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## CHEESMAN IS STATE AMATEUR CHAMPION

Barry Cheesman. Remember the name.

"After I won the tournament," said the 26-year-old Cheesman in reference to his victory in the Florida State Amateur Championship, "nobody knew who I was. Len (Mattiace, the runnerup) had to ask somebody who I was."

Such anonymity is now a thing of the past for Cheesman, who lives in Sarasota and has suddenly exploded onto the scene as one of the best amateurs in the South, if not the entire country.

In the State Am, played over the Island course at the Innisbrook Resort, Cheesman finished with a 290 total for 72 holes. Mattiace, who plays on the Wake Forest University golf team, was tied for second at 292 with Ronnie McCann from the University of Miami golf team.

The course and the competition got the best of defending champion Cary Splane, who failed to make the 36-hole cut.

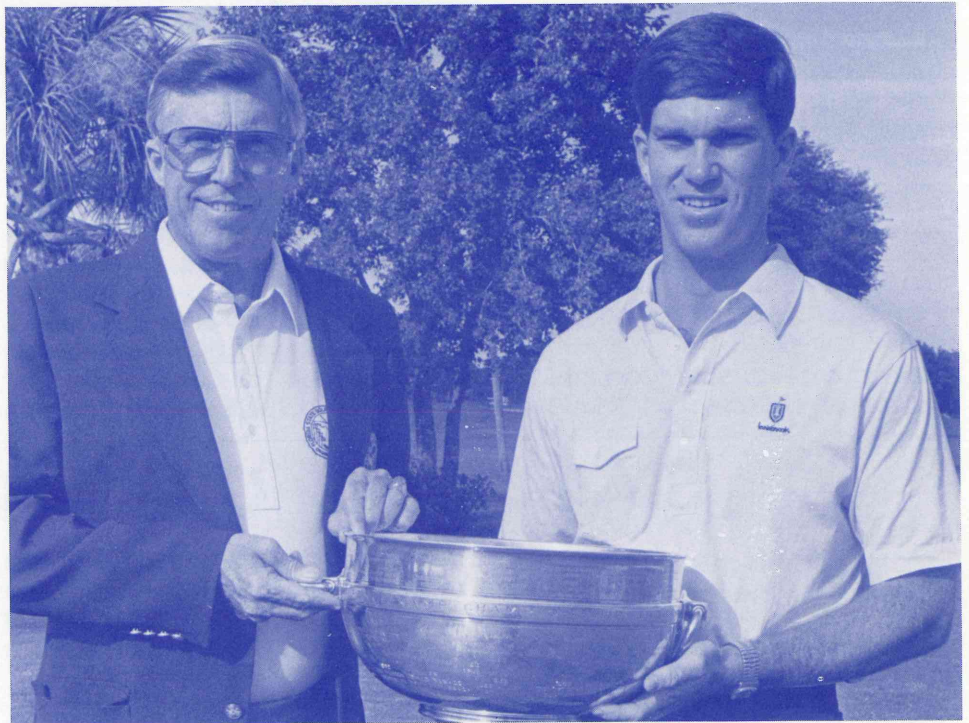
The final round propelled Cheesman to victory, for he shot a 71 and made up a four-shot deficit to Mattiace, who stumbled home with a 77. McCann, who was finishing in the top four for the second straight year, concluded with a 72.

Who is Cheesman, anyway?

He grew up in Galesburg, IL, and became a professional baseball player upon graduation from high school. During two years with the St. Louis Cardinals organization and one year with the California Angels, he was a catcher. Traded once again, this time to the New York Yankees, he became a pitcher.

Then he quit and became a golfer. He has played since high school, and both his father-in-law and brother-in-law are golf professionals.

Cheesman is the contract sales manager for Custom Floors, Inc., in Sarasota. This gives him plenty of time



Cal Korf (left) with Barry Cheesman (right).

to play golf, and he is making the best of the situation. Here is his prescription for leaping from no-name to big-name golfer:

- Enter the North-South Amateur and meet two-time U.S. Amateur champion Jay Sigel in the third round. Have him one-down with one hole to play. Hit the 18th green and face 20-foot birdie putt. Watch Sigel miss the green. It's all over, right?

Hardly. Sigel chips in, Cheesman misses, they go to extra holes. On the 20th, Cheesman splits the fairway and Sigel is in the trees. "Play for the middle of the green," Cheesman tells himself. This he does, the ball finishing 30 feet from the hole.

Meanwhile, Sigel punches a low cut shot around some trees. The ball finishes three feet from the hole. He birdies, Cheesman pars, now it's all over.

- Enter the State Amateur and win, beating all the college hot-shots and

everybody else who has a claim to playing well.

- Enter the Florida Open and win low amateur honors, cracking the top 15.

"I went into the State Amateur thinking I had a chance to finish high," explained Cheesman, "but I wouldn't say to win. Before the final round, I really felt confident. Even though I was four shots behind, I told my wife, 'Hey, I can win this thing.' And I did."

"It proves to me that I can play with the best amateurs around. I saw that in the North-South, and it helped my confidence for the State Amateur."

Cheesman took the lead on the 15th hole of the final round. As he stood in the 16th fairway, waiting to hit his second, he calculated he had a one-stroke lead.

"We had about a five-minute wait," he said. "I was hitting a 4-iron into a

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# BO WILLIAMS - SENIOR CHAMPION

Bo Williams of Ocala tried to downplay his victory in the Florida State Senior Championship at Bonita Bay Club.

"I can't wait to see how the really good players handle this course when the State Amateur is played here next year," said Williams. "This is really a tough layout."

