



NYSGA *News*

The Newsletter of the New York State Golf Association

Spring 2010

President's Message:

Welcome to the 2010 golf season. Our staff and volunteers are preparing for the upcoming championships and an expanded State Days lineup that invites men and women of all ages and abilities. The championship schedule certainly favors the Rochester area this year starting with the Women's Amateur and Mid-Amateur tournaments at Sodus Bay Heights. This scenic Robert Trent Jones course on the shores of Lake Ontario offers a treat and a challenge.

We travel to Albany Country Club, our second Robert Trent Jones design, for the Men's Amateur. Albany hosted previous Men's Championships in 1977 and 1990, both played at stroke play, and will surely identify a worthy champion again this year.

Next we are back in Rochester at the Country Club of Mendon for the Junior's and Boy's Amateurs and the Girl's Amateur. With the number of excellent young players developed in that region, having local winners in all three Championships would not surprise us.

The Senior and Super Senior Women are at the Brookwoods Golf Club in nearby Ontario, another attractive but demanding layout that many of our competitors will remember as Ontario Golf Club. With the completion of these two tournaments, they will have hosted each of our championships; a remarkable accomplishment worthy of special recognition. If you attend either of these events, please thank a member or two for all of us who have enjoyed their hospitality through the years.

We stay in Wayne County for the Men's Senior and Super Senior Championships at Wayne Hills Golf Club, another club generous to our organization and the golfers of New York State.

The season ends with the Men's Mid-Amateur at another Robert Trent Jones course, Craig Burn Golf Club in western New York. Many consider it one of his best, consistently ranked as one of New York State's top courses.

The changes to stroke play for the Men's and Women's Amateurs were well received last year as was the addition of the Women's Mid-Amateur. All will continue this year and we hope for the same level of excitement that each produced.

Dates for qualifiers and tournaments can also be found on our web site nysga.org. Please mark your calendars for events that you may want to enter or attend.

If your game is not quite ready for competition at this high level, you may compete in one of the many State Day Tournaments scheduled across the state. These one day competitions are handicap events and all you need to enter is a USGA Handicap Index and the entry fee. This entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, gift, range balls, \$10 toward prizes and a meal at the turn or after the round. It is a great bargain and a chance to compete for net and gross prizes with any proceeds going to the NYSGA Scholarship Program – sounds like “can't lose” to me! I wish you all a long and successful golfing season.

Dick Dorgan

Dick
NYSGA President



New York State Golf Association Scholarships

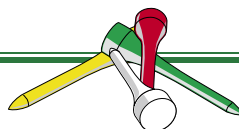
The New York State Golf Association would like to express their sincere gratitude to all for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. These donations will help the NYSGA continue its strong commitment to New York residents who are enrolled in specific two or four year programs related to attaining a career in the industry of golf management.

College/University programs such as Agronomy, Turf Grass Management, Professional Golf and Country Club Management or other related programs are recognized under the NYSGA Scholarship Fund. In addition, we also support New York State residents who elect to pursue such programs in out-of-state Colleges or Universities.

Additional contributions will help the NYSGA Scholarship Committee as we begin to aggressively solicit additional scholarship funding from clubs, individuals and corporate sources to expand the scope and impact of our scholarship awards.

Scholarship applications for the upcoming year will be available at www.nysga.org. Qualified applicants should contact the NYSGA Office with any questions regarding the application process. The deadline for submitting an application for the 2010-2011 academic year will be May 15, 2010.

For further information concerning the NYSGA Scholarship Program please e-mail us or contact **Mr. Henry W. Fust**, Scholarship Chairperson, 5784 Widewaters Parkway, Dewitt, NY 13214 or **Mr. Bill Moore**, NYSGA Executive Director, P.O. Box 15333, Syracuse, NY 13215-0333.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The 88th Season of the New York State Golf Association is underway and we are excited about a number of ventures we think will appeal to a great number of golfers statewide.

The State Day Series has expanded to 14 tournaments and will be held from May-September, all across the state. The full schedule is located in this newsletter, so I won't go into too much more detail. We expect over 1000 golfers to participate this year

and they are a great opportunity to play some golf at a course you may not normally get a chance to play, all for a reasonable price. Better yet, bring your spouse and make a weekend of it, as many of our State Days are in beautiful areas. If you need help finding a hotel close by, just let us know and we would be glad to point you in the right direction.

