

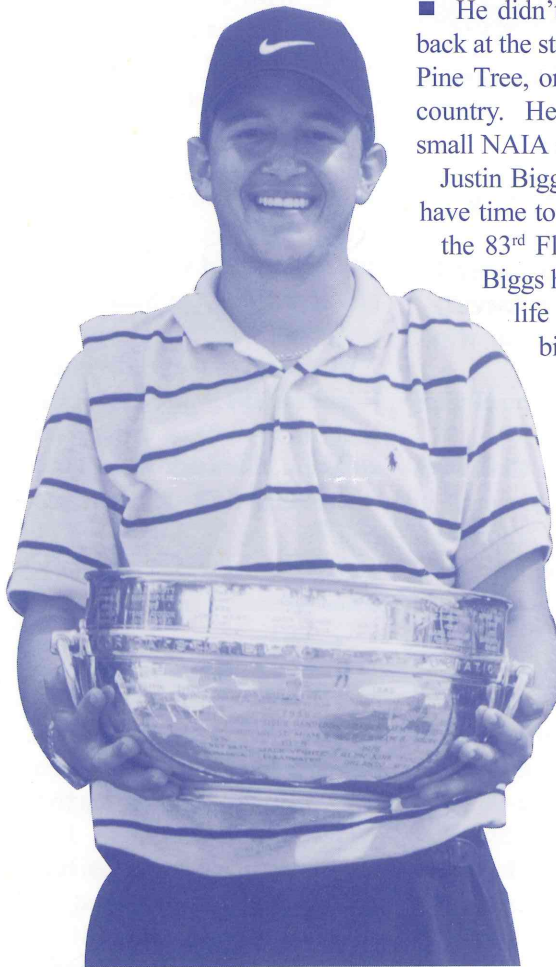


FSGA NEWS

The Newsletter of the Florida State Golf Association

“Bigg” Victory at the State Amateur Championship

Justin Biggs shoots final-round 66 to overcome a 10-shot deficit



■ He didn't have a chance. He was 10 strokes back at the start of the final round. He was playing Pine Tree, one of the top 100 golf courses in the country. He was from Northwood University, a small NAIA school. He was only 21 years old.

Justin Biggs wasn't paying attention. He didn't have time to pay attention. If he expected to win the 83rd Florida State Amateur Championship, Biggs had to go out and play the round of his life. After the first 5 holes, he made 3 birdies.

“I gained 5 strokes on the leaders after 5 holes,” Biggs said. “At that point I started thinking “Who knows?”

Tampa's Kevin Mock had been consistent all week. He shot consecutive 2-under par 70's in the first two rounds and added a 1-under par 71 in round three. His effort had rewarded him with a two-stroke lead heading into the final round.

Clearwater's Brendan Takacs was “hitting the ball the best (he) ever hit it.” He was standing in second place after rounds of 70, 71 and 72.

Also between Biggs and the lead were three big guns: Buddy Alexander, the 1986 U.S. Amateur champion and 1991 State Amateur champ; Joe Alfieri, the 1999 Florida State Player-of-the-Year; and Mark Leetzow, a two-time State Amateur champion.

“It was up to them,” Biggs explained. “If they played well, they were going to beat me. I wasn't going to shoot a 62.”

Biggs looked like he might shoot a 62 when he added two more birdies at the 526-yard par-five ninth and the 500-yard par-5 tenth. The birdies moved him to 5-under par for the round and even-par for the championship. The birdies also caught

the attention of the floundering leaders.

Mock was starting to have difficulties. Drives that were so accurate earlier in the week were being sprayed all over the course. Two double bogeys on the front side quickly brought him back to the rest of the field.

Alfieri actually took the lead after making his third birdie of the day on the tenth hole. He stood at 3-under par for the championship and looked to be building momentum, but a three-putt at the eleventh hole and two more bogeys at 12 and 15 dropped him back to even-par.

“I knew Biggs was playing well,” Alfieri said. “We had just finished a hole and Mark (Leetzow) said, ‘Who's this coming out of nowhere?’”