Really good players? Come on now, Bo, there's no need for modesty.

All Williams did was shoot a second round 65 and then coast to a four-stroke victory over Chris Kappas of Ponte Vedra Beach. John Miller of Naples finished third, five back of Williams.

"It was just a fantastic round — the kind you dream about," the champion said of his 65. "I birdied the first hole with a 10-foot putt and then, all of a sudden, I had birdies on three of the first four holes."

Taking a seven-shot lead into the final round, Williams said, "I just tried

to hit every fairway and every green. I just wanted to make sure nobody got close to me."

There were no worries, and Williams triumphed. It was a long way from his first exposure to golf, which came at the University of Florida.

"I grew up in a town (Madison, FL) that didn't have a golf course," he explained. "I started the game when I was a senior. I had to take a physical education course, and golf was supposed to be an easy one. The teacher was Dave Fuller, who was the baseball coach at Florida. He was a very good golfer.

"We never went on the golf course. We only hit balls. Finally I started playing, and I got down into the high 70s before the first year was over."

Williams later helped build a course in his hometown of Madison. He is now a Buick dealer in Ocala, where he plays golf "two or three times a week" at Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club. This is, incidentally, one

of Florida's most interesting recreational facilities.

"It's horse country around here," said Williams. "We have an area designated as a bridal path and another area designated as a polo field. The polo field has never been utilized, but it's there."

Williams won his first golf tournament at the Armed Forces Country Club in Fort Jackson, SC, where he became club champion in 1953. Since then he's won a few more, including the big one — the State Senior.

But he can't stop talking about the course.

"It's a really good course," he repeated. "It's a target kind of course. You make a mistake and you'll pay for it. I'm interested to see how they play in the State Amateur."

And, if anybody shoots 65, he can say, "I tied the State Senior champion."

## STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael Sposa of Tamarac figured it was about time for him to win the Florida State Junior Championship. In two previous tries, he had been third and fourth.

Coming to the final hole at Longboat Key's Harbourside layout, Sposa was even par after 35 holes. Good, but not good enough.

"I found out that I needed a birdie to tie," said Sposa. "It was a real test for me."

Sposa's second shot on the par four hole ended up on the fringe of the green, 30 feet from the hole. He stroked his putt into the cup for a tying birdie, then went on to win the championship with another birdie on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

"I got over the putt on 18," he recalled, "and I thought to myself: 'I was never able to win this tournament and, even if I miss this putt, I'll still come in second. So it's all or nothing. It's my last chance to win it.'"

"I just put all negative thoughts out of my mind, and it happened. It went in the hole."

That gave Sposa a tie with Chris

DiMarco of Longwood. On the playoff hole, both players hit the green but DiMarco missed a 25-foot birdie attempt. Sposa then sank a 17-footer to win the tournament.

"When I hit it, I knew it was in," said Sposa. "It just shows you what you can do with the right attitude. I felt very positive."

Sposa, who turned 17 in June, was playing in the tourney for the last time. He will complete his senior year at Taravella High School, then head off to the hectic world of college golf.

"It's up in the air as far as where I go to college," he said. "I don't know yet, but I'm hoping to get a scholarship."

Sposa finished the State Junior with rounds of 72 and 71, while DiMarco went 73-70. Plantation's Glen Miciotta, who bogeyed the last hole, ended up one stroke back at 144. Also at the figure was another golfer from Plantation — David Bishop. Greg Krak of Palm Beach Gardens was two back at 145.

In the 12-14 age division, Charles Walters Jr. of Sarasota was victorious

with a 154 total. Dennis Hackworth of Cape Coral finished second with a 156 score, and Daniel Stone of St. Petersburg was third at 158.

"The key to my game," said Sposa, "was that I played very consistently. I didn't let a bogey throw me off my game. I really didn't have any bad holes. It was anybody's tournament, which really made it exciting."

Sposa has been very successful in Sarasota, finishing in top 10 in the individual standings at this year's State High School Championship. His Taravella team was tied for second, just one stroke behind winner Sarasota Riverview.

Sposa, like most golfers, has his heroes.

"I like Fuzzy Zoeller because of the way he controls himself. Of course, Jack Nicklaus is definitely it. His record is unbelievable."

And making putts from 30 feet and 17 feet to win the State Junior Championship is also rather unbelievable, although it couldn't happen to a nicer young man.



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

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  4. Newsletters.
  5. Competitive golf on championship golf courses throughout the state.
  6. Members can play in all events (if within age limitations).
  7. FSGA membership card.
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# FSGA PRESIDENT — SAM SMIDT

Sam Smidt, the new president of the Florida State Golf Association, is a man who has made a lifelong commitment to golf. And, thank the lord of birdies, his attachment to the game keeps growing.

Smidt, although he has been retired from his tannery business for 11 years, is more active than ever. He never seems to stop. Long known as an authority on the Rules of Golf, he now has moved into the administrative area of golf. And, predictably, he loves it.

"Golf is such a special game," he says. "And, outside of playing, there's plenty of room for people who want to get themselves involved in a very rewarding golfing experience."

Smidt and his wife Roz live in Lake Worth and play golf at Palm Beach National. Roz carries a 10 handicap, Sam a 16. "Well, I get to play about one and a half rounds a month," he says. "What do you expect?"

At the age of 12, Smidt became a caddy at Salem Country Club in Peabody, MA. He started with a "B" rating, and his pay was 75 cents a round. When he moved up to the "A" level, he made \$1 a round.

Later he was president of Kernwood Country Club in Salem, MA, and during his membership there he won the club championship. His handicap was as low as 6, but now it has ballooned because, as he puts it, "my hobby has become my business."

