

FSGA Mid-Am Results

First Round

P.J. Hopkins, Jacksonville def. Bob Stockman, Altamonte Springs, 3 and 2; Gary Martinet, Winter Springs, def. Chris Kappas, Ponte Vedra, 19 holes; Tom Robertson, Sarasota, def. Scott Stewart, Kissimmee, 2 and 1; Gene Martin, Boca Raton, def. Jeff Gilbert, Pensacola, 4 and 2; Ron Clayton, Sarasota, def. Ted Sikes, Jacksonville, 4 and 3

Jack Shubert, Altamonte Springs, def. Rick Taylor, St. Petersburg, 4 and 3; Bo Alvarez, Fernandina Beach, def. Paul Tarnow Jr., Tampa, 2 and 1; Jim McCumber, Middleburg, def. Spencer Gaylord, St. Petersburg, 6 and 5; Tom Hayes, Pensacola, def. Jack Munal, Marco Island, 22 holes; Kevin Marrone, Coral Springs, def. Robert Lawrence, Tampa, 2-up

Tom Grady, Winter Park, def. Gene Creel, Belleair, 2-up; Jim Achenbach, Sarasota, def. Bob Wayland, Seminole, 7 and 5; Steve Carman, Orange Park, def. Steve Maddox, Lakeland, 3 and 2; Jay Williams, Sarasota def. Brad Hyland, Belleair, 3 and 2; Jimmy Mann, St. Petersburg, def. Tom Cook, Bradenton, 5 and 4

Bill McDonough, Orange Park, def. Ron LeClair, Oviedo, 3 and 2; Jack Veghte, Clearwater, won by default; John Mirisola, Boynton Beach, def. R.G. Smoth, Clearwater, 4 and 3; Don Northrup, Altamonte Springs, def. Jack Deutsch, Clearwater, 4 and 3; Ed Hobby, Longwood, def. Burwell Jones, Sarasota, 6 and 5

Terry Collins, Homosassa def. Amos Rolon, Miami, 3 and 2; Chip Anderson, Sarasota, def. Bill Bricker, Jacksonville, 2-up; Dennis McLain, Tampa, def. John Leon, Lighthouse Point, 4 and 2; John Atwood, Longwood, def. Steve Kern, Fort Myers, 4 and 3; Mel Waggoner, Clearwater, def. Dick Howard, Fort Myers, 4 and 3

Dave Meadows, Sarasota, def. Ken Lindgren, Mulberry, 2 and 1; Bob Robison, Winter Park, won by default; Robert Hughes, Fort Myers, def. Wes Paxson Jr., Jacksonville, 1-up; Gary Frazier, Delray Beach, def. Brian Hawke, Temple Terrace, 2 and 1; Scott Sheftall, Miami, def. John Hasty, Plant City, 2-up; Bill Golson, Belleair, def. David Kartner, Stuart, 3 and 2; Lonnie Watson, St. Petersburg, def. Craig DeLongy, Longwood, 1-up.

Second Round

Martinet def. Hopkins, 2-up; Robertson def. Martin, 2-up; Clayton def. Shubert, 3 and 2; McCumber def. Alvarez, 3 and 2; Hayes def. Marrone, 6 and 5; Achenbach def. Grady, 3 and 2; Carman def. Williams, 2 and 1; McDonough def. Mann, 3 and 2; Veghte def. Mirisola, 6 and 5

Northrup def. Hobby, 6 and 5; Collins def. Anderson, 3 and 2; Atwood def. McLain, 2 and 1; Waggoner def. Meadows, 19 holes; Hughes def. Robison, 8 and 6; Frazier def. Sheftall, 3 and 2; Watson def. Golson, 1-up.

Third Round

Martinet def. Robertson, 4 and 3; Clayton def. McCumber 3 and 1; Hayes def. Achenbach, 3 and 2; Carman def. McDonough, 1-up

Veghte def. Northrup, 4 and 3; Collins def. Atwood, 2 and 1; Hughes def. Waggoner, 1-up; Frazier def. Watson, 6 and 5.

Quarterfinals

Martinet def. Clayton, 2 and 1; Carman def. Hayes, 3 and 2; Collins def. Veghte, 1-up; Frazier def. Hughes, 1-up.

Semifinals

Carman def. Martinet, 20 holes; Collins def. Frazier, 6 and 5.

Championship

Carman def. Collins, 19 holes.

FLORIDA GOLF WEEK

Mid-Am promises thrills

BY LARRY BUSH

SARASOTA

The new Mid-Amateur Championship will be the first tournament of the season for the FSGA, and factors are melding which should make it one of the best.

First, it will be played at Ravines GC in Middleburg, southwest of Jacksonville. Though relatively new — just over 2 years old — the Ravines already has earned a reputation as quite un-Florida-like because of its topography.

