

## STATE AMATEUR SCORES

NAME	CITY	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
CARY SPLANE	MIDDLEBURG	73	72	69	73	287
LEN MATTIACE	PONTE VEDRA	79	68	73	74	294
SCOTT DUNLAP	SARASOTA	74	72	73	75	294
NOLAN HENKE	FORT MYERS	75	72	72	77	296
RONNIE MCCANN	ORLANDO	73	73	72	78	296
CHARLES STOWE	JACKSONVILLE	75	75	71	77	298
STEVE FORD	MELBOURNE	82	73	71	74	300
MICHAEL BRADLEY	VALRICO	76	74	73	77	300
ROBB BURNS	LAKE CITY	74	72	77	78	301
GARY ONORATI	FT. LAUDERDALE	75	76	74	76	301
DAVID JACKSON	MONTICELLO	77	80	72	73	302
GARY SCHROEDER	WINDEMERE	76	77	72	78	303
ROBERT KOUWE	TAMPA	75	75	75	79	304
TERRY HERRING	DESTIN	73	82	75	76	306
JOHN PARSONS	PALM BEACH GARDENS	77	77	72	80	306
MIKE OHLMAN	SARASOTA	78	79	74	75	306
CRAIG LINDSEY	OCOOE	79	76	78	73	306
ADAM ARMAGOST	NORTH PALM BEACH	77	75	77	78	307
RONNIE TUMLIN	PALATKA	78	77	73	79	307
MILES MCCONNELL	VALRICO	77	74	76	80	307
GEORGE SWISTOCK	TAMPA	81	78	71	78	308
MARCO DAWSON	FT. LAUDERDALE	75	77	77	79	308
GARY STICKL	LAKELAND	82	78	72	76	308
LOUIS MCHUGHES	OCALA	79	75	74	81	309
DEAN HIERS	LAKE WALES	75	75	83	76	309
DAVID PESACOV	NORTH PALM BEACH	78	78	80	74	310
JACK VEGHTE	CLEARWATER	81	74	75	81	311
JIM MCCUMBER	MIDDLEBURG	75	80	82	74	311
TOM KIRBY	BROOKSVILLE	79	79	74	80	312
BOBBY BARBEN	AVON PARK	80	80	70	83	313
RYAL LANCASTER	ORLANDO	80	79	76	78	313
ANDY ZULLO	HAINES CITY	81	76	77	79	313
TRIPP ISENOUR	VERO BEACH	79	78	76	80	313
LEON ROWLAND	JACKSONVILLE	78	80	80	75	313
DAVID ADAMS	W. PALM BEACH	78	80	75	81	314
SCOTT WILSON	MERRITT ISLAND	77	80	79	78	314
FRANK COUGHANOUR III	BOYNTON BEACH	76	79	80	79	314
CHARLES RAULERSON JR.	JACKSONVILLE	81	76	75	83	315
RICK FLETCHER	DUNEDIN	78	77	78	82	315
PIPP PATTON	CLEARWATER	82	74	77	82	315
DAVID BOESEL	WINTER PARK	79	74	80	82	315
MICHAEL LEFEBRE	W. PALM BEACH	84	75	79	77	315
PETER WILLIAMS	ORLANDO	77	82	76	81	316
JOE HAMORSKI	FT. WALTON BEACH	76	83	78	80	317
RICK CLONINGER	ORLANDO	79	75	81	82	317
ROSCOE STAPLES	ST. AUGUSTINE	80	80	82	75	317
DANIEL DISRUD	APOPKA	73	79	79	87	318
JEFFREY RILEY	WINTER PARK	82	76	77	83	318
ROGER CHERICO	JACKSONVILLE	82	80	77	79	318
DON GILLIS	OCALA	81	80	82	75	318
KEN MARANVILLE	ORANGE PARK	79	82	77	81	319

