

Top of Oct + 14

Lakeland's steady Jeff Schmucker maneuvered even par ~~to~~ to a one stroke victory in FSGA's State Junior Championship at the University of South Florida Golf Course in mid-June. Jeff scored 71-73-144 to squeak ~~to~~ ahead of Sarasota's Tim Fieldhouse and Scott Dunlap in the 15-17 age group competition.

Fieldhouse, playing in the final foursome with Schmucker, suffered an ~~uncharacteristic~~ uncharacteristic three putts on the 36th green to miss ~~to~~ pushing the championship into a playoff. Fieldhouse and Schmucker had led the first day with 71s and were dead even the last day until Tim stumbled over a balky three-footer.

Dunlap's final day 70 tied the low round of the tournament and ~~to~~ gave him a share of second place ~~to~~ at 145 with Fieldhouse. Nolan Henke of Fort Myers had the other 70 in third flight play on the last day's ~~to~~ trek over the tightly treed USF layout.

Gregg Miller of Plantation had rounds of 76-87-163 to take the 12-14 year age group title and silver.

Tim Fieldhouse repeated his second place finish a few weeks later in ~~to~~ South Carolina's prestigious Rice Planters' Amateur when he was caught on the final day by the University of Houston's ~~to~~ who scorched it around in 67 and nipped Tim by a stroke. Fieldhouse, 15, has been making waves in junior and men's amateur competition for two years and is enjoying his best summer of competition. He's a good one.

Juniors

The top finishers in the Florida ~~to~~ all were booked elsewhere (most at the Future Masters in Dothan, Alabama) on the same date as the scheduled ~~to~~ July 20-21 three state match with Georgia and South Carolina, causing FSGA officials to cancel the competition.