Biggs, meanwhile, had just turned in his 6-under par 66, a total that tied his career best. Following his only bogey of the day at 12, Biggs made birdies at 14 and 16 to finish at 1-under par for the championship.

Mock rallied on the back side with birdies at 10, 12 and 13 to get to 4-under, but a third double bogey at 14 -- followed by three straight bogeys -- ended his chances.

Knowing Biggs was in the clubhouse at 1-under par, Alfieri birdied 16 to move into a tie.

Alexander, who started the day at even-par, reached 1-under on three different

occasions but fell back to even with a bogey at 15.

Drama unfolded on the final hole. With Biggs watching from greenside, Alfieri missed the fairway with his drive.

“I had 191 yards to the green,” he explained.

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STATE AMATEUR

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. -- Top scores from the 83rd Florida State Amateur Championship played at Pine Tree Golf Club:

Justin Biggs, St. Cloud	72-78-71-66--287
Joe Alfieri II, Lutz	75-72-69-72--288
Buddy Alexander, Gainesville .	73-75-68-72--288
Matthew Anderson, Tallahassee	72-70-76-71--289
Kevin Mock, Tampa	70-70-71-78--289
Brendan Takacs, Clearwater	70-71-72-76--289
Mark Leetzow, Sarasota	70-73-73-75--291
Doug LaCrosse, Tampa	74-74-74-71--293
Josh Skivington, Lake Worth ...	77-75-71-71--294
Phillip Eich, Altamonte Springs	73-78-71-73--295



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Manning Wins State Junior Despite "Major" Mistakes

After a stellar first-round 69, his final-round 74 included a triple and a double bogey

■ It could have been high school practice. Or it could have been a high school match. But it wasn't.

Matt Every and Major Manning, the top two players for Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, were paired together for the final round of the 46th Florida State Junior Championship at Walt Disney World. Manning had shot a 69 in the first round, while Every had posted a 70.

Manning, just 15 years old, tried to give the championship away during the final round, but a challenger could not step up. After starting with three birdies on the front side, Manning quickly gave them back with a triple bogey on the 11th hole. Every and Sarasota's Joseph Lamielle, who was also in the final group after a first-round 70, finally had an opening. Every took advantage with birdies at 12 and 13 to cut the lead to one.

Now it seemed like match play. Both players bogeyed the 14th hole to draw a little closer to the



rest of the field. Lamielle had fallen back to 1-over for the championship, while the two teammates were a few shots ahead. On 17, Every found the water, while Manning found the bottom of the cup - birdie for Manning, double bogey for Every. Manning had a comfortable lead, but decided to make it interesting. His drive on the final hole found the woods to the left. He ended up recording a nerve-racking double-bogey. Every

Manning is the first player since 1974 to win both the 12-14 age division and the overall title. Ft. Pierce's David Abell was the last to win both divisions.

and Lamielle also dropped shots on the final hole.

North Port's Nick Clark was the only player to make a run at the leaders. He was 2-under after 8 holes, but double bogeyed the 9th hole to stand 1-over for the

championship. He birdied 13 to pull to even-par, but gave it back with a bogey on 17. He finished 1-over for the championship, two strokes behind Manning.

"A lot of people could have won this championship," the 17-year old Clark said, "but I felt I had a really good shot at it."

Every and Lamielle both closed with 5-over 77's and fell to a tie for 4th with six other players. South Pasadena's Kyle McCarthy shot consecutive 1-over 73's to finish alone in third place.

"After finishing in second last year, I really wanted to win this year," Manning said. "It hasn't hit me yet that I won, but it is a privilege to be the State Junior champion."

In the 12-14 age division, Homestead's Marco Morales shot 74-75--149 to win by two strokes. Gainesville's Tyler Rucarean (74-77--151) was second.📍

■ Complete scores are located in the ScoreCard section on page 4.

New Staff Additions

■ The Florida State Golf Association welcomed three new staff members recently. Aaron Skoviera arrived June 26 to work in the GHIN Handicap Department. Originally from Binghamton, New York, Aaron previously worked as the Assistant General Manager and Teaching Professional at Lexington Oaks Golf Club in Wesley Chapel.