With the increased state day schedule we have increased our staff, bringing on a Tournament Director to manage, market, and expand these net events. His name is Andrew Hickey and he is looking forward to meeting many of you on the road this summer. He will also be on hand at our Championships and even a few qualifiers. Please stop and say hello.

Our GHIN handicap service continues to grow, and with a community of over 35,000 golfers we find ourselves in the envious position of having some "buying power". For those of you who carry a NYSGA GHIN Handicap, or are a NYSGA Associate Member, you are now a member of the "Players Club". This community of golfers will have access to discounted greens fees at NYSGA Member Clubs statewide, as well as discounts on travel, lodging, sporting events, and even perhaps a Broadway show. Being a member of the "Players Club" will pay for itself in a heartbeat. Again, see inside the newsletter for lots more information.

Finally, we are continuing to grow our Foundation efforts and continue to grow the game across our great state. This fiscal year we have committed over \$40,000 to junior golf and our scholarship program, and we couldn't do it without your help. Donations are always appreciated and if you can find a few extra bucks in your wallet to help junior golf, head over to our website at www.nysga.org and click on "Foundation". There you will find updated news and photos on what we are trying to do to grow the game.

Have a great summer and we will see you soon.

Bill Moore

Executive Director, NYSGA

Robert Casavant Memorial



The NYSGA is sad to report that Committee Member **Bob Casavant** of Marshall Place, Kingston died November 14, 2009. He was 74. He was born in Woonsocket, RI, and graduated from Woonsocket High School. He was inducted in to the US Army in 1954 and was stationed in Alaska. He received

an Associates Degree from Worcester Junior College. In 1962 Mr. Casavant began a career at I.B.M. as a Programmer. He retired in 1989 as a Senior Level Manager and belonged to the Quarter Century Club.

An avid golfer, Mr. Casavant was an original member of The Herdegan Hall of Fame with 39 years of service. For 40 years he participated in the Ulster County Men's Amateur Golf Championship (The Herdegan) and currently served as Historian. A member of the NYS Golf Association, he was recognized by the Ulster County Seniors Golf for "distinguished contribution to amateur golf."

Mr. Casavant was an Honoree Sheriff of the MC Sheriff's Association's Youth Camp. A parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, he belonged to the Freemason Society, Stuart, FL, the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, and the Kingston Kiwanas Club.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Georgette Casavant, two sons Michael and his wife Debra, and David and his wife

Carole; one daughter Lisa Miller and her husband Timothy; brother Eugene Casavant; sister Pauline Laplume ; two grandchildren Matthew and Aimee Casavant; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, were made to the New York State Golf Association "Junior and Boys Division".

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THE MAVEN'S CORNER

NYSGA FLASHBACKS

By John P. Blain, NYSGA Historian

50 Years Ago...Buffalo's John Konsek won a record third consecutive Men's Amateur at Locust Hill Country Club in Rochester....Cooperstown's Margaret Neville won her third consecutive Women's Amateur.

40 Years Ago...Rochester's Don Allen won his fourth Men's Amateur nipping defending champion Terry Diehl, also of Rochester, by a shot at Locust Hill



Lancy Smith

Country Club....Ginnie Allen of Syracuse won the Senior Women's championship....Tom Street of Buffalo slipped past Jim Ganotis of Syracuse, 1 up, in the final of the State Junior at Cornell University G.C.....Amsterdam's Sara Jane Stuhler successfully defended her Junior Girls crown....Buffalo's Lancy Smith won her second consecutive Women's title.

35 Years Ago...In a rare feat Syracuse's Bellevue Country Club crowned three NYSGA champions with Al Foster winning the Men's Amateur, James Gridley winning the State Junior and Ginnie Allen capturing the Senior Women.

30 Years Ago... In a record that stands to this day Joey Sindelar of Horseheads broke par in all four rounds shooting eight under par 280 to win the Men's Amateur at Vestal Hills C.C. in Binghamton...Oneonta's Alan Schulte won the Junior Amateur at Winding Brook C.C. outside Albany....Future NCAA champion E.J. Pfister of East Aurora won the Boys championship....Bill Bogle, Sr. won his second straight Senior Amateur....Jamie DeWeese of Rochester won the Junior Girls.

20 Years Ago...Steve Nosonowitz of Dutchess Golf & C.C. defeated John Baldwin and John Gaffney in a playoff to win the Mid Amateur.... Rochester's Joe Wilson won the Men's Amateur at Albany C.C.....Alder Creek's Julie Brand won the Girls Junior....Frances Stearns of Dutchess won the Senior Women1987 State Boys champ Jon Doctor added the NYS High School crown.