Smidt is one of just a handful of individuals to be certified by the USGA, PGA and LPGA as a rules official. He is chairman of rules for the South Florida PGA and also for the FSGA.

He has been an official at the Ryder Cup matches and the PGA Seniors Championship, but he refuses to go out of state. "All my officiating is here in Florida," he says. "This is my home, and I have so many obligations right here."

Smidt says his relationship with the Rules of Golf started out "just as a hobby. Nowhere in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to get this involved. But I've got to tell you that there is such a shortage of qualified people in the officiating of golf. We're always looking for somebody



capable of handling it. There aren't many experts around."

In his business as a tanner, he supplied leather to the shoe and airline industries. When he retired he thought he would "play golf with my friends and enjoy their company." But it didn't quite work out exactly that way.

He saw an ad in a golf magazine for a golf rules workshop, co-sponsored by the USGA and PGA.

"It sounded interesting to me, so I went," he says. "It was a pretty intensive week, and there was a test at the end. To pass, you needed a basic rating of 85. To get national acceptance, it was necessary to get a 92 or better.

I was very disappointed in passing with just an 89, because I thought I knew the rules. So I studied longer and harder, and I later got my national rating.

Looking at the future of the FSGA, Smidt says, "As far as I'm concerned, the bread and butter, the life's blood, is the running of good tournaments. In addition, we've got the greatest fields in the country entering our tournaments. We've got solid depth.

Other parts of the country have great players, but they don't have our depth.

"FSGA is a branch of the USGA. We service every club in the state of Florida. We are currently initiating the Slope system program that will be going into effect this coming January 1 across the country.

"Bill Baker, who is the vice president of FSGA, is chairman of rating and measuring. He has been very busy preparing for Slope. It's been a program of research and development. It's proven to be very, very successful — way ahead of the old USGA handicapping system, a much fairer setup for all golfers.

"We're attempting to publicize Slope, to saturate every golfer so they can understand it and live with it very comfortably."

In addition, says Smidt, "FSGA is embarking on a program of regionalization, similar to the USGA. We're going to have people on our various committees from the different regions. We'll have people available wherever we go in the state."

Smidt credits people such as Mary

Dagraedt and Don Smith with helping him become so deeply involved with the Rules of Golf. And he hopes that more golfers will attend rules workshops.

"We need them," he says. "It's enjoyable, and it really helps give something back to the game.

"As far as I'm concerned, 90 percent of the battle in rules officiating is preparation of the golf course and writing of the local rules. If an official doesn't do his homework, there can

be all kinds of problems. Then you start getting into different opinions. There's nothing solid, except for common sense — and that doesn't solve anything when it comes to the rules.

"For every three days on the golf course," he concludes, "you've got three or four or five days of advance work. It isn't just going to the tournament site and officiating."

Smidt replaced Gary Doyle as president of FSGA in the spring of this year. Doyle, a vice president of the

Meadows Country Club in Sarasota, stepped down because of business responsibilities.

Smidt is now busier than ever, but, like a Marine, he is one of those rare good men. If he can make golf a better game for all of us, then he'll do it. No excuses, no compromises, Sam Smidt is dedicated to the sport.

"My life wouldn't be the same without it," he says, "and I think there are lots of people who can say the same thing."

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## THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

First, credit must be given to Jim Achenbach (Sarasota Herald Tribune sports writer) for the stories in this issue. All the championship stories and Sam Smidt were written by Jim. Thanks for a great job. The following three separate letters/notices remind you what FSGA is doing, where we are going, and what you can do to help. We do need volunteers to help run

our championships and qualifiers, rate and measure golf courses and help represent us regionally throughout the state.

One of the significant plans we have is an extension of Sam Smidt's statement in the interview about needing more qualified rules persons in Florida. FSGA is coordinating with USGA to conduct one or several rules

workshops in Florida. These will be almost a carbon copy of the USGA/PGA rules workshops. Details are being initiated now, but we hope to conduct these in the summer of '87. Our goal is to make the workshop instructional, informative, enjoyable and foremost to produce a nucleus of well informed rules persons throughout the state.

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## AN OVERVIEW FOR MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Florida State Golf Association, Inc. is organized to promote and conserve the amateur game of golf in Florida.

As you may know, we are a non profit organization which was formed in 1913 and reorganized in 1982. We are governed by Florida law and guided by a prominent Board of Directors who give freely their time, knowledge and energies.

Our primary goal is that of improving state amateur championships and the championship sites. In addition to The State Amateur Championship, we conduct eight (8) other state tournaments annually as well as numerous USGA qualifying events. We also believe that to promote and enhance amateur golf, we must provide other quality and timely services to the golfing community throughout the state. We conduct or provide:

- Amateur status reinstatement
- Course ratings
- Course measurements
- Rules clinics
- Rules workshops
- Handicap services
- Most improved golfer awards
- Yardage booklets
- Tournament calendars
- Newsletters
- Speaker services
- Assist in obtaining
  - Stroke hole analysis
  - USGA publications

Finally, we are continuing to pursue actions that will better organize and service the Florida amateur golfer.

Our most valuable resources are you — the associations, clubs, individuals and the volunteers who devote countless hours rating

courses, promoting precious dialogues and maintaining the high standards that have been attained.

Our sources of revenue include club memberships, individual memberships, tournaments, course measuring, handicap services and yardage booklets. The funds derived are totally earmarked for Florida golf. Without the income we would be unable to accomplish the above and other necessary services.