Patrick Brisley has returned as the P.J. Boatwright intern. Patrick worked during the summer last year, but has since graduated from Barry University. He will work full-time while taking graduate classes at the University of South Florida.

Keri Heck has also joined the team. A senior finance major at USF, Keri began working on May 23 as the accountant.📍

Cristillo Wins State Senior

■ Joseph Cristillo, Sr. of Crystal River fired a final-round 1-under par 71 to pull out a one-shot victory at the 33rd Florida State Senior Championship at the Country Club of Ocala. Pensacola's Billy Graham and Palm City's John McKey tied for second with a three-day total of 220 after shooting 72 and 73, respectively, in the final round.

Cristillo had a long hill to climb after posting a first-round 77. Back-to-back 71's moved him from a tie for 22nd place to the top of the leaderboard.

Tampa's Don Lucas, who had led for the first two rounds, finished in 4th place after a 5-over par 77 in the final round. Surfside's Gunnar Bennett shot

a 3-over 75 to finish in 5th place. It was Bennett's third consecutive year finishing in the top five.

Defending champion Jack Veghte was just two strokes back heading into the final round, but an uncharacteristic 9-over 81 left him in a tie for 10th place. Veghte, a four-time State Amateur champion and three-time State Senior champion, was trying to become the first player to win four State Senior titles.

In the super senior division, Boynton Beach's Bob Harris shot a 6-over par 78 in the final round to win by 7 strokes. Ponte Vedra Beach's Wes Paxson (76-74-81--231) was second.📍

■ Complete scores are located in the ScoreCard section on pages 4 and 5.

Mid-Am Four-Ball Review

■ When two of the top amateurs in the state get together, you expect good scores. Joe Alfieri and Doug LaCrosse did as expected in posting 64-65--129 to win the Florida State Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South) Championship by five strokes at The Forest Country Club.

Alfieri, from Lutz, and LaCrosse, from Tampa, led by one after combining to shoot an 8-under par 64 in round one.

In the final round, the Alfieri-LaCrosse duo pulled away by again shooting the day's low score with a 7-under par 65. Homestead's Bruce Fitzpatrick and Miami's Samuel Martinez shot their second consecutive 67 to finish 5 strokes back at 134.

Gainesville's Richard Henken and Orlando's John Robinson shot 67-69--136 to finish alone in third place.

The Florida State Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North) Championship wasn't as easy for the victors. Valrico's Bill Moore and Tampa's Steve Ousley had to make up two strokes on the final day to win. After shooting a 66 during the first round to stand in 4th place, the duo shot a final round 63 to claim the title by two strokes.

Three teams shared second place including Orlando's Matt Avril and Vero Beach's Chuck Gould who closed with a 63.📍

■ Complete scores are located in the ScoreCard section on page 5.

Club Team Champions

Lake Nona prevails to win their first title

■ Orlando's Lake Nona Golf Club watched the defending champions make a furious charge but held on to win the 59th Florida State Club Team Championship by three strokes at The PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

Despite being 14 strokes out of the lead heading into the final round, the defending champions from Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club came real close to repeating, but they fell just short. Steve Ousley led the Tampa Palms charge with a tournament-best 6-under par 66. Jimmy Jones added a 3-under par 69, while Jack Hannon fired a 1-under par 71. Ed Bologna shot a 5-over par 77 to give Tampa Palms a final-round 5-under par 283. They finished with a 581.

After shooting a cumulative round-one score of 4-under par 284, Lake Nona played consistent golf to shoot a six-over par

294 and win the title. Craig Adams and Peter Mogg Jr. both shot 1-over 73's to pace Lake Nona. Matt Avril followed his 2-under par 70 from the first round with a 2-over par 74 on Sunday. John Robinson rounded out Lake Nona's scoring with a 74 of his own.

Tampa's Avila Golf and Country Club fell short in their bid to win their 10th State Club Team title. Their "A" team finished four strokes back in third place. Wayne Rudzewicz, Gerald Coren and Paul Royak all shot an even-par 72 in the final round to lead the team.

