

Father-son team from Winter Park trails by 1 stroke in Four-Ball

By Bob Fowler

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GRENELEFE — John Ward of Winter Park and his son, John Jr., were hoping to contend for the honorary father-son title when they started play Saturday in the State Amateur Four-Ball Championship. Instead, they'll be competing for the top prize in today's final round.

Barry Cheesman of Sarasota and Jim Shondel of Bradenton have the lead after 18 holes, combining for a 7-under-par 64 on the South course at Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort. They truly teamed in

this team event, with Cheesman making three birdies and Shondel four.

The Wards were a stroke behind with a 65.

"I don't believe anyone had a better individual round than John," Ward said of his 23-year-old son. "He had seven birdies."

Glen Kirk of Orlando and Gary Schroeder of Wintermere were third at 66. Bill Hamilton of Palm Beach and two-time State Amateur champion (1983-84) Tom Knapp of North Palm Beach were at 67.

Twenty-two of the two-man teams in the field of 124 bettered par.

Cheesman, a minor-league baseball player for four years, and Shondel met during a tournament in

1981. They have played in 12 team events since then and have won six of them.

"Our games complement each other," said Shondel, who like Cheesman is a salesman. "Generally we don't have one guy making all the birdies."

That was the case on their bogeyless round Saturday. Cheesman birdied the fourth hole, Shondel the fifth, and Cheesman the sixth. Then Shondel sank a 14-foot putt for a birdie on No. 8.

On the back nine, Cheesman birdied No. 12, Shondel sank a 65-foot birdie putt on No. 14, and Shondel made a 15-footer on No. 16.

Meanwhile, the Wards overcame a bogey on the

third hole when they both hit over the green. They rallied with some spectacular putting by John Jr.

He made a 12-footer for a birdie on the first hole and a 25-footer on No. 4. On No. 9 John Sr. made a 21-footer for a birdie, and his son sank a 5-footer just for practice.

On the 11th, John Jr. made a 5-footer, and then he made a 3-footer on the 13th. On No. 15, he made a 40-footer for a birdie and followed that by making a 25-footer on the next hole.

"I made everything I putted," he said. "It was incredible."

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Knapp, Hamilton win four-ball title

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Their reasons were a little different, but their needs were the same — to win.

Tom Knapp won back-to-back State Amateur titles in 1983-84 before hand surgery made it impossible for him to enter and put him on the sidelines for some seven months. He was unable to defend his crown last June. For seven months his game had been inactive.

He began his comeback a few months ago when he asked his friend, Bill Hamilton, to join him in the State Amateur Four-Ball Championship. "I need a win," he said.

Bill Hamilton also needed a win. Before moving to Palm Beach, he had been runnerup in the Alabama State Amateur six times and earlier this summer finished runnerup in the Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship.

Last Sunday, playing the top-ranked West Course at Grenelefe Resort after opening on the South Course the day before, they got

their win.

Overcoming a three-shot deficit the final day, Knapp and Hamilton charged home with a four-under-par 68 and then defeated Barry Cheesman of Sarasota and Jim Shondel of Bradenton on the first playoff hole to secure the victory.

Cheesman-Shondel were the first-round leaders after a seven-under-par 64 at the par-71 South course. They closed with 71 on the West for 135 to tie Knapp-Hamilton, who had opened with 67.

John Ward Sr. (Winter Park) and John Ward Jr. (Apopka) finished third with 65-72—137.

"Needless to say I like this course," said Knapp, of North Palm Beach. "I've played here twice and walked off winning twice (his 1983 State Amateur title was won here).

"My partner really came through. He makes birdie on 14 and 17 when I have my ball in my pocket . . . I'm O.B. When he's on his iron game he is tough to beat. He's within 10 feet on every shot," added the 38-year-old Knapp, who earlier last week qualified for

the U.S. Mid-Amateur.

Knapp and Hamilton made the turn Sunday even par, but they got it going on the back. On the 440-yard 10th hole, Knapp used a pitching wedge for his second shot and the ball bounced once on the green and rolled into the cup for an eagle. When Hamilton birdied 14, it tied them with Cheesman and Shondel, who answered with a birdie on 16 to take a one-shot lead.