15 Years Ago...Europe defeated the United States 14 1/2 - 13 1/2 to win the Ryder Cup at Oak Hill Country Club....Alan Foster of Bellevue C.C. out lasted Fred Silver of Niagara Falls Country Club to win the Mid Amateur at Ontario Golf Club.

10 Years Ago...Elmira's Mike Valicenti won his second Men's Amateur defeating Robert Hughes of Watertown, 5-4, at Monroe Golf Club....Buffalo's Tim Hume won the Mid Amateur at Bellevue C.C. with future NYSGA Executive Director Bill Moore, Jr. tying for second....Rochester's Danielle Downey successfully defended her Women's Amateur crown....Pelham's Nannette Hill won the first of what would be three consecutive Junior Girls crowns....Winged Foot's Hank Malfa won his third straight Super Senior championship....



Jim Scorse

5 Years Ago...In an all Rochester final Jim Scorse defeated John Kircher, 1 up at Ontario G.C. to win the Men's Amateur....Troy's Matt Clarke outlasted Crag Burn's Tony Hejna and Bellevue's Jim Roy to win the Mid Amateur at The Country Club of Rochester.... Dominic Bozzelli of Locust Hill C.C. won the Boys championship.... Lansing's John Duthie won his first NYS High School crown.



John Konsek



Allen Foster

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NYSGA Course Rating

Licensing Agreement

An authorized golf association or golf club must obtain a license from the USGA in order to utilize the USGA Handicap System.... and to issue Handicap Indexes as stated in Section 1-2 of The USGA Handicap System Manual (2008-

2011). An integral component of this Licensing Agreement is that "a golf course must be re-rated at least every ten years even if it has not changed in any way" and the NYSGA has agreed to re-rate all golf courses within its jurisdiction that reach this ten-year anniversary during the Terms of this Agreement. Our NYSGA records indicate that there are several of our golf clubs that are, or will be, in violation of this mandate. If your golf club is issuing USGA Certified Handicap Indexes without having signed the (2008-2011) USGA Licensing Agreement or without having the golf course rated in the past ten years, it is important that an official of your golf club contact the NYSGA Office to rectify this matter.

USGA Course Ratings Soon Available on Internet

The USGA will be presenting their Web-Based Course Rating Program (CRP) to the public this spring. The present USGA Course Rating System (CRS) requires each Association to periodically up-load their calculated course ratings and slopes for golf clubs to the USGA. The current system has led to some handling and management problems for the Associations, sending in the course rating data, as well as for their postings by the USGA. This soon-to-be-made-public USGA CRP is intended to eliminate these problems. Anyone interested in looking up any association's USGA certified course rating could do so by going to the USGA Web site.

NYSGA's 2010 USGA Calibration Seminar Performance

The NYSGA Course Rating (CR) Team Leaders attended the 2010 USGA Eastern Course Rating Calibration Seminar held February 28-March 1 at Champions Gate Golf Club in Davenport, Florida. This Seminar is formatted by the USGA to standardize the USGA certified ratings that are conducted by all of their Associations. The NYSGA CR Team Leaders (Ed Evans, Bob Folley, Al Stockholm and Warren Winslow took individual quizzes and a team written test and attended several sessions where various critical rating issues were discussed. The main Seminar event called for each of the association teams (19 men's and 7 women's) to rate the four Champions Gate golf holes that the USGA's Master Raters had previously rated for calibration. The results of each association's ratings were statistically compared for the five yardage adjustment categories, and the ten obstacles that are evaluated in any course rating. The NYSGA Team earned an overall grade of 96.0 % with one team finishing higher (98%).

Al Stockholm

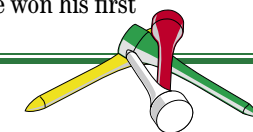
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RAMBLINGS...FROM THE MAVEN

By John P. Blain, NYSGA Historian

No one knows what awaits the 2010 NYSGA championship events but it will be extremely difficult to duplicate the incredible accomplishments of our champions in 2009. Consider:

Yaroslav Merkulov of Penfield captured the Men's Amateur at age 17 and shot seven under par in doing so. "Yarik" followed up that performance with a record shattering performance in the Junior Amateur firing 73-61 at Skaneateles C.C. Something tells me that the 61 will be a record that will stand for some time. Yarik also made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Junior Amateur where he lost to eventual champion Jordan Spieth of Dallas on the last hole. After considering Virginia, Illinois, Ohio State, Michigan and Duke, Merkulov will matriculate at Duke