Lake Nona becomes the first Orlando team to win the title since Rio Pinar Country Club defended their title in 1972. With the exception being 1998 when Emerald Dunes Golf Club in West Palm Beach won, a Tampa club had claimed every title since 1983.📍

■ Complete scores are located in the ScoreCard section on page 5.

from the tee

■ ALL-AMERICA HONORS FOR FLORIDA PAIR

Georgia Tech's Matt Kuchar and UNLV's Jeremy Anderson were both named to the 10-man Ping/Golf Coaches Association of America first-team All-America squad. Kuchar had eight top-10 finishes his senior year with a 70.5 stroke average. Anderson was the Mountain West Conference Player of the Year with a 70.4 stroke average. He had 11 top-10 showings, including a tie for 10th at the NCAA Championships. Kuchar and Anderson both attended Seminole High School outside Orlando, and both had success at the Florida State Junior Championship. Kuchar won the 12-14 age division in 1993, while Anderson claimed the overall title in 1994 and 1995.

■ PRESIDENT HOLDING HIS OWN

Current FSGA President Rick Woulfe has had some recent success on the links. At the British Amateur, Woulfe was the USA's last hope. He advanced to the third round but was defeated by England's Stephen East, a two-time English Mid-Amateur champion. Woulfe was medalist by seven strokes in the senior division of the Dixie Amateur, but lost to Rich Ten Broeck in the quarterfinals (Broeck also defeated Gunnar Bennett in the finals). Woulfe earned another medalist honor -- this time by four strokes -- at the Terra Cotta Invitational at Naples National Golf Club. He advanced to the semifinals, but lost to eventual champion Danny Green.

■ SADAKATA STAYING BUSY

Akio Sadakata, the 1999 Florida State Amateur champion, has had a busy year. He was a quarterfinalist at the Dixie Amateur, losing to eventual champion Hunter Haas. He also finished in a tie for 9th at the Azalea Invitational, a tie for 40th at the Sunnehanna Amateur and an 8th place finish at the Southeastern Amateur. He recently qualified for the U.S. Public Links Championship, but he just missed the cut. And due to his sixth place showing at the National Junior College Championships, Sadakata was again named a Junior College All-American.

■ KLAUK NAMED TO PALMER CUP TEAM

Jeff Klauk, son of TPC at Sawgrass Superintendent Fred Klauk, was recently named to represent the United States for the Palmer Cup Matches. He was one of eight college players to be named to the team that will face a team of collegians from Great Britain and Ireland on August 15-16 at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, England.

■ FLORIDA'S JUNIORS FILL IZZO CUP ROSTER

The Izzo Cup, a junior competition between the U.S. and Scandinavia, might as well have been Florida versus Scandinavia. Six of the 16 competitors from the U.S. call Florida home: Whitney Code, Catherine Cartwright, Michael Barbosa, Nicholas Thompson, James Vargas and Ty Tryon. The guys should be familiar with each other. In 1997, all four competed in the 12-14 age division of the State Junior. Vargas shot 69-74 to win; Tryon was three back in second.