We are your interface with the United States Golf Association and take pride in the achievements we have accomplished throughout the years. Your support of the association is sincerely appreciated. Similarly, if you have recommendations to better our common objectives, please inform us of your requirements — we are here to serve and provide necessary services.



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# NOTICE

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GENERAL MANAGERS, DIRECTORS OF GOLF, GOLF PROFESSIONALS, GOLF COMMITTEES AND HANDICAP CHAIRPERSONS.

The USGA has not officially announced the implementation date(s) of the new handicap system, but it is expected to be effective in early 1987.

As we understand, specifics of the USGA handicap index system will be included in the revised USGA golf handicap system and golf committee manual.

The Florida State Golf Association, Inc., a non profit corporation serving Florida golfers since 1913, is readying the state for index handicapping. As authorized by the USGA, we rate golf courses to their specifications and provide the USGA Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) Service.

**GHIN will automatically convert to the new system when implemented.**

GHIN is a professional handicap service and is provided in either a paper or electronic option. For an information packet on GHIN, please call (813) 921-5695 or (904) 854-0344 and we will expedite a copy to you and/or arrange for a demonstration.

Additionally, if your course has not been rated since 1984, please contact us (813) 921-5695 for rating requirements and further information.

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rates.

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# FSGA STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

BONITA BAY CLUB, BONITA SPRINGS -  
MAY 9-11, 1986

## CHAMPIONSHIP A

Bo Williams	Ocala	142 + 77 = 219
Chris Kappas	Ponte Vedra Beach	155 + 68 = 223
John Miller	Naples	149 + 75 = 224
Wesley Paxson	Jacksonville	152 + 77 = 229
Robert Westering, Sr.	Daytona Beach	152 + 78 = 230
Pursie Pipes	Boca Raton	148 + 82 = 230
Jack Rountree	Lake City	156 + 75 = 231
Jack Brick	Palm Beach Gardens	156 + 76 = 232
Charlie McCormick	Winter Springs	152 + 81 = 233
David Davis	St. Petersburg	156 + 79 = 235
Don Whelan	Deerfield Beach	153 + 82 = 235
Edward Anlage	Daytona Beach	156 + 80 = 236
Bruce Durkee	Naples	156 + 82 = 238
Richard Stackhouse	Boynton Beach	156 + 83 = 239

## CHAMPIONSHIP B

William Scarborough, Jr.	Jacksonville	159 + 76 = 235
Walter Baldwin	Tampa	157 + 78 = 235
James Adamson	Juno Beach	160 + 77 = 237
George Pigott	Tampa	158 + 79 = 237
Bob Ornitz	Delray Beach	162 + 76 = 238
Campbell Smith	Jacksonville	162 + 80 = 242
Byron Swedberg	St. Petersburg	166 + 78 = 244
Robert Finnell	Fort Myers	179 + 85 = 264
Al Butera	Boynton Beach	162 + WD
Robert Redden	Sarasota	167 + 83 = 250

## FIRST FLIGHT

Russell Brown	Sarasota	160 + 78 = 238
William Allendorf	Orlando	168 + 73 = 241
Jim Roberts	Winter Springs	160 + 81 = 241
John Ellis	Jacksonville	160 + 83 = 243
Moof Thomas	Ocala	164 + 80 = 244
Paul Demick	Boynton Beach	161 + 83 = 244
Larry Murphy	Ponte Vedra Beach	171 + 76 = 247
Red Moran	North Fort Myers	164 + 83 = 247
Arnold "Red" Henriksen	Lake Worth	161 + 86 = 247
Ted Riffer	Fort Myers	166 + 84 = 250
Archie Swanson	Crystal River	169 + 83 = 252
Lynn Lee	Sebring	165 + 87 = 252
Frank Sutfon	St. Petersburg	169 + 84 = 253
John Chozal	Ocala	176 + 80 = 256
M. T. McInnis	Bradenton	178 + 80 = 258
G. R. Schlueter	Pompano Beach	184 + 92 = 276

## SECOND FLIGHT

John Yates	Plantation	160 + 71 = 231
Kenneth Young, Jr.	Fort Myers	155 + 78 = 233
Hank Phillips	Tampa	158 + 76 = 234
Jack Deutsch	Clearwater	159 + 79 = 238
Henry Russell	Surfside	161 + 79 = 240
Art Swettland	Cape Coral	162 + 81 = 243
Guy Sapp	Palm Coast	166 + 77 = 243
Lee Brown	St. Petersburg	164 + 82 = 246
Robert Kampfer	Naples	163 + 84 = 247
Norton Harris	West Palm Beach	168 + 80 = 248
Hale Baugh	Cocoa	164 + 84 = 248
Ed Wescott	Dunnellon	167 + 82 = 249
Bill Baker	Tequesta	167 + 84 = 251
Joseph Burda	Fort Myers	168 + 83 = 251
Laird Lane	Kissimmee	167 + 84 = 251
Tom Lane	Satellite Beach	164 + 89 = 253
Ernie Miller	Vero Beach	172 + 83 = 255
Julian Serles, Jr.	Temple Terrace	173 + 82 = 255
Orv Robertson	Orlando	165 + 91 = 256
Newell Hodgkins	Delray Beach	178 + 79 = 257
John McKey	Orlando	172 + 87 = 259
Harold Robison	Pinellas Park	170 + 89 = 259