But Hamilton's birdie on 17 again pulled things even with one hole to play.

On 18, Knapp sank a 15-foot putt for birdie and then he and Hamilton waited as Cheesman and Shondel, playing right behind them, approached the green. Shondel sank a three-footer for birdie and the foursome headed off to the 420-yard first hole to begin their playoff.

Knapp sank another 15-footer for birdie and it was over after Shondel's six-foot birdie attempt missed the right side of the cup by an inch.

"We couldn't get anything going today," said Cheesman, a former minor league baseball player in the St. Louis Cardinals organization. "It was just one of those days when nothing seemed to fall."

Jim Hamilton and John McKey of Orlando captured the Seniors Division, shooting 71-70—141. That was two shots better than Bill Allendorf and Orv Robinson, also of Orlando, who shot 74-69.

There were 124 two-man teams in this year's event and, following Saturday's round, play was divided into flights — five in the Open Division and two in the Seniors Division.

WEST COURSE

SOUTH 1ST FLIGHT

FSGA STATE AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Bill Hamilton, Palm Bch. Tom Knapp, N. Palm Bch.	67-68=135	Bob Cornett, Tampa Rick Valdes, Tampa	70-72=142
Barry Cheesman, Sarasota Jim Shondel, Bradenton	64-71=135	Danny Aylwin, Homosassa Bob Bleakley, Crystal Pns.	69-74=143
John Ward, Sr., Winter Park John Ward, Jr., Apopka	65-72=137	Bill Baxter, Miami Bill Griffith, Miami Shrs.	69-74=143
Ken Kreutz, Plantation Kevin Marrone, Coral Spgs.	68-70=138	Rich Etscorn, Orlando Steve Greek, Fern Park	70-73=143
Bob Kouwe, Tampa Kim Schwencke, Temple Ter.	69-69=138	Fred Klauk, Delray Bch. Larry Mueller, Lake Worth	71-71=143
Steve Saterbo, Winter Hvn. Bruce Scamehorn, Winter Hvn.	68-71=139	Rick Brown, Tampa Wayne Rudzewicz, Tampa	71-71=143
Ron Moxom, Sarasota Ralph Raymond, Sarasota	71-69=140	Louis McHughes, Ocala Bo Williams, Ocala	71-71=143
Pat Hopkins, Jacksonville Wes Hopkins, Jacksonville	69-71=140	Marlin Detweiler, Orlando Sam Robinson, Orlando	69-77=146
Glen Davis, Orlando George Roat, Orlando	69-71=140	Gil Turner, Stuart Doug Ware, Palm City	70-77=147
Glen Kirk, Orlando Gary Schroeder, Windermere	66-74=140	Robert Christensen, Homosassa Arthur Wood, Homosassa	71-79=150