FSGA Rankings

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1. Joe Alfieri II, Lutz 495	20. Billy Graham, Pensacola 235
2. Justin Biggs, St. Cloud 425	20. John McKey, Palm City 235
3. Buddy Alexander, Gainesville ... 395	20. Peter Mitchell, Miami 235
4. Doug LaCrosse, Tampa 385	24. David Boesel, Winter Park 225
5. Mark Leetzow, Sarasota 365	24. Eric Schreiber, W.P. Beach 225
6. Kevin Mock, Tampa 345	24. Michael Nealy, Boca Raton 225
6. Matthew Anderson, Tallahassee . 345	24. Harley Henning, W.P. Beach 225
6. Brendan Takacs, Clearwater 345	24. Albert Mlynarski, Pt. Orange 225
9. Gunnar Bennett, Surfside 300	24. Mark Petzold, Jacksonville 225
10. Ben Osbrach, Orlando 295	30. Richard Henken, Gainesville 220
11. Josh Skivington, Lake Worth 275	31. Don Lucas, Tampa 210
12. Vince Cherrix, Pompano Beach . 265	32. Brett Hitchcock, Tampa 200
12. Phillip Eich, Altamonte Springs . 265	33. Cleve Daniels, Destin 195
14. Mike Freeman, Longwood 260	33. Tim Wilson, Apopka 195
14. Ken Dawson, Ft. Lauderdale 260	35. Matt Avril, Orlando 190
16. Doug Ritter, Davie 250	35. John Ward, Winter Park 190
16. Bill Harvey, Palm City 250	35. Tim O'Neal, St. Augustine 190
16. Joseph Cristillo, Crystal River ... 250	35. Samuel Martinez, Miami 190
16. Mark Peel, Delray Beach 250	35. Brian Sachs, Newberry 190
20. Rick Woulfe, Ft. Lauderdale 235	

SOUTHEASTERN CHALLENGE MATCH

1. Joe Alfieri II, Lutz 1908	26. Ron Cleland, Naples 490
2. Doug LaCrosse, Tampa 1258	27. Lee Chira, Orlando (s) 483
3. Mark Leetzow, Sarasota 1218	28. Jack Veghte, Clearwater (s) 475
4. Doug Ritter, Davie 1095	29. Ken Dawson, Ft. Lauderdale 465
5. David Boesel, Winter Park 998	29. David Sutton, Maitland 465
6. Rick Woulfe, Ft. Lauderdale 973	31. Bill King, Jupiter (s) 455
7. Gunnar Bennett, Surfside (s) 895	32. Bill Harvey, Palm City 450
8. Matt Avril, Orlando 885	32. Sean Pacetti, St. Augustine 450
9. Don Lucas, Tampa (s) 805	34. Curt Madson, Mt. Dora (s) 435
10. Eric Schreiber, W.P. Beach 773	35. Ron LeClair, Fern Park (s) 420
11. Mike Freeman, Longwood 735	36. Richard Henken, Gainesville 410
12. Buddy Alexander, Gainesville ... 693	36. John Robinson, Orlando 410
13. John Ward, Winter Park (s) 630	38. Vern Hill, Tampa (s) 405
14. Steve Earsley, Wellington 610	39. Charles Costolo, Pt. St. Lucie (s) 403
15. Tim O'Neal, St. Augustine 595	40. John Corzilius, Nokomis 390
16. Billy Graham, Pensacola (s) 578	
17. Steve Dodson, Jacksonville 575	
18. Vince Cherrix, Pompano Beach . 573	
19. Michael Nealy, Boca Raton 558	
20. Peter Hartmann, Ft. Myers 535	
21. Ed Parnell, Altamonte Springs ... 525	
21. Jeff Thomas, Jensen Beach 525	
23. Phillip Eich, Altamonte Springs . 518	
24. Bruce Scamehorn, Winter Haven . 515	
25. David Anthony, Jacksonville 500	

Points through July 17

(s) senior player

Road to the U.S. Open

There was more to the Open than Tiger

■ Where was the first shot played at the 100th U.S. Open? How many of you answered the Indian River Club in Vero Beach on May 12?

Indian River Club was host to the first of ninety-four U.S. Open local qualifiers in the country and one of 15 local qualifiers held in the state of Florida from May 12 through May 22. With 15 sites, Florida once again conducted more local qualifiers than any other state.

We had seven volunteers who served as a Tournament Chairman at the qualifiers. Charlie Bedford, Johnny Williams and Mallory Privett each chaired two events, while Mike Liga, Tom Dudley, Bruce Flower and Bill Giese chaired events in their areas.

At those 15 sites, over 12 hundred golfers attempted to qualify. As it turned out, almost 15 percent of all the U.S. Open hopefuls attempted to qualify in Florida.

Florida also had the distinction

of hosting one of only 12 U.S. Open sectional qualifiers. The sectional qualifier was the final step before reaching the championship at Pebble Beach.