Yaroslav Merkulov

University this coming fall.....**Gavin Hall** of Mendon also is coming off an incredible year which saw him at age 14 become the youngest winner ever in the history of the RDGA championship firing a five under par round of 67 in the final round at Brook-Lea C.C. He followed that up with a record-shattering win the NYS Boys Championship shooting 68-65 to blow away the field at Skaneateles C.C. The 2010 NYS Junior Amateur will be played at Hall's home course, the Country Club of Mendon. He will be moving up to the Junior division but does anyone want to bet against him? I didn't think so.....Former Boys, Junior and NYS High School champ **Dominic Bozzelli** of Rochester who originally signed with the University of Central Florida transferred to Auburn University but was forced to sit out the year after UCF wouldn't grant him a release. He will play this fall for Auburn as a sophomore...Speaking of Bozzelli and Merkulov both players have an opportunity to go where no player has gone before. If Merkulov can win the NYS High School championship in June he will have been the only player to win the Boys, Junior, Men's Amateur and NYS schoolboy. Bozzelli can turn the same trick by adding the Men's Amateur to his resume. Merkulov and Rochester's **Terry Diehl** are the only two players who have won the Boys, Junior's and Men's Amateur.....Don't be surprised if Rochester's **Christy Schultz** adds several more NYS Women's Mid Amateurs to her resume by the time she calls it a career. The former NYS Junior and Women's Am champ has very few peers of her ability within the Mid Am ranks. Christy also got to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Mid Amateur in 2009 which exempts her into the 2010 championship. It wouldn't come as any surprise if she won both the NYS Women's Am and Mid Am in 2010. The same goes for Bellevue's **Teresa "T" Cleland** in the NYS Senior Women. She seems to get better with age and will be tough to beat this August at The Brookwoods C.C.....If a Mid Am player is going win this year's Men's Amateur at Albany C.C. then Monroe Golf Club's **Tim Spitz** may be your guy. The former Furman University player made it to the final of the 2009 U.S. Mid Amateur losing to 2003 champ Nathan Smith of Pittsburgh. Spitz's run to the final earned him exemptions into the 2010 U.S. Amateur and the next three U.S. Mid Amateurs....Speaking of the Men's Amateur if this is the year an Albany player breaks the 24 year winless streak a good



Gavin Hall



Dominic Bozzelli



Christy Schultz



Teresa Cleland

bet might be **Job Buchanan** of Wolfert's Roost. Buchanan who plays college golf at the University of Connecticut won the prestigious Adams Cup in Newport, Rhode Island this past fall and was the Golf Week magazine "Player of the Week". In addition, he shot a record tying 65 in the second round of the Men's Amateur last year at Ravenwood G.C..... The NYSGA has five former competitors now playing the Champions Tour. Former State Am champs **Joey Sindelar**, **Jeff Sluman**, and **Jim Roy** join **Wayne Levi** and 1979 State Am runner-up **Mike Hulbert** on the over 50 circuit.....Former NYS Junior champ and Clemson Tiger **David May** of Auburn has turned professional and is plying his trade on the mini tours. May won the 2009 ACC Championship.... Rondout's **Chris DeForest** playing for the University of Illinois shot eight under par 205 to win the individual championship at the FAU Spring Break Championship in Delray Beach, Florida.....Brookwoods C.C. joins Dutchess Golf & C.C. this year as the only two NYSGA clubs that have held every NYSGA championship event. It would be admirable if other clubs had the ambition to follow suit.



Jim Roy



Questions and Answers About GOLF HANDICAPPING

From Scott Gerbereux, NYSGA Director of Handicapping

Question:

Can you please help me? For some reason, you seem to only be picking up my lowest scores to calculate my handicap?

Answer:

The Handicap Index formula is based on the best Handicap Differential(s) in a player's scoring record. If a player's scoring record contains 20 scores, the best 10 Handicap Differentials of the most recent 20 scores are used to calculate the Handicap Index. Please refer to Section 10-2 of the **USGA Handicap Manual** for more information.

Question:

On the handicap readout, there is a column called "Diff." What does that mean and or stand for?

