

60TH ANNUAL STATE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
 The Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Florida, June 9-12, 1977

Everyone who qualified for the Championship Flight
 received a golf bag cover - \$16.00

Champ. Flight	1st	M. Van Gerbig	70-70-77-75-292	P. Bowl w/tyy lad, 10 c.	
	2nd	Al Johns	63-80-72-79-294	Silver Tea Service	
	3rd	Ron Tumlin	70-74-73-78-295	Footed Bowl	
	4th	Kevin Walsh	73-75-74-74-296	Silver Casserole	
	5/6	Kevin Butler	74-74-76-73-297	Silver Fish	
	5/6	Tom Losinger	70-72-81-74-297	Silver Fish	
	7/8	Austin Jones	78-75-77-68-298	\$27.50 m/c	
	7/8	Terry May	70-79-298	\$27.50 m/c	
	9/10/11	Jack Veghte	78-74-76-71-299	\$20.00 m/c	
	9/10/11	Bob Rankin	71-72-75-81-299	\$20.00 m/c	
9/10/11	Art Duncan	76-74-72-77-299	\$20.00 m/c		
First Flight	1st	Kenneth Walsh	224-76-300	Footed Wine Cooler & Bag cover	
	2nd	Rick Pearson	231-72-303	\$50.00 m/c	
	3rd	Carmen Rosamenda	230-74-304	\$40.00 m/c	
	4th	Bob Stockman	230-83-313	\$30.00 m/c	
	5th	Jim Prim	233-81-314	\$25.00 m/c	
Second Flight	1st	Jeff Tanner	229-76-305	Footed W. Cooler & B.C.	
	2/3	Scott Behl	235-76-311	\$45.00 m/c	
	2/3	Billy Myers	233-78-311	\$45.00 m/c	
	4th	Craig Scott	235-78-313	\$30.00 m/c	
	5/6/7/8	Ron Ferguson	235-80-315	\$10.00 m/c	
	5/6/7/8	David Ashmore	234-81-315	\$10.00 m/c	
	5/6/7/8	John Ward	235-80-315	\$10.00 m/c	
	5/6/7/8	Dale McDonald	239-76-315	\$10.00 m/c	
Third Flight	1st	Lee Rinker	236-76-312	Wine Rack & Bag Cover	
	2nd	Joel Loggins	236-77-313	\$50.00 m/c	
	3rd	John Pacuk	238-76-314	\$40.00 m/c	
	4/5	Brian McNamara	238-82-320	\$27.50 m/c	
	4/5	Allen Sterchi	239-81-320	\$27.50 m/c	
Fourth Flight	1st	Kip Minter	239-74-313	Wine Cooler & Bag Cover	
	2nd	Tom Lane	242-77-319	\$50.00 m/c	
	3rd	Ned Hogan	237-83-320	\$40.00 m/c	
	4/5	Donald Chornak	238-87-325	\$15.00 m/c	
	4/5	Van Silver	239-86-325	\$15.00 m/c	
Fifth Flight	1st	Earl Morris	240-80-320	Wine Rack & Bag Cover	
	2/3	Wm. Brownrigg	244-80-324	\$45.00 m/c	
	2/3/	Don Whittemore	246-78-324	\$45.00 m/c	
	4th	Steve Guttman	247-79-326	\$30.00 m/c	
	5th	James Champion	245-83-328	\$25.00 m/c	
Sixth Flight	1st	William Lloyd	244-75-319	Wine Rack & Bag Cover	
	2nd	Rich Howard	250-78-328	\$50.00 m/c	
	3/4	Billy Loggins	251-81-332	\$35.00 m/c	
	3/4	Ken Nielsen	245-87-332	\$35.00 m/c	
	5th	Scott Clanton	250-83-333	\$25.00 m/c	
Seventh Flight	1st	Kenneth Rogers	257-79-336	Wine Rack & Bag Cover	
	2nd	Bob Cloughen	251-86-337	\$50.00 m/c	
	3rd	Gary Tomsich	256-82-338	\$40.00 m/c	
	4/5	Kenneth Brooke	254-85-339	\$27.50 m/c	
	4/5	Frank Lombardy	248-91-339	\$27.50 m/c	
Eighth Flight	1st	Jim Williams III	266-82-348	Wine Rack & Bag Cover	
	2nd	Bill Woodbury	271-82-353	\$50.00 m/c	
	3/4	Jim Whittemore	269-87-356	\$35.00 m/c	
	3/4	B.J. Jones	265-91-356	\$35.00 m/c	
Senior Flight	1st	Jack Coulter	235-75-310	Silver Pitcher & Tray	
	2nd	Key Scales	235-83-318	Footed Wine Cooler	
	3rd	Tom Grady	246-77-323	Footed Wine Cooler	
	4th	George Bumgarner	237-87-324	Small Silver Dish	
	Tied	5th	Keith Cornell	242-86-328	\$15.00 m/c
	Tied	5th	A. Henriksen	244-84-328	\$15.00 m/c

59 prize places plus FSSA
 (airline) travel plus
 covers given to the 33
 contestants who qualified for the
 Champ Flight.