This year, sixty-one players advanced to Bear Lakes Country



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Club in West Palm Beach. PGA Tour player Gary Nicklaus was in the field with his parents in the gallery, but he failed to qualify. Mike Malizia shot 66-70--136 to earn medalist honors and advance. Graham Davidson, Chris Kaufman and Rick Heath each shot 139 to move on to the championship at Pebble Beach.

All four qualifiers struggled at the championship. They all missed the cut and had the opportunity to watch Tiger make history. ☺

CHAMPION SNAPSHOTS

Do you know the champions of the FSGA?

The following people have made a name for themselves. Now you will be able to put a face with a name.



Justin Biggs
St. Cloud

Overcame a 10-shot deficit on the final day to win the 83rd Florida State Amateur Championship.



Joseph Cristillo, Sr.
Crystal River

The 57-year old fired back-to-back 71's to move from 22nd place to win the 33rd Florida State Senior Championship.

Recognizing Our Course Rating Teams

■ The following course rating teams rate about 200 courses in Florida each year. These individuals volunteer their time to provide accurate and dependable course ratings throughout Florida.

Bremser's Team

Bill Bremser (captain), David Bagdasarian, Billy Graham, Ron Hickman, John Kranak, Stan Kuplinski, Bob Peyroux, Ed Woolam, Dick Zambrowski

McGillicuddy's Team

Neil McGillicuddy (captain), Bill Giese, Don McKnight, Bill Missildine, Jim Reagor, Wil Sherrell, Jerry White

Walford's Team

Randy Walford (captain), Sam Mathis, Richard Saunders, Glen Smith, Thomas Waters, Gene Williams

Free-Boyer Team

Jack Free (co-captain), Ed Boyer (co-captain), John Corken, Richard Darenberg, Robert Gorab, Thomas McClure, George Morgan, Skip Small, Jim Marx

McCann-Caravati Team

John McCann (co-captain), Charlie Caravati (co-captain), Bill Hermann, Roy Hobson, Carl

Buchmann, Dick Kreger, Bob Francis, Bill Buchanan, Harry Abbott, Roger King, Keith Bombard

Gagnet's Team

Walt Gagnet (captain), Art Carnavale, Bob Kane, Dick Mason, Bob Hysten, Chuck Lucas, Brian Wagner, Carl Arnold

Sweet's Team

Jim Sweet (captain), Charlie Ake, Wendell Hall, Bob Jackson, Bill Rambo, Ray Terry, Rick Harris

Durante's Team

Joe Durante (captain), Charlie Bedford, Michael Conigliaro, Rick Brewer, John Stone, John Bray, Orville Estler, Harry Callen, Paul Schwartz, Don Eckerson

Harper's Team

Ken Harper (captain), Dale Carter, John Hall, Joe Kozlowski, George Mindala, Ron Olszak, Rich Skinner

Tausan's Team

Criss Tausan (captain), Bill Boehm, Wayne East, John Jepsen, Tom Nelson, George Zurick

Anderson's Team

John Anderson (captain), Pat

Finrock, Harry Kaminer, Stu Erskine, Carl Schlanger, Dick Shulman

Hebert's Team

Tom Hebert (captain), Donald Rayle, Dale Strub, Paul Spata, E.C. Roark, Donald Ward, P.J. Fisher

Paterson's Team

Bob Paterson (captain), Chris Swenson, Don Haarmeyer, Carl Salyers, Dave Reynolds, Jack Ernst

Hobby's Team

Clyde Hobby (captain), Bill Manson, Ernie Kunz, Bill Scott, Don Williams, Bob Lamborn

Andrew's Team

Bill Andrews (captain), Tony Hebel, Tom Armer, Jack Guthrie, Mallory Privett, Alan Feldman, Brian Robideau