WEST COURSE

SOUTH 2ND FLIGHT

FSGA STATE AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jesse Braswell, Lake Wales Tom Keller, Fedhaven	72-70=142	Ron LeClair, Oviedo Mike Todd, Winter Spgs.	72-75=147
Joe Ondo, Orlando Mark Pittinger, Jacksonville	73-69=142	Casey Cox, Clearwater Dick Moore, Tampa	74-73=147
Austin Jones, Orlando Steve Smyers, Mulberry	74-69=143	David Kartner, Stuart Dick Rigabar, Palm City	74-73=147
Sandy Estroff, Lakeland Gary Stickl, Lakeland	72-72=143	Rob Irvin, Tampa Doug Lacrosse, Tampa	74-74=148
Denny Rouse, Valrico Steve Spurrier, Tampa	72-71=143	Dave Bisplinghoff, Jkville Randy Payne, Jacksonville	73-75=148
Jack Veghte, Clearwater John Veghte, Clearwater	72-71=143	Chip Fair, Melbourne Glen Kerres, Melbourne	74-74=148
Corky Collins, Ocala Duke West, Ocala	73-71=144	Rich Locker, Naples Bill Radford, Cocnt. Grove	72-76=148
Rob Bauer, Belleair Bill Galson, Belleair	72-73=145	Jack Collins, Sarasota Jim Shelley, Sarasota	73-76=149
David Boesel, Winter Park Jack Richey, Winter Park	72-73=145	Kent Pershing, Sarasota Dwayne Roney, Ft Myers	74-75=149
Skip Lujack, Brandon Miles McConnell, Valrico	73-72=145	Frank Coughanour, Hallndl Frank Coughanour, III, Crl. Spg	74-76=150
Clint Burke, Pt. St. Lucie David Keon, Palm Bch Gdns,	73-73=146	David Hyman, Orlando Curt Saathof, Orlando	74-76=150
Phil Leckey, St. Petersburg Richard Leckey, St. Ptrsbg.	72-74=146	Jim Denicola, Pt. St Lucie John Turner, Pt. St Lucie	74-78=152
Bill Erwin, Jupiter Ron Sellers, W. Palm Bch.	73-73=146	Drew Guffey, Bartow Jack Wilkins, Bartow	74-79=153
		Brant Martin, Lakeland Mike Schroeder, Lakeland	DNS

WEST COURSE

SOUTH 3RD FLIGHT

FSGA STATE AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Val Johnson, Lakeland Tim Keeney, Lakeland	75-72=147
Dick Howard, Ft Myers Doug Oselett, Ft Myers	77-72=149
Bill Geppert, Lakeland Mark Norman, Palm Harbor	76-75=151
Tom Hammons, Longboat Key Don Stephenson, Sarasota	76-76=152
Angel Balcarcel, Ft Myers Lee Hyatt, Ft Myers	77-76=153
Sid Salomon III, Rockledge Sid Salomon IV, Rockledge	79-74=153
Ken Dunn, Ft Myers Hap Personett Ft Myers	78-76=154
Mike Butler, Lakeland John Penn, Lakeland	78-76=154
Bill McCormick, Coral Springs Barry Smith, Kendale Lakes	76-78=154
Barky Schellinger, Delray Dave Transleau, Delray	79-76=155
Perry Lanning, Sarasota Joe Platt, Sarasota	78-78=156
Michael Sierra, Tampa Stuart Sierra, Tampa	78-80=158
Dale Anderson, Stuart Tim Beegle, Stuart	81-79=160
Larry Barousse, W. Palm Beach Mitch Drew, Tampa	83-78=160
Felix Bertucci, Tampa Jamie Forbes, Tampa	85-84=169

SOUTH COURSE

WEST 1ST FLIGHT

Gary Holmes, Casselberry	76-69=145	Robert Carlson, Jupiter	73-79=152
Steve Taylor, Casselberry		Robert Johnson, Jupiter	
Tim Fields, Titusville	73-72=145	Kieth Lohmann, Lakeland	76-76=152
Del Foster, Titusville		Terry Schroeder, Lakeland	
Steve Dixon, Ocala	74-72=146	Charles Bennett, Altamonte Spgs.	73-80=153
Don Gillis, Ocala		Paul Haire, Casselberry	
Charles Galuska, Sarasota	75-73=148	Wallace Schultz, Lakeland	75-78=153
John Hager, Sarasota		Greg Spooner, Lakeland	
Dick Kaufmann, Tampa	76-74=150	Robert Riley, Jr. W. Palm Bch	76-80=156
Richard Kaufmann, Tampa		Charlie Ring, W. Palm Bch	
Mike Jonges, Altamonte Spgs.	75-75=150		
Craig Van Hooven, Winter Spg			
Jim Coppage, Merritt Island	72-78=150		
Brad Dean, Cocoa			
Lou Hasbrouck, Sarasota	74-76=150		
John Mader, Sarasota			
Don Fink, Ft Myers	76-75=151		
Howard Palen, Ft Myers			
Gary Dunlap, Bradenton	73-78=151		
Rick Ponto, Bradenton			
Jim Carr, Seffner	73-79=152		
Bob Snyder, Valrico			