According to head pro Boots Farley, elevations on the golf course range from seven to 100 feet above sea level, and the only greens which can be seen from the tees are on the par-3 holes.

The USGA rating committee recently gave the Ravines a mark of 74.8 from the championship tees, from where the Mid-Amateur will be played. This is unusually high for a par-72 course that measures

bracket allocated to each qualifying site will be determined in proportion to the number of entries.

First-round pairings and starting times will appear in the April 8 edition of Florida Golfweek.

The qualifying dates and sites:

April 1 — Palm Aire-West, Sarasota.

April 2 — Ravines, Middleburg; Rolling Hills, Orlando; Feather Sound, Clearwater; Lely Royal Palm, Naples, and King's Bay, Miami.

Among the early entries are Veghte, a three-time State Amateur champion, and Austin Jones of Orlando, a perennial challenger and past president of the FSGA.

The four Mid-Amateur semifinalists will be exempt from qualifying for the State Amateur June 3-6 at Bay Hill near Orlando.

15-18, with the original field trimmed to 64 via qualifying at seven locations around the state. One round will be played April 15, two rounds each April 16 and April 17, and the 18-hole final April 18.

The entry deadline is March 22. The \$35 entry fee includes both the qualifying round and the match play draw for those who make it to the Ravines. Golf carts will be extra for both qualifying and the match play.

The tournament is open to all male residents of Florida who are at least 25 year old as of April 1. Entrants must belong to an FSGA-member club or association. There is no handicap limit

for qualifying hopefuls.

Entry forms are available at member clubs throughout the state and in this edition for Florida Golfweek.

The number of spots in the 64-man just 6829 yards on the scorecard.

Comparisons of difficulty were reportedly made with Pine Valley and Pebble Beach.

Secondly, a generous prize distribution has been announced for the six-round match play event by Jack Veghte of Clearwater, chairman of the FSGA tournament committee.

The winner will receive the maximum allowed by the USGA, a \$350 merchandise certificate. The runner-up will be \$300, the beaten semifinalists \$250, the four who lose in the quarterfinals \$200, and places 9-16, the third-round losers, \$100 each.

A player must win two matches to be included among the major prize winners; however, an impressive array of tee prizes will be distributed to all 64 contestants at Ravines.

The tournament is scheduled April

FSGA MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 15-18, 1982 Ravines GC, Middleburg—ENTRY FORM—Qualifying Required

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Handicap _____ Date of Birth _____

I am a current member of _____

Qualifying site: 1st choice _____ Alternate _____

Qualifying sites: Mar 31 Santa Rosa Shores CC, Pensacola; Apr. 1 Palm Aire CC, Sarasota; Apr. 2 Ravines GC, Middleburg; Apr. 2 Rolling Hills GC, Orlando; Apr. 2 Kings Bay Yacht and CC, Miami; Apr. 2 Feather Sound CC, Clearwater; Apr. 2 Lely Royal Palm GC, Naples

Entry fee of \$35 includes one 18-hole qualifying round, golf and prizes for the 64 finalists who advance to the match play finals at Ravines GC and must accompany our entry application. Cart fees will be paid by contestants. No further costs for the 64 qualifiers. Open to all male residents of Florida who will be 25 YEARS OLD before April 1, 1982. Must belong to an FSGA member club or association. No handicap limit. Contestants call the pro shop at your qualifying site to arrange a practice round.

Entries close March 22nd. Pairings will be mailed by Mar. 24. NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE.

SEND ENTRY AND CHECK TO FSGA, P. O. BOX 1900, SARASOTA FL. 33578

Draws No. 1 seed

Stockman's 70 leads Mid-Am qualifying

BY LARRY BUSH

MIDDLEBURG

The qualifying medalists were seeded into the first round draw for the inaugural Mid-Amateur Championship conducted by the Florida State GA.

The main event is scheduled April 15-18 at Ravines GC here. One round will be played Thursday, two each Friday and Saturday and the 18-hole finals are on Sunday.

There were 64 qualifiers for the first match play event to be staged by the FSGA in more than two decades. Altogether, there were 138 entries around the state, all 25 years and older.

Bob Stockman of Altamonte Springs drew the No. 1 seed after posting a 70 at Rolling Hills GC in Orlando. Three-time State Amateur champion Jack Veghte was seeded second. He shot a 72 on his home course, Feather Sound CC in Clearwater.

The other seeded players:

No. 3, Tom Hayes, Pensacola, 73 at Santa Rosa Shores CC, Pensacola; No. 4, Dick Howard, Fort Myers, 73 at Lely Royal Palm GC, Naples; No. 5, Ron Clayton, Sarasota, 74 at Palm Aire CC



Jack Veghte

West, Sarasota; No. 6, Amos Rolon, Miami, 75 at King's Bay CC, Miami; No. 7, Steven Carman, Orange Park, 79 at Ravines; No. 8, Brian Hawke, Temple Terrace, 73 at Feather Sound.