Wasserman's Team

Andy Wasserman (captain), Peter Oppenheimer, Blair Valentine, Allan Pleskow

Ethridge's Team

Bob Ethridge (captain), Tony Blanc, Robert Pulley, Charles Hart, Pat Case

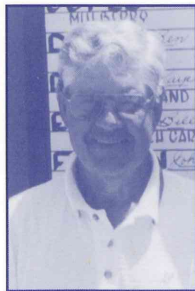
NECROLOGY

■ BOB RANKIN

The FSGA lost a great champion when Bob Rankin, 71, of Palm Harbor died May 31. Rankin was a five-time Florida State champion and also won the 1955 Ohio State Amateur Championship. In 1969, Rankin shot a steady even-par at Longboat Key Club to edge John Darr and Jack Veghte for the Florida State Amateur title. He also won the 1972 Florida State Mid-Senior Championship at Lehigh Country Club, the 1989 Florida State Senior Four-Ball Championship with Walter Baldwin at Lake Region, the 1992 Florida State Senior Championship at Bonita Bay and the 1994 Florida State Senior Championship at Innisbrook. Rankin also won numerous other local and regional events.

■ ROBERT B. JEHRING

Robert B. "Bob" Jehring, 80, of Naples died June 10. During his 30 years as member of the FSGA, Jehring was a course rater, a rules official and a competitor. He was also active in junior golf in the Naples area.



Bob Harris

Boynton Beach

His 71 in the first round of the State Senior matched his age. He went on to win the Super Senior division by 7 strokes.

Major Manning

Ormond Beach



After finishing runner-up to two-time champion Andy Hollis last year, Manning shot 69-74 to win the overall title of the 46th Florida State Junior Championship by two strokes.



Lake Nona Golf Club Orlando

First Orlando team to win the Club Team title since 1972. From left to right, Matt Avril, Craig Adams, John Robinson, Ron Green, and Peter Mogg Jr.

Update on the State Mixed Team

■ The Florida State Mixed Team Championship will be played on November 11-12. (This has changed since the publishing of *The Member's Guide*.) The championship, being held at the Gasparilla Golf Course in Boca Grande, will be conducted by both the FSGA and the Florida Women's State Golf Association.

Eligibility: At least one entrant of each team must be a member of the FSGA or FWSGA, and each having established a current index not exceeding 34.0.

Entries Open: Entries post-marked September 1 or later will be accepted. Any entries post-marked before this date will be returned.

Entries Close: October 4

Entry Fee: \$300 per team, which includes two competitive

rounds, lunch, tee gifts and prizes.

Championship: 36 holes four-ball net stroke play

Yardage: 6,107 yards for men and 5,238 yards for women

Flights: Couples will be flighted based on the lowest handicap index of the twosome.

Handicaps: Individual players will play to 100% of their course handicap. A handicap spread restriction of 10 strokes is imposed on teams. Although players may not "play down" to meet the maximum current index of 34.0, they must "play down" to meet the maximum 10-stroke handicap spread between team members.

Divisions: There will be both low gross and low net divisions.

Awards: Both low gross and low net will be awarded, as well as special awards given to the low

gross and low net husband and wife teams.

Defending Champions: You may think this is the first Couples event, but from 1988 through 1994, a Mixed Team Championship was conducted. Syd and Patricia Brooke from Titusville won the 1994 championship with a score of +17 at the Grenelefe Golf Resort.

Accommodations: All players are required to stay at the Gasparilla Inn. Reservation information will accompany acceptance notification.

Annual Meeting

■ The FSGA's Annual Meeting will be held November 4 at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando. The Annual Dinner, which recognized this year's champions, will follow the meeting. ☺

Biggs cont'd from p. 1

"It was a tough shot, but I went right at the flag over some trees with a 5-iron."

His ball caught a tree branch and ended up in a dried-up water hazard in front of the green. Alfieri then hit an "impossible" shot that found the front bunker. Needing to hole his bunker shot to force a playoff, Alfieri caught the right edge of the cup, but the ball refused to fall.

That left it up to Alexander, but his drive on 18 barely caught a fairway bunker. He could have gone for the green, but the same tree that Alfieri clipped was also in his way. Instead, Alexander had to lay up in front of the water. Needing to hole his 93-yard wedge shot, Alexander missed by just a couple of feet.

Biggs was the State Amateur champion.

Who knew? ☺



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