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GREGORY KRAFT	CLEARWATER	79	80	80	81	320
TERRY CRICK	SARASOTA	80	81	81	78	320
AUSTIN JONES	ORLANDO	77	80	83	81	321
JIM TIPPS	LAKELAND	82	79	80	80	321
JOHN SANFORD JR.	PALM BEACH	81	81	78	82	322
DAVE BISPLINGHOFF	JACKSONVILLE	86	74	81	81	322
SCOTT ZAJAC	TAMPA	83	79	79	81	322
WARREN WILHITE	PALATKA	80	75	88	79	322
JEFF FOSTER	PONTE VERDRA	84	78	80	81	323
BILL GRIFFITH	MIAMI SHORES	80	76	87	80	323
CHRIS KAPPAS	PONTE VEDRA	76	84	83	80	323
JIMMY SLATTERY	BELLEAIR	87	73	81	83	324
STEVE SENGER	CLEARWATER	80	82	76	87	325
MICHAEL GALLAGHER III	PALM BEACH GARDENS	77	82	84	82	325
JEFF HANEY	CLEARWATER	81	80	83	81	325
MARLIN DETWEILER	ORLANDO	82	80	80	84	326
CHUCK HAMMETT	VENICE	80	82	83	83	326
BILL BERG	MIAMI	80	81	79	89	329
ROBERT LAWRENCE	TAMPA	77	84	80	88	329
BILL NEWTON	PONTE VEDRA	82	80	81	86	329
TY WALDRON	CLEWISTON	79	83	83	86	331
RICK PONTO	BRADENTON	78	83	89	86	336

# State Amateur title chase will be wide-open race

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BY RON BALICKI

PONTE VEDRA BEACH

When the final field of 136 players tees off this week in the 1985 State Amateur championship one thing will be certain — when it's all over there will be a new champion.

That fact was determined last Thursday when Tom Knapp of Tequesta officially withdrew from this year's tournament. A former pro who regained his amateur status in 1982, Knapp has been nursing an injured right wrist since Super Bowl Sunday this past January.

He has barely been able to pick up a golf club since then. Now, after numerous visits to numerous doctors, the time has come — Knapp must undergo the knife.

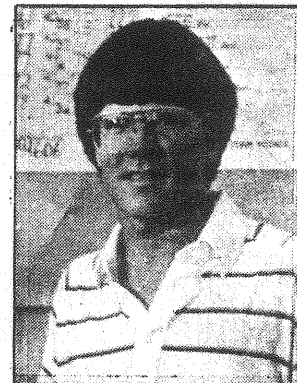
"Tom just called me (May 30) and with his deepest regrets had to withdraw," said Cal Korf, executive director of the Florida State Golf Association. "He is scheduled to



Adam Armagost



Nolan Henke



Scott Dunlap

undergo surgery on his wrist June 7."

The State Amateur takes place June 6-9 at the humbling Sawgrass course, which will play between 7100 and 7200 yards for the championship. Sawgrass was ranked eighth

among the state's top courses in 1985 by GOLF WEEK Magazine.

"We want our No. 1 championship played on the best courses in the state and Sawgrass is unquestionably one of the best," said

FSGA President Jack Veghte. "It's tough. That's no secret. But it's a fair test, too. It's a true championship course, and we're aiming at courses where the best man will win."

Located about 20 miles southeast of Jacksonville, Sawgrass was designed in 1970 by Ed Seay, then an independent architect and now Arnold Palmer's right-hand man. From 1977 through 1981 it served as the venue for the PGA Tour's Tournament Players Championship.

It's a course that can strike terror into even the most experienced player, yet one that can provide plenty of personal satisfaction.

"The wind makes the difference," says director of golf Joe Burch. "If the wind is up, so are the scores. If it's calm, the scores are lower. But wind or not, it rewards a good shot and penalizes a poor one. And isn't that

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the definition of a good golf course?"

Being forced to withdraw certainly was a disappointment for Knapp. He won the State Amateur in 1983 and 1984 and this year would have been attempting to do what only one man has done since the inception of the tournament in 1914 — win it three years in a row. The only person to accomplish the feat was Don Bisplinghoff of Orlando from 1953-55.

In fact, prior to Knapp's back-to-back titles, the last player to win two straight events was Bob Murphy, now a member of the PGA Tour's million dollar club, in 1965-66.

But what about 1985? This year's field, which will be cut to the low 65 scores plus ties (or anyone within 12 shots of the leader) after two rounds, has plenty of contenders and few pretenders.

"It should be a wide open race," said Korf. "We have a number of veteran players, but we also have a lot of strong, young players. Some of the scores shot in qualifying were pretty impressive."

Topping the list of those qualifying efforts was a 66 shot by Pat Hopkins of Jacksonville. He did it at Oak Bridge (the "other" course at Sawgrass) and set a course record in the process.

The University of Florida will be well represented in this year's State Amateur. The Gators finished third in the recent NCAA Championship and heading their list of entries this week is Sarasota's Scott Dunlap. The 1984 Southern Amateur champion, Dunlap finished third individually at the NCAA and is currently ranked No. 1 in GOLFWEEK's men's state amateur rank-

ings.

