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JUPITER HILLS G.C. — Jupiter

MATCH PLAY PAIRINGS - SAT

## UPPER BRACKET

8:00	Ronnie Tumlin, Palatka _____	Tumlin 19th ✓
	George Roat, Orlando _____	Tumlin 2 up
8:10	Tom Hammons, Longboat Key _____	Veghte 1 up
	Jack Veghte, Clearwater _____	
8:20	David Boesel, Winter Park _____	Boesel 2 & 1
	Brookes Burkhardt, St Augustine _____	Hamilton 2 & 1
8:30	Bill Hamilton, Palm Beach _____	Hamilton 1 up ✓
	Rich Locker, Naples _____	

## LOWER BRACKET

8:40	Bob Kouwe, Tampa _____	Roney 1 up
	Dwaine Roney, Ft Myers _____	Parsons 1 up
8:50	Rick Woulfe, Ft Lauderdale _____	Parsons 2 & 1 ✓
	John Parsons, Palm Bch Gdns _____	
9:00	Steve Smyers, Lakeland _____	Spriggs 2 & 1
	Ron Spriggs, Lutz _____	Warner 20th
9:10	Berger Warner, Ocala _____	Warner 4 & 3 ✓
	Gary Stickl, Lakeland _____	



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*Tumlin*  
~~3+1~~ 2+1

Bill Hamilton, Palm Bch

*Tumlin*  
3+2

John Parsons, Palm Bch Gdns

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Berger Warner, Ocala

~~3+2~~  
4+3

# State Mid-Am is way it should be

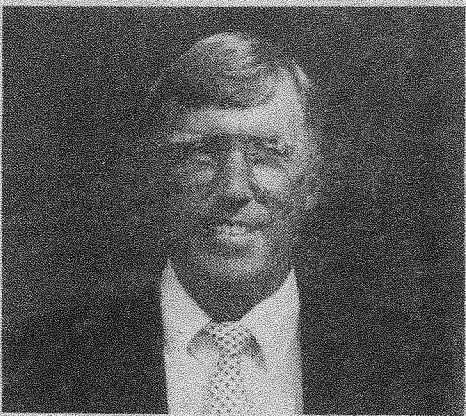
In the time before the Famous Florida Golf Revolution (as a 15-year resident of the Sunshine & Fairway State, I was fortunate enough to witness this successful struggle), many of our state championships were played on courses that were, well, good but not great.

Now, thank the lord of birdies, Florida can boast a collection of state tournaments to rival that of any state. In fact, with the obvious wealth of fabulous courses down here in Paradise South, Florida is on the path to becoming the No. 1 competitive golf state in the union.

We are witnessing a metamorphosis of the Florida Open into a superb championship, played on superb courses. It is the way it should be.

Florida GOLF WEEK has turned the State Amateur Match Play Championship into an extremely attractive event. It is taken seriously by players around the state. It is the way it should be.

And the Florida State Golf Association has emerged as the authoritative, yet benevolent,



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ruler of amateur golf in our birdie and bogey territory. The FSGA, under the leadership of President Jack Veghte and Executive Director Cal Korf, has endorsed a new philosophy and taken a new direction — true championship courses for true championships. It is the way it should be.

A case in point is the FSGA's State Mid-Amateur Championship, designed for golfers 25 years and older. The tournament will be played June 27-30 at famed Jupiter Hills GC, a private course once considered inaccessible for outside events.

"Jack, as a fine player (a former New York State Amateur champion and three-time Florida State Amateur champion), has had a tremendous influence on our entire schedule," says Korf, who tends to underplay his own role in the development of the FSGA, but should be given star billing. "And we have directors like Bill Baker (a Jupiter Hills member) who have really devoted themselves to helping golf in the state."

Korf himself has been a key man for the FSGA, focusing all his energy on Florida golf since retiring from the U.S. Army. The results of his work are obvious. The State Mid-Am, for example, has been slated for

Pine Tree in Boynton Beach, Fiddlesticks in Fort Myers, and Jupiter Hills in Jupiter during the last three years.

Jupiter Hills is among the best courses in the country. It is ranked in Golf Digest's top 100 and holds down the No. 12 position in GOLF WEEK Magazine's rankings of Sunshine State courses for 1985.

In the subjective business of ratings, there is widespread speculation that Jupiter Hills would occupy a higher position on both lists if the course cared to flaunt its considerable charms. But it doesn't, choosing to remain a low-key operation geared to its exclusive members.

Jupiter Hills was built and initially owned by George Fazio, who once called it, "the best thing I've done, the project that is a reflection of everything I know."

A word of caution — Jupiter Hills is not for everyone. If you don't like scenic golf courses, if you don't like undulating and lightning fast greens, if you don't like an occasional bogey (or worse)... then you won't like this magnificent layout.

"I don't think there are any faster greens in the whole state," says Ed Sabo, the head professional. "They are a real test. They are so severe and undulating that the guy who

putts well will usually have the best score. But, of course, you have to hit the ball well, too."

Jupiter Hills measures about 7100 yards from the back tees and about 6600 yards from the middle tees. "It's a lot of golf course from the back," says Sabo. "From the middle, it's a great test for all phases of the game."

Member Howard Everett, well known to many golfers around the country, says the par threes can make or break a golfer. "They are very exciting," says Everett. "Three of them are involved with water. One, No. 9, reminds me of Pine Valley."

Concerning the greens, Everett says, "They can put the pins in spots that make you wonder, 'Oh, my God, what have they done to us?' If you put the ball in the wrong place, it is very difficult to two-putt."

Qualifying events for this year's State Mid-Amateur Championship will be played at 10 locations around the state, and 100 golfers will advance to Jupiter Hills. Those 100 will engage in 36 holes of medal play, with the low 16 going into match play.

Gary Stickl of Lakeland won last year's title, defeating Tom Case Jr. of Fort Myers 4 and 3 in the final. The 36-hole qualifying ended with some of the state's heavy hitters on top — Tampa's Bob Kouwe was medalist, followed by Veghte, Pipp Patton of Temple Terrace, Case, and two-time Florida State Amateur champ Tom Knapp of Tequesta.

"Everybody seems to love this tournament," says Korf. "We see a lot of really great players in it."

No wonder. With courses like Jupiter Hills, it makes sense. It is the way it should be.

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