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## SERINE AND EARSLEY LEAD AFTER FIRST ROUND OF FLORIDA STATE MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Apopka's Lance Serine and Wellington's Steve Earsley both shot a 1-under 71 to lead the Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship by one stroke over five other golfers after the first round of stroke play. Serine's round was highlighted by a hole-in-one on the 200-yard fifth hole at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville.

Standing in second place with an even-par 72 are: Tampa's Pipp Patton, Winter Park's Jim Byington, St. Augustine's Sean Pacetti, Jacksonville's Mike Bodney, and Naples' Ron Cleland.

Play continues Friday in this 25-and-over Championship with the second round of stroke play before the field of 90 golfers is trimmed to the low 16 scorers who will advance to match play.

The 16<sup>th</sup> score fell at 74, with many marquis players near that score. Two-time State Amateur champion and defending Mid-Amateur champion Mark Leetzow of Sarasota shot 73. Other former State Mid-Amateur champions in the running include: John Corzilius (1994 and 1997) of Nokomis and Doug LaCrosse (1995) of Tampa both with a 75, and Bruce Scamehorn (1993) of Winter Haven with a 77.

Chip Hitt, the current President of the FSGA, shot a 73, while Palm City's Paul Piccolo shot a 74 with 1992 U.S. Senior Open champion Larry Laoretti toting his bag.

Timuquana Country Club, a Donald Ross design, is a private course with a formidable history. Organized in 1923, Timuquana held the 1928 Florida State Amateur Championship. The course is similar to Ross's Pinehurst #2 with classic domed greens and closely-mowed chipping areas. The course is unique in that it wanders through thick pines and hundred-year old live oaks with no houses in sight. It is situated on relatively flat land, so the only topography is the raised greens.

The Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship is the 14<sup>th</sup> of 16 state championships conducted annually by the Florida State Golf Association. The FSGA is a not-for-profit organization that promotes, preserves and protects amateur golf in the state of Florida. For information about membership, please call (941) 921-5695.

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