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BENNETT TAKES FOUR-STROKE LEAD AT STATE SENIOR AM

SARASOTA, Fla. — Surfside's Gunnar Bennett fired a 3-under, 69, to take a four-stroke lead in the first round of the 22nd Florida State Senior Championship at Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota Orlando's Edward Craig and Robert Stanford are tied for second with 1-over 73's.

Bennett, a 58-year old independent businessman, made four birdies and a bogey on a Donald Ross course that held the remainder of the 156-man field over par.

Jupiter's Bill King, the defending champion who had won 2 of the previous 3 senior titles, finished with a 4-over, 76.

Round two begins Tuesday at 8:00 a.m., with the final round scheduled for Wednesday.