SOUTH COURSE

WEST 2ND FLIGHT

Mike Corcoran, Melbourne Rick Luzar, Rockledge	79-70=149	Bill Garrett, Tampa John Whitworth, Tampa	80-77=157
Dale Doelling, Boynton Bch. Eric Larson, Lantana	77-74=151	Fred Anders, Melbourne Sandy Reese, Melbourne	80-79=159
Houston Hill, Ft Myers Robert Joyce, Cape Coral	77-75=152	Cary Eskridge, Coral Spgs Charles Park, Coral Spg	81-78=159
John Powell, Orlando Tom Raley, Orlando	77-76=153	Raymond Roach, Cocoa William Roach, Cocoa	79-81=160
David Craft, Palm Bch Gdn Sam McRoberts, Palm Bch Gdn	79-75=154	Bob Robison, Winter Park Ray Robison, Winter Park	77-83=160
Joseph Bryan, St Pete Joseph Bryan III St Pete	77-77=154	Steve Adams, Titusville Walter Cerrato, Titusville	81-79=160
Steve Epps, Sanford Tom Hall, Orlando	77-78=155	Gary Doyle, Sarasota Dave Ruth, Sarasota	81-81=162
Byron Whitman, Juno Beach Jeb Whitman, Juno Beach	80-76=156	Don Mills, Tampa Randall Reid, Tampa	81-83=164
John McCreary, Lehigh Rick Meli, Ft Lauderdale	78-78=156	Charles Howard, Palm Bay Kevin Johnson, Palm Bay	84-80=164
Lee Decof, N. Miami Bch. Richard Decof, N. Miami Bch.	77-80=157	Herb Hedgecock, Satellite Bch Richard Smith, Satellite Bch	85-84=169
Raymond Flischel, Englewood Richard Yusk, Englewood	80-77=157		

SOUTH COURSE

SENIOR DIVISION

1ST FLIGHT		2ND FLIGHT	
Jim Hamilton, Orlando John McKey, Orlando	71-70=141	R. L. Glisson, Palatka Guy Sapp, Palm Coast	79-73=152
Bill Allendorf, Orlando Orv Robertson, Orlando	74-69=143	Ed Rubich, Winter Park Forrest Sanders, Winter Pk	81-73=154
Key Scales, Weirsdale Moot Thomas, Ocala	71-73=144	James Callender, Atl. Bch Will Wright, Atlantic Bch	80-76=156
Earl Morris, Melbourne Bob Winchester, Melbourne	74-71=145	Tom Lane, Satellite Beach Jack Schwartz, Satellite B	82-75=157
Bob Graham, Satellite Bch. Hal Hegenwald, Melbourne	74-72=146	Carl Rupp, Placida Julian Serles, Temple Ter.	79-80=159
Charlie McCormick, Winter Sp. George Vorhees, Casselberry	76-72=148	John Chazel, Ocala Howard George, Ocala	81-79=160
Dick Hunter, Indialantic Charles Wilson, Indian Hbr. Bch	73-75=148	Red Cleveland, Lakeland Bill Epps, Sanford	79-81=160
John Crocker, Sebring Lynn Lee, Sebring	74-76=150	Norm Rau, Sarasota Hank Thode, englewood	79-82=161
William McCracken, Windemere H. G. Scarborough, Altamonte Spg	78-77=155	Gene Byrne, Oviedo C. C. Smith, Orlando	81-83=164
Harvey Carter, Jupiter Thomas Hardman, Palm Bch Gdn	77-78=155	Clyde Combs, Satellite Bch Bill Fulton, Satellite Bch	81-95=176
John Griffin, Maitland Robert Wilkinson, Longwood	78-81=159	Art Goldberg, Sarasota Don Williams, Sarasota	94-90=184
Bob Miller, Bradenton Pete Wagner, Bradenton	78-82=160		
Ed Anlage, Daytona Beach Bill Buchanan, Daytona Beach	78-82=160		