Hawke had the best runner-up score at any of the seven qualifying sites and seeded eighth to fill out the preferred positions. The rest of the slots were filled

by blind draw among the remaining qualifiers.

Carman's score is only an indication of what awaits the players who haven't seen the Ravines, an aptly named and unusually hilly course with wide variations in elevations southwest of Jacksonville.

Among the 20 who attempted to qualify here, four did not turn in scores and four others were over 90.

The first Mid-Amateur champion will obtain possession for one year of a permanent trophy donated by Jack Nicklaus, the reknowned Golden Bear from North Palm Beach.

The four semifinalists will be exempt from qualifying for the 65th Florida State Amateur slated June 3-6 at Bay Hill GC near Orlando.

Following the first round Thursday night, the Esco Corp. of Clearwater, which recently purchased the Ravines course from the McCumber family, will host a barbeque for contestants, their families, tournament officials and the Ravines staff.

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director and one of the former owners of the Ravines, is among the Mid-Amateur qualifiers. His brother, Mark McCumber, is on the PGA Tour.

Here are the first-round pairings listed by starting times, player, his qualifying scores, hometown, opponent and qualifying score:

- 9:30—Bob Stockman (70), Altamonte Springs, vs. P.J. Hopkins (80), Jacksonville
- 9:37—Chris Kappas (83), Ponte Vedra, vs. Gary Martinel (74), Winter Springs
- 9:44—Scott Stewart (76), Kissimmee, vs. Tom Robertson (79), Sarasota
- 9:51—Gene Martin (76), Boca Raton, vs. Jeff Gilbert (75), Pensacola
- 9:58—Ron Clayton (78), Sarasota, vs. Ted Sikes (85), Jacksonville
- 10:05—Rick Taylor (78), St. Petersburg, vs. Jack Shubert (74), Altamonte Springs
- 10:12—Paul Tarnow Jr. (81), Tampa, vs. Bob Alvarez (82), Fernandina Beach
- 10:19—Jim McCumber (82), Middleburg, vs. Spencer Gaylord (75), St. Petersburg
- 10:26—Tom Hayes (73), Pensacola, vs. Jack Munal (75), Marco Island
- 10:33—Kevin Marrone (75), Coral Springs, vs. Robert Lawrence (81), Tampa
- 10:40—Tom Grady (78), Winter Park, vs. Gene Creel (79), Belleair
- 10:47—Jim Achenbach (77), Sarasota, vs. Bob Wayland (79), Seminole
- 10:54—Steve Carman (79), Orange Park, vs. Steve Maddox (77), Lakeland
- 11:01—Jay Williams (78), Sarasota, vs. Brad Hyland (80), Belleair
- 11:08—Tom Cook (78), Bradenton, vs. Jimmy Mann (80), St. Petersburg
- 11:15—Ron LeClair (78), Oviedo, vs. Bill McDonough (82), Orange Park
- 11:22—Jack Veghte (72), Clearwater, vs. Mike Cleghorn (78), Wauchula
- 11:29—R.G. Smith (81), Clearwater, vs. John Mirizola (80), Boynton Beach
- 11:36—Don Northrup (79), Altamonte Springs, vs. Jack Deutsch (75), Clearwater
- 11:43—Burwell Jones (78), Sarasota, vs. Bill Bricker (82), Jacksonville
- 12:04—Dennis McLain (78), Tampa, vs. John Leon (78), Lighthouse Point
- 12:11—John Atwood (74), Longwood, vs. Steve Kern (76), Fort Myers
- 12:18—Dick Howard (73), Fort Myers, vs. Mel Waggoner (80), Clearwater
- 12:25—Dave Meadows (76), Sarasota, vs. George Voorhees (79), Casselberry
- 12:32—Steve Johnson (81), Yulee, vs. Bob Robison (78), Winter Park
- 12:39—Don Martin (82), Alachua, vs. Robert Hughes (76), Fort Myers
- 12:46—Brian Hawke (73), Temple Terrace, vs. Gary Frazier (76), Delray Beach
- 12:53—Kerry Schwencke (77), Boca Raton, vs. John Hasty (77), Plant City
- 1 p.m.—David Kartner (76), Stuart, vs. Bill Gofson (77), Belleair
- 1:07—Craig DeLongy (75), Longwood, vs. Lonnie Watson (79), St. Petersburg

Carman wins FSGA's first Mid-Am title

BY LARRY BUSH
MIDDLEBURG

Steve Carman doesn't even figure to be the best player at the Ravines GC here. But he was the winner, or maybe that should read the survivor, in the first Mid-Amateur Championship staged by the Florida State GA.

Carman, 30, of nearby Orange Park, outlasted his opponents in both the semifinals and championship matches to win in extra holes on his home course, one called "the best use of natural terrain," he had ever seen by none other than world traveler Gary Player.

