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## SARA BAY COUNTRY CLUB (SARASOTA) TO HOST FLORIDA STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

SARASOTA, Fla. - The 22nd Florida State Senior Championship will open the Florida State Golf Association's 1999 championship season on April 26-28 at Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota.

Jupiter's Bill King will lead 156 of the state's top seniors in an effort to claim the coveted title. King, who was named the 1998 Florida State Amateur of the Year, will look to win his third title after winning in 1998 and 1996. He was also a finalist in last year's U.S. Senior Amateur Championship,

Four other past champions will also compete: Bo Williams of Ocala (champion in 1986, 1987, 1990); Bob Rankin of Palm Harbor (1992, 1994); Jack Veghte of Clearwater (1991, 1993); and John Price of Sarasota (1997)

Sara Bay Country Club, a 1926 Donald Ross design, is a private course with a formidable history. Golf legend Tommy Armour was the first head professional while Bobby Jones was the club house manager. The course is similar to Pinehurst #2 with domed greens and strategically placed bunkers. Due to the elevated tees and lack of prominent water, the course is unique for a Florida layout.

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