

# Pinellas County golfers will miss Larry Bulger

Before we tee off this morning, a moment of silent thought is in order for Larry Bulger, 39, who passed away in a Houston Hospital Sunday following open heart surgery. Bulger, a former Florida State Basketball player, was a catalyst in the Pinellas Junior Golf Association and the St. Petersburg Amateur Golf Tournament. He will be remembered as a prominent man in local golf circles.

According to Buck Thornberry, the head professional at Pasadena Golf Club, Bulger's heart problem was found when he went for corrective back surgery a couple of years ago. Doctors discovered that the arteries coming from his heart were pinched. He went to Houston for the bypass operation confident that it would correct any problem that could occur later on in life.

He died of his second heart attack following his fourth bypass.

"Golf was his life," said Thornberry, one of his best friends. "He gave everything he had to it."

Bulger, a native of Pensacola, is credited with founding the Pinellas Junior Golf Association and the Pasadena Men's Association and rejuvenating the City Amateur Tournament. At the time of his death, he was a sales representative for the RAM Golf Corporation.

"He was probably the most competitive person I've ever met," said Danny Elkins, the Pasadena Club Champ, paying tribute to his good friend. "I'd like to have him on my side in anything I ever played."

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