And when it was over, the quiet, soft-spoken Carman was more concerned about the image of the Ravines than he was in enjoying his greatest triumph in a decade of golf.

"I feel more of an accomplishment for

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the club than for myself," said Carman after winning the first extra hole with a bogey-5 to beat Terry Collins of Homosassa in the finals Sunday.

"At the beginning of the week, I was concerned that the current condition of the golf course would tarnish the image the Ravines has attained in the two years it has been opened."

Indeed, while the conditions early were not the best, nearly perfect weather all week led to rapidly improving situations, especially with the greens holding better from one day to the next.

With a layout holding a potential for greatness, and certainly one unique even for North Florida, the relatively new course is bound to get better with age, especially with new money being poured in by the Esco Corp. of Clearwater, which obtained controlling interest in the development last month from the McCumber Group.

A data processing manager for Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville, Carman plays to a 3-handicap at the Ravines, a course which truly lives up to its name.

He was one of the four members of the host club in the tournament. He had been the qualifying medalist at the Ravines earlier this month, one of seven regionals conducted around the state to trim the entry field from 138 to 64 starters.

Coincidentally, he shot 79 that day, matching his estimated score against Collins, a former mini-tour pro who regained his amateur status four years ago.

"I'm usually satisfied any time I break 80 here," Carman said. "It's a good golf course for a match play tournament because the big numbers don't hurt you so much as they might in stroke play."

The Ravines is aptly named, with deep, natural gorges cutting through fairways on several holes, either in front of the white tees or the greens, or lurking off to either side ready to gobble up errant drives.

Even playing from the blue tees, the full 6800 yards, Mid-Amateur contestants were not always able to avoid the hazards. It can be difficult even for the straightest hitters to be forced to place the ball in the fairway hole after hole, day after day.

Carman, despite having all the advantages of local knowledge, found out just how difficult in the semifinals when he had Gary Martinet of Winter Springs dormie at the 16th tee and didn't win until the 20th hole.

Carman was over the green at the 16th, bogey; drove left into the rough, then right through the fairway, hit a grounder left into a greenside bunker, then conceded par to Martinet at 17.

At No. 18, which has a wild ravine in front of the tee and a deep but maintained area between the landing area and green, Carman drove into the deep woods; his second shot rattled the trees and rolled down the carpath into the gorge and he had to go back and hit four from point two, to the downslope leading back up to the green; then he hit the flagstick, the ball rolling only a foot away.

This forced Martinet to two-putt from the back of the green for bogey to square the match.

They halved the first extra hole with two-putt pars, but Martinet three-putted the second, missing his par from six feet. Carman



Steve Carman

had played short of the green, chipped on and one-putted for victory.

In the finals, Carman battled back from three one-hole deficits and after letting Collins get back in the match from 2-down after seven holes.

Carman three-putted the first hole of the match to allow Collins to escape with a halve after the latter had hit his first drive into the deep ravine to the left of the fairway.

Collins went 1-up the first time when Carman missed the green at the short third hole, but gave that back and more with consecutive double bogeys at the fourth and fifth holes. He drove into a ravine at No. 4 and had to lay up, then dumped his third shot into the bunker at the long fifth.

Collins three-putted the short seventh to go 2-down, but won the eighth by saving par from the trap.

His only birdie of the day, an eight-footer at the 13th, got Collins back to even, he won the short 14th with par, lost the 15th when his second shot plugged into the bank in the hazard, won the short 16th with par, then lost the 17th when Carman made his only birdie of the day, a 6-iron within six feet.

They halved the 18th with adventurous double bogeys and headed back down No. 1. And lo and behold, Collins drove into the same ravine on the left side of the fairway, but this time he was unable to salvage a halve and lost the match.

Carman won despite failing to get on the green from the bunker, putting down to two feet and making bogey after Collins had missed his from five feet.

Earlier in the week, Carman had ousted Steve Maddox of Lakeland, 3 and 2, making six birdies and winning the seventh, eighth and ninth holes in succession to go from 1-down to 2-up; then defeated Jay Williams of Sarasota, 2 and 1, and Bill McDonough of Orange Park, 1-up, both Friday; and on Saturday he turned back Tom Hayes of Pensacola, 3 and 2 to reach the semifinals.

"I figured after I beat McDonough, I was as good as anybody left in the tournament," Carman said. "He's our club champion, and he usually beats me out here. But after that match, I didn't feel much pressure as I continued to keep winning."

Except, he added, on the 17th and 18th holes of the semifinals and the first hole of the playoff against Collins.

"I really felt good coming out this morning (Sunday)," said Collins, 32, a scratch player at Sugarmill Woods, where he is involved in the real estate development. "I had played so well Saturday, but I just couldn't keep the ball in the fairway today."