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MICKEY VAN GERBIG earned center stage at the scoreboard presentation site after his 292 won the 60th annual State Amateur Championship at Bay Hill. Al Johns, left, was second with 294. FSGA President Austin Jones, right, who closed with a fine four under 68 the final day, made the presentations.

IN A REFLECTIVE MOMENT New Champion Van Gerbig recounts highlights of his Bay Hill experience.

VAN GERBIG WINS 60th STATE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

ORLANDO — "Best run big tournament I've ever seen," the man said.

And he has seen some.

The man was Gene Smith, executive assistant professional to head man Dick Tiddy at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club where FSGA's 60th annual State Amateur Championship had just completed a week's run.

Mr. Smith, I'm sure, recognized the fact, although modestly, that he and his competent associates had been part of the big team which successfully closed another chapter on Florida's oldest continuous sports event. The Florida Amateur has been played since 1914 with interruption only during the two World War periods. It is sponsored annually by Florida State Golf Association.

The elements and resources, natural and man-made, were first class. The golf course, the knowledgeable Bay Hill staff and magnificent weather gave the FSGA tournament crew and its 194 player field the ultimate in cooperation.

There were the usual minor disruptions, including a late night intruder,

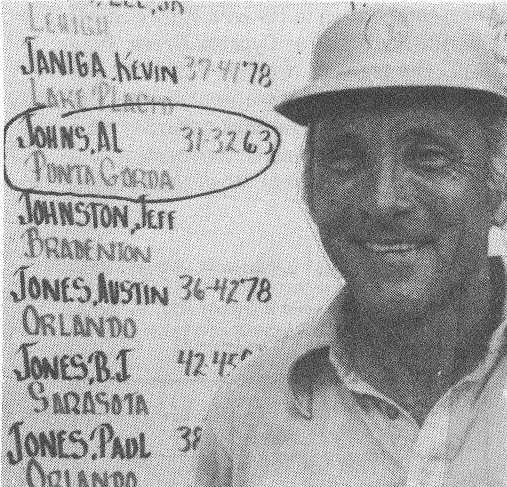
driving an errant vehicle over the tenth fairway and green spinning and skidding wheels that gouged tire tracks in the playing surface. However, all emergencies were met and solved with minimum confusion. That included the selection of a stout and high tree branch from which the intruder will be hung by the heels when caught.

The champion who emerged from the 72 hole, four-day fray is a popular, dedicated amateur well-known and respected on the national and international golf scene. Mickey Van Gerbig, a 36-year-old Palm Beach attorney, who, as a student at nearby Rollins College, had walked the monster Bay Hill course before it was seeded in the early 1960s, hung tough throughout the fray for his victory.

Van Gerbig returned rounds of 70-70-77-75 for his 292 winning score. That was four over par for the 7,000-yard daily trek over "The Hill" which has been robust in its defense of par in FSGA Championships.

Bob Murphy, Jr., won the first State Amateur played here in 1965 with a 290.

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A HAPPY Al Johns checked his new course record numbers at the scoreboard. The 63 was fashioned from nine pars and nine birdies by the first round leader.

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 CONDUCTED BY FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION
 The Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Fla. June 9-12, 1977

Contestant

AL JOHNS

18 36 54 72

63

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
PAR	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	36	72
YARDAGE	511	230	407	441	359	521	198	386	452	3505	397	420	568	373	218	426	427	223	535	3587	7092
SCORE	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>63</i>

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VAN GERBIG WINS

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Gary Koch followed with a winning 291 in 1972. Van Gerbig's 292 this year, incidentally, a total he had forecast to the press would win, was in character with the unyielding tradition of the golf course.

In a pre-tournament run over the track, designating daily pin placements, tee markers, hazard stakes and lines, with Superintendent Jim Ellison, the feeling was that even par would win if the weather held fair. Jim and his crew had the course in prime shape and an almost windless four days provided ideal conditions.