## THIRD FLIGHT

W. Earl Morris	Naples	163 + 74 = 237
Fred Favreau	Delray Beach	157 + 83 = 240
Irwin Jackson	Sarasota	162 + 83 = 245
Earl Morris	Melbourne	163 + 84 = 247
George Voorhees	Casselberry	162 + 86 = 248
Hank Thode	Englewood	169 + 81 = 250
Leo Daigle	Beverly Hills	167 + 83 = 250
Bill Church	Tequesta	168 + 82 = 250
Rod Richley	Venice	169 + 83 = 252
Maury West	Tampa	178 + 77 = 255
Carl Rupp	Placida	173 + 85 = 258
Lowell Maloney	Rockledge	172 + 86 = 258
Robert Harcourt	Sebring	182 + 78 = 260
Jack Reed	Boynton Beach	174 + 87 = 261
Bill Parker	Homosassa	165 + 97 = 262
Bob Robison	Winter Park	174 + 89 = 263
Bob Graham	Satellite Beach	182 + 82 = 264
Carl Johnson	Tallahassee	177 + 90 = 267
Paul Laster	Deerfield Beach	184 + 88 = 272
Bob Hall	Palm Bay	178 + 95 = 273
Bill Zady	Safety Harbor	188 + 93 = 281
John Matter	West Palm Beach	172 WD

## FOURTH FLIGHT

Gordon Burnham	St. Petersburg	170 + 85 = 255
Bud Butler	St. Petersburg	173 + 84 = 257
William Martin	Vero Beach	176 + 83 = 259
William Halvorson	Naples	175 + 85 = 260
Tom Scott	Sarasota	179 + 81 = 260
Everett Stanley	Indianapolis	173 + 88 = 261
Vince Paulini	Boca Raton	174 + 89 = 263
Stan Kabot	Dunedin	177 + 90 = 267
Norm Rau	Sarasota	177 + 92 = 269
Ed Hirst	Daytona Beach	181 + 91 = 272
Ed Henderson	Crystal River	186 + 88 = 274
Pete Wagner, Jr.	Bradenton	187 + 88 = 275
Frank Borgon	Orlando	188 + 87 = 275
Jimmy Mann	St. Petersburg	190 + 92 = 282
John Patchin	Winter Park	191 + 97 = 288

## FIFTH FLIGHT

Hugh Johnston	Bonita Springs	178 + 84 = 262
Al Tidrow	St. Petersburg	180 + 83 = 263
Roy Chenderlin	Oldsmar	177 + 87 = 264
Don Lilly	Boynton Beach	178 + 86 = 264
Len Tanner	Sarasota	178 + 88 = 266
Charles Sheehee	Bradenton	186 + 84 = 270
Edward Rubich	Winter Park	184 + 86 = 270
Bill Doda	Springhill	185 + 89 = 274
Graham Hedden	Naples	187 + 89 = 276
Donald Williams	Naples	190 + 90 = 280
Del Dring	Sarasota	202 + 86 = 288
Charlie Caprino	Vero Beach	193 + 98 = 291
Jack Smith	Bradenton	204 + 89 = 293
Ralph Stowell	Altamonte Springs	209 + 89 = 298
Charles Mitchell	Lakeland	204 + 101 = 305

## SIXTH FLIGHT

Stuart Vercelline	Vero Beach	176 + 84 = 260
John Haehem	Sarasota	181 + 87 = 268
Joe Wegman	Tampa	181 + 87 = 268
Gene Daly, Jr.	Pompano Beach	190 + 80 = 270
George Gray	Melbourne	185 + 87 = 272
Don Schwartz	Naples	185 + 88 = 273
Harry Maxwell	Melbourne	243 + 104 = 347
Marvin Langer	Cortez	181

## THE FINAL ROUND OF THE STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES AFTER ROUND 4

1 Barry Cheesman	Sarasota	75-72-72-71-290
2 Len Matface	Ponte Vedra	73-69-73-77-292
3 Ronnie McCann	Orlando	75-73-72-72-292
4 David Smith	Longwood	75-68-76-74-293
5 Tom Knapp	North Palm Beach	74-77-71-72-294
5 Robert Kouwe	Tampa	73-75-73-73-294
5 Greg Kraff	Clearwater	76-73-72-73-294
8 Ernie Alonso	Tampa	73-73-72-77-295
8 Scott Gump	Merritt Island	75-73-75-72-295
8 Dean Hiers	Lake Wales	73-75-74-73-295
11 Jack Veghte	Clearwater	74-74-76-72-296
11 Woody Austin	Tampa	73-73-77-73-296
11 David Bishop	Plantation	74-75-73-74-296
11 Gary Schroeder	Windermere	70-72-76-78-296
11 Gary Stickl	Lakeland	74-74-71-77-296
16 Michael Bradley	Valrico	70-75-77-75-297
16 Bobby Grace	St. Petersburg	73-77-73-74-297
18 Joseph Levix	Boca Raton	76-74-75-76-298
19 Weldon Ballagh, Jr.	Cocoa	73-74-73-79-299
19 Terry Crick	Sarasota	76-74-74-75-299
21 Christopher Brooks	West Palm Beach	71-80-75-74-300
21 Tom Hearn	Fort Pierce	74-71-74-81-300
21 Roger Kennedy, Jr.	Pompano Beach	73-78-74-75-300
21 William Short	Boca Raton	77-72-76-75-300
25 Doug LaCrosse	Tampa	74-74-74-79-301
26 Michael Lefebvre	West Palm Beach	74-79-74-75-302
27 Steve Conley	Santa Rosa Beach	73-76-78-76-303
27 Steven Wecker	Plantation	77-77-71-78-303
27 Bobby Barben	Avon Park	74-74-76-79-303
30 Jim Gilleon, Jr.	Ocala	74-80-71-79-304
30 Mark Pittenger	Jacksonville	78-75-74-77-304
30 Leon Rowland	Jacksonville	76-79-75-74-304
33 Dennis Deja	Largo	74-78-77-76-305
33 Randy Green	Miami Lakes	74-82-78-71-305
33 Miles McConnell	Valrico	77-79-72-77-305
33 Matt Redding	Tallahassee	78-77-78-72-305
37 Steve Fell	Gulf Breeze	76-73-78-79-306
37 Tom Case	Fort Myers	77-76-77-76-306
39 Robert Hunt	Deland	76-74-79-78-307
39 Bill McCormick	Coral Springs	76-80-80-71-307
39 Jack Shubert	Altamonte Springs	74-80-73-80-307
42 Sam Sirianni	Fort Myers	78-75-78-77-308
43 Mike Kerr	Eustis	80-72-76-81-309
43 Joe Ondo	Orlando	76-76-79-78-309
43 John Corzilius	Nokomis	75-74-81-79-309
46 Rick Fletcher	Dunedin	77-74-76-83-310

