

Tampans Lead Jr. State Golf

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WINTER HAVEN — Two Hillsborough County golfers lead the upper division of the Florida State Juniors Championship after posting matching 68s across the 6,200-yard Willow Brook layout yesterday.

Tampa's John Jones and Brandon's John Reger both carded 35-33's in yesterday's first round. They share a two-stroke lead over Fort Pierce's David Abell, the FSGA event's current defending champion.

Abell fired a 34-36 to best par by two strokes at 70. The defender was tied for fifth place with Bob Williams of Fort Lauderdale, going into today's final 18 holes of play.

One stroke behind the leaders and a stroke ahead of the defending champ, Winter Park's Steve Griggs and Tom Fischer of Plantation turned in 69's.

Jones has posted recent victories in the Gasparilla and the West Central PGA tournaments.

The tournament continues here today with the championship flight in the 15-17 age group going off between 9:42 and 10:30. The 12-14 championship flight goes off at 9:18, 9:26 and 9:34.

15-17-YEAR-OLD

68 — John Jones, Tampa 35-33; John Reger, Brandon 35-33.

69 — Steve Griggs, Winter Park 35-34; Tom Fischer, Plantation 33-36.

70 — David Abell, Ft. Pierce 34-36; Bob Williams, Ft. Lauderdale 35-35.

71 — Kenny Davis, Orlando 38-33; Terry May, Longwood 38-33.

72 — Walter Cerrato, Titusville 35-37; Brad Dean, Rockledge 36-36; Kevin Heinicks, Seminole 34-38; Joe Hodge, Tampa 34-38; Jeff Hollis, Largo 37-35; Jim Vaughn, Ft. Pierce 34-38.

73 — Gary Boros, Ft. Lauderdale 37-36; Stevan Earick, St. Petersburg 38-35; Keith Johnson, Ft. Lauderdale 38-55; Robert Noe, Vero Beach 37-36; Larry Rinker, Stuart 34-39.

74 — Harry Britton, Riverview 37-37; N. Cappela, Crystal River 37-37; David Doumar, Ft. Lauderdale 35-39 in Gerber, St. Petersburg 37-37; E. J. Jones, Sarasota 36-38; Frank Strafai, Miami 34-40; Walter Weaver, Lakeland 39-35.

12-14-YEAR-OLD

73 — Billy Tuten, Palatka 35-38.

74 — Kevin Janiga, Lake Placid 35-39.

75 — Lee Rinker, Stuart 36-39.

76 — John Purcell, Lakeland 37-39.

77 — T. Butscher, Ocala 39-38; Phil Calvano, Bradenton 36-41; Dave Poole, Temple Terrace 37-40.

Fischer Takes Title

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WINTER HAVEN — Plantation's Tom Fischer overcame a one-stroke disadvantage to oust Bay Area first round leaders John Jones and John Reger and to capture the FSGA's Florida State Junior Championship here at Willow Brook yesterday.

Fischer turned in a 69-70—139 to edge Reger by one stroke. Jones, tied with Reger at 68 after Wednesday's first round, shot a 79 to skyrocket to 147 and 10th place.

Fischer credited his putting game for the victory. Last year he was tied for the lead with a 72 after the first round, but said he played his competitors then, instead of the course, and ballooned to a fat 80.

The FSGA win was Fischer's first big win. He said he profited from last year's mistakes.

Defending champion David Abell of Ft. Pierce wound up seventh overall after rounds of 70-74 for 144.

Third place in the upper division went to Terry May of Longwood who totaled a 141 after steady rounds of 71-70. Jeff Hollis of Largo was fourth at 142 and Tampa's Joe Hodge and Lauderdale's Pat Peecher shared fifth place at 143.

Lake Placid's Kevin Janiga captured the 12-14 age group with a 74-74—148 while Palatka's Billy Tuten was second at 149 and Lakeland's John Purcell was third at 151.

15-17 AGE GROUP

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — 139: Tom Fischer, Plantation 69-70; 140: John Reger, Brandon 68-72; 141: Terry May, Longwood 71-70; 142: Jeff Hollis, Largo 72-70; 143: Joe Hodge, Tampa 72-71; Pat Peecher, Lauderdale 74-69; 144: David Abell, Ft. Pierce 70-74; 146: Steve Griggs, Winter Park 69-77; Larry Rinker, Stuart 73-73; 147: John Jones, Tampa 68-79; Jim Vaughn, Ft. Pierce 72-75.