Other Gators in the field include David Jackson of Monticello, who tied for fourth in this event last year, Adam Armagost of North Palm Beach, who led the qualifying at Hunters Run with a 67, Cary Splane of Middleburg, the top qualifier at Orange Lake with a 69, Robb Burns of Lake City, and Andy Zullo of Haines City.

The field also features reigning State Amateur Match Play champion Nolan Henke, a member of the Florida State University golf team from Fort Myers. Henke's 69 led last weekend's qualifying at Palm Aire in Sarasota.

Among other leading collegians entered are Lakeland's Lee Janzen, who finished second individually while leading Florida Southern to the NCAA Division II championship, and FSC teammate Marco Dawson of Fort Lauderdale; Valrico's Michael Bradley, who was a freshman member of NCAA Division I runnerup Oklahoma State this season; Dean Hiers of Lake Wales and University of South Florida player; Jacksonville's Charles Raulson, a member of the LSU team that finished ninth at the NCAA; Orlando's Ronnie McCann (University of Miami), who tied for fourth with Jackson in last year's event; and North Palm Beach's Jack Nicklaus II, winner of last month's North and South Amateur and member of the University of North Carolina team.

Current state mid-amateur title holder Gary Stickl of Lakeland and 1983 mid-am winner Bob Kouwe of Tampa are also in the field as are former winners Dave Pesacov of North Palm Beach and Jack Veghte of Clearwater.



# Course gobbles up State Amateur field

By Bob Fowler

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

PONTE VEDRA — The Florida State Golf Association created the ultimate monster course Thursday. The result: It was almost unplayable.

FSGA officials took a Sawgrass Country Club Course, so tough that it caused PGA Tour players often to beg for relief, and made it more difficult.

They found tees few knew existed and placed all pins behind traps.

Thus, the length was 7,000 yards and the degree of difficulty 9.9 on any scale.

Add winds of 25-30 mph blowing off the Atlantic Ocean, ankle-deep rough and tiny greens that were bumpy and inconsistent, and you had a monster.

Of the 136 players in the 68th State Amateur, not one could break par in the opening round. No one matched par, either.

Orlando's Ron McCann, Apopka's Dan Disrud, Middleburg's Gary Splane and Destin's Terry Herring shared the first-round lead at 1-over par 73.

McCann is a senior at the University of Miami, Splane is a member of the University of Florida team, and Herring attends Troy (Ala.) State. Disrud, 35, was a member of Errol Estate's team that qualified last year for the Oldsmobile Scramble finals.

Two other Gators, Scott Dunlap, and Rod Burns,

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## State amateur

### The leaders

Ron McCann	36-37-73
Dan Disrud	38-35-73
Gary Splane	35-38-73
Terry Herring	40-33-73

### The followers

Scott Dunlap	36-38-74
Rob Burns	38-36-74

### The others

Marco Dawson	37-38-75
Nolan Henke	37-38-75
Dean Hiers	37-38-75
Gary Onorati	38-37-75
Bob Kouwe	37-38-75
Jim McCumber	36-39-75
Charles Stowe	36-39-75
Jack Nicklaus II	40-44-84

### Central Floridians

Gary Schroeder	38-38-76
Peter Williams	40-37-77
Jack Shubert	37-40-77
Austin Jones	39-38-77

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had 74s.

Among those at 75 were collegians Marco Dawson (Florida Southern) and Nolan Henke (Florida State). Defending Mid-Amateur champ Bob Kouwe of Tampa and Jim McCumber, brother of touring pro Mark McCumber, also had 75s.

"This was the toughest course I have ever seen in state amateur competition," said Orlando's Austin Jones, who is playing in this event a 20th consecutive time. "I missed two shots all day and shot a 77."

Jack Veghte of Clearwater, a three-time State Amateur champ, was even par after No. 14 and hit six balls into the water on the final four holes.

Not only were there no 18-hole scores under par, there were only four nine-hole totals under par.

Herring opened with a 40 but recovered with a 33. Disrud had a 38 on the front and rallied with a 35, including a birdie on the 507-yard 18th that averaged 5.5 shots for the field.

Splane was 35-38-73 and Scott Wilson of Merritt Island had a 35 on the back after an opening 42.

The player with the most consistent round of the day was McCann. He was 1-under on the 18th tee. He hit a long drive into the middle of the fairway then elected to play safe.

"I wanted to lay up, to hit a 2-iron short of the green," McCann, 21, said. "I didn't want to go for the green and hit into the water on the right."

"So I pulled the 2-iron shot into the water on the left and made a double bogey, but those things happen."

McCann finished third in last year's State Amateur. He was a leader until the 11th hole at the PGA national when he tried a "cute" shot that didn't work and led to a double bogey.