82, 10 shots better.

In the same time period Bob

Rider shot a 71 to post his best score ever at Keowee Key and bettered his age in the process.

An email to the membership asking for any member of the KKMGA who has achieved this rare milestone to report it yielded an amazing result.

Twenty players who have been active there over the past year or so have done it at least once

players have reached milestone

in their career and many have done it numerous times.

This represents over eight percent of the KKMGA active membership.

Gene O'Keefe, Steve Sheffer, Ken Rillings, Bob Rider, Bill Miller, Don Chamberlain, Gene Kowalski (youngest at 67), Jim Copeland, Glen Fiddymont, Glen Meyers, Bruce Malcolm,

Bill Pennington, John Donehoo, John Felzer, Dennis Wolownik, Ted Wanthal, Gary Gardner, George Sherman (at 96), Bob Naggs, and George Eichler have all shot their ages.

Golf is a game you can play for your whole life.

When you play a round like these, however, it is truly a "Game for the Ages."