FIRST FLIGHT — 147: Earl Gibson, Sarasota 75-72; 148: John DuPriest, Avon Park 75-73; Joe Loggins, Orlando 76-72; 149: Tom Ginther, Kissimmee 75-74; Steve Burton, Tampa 75-74.

SECOND FLIGHT — 149: Bill Geisler, Maitland 78-71, 151: Tom Cleaver, Tampa 78-73; 153: M. Blackburn, Seminole 79-74; 154: Scott Makar, Holmes Beach; Jeff Johnston, Bradenton 79-75.

THIRD FLIGHT — 160: Ron Rollins, Sarasota 82-78; 163: Gregg Smith, Winter Haven 82-81; 165: Bob Krullah, Beverly Hills 82-83; 166: R. Straughn, Winter Haven 86-80.

12-14 AGE GROUP

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — 148: Kevin Janiga, Lake Placid 74-74; 149: Billy Tuten, Palatka 73-76; 151: John Purcell, Lakeland 76-75; 153: Lee Rinker, Stuart 75-78; 156: D. Whittemore, Temple Terrace 80-76; 157: Butscher, Ocala 77-80; Pete DuPriest, Avon Park 80-77.

FIRST FLIGHT — 161: C. Stallings, Sarasota 81-80; 165: Dan Fischer, Temple Terrace 82-83; 168: Bill Bellflower, Wauchula 86-82.

Fischer, Janiga Win FSGA Jr.

WINTER HAVEN — A year ago Tom Fischer of Plantation led the Florida

State Golf Association's junior tournament on the first day with an even par 72. The second day, he kept his eyes on the other contenders and shot 80.

This year Tom shot a 69 the first day of the FSGA junior played at Willow Brook. But he remembered last year's mistake and the second day he made an effort to ignore the opposition and play the golf course. He played it in 70 strokes, and won the championship.

Fischer is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale

and will attend the University of South Florida next fall.

"I didn't hit many greens the second day," he said, but I was getting up and down. I was putting very well." He made four birdies — on the eighth, ninth, 11th and 14th holes. He bogeyed the third and 18th, the latter when he missed a three-foot putt.

Fischer won by one stroke over John Reger of Brandon. Reger was one of the first day leaders with 68 but he shot an even-par 72 the second day, which

was one stroke too much.

Tampa's Johnny Jones, a pre-tournament favorite, shot 68 on Thursday without ever having seen Willow Brook before and then 79 on Friday.

Kevin Janiga of Lake Placid won the 12-14 age division.

It was his second title within a week. He won the 12-14 age division of Boys Invitational conducted by the Florida Women's State Golf Association at Lehigh Acres. Kevin plays at Sebring Municipal course and won the Crutchfield junior championship two years ago in the 12-and-under division.

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Championship Flight	
Tom Fischer	69-70—139
John Reger, Brandon	68-72—140
Terry May, Longwood	71-79—141
Jeff Hollis, Largo	72-70—142
Joe Hodge, Tampa	72-71—143
Pat Peechers, Lauderhill	74-69—143
First Flight	
Earl Gibson, Sarasota	75-72—147
John DuPriest, Avon Park	75-73—148
Joe Loggino, Orlando	76-72—148
Tom Ginther, Kissimmee	75-74—149
Steve Burton, Tampa	74-75—149
Rhyss Cobb, Satellite Beach	77-73—150
Second Flight	
Bill Gessler, Maitland	78-71—149
Tom Cleavert, Tampa	78-73—151
M. Blackburn, Seminole	79-74—153
Scott Mahan, Holmes Beach	78-76—154
Jeff Johnston, Bradenton	79-75—154
Third Flight	
Ron Rollins, Sarasota	82-78—160
Gregg Smith, Winter Haven	82-81—163
Bob Krulish, Beverly Hills	82-83—165
R. Straughn, Winter Haven	86-80—166
12-14 Age Group	
Kevin Janiga, Lake Placid	74-74—78
Billy Tuten, Palatka	73-76—149
John Purcell, Lakeland	76-75—151

one more shot.



JOHN REGER . . . Junior runnerup