Our thoughts about par and perhaps even a stroke or two under, took a position of substance opening day when Al Johns fired an incredible 63, nine under par. Johns, Chairman of the Board of Punta Gorda Isles and Southwest Florida Banks, stored up a four stroke edge in the first round with a barrage of nine birdies and nine pars, a better than perfect round. He left 192 other competitors shaking heads and wondering if Johns had played all the holes. The 193rd competitor, David Abell, the Wake Forest-bound prep star from Fort Pierce, was astounded to learn when he checked into the scoreboard with a not-so-shabby 67 that he was four strokes back.

"Well it beats shooting 72 and being nine back," Abell joked when he regained his composure.

The next day it was a different story when "The Hill" rose indignantly, stuffed Johns and Abell in a pressurized outdoor oven and popped them out with well-cooked, over par rounds of 80 for Al and 83 for David.

The opening day 63 broke Arnold Palmer's course record by a shot. Amateur Tracy Allen and professional Gordon Jones also shared the 64 record with Palmer. The Al Johns 32-31-63 provided plenty of first day drama, however, the course retaliated and got things back to reality from the second day on when Johns

finished with 80-72-79 for 294 and second place.

Press coverage of the 60th annual featured Jerry Green's fine stories and pictures for the Orlando Sentinel. Tom Edrington and Pat Eggeling covered for the Tampa Tribune and Central Florida was aware of the happening. Unfortunately, the day is long past for wire services to move information to the hinterlands about amateur golf in Florida.

There were 59 prize places in the field which went into a Championship, eight flights and a senior section competition, held for the first time and won by Jack Coulter of Orlando. In addition to silver and merchandise prizes all qualifying for the Championship and the flight winners, were given FSGA travel golf bag covers in which to haul their business implements to future encounters.

The 60th renewal was an epic one.

— BILL CAREY

THE WINNERS:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

M. Van Gerbig — 292, Al Johns — 294, Ron Tumlin — 295, Kevin Walsh — 296, Kevin Butler — 297, Tom Losinger — 297, Austin Jones — 298, Terry May — 298, Jack Veghte — 299, Bob Rankin — 299, Art Duncan — 299.

FIRST FLIGHT

Kenneth Walsh — 300, Rick Pearson — 303, Carmen Rosamenda — 304, Bob Stockman — 313, Jim Prim — 314.

SECOND FLIGHT

Jeff Tanner — 305, Scott Behl — 311, Billy Myers — 311, Craig Scott — 313, Ron Ferguson — 315, David Ashmore — 315, John Ward — 315, Dale McDonald — 315.

THIRD FLIGHT

Lee Rinker — 312, Joel Loggins — 313, John Pacuk — 314, Brian McNamara — 320, Allen Sterchi — 320.

FOURTH FLIGHT

Kip Minter — 313, Tom Lane — 319, Ned Hogan — 320, Donald Chornak — 325, Van Silver — 325.

FIFTH FLIGHT

Earl Morris — 320, Wm. Brownrigg — 324, Don Whittemore — 324, Steve Guttman — 326, James Champion — 328.

SIXTH FLIGHT

William Lloyd — 319, Rich Howard — 328, Billy Loggins — 322, Ken Nielsen — 332, Scott Clanton — 333.

SEVENTH FLIGHT

Kenneth Rogers — 336, Bob Cloughen — 337, Gary Tomsich — 338, Kenneth Brooke — 339, Frank Lombardy — 339.

EIGHTH FLIGHT

Jim Williams III — 348, Bill Woodbury — 353, Jim Whittemore — 356, B.J. Jones — 356.

SENIOR SECTION

Jack Coulter — 310, Key Scales — 318, Tom Grady — 323, George Bumgarner — 324, Keith Cornell — 328, A. Henricksen — 328.

NAPIER-VAUGHN WIN CYPRESS CREEK 4-BALL

ORLANDO — Billy Napier and Tom Vaughn scored 63-69-132 to win the two day gross competition in FSGA's West Central District Four-Ball at Cypress Creek June 18-19. The team of Norman Field Jr. and George Bumgarner were second with 139.

The low net competition Saturday was won by R. Huybers and G. Innocenti with a 55. Gene Byrne was the tournament director.

PRIZE WINNERS: B. Napier-T. Vaughn-132, N. Field-G. Bumgarner-139, R. Lawrence-B. Geppert-148, R. Howard-J. Hogan-152, S. Gera-M. Payne-152, F. Burgess-J. McBride-155, E. Mitchell-G. Pfann-158.

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