

## **Priorities**

I had a lady ask me why her son could shoot a good score during his daily golf, but when it came to a big tournament, he played much worse. This is a pretty common occurrence. All golfers go through this phase until the big tournament play becomes more normal for them. Playing in lots of tournaments gives the player many significant chances to play under more extreme conditions. Because golf is a very hard game, it doesn't take much of a distraction to affect one's concentration. Also, if we make the game more than it is, tension of differing amounts may come in to play.

Arnold Palmer said, "I hope that when I leave golf some day, I will leave it the same way I found it as a boy"

Cary Middlecoff in lining up his four foot putt to win the 1958 U.S. Open, turned to the crowd and said, "If I miss this putt, my mother will still love me, and I will still have a steak dinner tonight". Well of course he made the putt.

Most golfers will freely admit that there are many more important things in life than golf, which frees the mind and body of much unnecessary tension, and makes it possible to play up to one's potential.