46 Tom Matey	Orlando	77-71-81-81-310
46 James Sowerwine	North Palm Beach	76-77-81-76-310
46 Greg Valdes	Tampa	78-75-76-81-310
50 Rocky Russell	Atlantic Beach	74-76-82-79-311
51 Gary Buffington, Jr.	Pensacola	78-73-82-79-312
51 Glenn Kerres	Melbourne	81-74-77-80-312
51 Hiroshi Matsuo	Hollywood	74-80-79-79-312
54 Jim Witherspoon	Orlando	76-77-80-80-313
55 Bill Griffith	Miami Shores	79-76-75-84-314
55 Barks Schellinger	Delray Beach	79-78-77-80-314
55 John Parsons	Palm Beach Gdns	76-80-81-77-314
58 Mike Cobb	Mount Dora	77-74-81-84-316
59 Chip Fair	Melbourne	74-79-80-85-318
60 Norton Talle	Tampa	78-79-81-82-320
61 Robert Hill	Lakeland	76-79-78-88-321
62 Keith Albritton	Lakeland	78-79-92-81-330

## STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 1986 15-17 Division

Michael Sposa	Tamarac	72-71=143
Chris DiMarco	Longwood	73-70=143
David Bishop	Plantation	72-72=144
Glen Miciotta	Plantation	73-71=144
Greg Krak	Palm Beach Gardens	71-74=145
Steve O'Neil	Zephyrhills	73-75=148
Michael Malizia	Palm City	70-78=148
Buster Chapman	Fort Pierce	73-77=150
Christopher Chuck	Jacksonville	78-73=151
Drayton Summers	Deland	71-80=151
Richard Kaufman	Tampa	73-78=151
Hiroshi Matsuo	Hollywood	73-78=151
Jeff Foster	Ponte Vedra	74-78=152
Rob Malcolmson	Stuart	73-79=152
Billy Seckman	Jacksonville	77-75=152
Scott Brown	Lakeland	77-76=153
Chuck Bufalino	Clearwater	78-75=153
Charles Bell, IV	Windermere	78-75=153
Christopher DeBusk	Jacksonville	78-75=153
David Rowley	Boynton	74-79=153
George Thayer	Sarasota	78-76=154
Chaz Lambert	Ponte Vedra	78-76=154
Joe Shahady	Plantation	78-76=154
Rod Leek	Winter Park	77-78=155
Trent Collins	Windermere	77-78=155
Mike McClellan	Sarasota	77-78=155
Peter Galvano	Sebring	79-76=155
Joseph Goth	Stuart	79-77=156
Edward Ortega	Hollywood	82-74=156
John Hammer III	Tampa	76-80=156

Brad Houseman	Fort Myers	83-73=156
Jeff Bonham	Coral Springs	79-77=156
Dirk Arace	Palm City	79-78=157
Jon Whittemore	Sarasota	76-81=157
Billy Emo	Ridge Manor	77-80=157
Doug Flynn	Sarasota	78-79=157
John Adcock	Valrico	79-78=157
Anthony Mascia	Orlando	78-80=158
Mike Melton	Fort Pierce	80-78=158
John McCann	New Smyrna	79-79=158
Tom Richards	Lakeland	77-81=158
Chuck Hammett	Venice	78-80=158
Craig Cabaniss	Longwood	81-78=159
Jack Merrell III	Satellite Beach	78-81=159
Andy Williams	Largo	75-84=159
Gregg Swafkowski	Windermere	80-79=159
John Pinel	Winter Park	79-80=159
Keith Albritton	Lakeland	81-78=159
Duke Kimball	Stuart	83-77=160
Paul Sullivan	Sarasota	81-79=160
Todd Brown	Altamonte Springs	80-80=160
Sandy Davison	Ponte Vedra	83-77=160
Paul Tynan	Longwood	78-82=160
Eric Williams	Lakeland	84-77=161
Ji Min Kim	Stuart	82-79=161
Robert Boyle	Belleair	79-82=161
Joseph Sullivan	Sarasota	80-82=162
Mark Baggarty	Rockledge	81-81=162
Tim Sampi	Brooksville	79-83=162
John Jones	Sarasota	81-81=162
Don Alired	Lakeland	77-85=162
Robbie Davis	Lakeland	81-82=163
Glenn Mathews	Orlando	79-84=163
Paul Gilbert	Jacksonville	83-80=163
Bryan Veith	Sarasota	88-76=164
Brian Burke	Brooksville	80-84=164
Bobby Doolittle	Lighthouse Point	79-85=164
Clay Thomas	Tampa	84-80=164
Ken McKenna	Orlando	80-84=164
Ken Whitley	Sarasota	80-85=165
Morris Kirschbaum	Sunrise	80-85=165
Ryan Konkus	Stuart	81-84=165
Matt Pair	Pensacola	76-90=166
Michael Bishop	St. Petersburg	83-84=167
Brad Lanning	Sarasota	86-81=167
Roger Hendrickson	Deltona	80-87=167
Rusty Stocker	Venice	81-87=168
Ken Wetherell	Daytona Beach	84-84=168
Michael Calomeris	Bradenton	84-85=169
Mike Burke	Bradenton	80-90=170

# STATE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

Miami's Bill Baxter entered the Florida State Handicap Championship at Mission Inn because he "just wanted to start the year out at a nice, friendly tournament."

