

**IONE D. JONES/DOHERTY
WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Pano wins to make third
straight Doherty final,
faces Messina for title**

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For the third consecutive year, Alexa Pano advanced to the final match of the Ione D. Jones/Doherty Women's Amateur Championship in the Amateur Championship division.

If that's not enough of a flashback, two-time defending champion Lisa Schlesinger will again play for the Senior Women's Championship, and she faces Terrill Samuel in the final match for the third consecutive year.

Pano, of Lake Worth, defeated Marie Arnoux of Miami 5 and 4 Thursday at Coral Ridge Country Club.

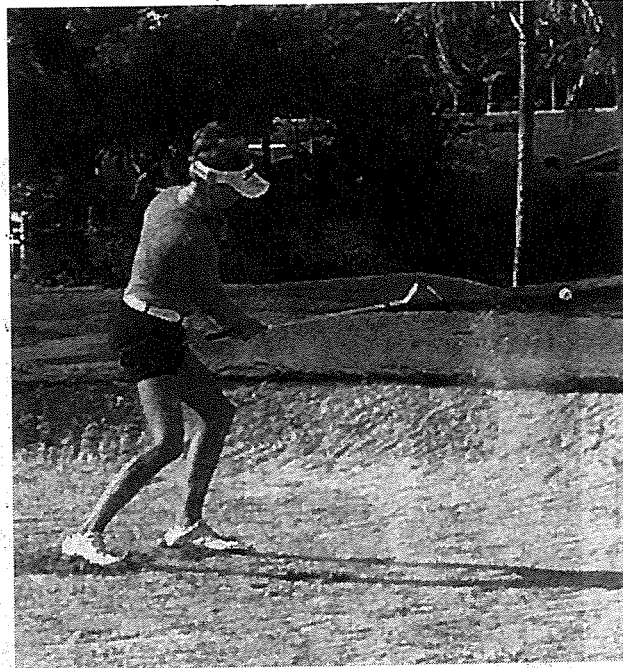
On Friday at 8:30 a.m., Pano faces Marissa Messina of Plantation, a 3-and-2 winner over Courtney McKim of Raleigh, N.C.

Pano won the Doherty title two years ago as a 12-year-old and lost last year to Meghan Stasi.

Schlesinger, of Fort Myers, defeated Marilyn Hardy of Magnolia, Texas, 3 and 2. Samuel, of Etobicoke, Ontario, beat Gigi Higgins of Cape Coral, 4 and 3, to set up an 8:20 a.m. rematch.

A former college and professional basketball player who didn't take up golf until her mid-30s, Schlesinger, 61, defeated Samuel 2 and 1 in 2017 and 2018.

Former Senior Champi-



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Marisa Messina of Plantation blasts out of a bunker during her match with Courtney McKim on Thursday.

onship winners M.J. Hiestand and Andrea Kraus play in the Senior First Flight final at 8:10. In the Senior Sec-

ond Flight final at 8, Sylvie Van Molle of France faces Maggie Brady of Washington, D.C.