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PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. -- Byron and Jeb Whitman, a nephew-uncle team from Juno Beach, won the Florida State Golf Association's State Four-Ball Championship Sunday (Oct. 11), giving Palm Beach County twosomes the title for the third year in a row.

Playing at the JDM Country Club here, the Whitmans had a better-ball score of four under par 68 Saturday to share the first round lead with three other teams. They added a five under par 67 on the East course Sunday for a 135 total, nine under par.

The final round was highlighted by Jeb's eagle-deuce as he holed out a 165-yard 5-iron shot from under the trees at the 365-yard 15th hole for what proved to be the winning margin. Jeb, 41, had one birdie Sunday, two Saturday. Byron, 28, had three birdies each day.

Tied for second, each with 69-67--136, were Richard Ekey, Juno Beach, and Jim Patrone, Boca Raton, with John Harrell and Mike LeFebre, both of West Palm Beach.

The 96-team field was divided three ways: the 50 teams with the lowest combined handicaps played the North course the first round, the East course the second day; the remaining 32 higher rated teams in the regular division, and 14 seniors twosomes, were on the East and North courses, respectively. Then, each flight was split again based on first round scores for the purpose of a wider distribution of prizes. All ties were broken by matching cards.

Last year's winners, John Sanford, West Palm Beach, and Mike Weeks, North Palm Beach, were awarded second in their flight in a match of cards after posting 74-71--145.

The flight prize winners:

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North-East, First Flight

- 135 -- 1. Byron Whitman-Jeb Whitman, Juno Beach, 68-67.
136 -- 2. Richard Ekey, Juno Beach, and Jim Patrone, Boca Raton, 69-67. 3. John Harrell-Mike LeFebre, West Palm Beach, 69-67.
138 -- 4. David Breen-Bill McDonough, West Palm Beach, 69-69.
140 -- 5. Vance Moxon, Fort Lauderdale, and Bill Schumann, Lauderhill, 72-68. 6. John Brooks, Ponte Vedra Beach, and Randy Payne, Jacksonville, 68-72. 7. John LiPari-Frank Strafaci Jr., Miami, 73-67.
141 -- 8. Don Grant, Sunrise, and Mike Grant, West Palm Beach, 68-73. 9. Bill Golson, Belleair, and Jack Veghte, Clearwater, 73-68.

North-East, Second Flight

- 142 -- 1. Mike Malizia-Dick Rigabar, Palm City, 74-68.
145 -- 2. John Sanford, West Palm Beach, and Mike Weeks, North Palm Beach, 74-71. 3. Dave Kartner, Palm City, and John Turner, Port St. Lucie, 74-71. 4. Steve Beckett-Ron Tumlin, Palatka, 74-71.
5. Glenn Kerres-Jerry Williams, Melbourne, 74-71.
146 -- 6. Gary Onorati-Pete Sorrentino, Fort Lauderdale, 74-72.
147 -- 7. Kevin Downing, Jupiter, and Gil Turner, Port St. Lucie, 74-73. 8. Harvey Dixson, Longwood, and Gary Holmes, Casselberry, 77-70.

East-North, First Flight

- 141 -- 1. Brian Phillips-Kevin Richardson, West Palm Beach, 73-68.
142 -- 2. Richard McNahan, Surfside, and Mark Rubin, Miami Beach, 74-68.
143 -- 3. Larry Barousse, West Palm Beach, and Jerry

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Bartlett, Palm Beach Gardens, 74-69. 4. John Guenther, Haines City, and Bill Whitman, Juno Beach, 73-70.

144 -- 5. Mike Spragins, Indialantic, and Steve Spragins, Tampa, 72-72.

146 -- 6. Mike Butler-John Penn, Lakeland, 76-70.

East-North, Second Flight

150 -- 1. David Parmalee, Delray Beach, and Steve Raymond, Boca Raton, 81-69.

152 -- 2. Dean Tedder-Don Tedder, Miami, 80-72.

153 -- 3. Dale Anderson-Doug Ware, Palm City, 79-74.

156 -- 4. Fred Anders, West Melbourne, and Kevin Johnson, Palm Bay, 81-75. 5. Paul Berry, Indialantic, and Denny Nickle, Palm Bay, 79-77.

Seniors, East-North, First Flight

144 -- 1. Paul Demick-Dick Stackhouse, Boynton Beach, 71-73.

145 -- 2. Howard Derrick, Palm Beach Gardens, and Don Whelen, Deerfield Beach, 75-70.

147 -- 3. Laird Lane, Kissimmee, and Tom Lane, Satellite Beach, 77-70.

Seniors, East-North, Second Flight

151 -- 1. John Lay-Ernie Miller, Vero Beach, 79-72.

152 -- 2. Ike Hansen-George Pigott, Tampa, 79-73.

153 -- 3. Mario Licausi-Roy Lundy, Kissimmee, 81-72.