And that is exactly what the event has become — a congenial gathering of golfers from around the state. Both low and high handicappers view the season-opening tournament as a baptism for the intense summer schedule that follows it.

Baxter, who plays at Miami Shores Country Club, carried a 4 handicap at the time of the competition. That made him the lowest handicapper

ever to win the tournament. Using the point quota system, he finished plus-4 for the 36-hole competition.

Sarasota's Bruce Mohr, the second flight champion, finished at plus-3 to grab the runnerup spot in the overall standings. Jacksonville's Ned Searcy, the third flight winner, was next at plus-2.

"Last year I returned to golf after a layoff," said Baxter. "Now, after winning this tournament, I'm really excited about his year."

Baxter's handicap later went down to 2, then back up to 3, and he analyzed, "I'm having fun. I've been

practicing quite a bit and taking the game seriously. I like it that way."

In the Handicap Championship, the key to his victory was that he "drove the ball very well. Then I hit my irons close enough on most occasions that I avoided three-putts."

In the last round, he finished with two birdies and three pars in the final five holes.

"I putted well," he said. "I really enjoyed myself. I went to Miami-Dade (Community College) on a golf scholarship, but I really got away from the game for awhile. It's fun to be back. It's fun to win."

Derrick Cox	Dunedin	86 - 85 = 171
Bradley Bates	Brooksville	84 - 87 = 171
Tim Beckwith	Brooksville	85 - 86 = 171
Andrew Patrick	Ocala	85 - 87 = 172
Lance Rawson	Sarasota	85 - 87 = 172
Scott Pieper	Tampa	89 - 85 = 174
Tommy Denson	Windermere	91 - 87 = 178
Craig Pratt	Sarasota	81 - 98 = 179
Johnathan Knight	Merritt Island	93 - 87 = 180
Chris Krause	Sarasota	86 - 95 = 181
Kyle Vosen	Clearwater	93 - 95 = 188
Sim Weeks	Palm Harbor	97 - 97 = 194

## 12-14 Division

Charles Walters, Jr.	Sarasota	76 - 78 = 154
Dennis Hackworth	Cape Coral	78 - 78 = 156
Daniel Stone	St. Petersburg	78 - 80 = 158
P. J. Navaretta	Palm City	76 - 88 = 164
B. J. Rinaldo	Zephyrhills	84 - 82 = 166
Daniel Albert	Altamonte Springs	79 - 88 = 167
Paul Tesori	St. Augustine	86 - 81 = 167
Bruce Bodine	Lakeland	80 - 88 = 168
Tino Rugerio	Orlando	89 - 88 = 177
Murphy Reynolds	Altamonte Springs	91 - 89 = 180
Jay Saxena	Lakeland	88 - 94 = 182
Scott Smith	Seminole	97 - 86 = 183
Donny Hacker	Port Orange	94 - 94 = 188
Brett Weeks	Palm Harbor	95 - 94 = 189
Brad Howe	Sarasota	111 - 85 = 196

## CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Bill Baxter	Miami	+ 3 + 1 = + 4
Jim Carley	Ormond Beach	+ 1 + 1 = + 2
Bill Griffith	Miami Shores	+ 3 - 5 = - 2
Jim Keedy	Leesburg	- 3 - 3 = - 6
Kris Der Bester	Windermere	- 4 - 5 = - 9
Jerry Tarnow	Port Orange	- 5 - 4 = - 9
Jeff Hutchinson	Altamonte Springs	- 8 - 3 = - 11
Del Foster	Titusville	- 10 - 1 = - 11
Bill Geppert	Lakeland	- 8 - 4 = - 12
Dana Rose	Windermere	- 6 - 7 = - 13
Paul Amann	Port St. Lucie	- 3 - 11 = - 14
Bill McCormick	Coral Springs	- 11 - 4 = - 15
Bob Westerling	Daytona Beach	- 10 - 7 = - 17
Tom Alley	Winter Park	- 10 - 13 = - 23

## FIRST FLIGHT

Moot Thomas	Ocala	- 3 + 2 = - 1
Jim Roberts	Winter Springs	+ 2 - 3 = - 1
Ray Robison	Winter Park	- 1 - 2 = - 3
Jim Witherspoon	Orlando	- 3 E = - 3
Ken Young	Fort Myers	- 1 - 3 = - 4
Billie Hoelscher	Windermere	- 7 + 2 = - 5
Frank Sifton	St. Petersburg	- 2 - 3 = - 5
Ernie Monk	Tallahassee	+ 1 - 8 = - 7
Orv Robertson	Orlando	- 6 - 2 = - 8
Dave Meadows	Sarasota	- 6 - 2 = - 8
Rick Mathison	Oldsmar	- 5 - 4 = - 9
Hans Peck	Clearwater	- 4 - 6 = - 10
John Chayal	Ocala	- 1 - 11 = - 12
Dean Tedder	Miami	- 7 - 6 = - 13
Kevin Downing	Stuart	- 3 - 10 = - 13
Stan Caruthers	Pembroke Pines	- 9 - 4 = - 13
Joe Wallace	Orlando	- 6 - 8 = - 14
Rick Pfifer	Jupiter	- 6 - 13 = - 19
Tom Keedy	Leesburg	- 9 - 10 = - 19
John Becker	Naples	- 10 - 12 = - 22
Howard George	Ocala	- 14 - 13 = - 27

## SECOND FLIGHT

Bruce Mohr	Sarasota	+ 3 E = + 3
Irwin Jackson	Sarasota	- 2 + 2 = E
Jack Bailey	Leesburg	- 3 + 1 = - 2
Bob Robison	Winter Park	- 2 E = - 2
Carl Johnson	Tallahassee	+ 1 - 4 = - 3
Charles Hurl	Winter Park	- 5 - 2 = - 7
Bruce Bressler	Orlando	- 6 - 2 = - 8
Gene Byrne	Oviedo	- 2 - 6 = - 8
John Griffin	Maitland	- 4 - 4 = - 8
Daryle Larimer	Orlando	- 8 - 1 = - 9
Mark Gittuly	Bradenton	- 1 - 9 = - 10
Bob Soupiset	Winter Haven	- 5 - 5 = - 10
Steve Stasak	Longwood	- 6 - 4 = - 10
Malcolm King	Gainesville	- 3 - 9 = - 12
Forrest Sanders	Winter Park	- 4 - 8 = - 12
Bill Swanson	Sarasota	- 9 - 4 = - 13
Dick Kaufman	Tampa	- 5 - 10 = - 15
Ben Stortebuecker		- 10 - 6 = - 16
Bill Zody	Safety Harbor	- 11 - 8 = - 19
Loren Howard	Longwood	- 10 - 10 = - 20
Mike Carpenter	Oviedo	- 11 - 10 = - 21

## THIRD FLIGHT

Ned Searcy	Jacksonville	+ 2 E = + 2
J. W. Bolton	Deerfield Beach	- 5 + 4 = - 1
Brian MacFarlane	Longwood	- 6 + 1 = - 5
Bob Grossman	Vero Beach	- 2 - 3 = - 5
Robert Vehr	Bradenton	- 4 - 2 = - 6
Jim Callender	Atlantic Beach	- 5 - 3 = - 8
Bill Epps	Sanford	- 2 - 6 = - 8
Roy Chenderlin	Oldsmar	- 4 - 4 = - 8
Bill Marlin	Vero Beach	- 5 - 3 = - 8
Hume Denning	Citrus Springs	- 7 - 3 = - 10
Peter Fahey	Odessa	- 4 - 6 = - 10
Ed Henderson	Crystal River	- 8 - 4 = - 12
C. C. Smith	Orlando	- 8 - 4 = - 12
Bobby Bryant	Palm Beach Gardens	- 5 - 9 = - 14
John Patchin	Winter Park	- 8 - 7 = - 15
Paul Nielsen	Sarasota	- 7 - 10 = - 17
Pete Wagner	Bradenton	- 9 - 8 = - 17
Alex Coker	Jacksonville	- 10 - 10 = - 20
Charles Howard	Palm Bay	- 11 - 10 = - 21

## FOURTH FLIGHT

Claude Willey	Bradenton	+ 2 - 3 = - 1
Mike Martuscelli	Venice	E - 3 = - 3
Ed Foster	Indiantlantic	- 3 - 1 = - 4
John Haasheim	Sarasota	- 2 - 3 = - 5
Bill Fulton	Satellite Beach	- 5 - 2 = - 7
Paul Bikowitz	Pembroke Pines	- 5 - 3 = - 8
George Gray	Melbourne	- 3 - 8 = - 11
Jan Payne	Stuart	- 7 - 4 = - 11
Red Cleveland	Sanford	- 5 - 7 = - 12
Ed Elliott	Bradenton	- 6 - 7 = - 13
Bob Wilkinson	Longwood	- 12 - 2 = - 14
Ed Rubing	Winter Park	- 9 - 6 = - 15
Del Diring	Sarasota	- 9 - 6 = - 15
Bob Miller	Bradenton	- 5 - 11 = - 16
Robert McKee	Citrus Springs	- 8 - 8 = - 16
Frank Widner	Stuart	- 6 - 11 = - 17
Bob Duncan	Winter Park	- 12 - 10 = - 22

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little green, and the nerves can really get edgy. I hit it 20 feet from the hole and made par."

Then Mattiace, who was playing behind Cheesman, bogeyed 14. That increased the margin to two strokes.

Cheesman parred 17, then double bogeyed 18 - for the second day in a row.

"On Saturday, I hit my tee shot into the bunker on the right and made double," he said. "On Sunday, I was protecting against hitting in that bunker, and I came right over the top of it. It was a real ugly tee shot, a heel-hook. I knew as soon as I hit it that it was in the water."

Cheesman was forced to drop his ball in a grove of trees, but found an opening that allowed him to reach the green. Then he three-putted from 35 feet.

"At that point, I thought I had really blown it," he said. "Then, walking to the scoreboard, I found out that Len had double bogeyed 16."

The key to his victory, according to Cheesman, was accuracy off the tee. He used his driver just three times during each round, and the strategy paid off.

"This is a big thrill — the biggest for me," he said. "I just haven't played in that many 72-hole golf tournaments, especially on courses this hard."

Cheesman and partner Jim Shon-del of Bradenton tied for first place in last year's Florida State Four-Ball Championship, but lost in a sudden death playoff to Tom Knapp and Bill Hamilton.