Answer:

A "**Handicap Differential**" is the difference between a player's *adjusted gross score* and the **USGA Course Rating** of the course on which the score was made, multiplied by 113, then divided by the **Slope Rating** from the tees played and rounded to the nearest tenth, e.g., 12.8.

Question:

I noticed my index was again lowered in the most recent revision to 6.5 with recent postings of total scores well above my home course handicap of 8. I also noticed a 76 within my posted scores I have not shot a 76 this year. So my questions are the following:

- 1.) How does my index continue to be lower when my scores do not reflect a scoring average near 6.5 strokes over par?
- 2.) How do I remove a score that was posted that is incorrect?
- 3.) At my home course in tournament play, I am an 8. That is the handicap I continue to use correct?
- 4.) Is index used at away courses for tournament play or do I continue to use 8?

Answer:

- 1) A Handicap Index and Course Handicap are two different things.
 - a. A "**Handicap Index**" is the USGA's service mark used to indicate a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place (e.g., 10.4) and is used for conversion to a Course Handicap.

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b. A "**Course Handicap**" is the USGA's mark that indicates the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of scratch or zero-handicap golf. For a player with a plus **Course Handicap**, it is the number of handicap strokes a player gives to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of scratch or zero-handicap golf. A **Course Handicap** is determined by applying the player's Handicap Index to a **Course Handicap Table** or **Course Handicap Formula**. A player's **Course Handicap** is expressed as a whole number.

- 2) The 76 in your scoring record has a "C" next to it. This means it is the result of two nine-hole scores that were combined into an eighteen-hole score. If a score was posted incorrectly, the GHIN administrator at your club could delete it.
- 3) No. Your Handicap Index is what you use. Then depending on the ratings of the tee you are playing, your Course Handicap will change. Courses have Course Handicap Lookup tables in the Pro Shop to help.
- 4) Your Handicap Index is designed to travel with you wherever you play.

NYSGA State Days Tournament Series 2010



Winners of divisions at regular season events automatically entered in the Champions Day!

Prices include greens fee, cart, gift, range balls, at-turn or after round meal and \$10 toward prizes.

Proceeds directly support the NYSGA Scholarship Program.

DATE	SITE	START TIME (shotgun or tee-times)	PRICE	MEAL (at-turn or after round)	ENTRIES CLOSE (5PM)
5/17 (Mon)	Bellevue CC Syracuse	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 80	after	5/10
5/23 (Sun)	Ravenwood GC Victor	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 70	after	5/10
6/04 (Fri)	Partridge Run Golf & CC Canton	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 55	after	5/17
6/14 (Mon)	Country Club of Ithaca Ithaca	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 80	after	6/1
6/19 (Sat)	Shorewood CC Dunkirk	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 65	after	6/7
6/30 (Wed)	Orchard Creek GC Altamont	10:00am shotgun	\$ 75	box lunch	6/15
7/11 (Sun)	Links at Hiawatha Landing Apalachin	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 70	after	6/28
7/17 (Sat)	Western Turnpike GC Guilderland	10:00am tee-times	\$ 70	at-turn	6/28
7/23 (Fri)	Ives Hill CC Watertown	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 70	after	7/5
8/15 (Sun)	Robert Trent Jones GC Ithaca	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 90	after	8/2
8/23 (Mon)	Diamond Hawk GC Cheektowaga	8:30am shotgun	\$ 75	after	8/9
8/30 (Mon)	Ballston Spa CC Ballston Spa	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 80	after	8/16
9/2 (Thurs)	Wayne Hills CC Lyons	1:00pm shotgun	\$ 60	after	8/23
9/18 (Sat)	Drumlins GC - Champions Day Syracuse	1:00pm shotgun	FREE	after	Champs only

See the Web site (www.nysga.org) for additional information or contact the NYSGA at 315-471-6979.

Sign-up as an individual or with a group of friends!
Online Registration opens at 9:00am on Monday, March 15
A printable entry form will also be available at that time

- Men and Women, all ages and abilities can compete.
- Events are 18-Hole individual stroke play.
- Entrants must have a licensed USGA Handicap Index.
- Men's & Women's Divisions each divided into flights based on Course Handicap:
 - Men ~ 0-9, 10-18, 19 and over; Women ~ 0-18, 19 and over
 - In each flight, prizes awarded for Net winners.
 - Gross winners for each Gender.
- The net winners of each flight and gross winners of each gender qualify for the Champions Day!



27th Annual Mid-Amateur Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany	Normanside CC 150 Salisbury Rd. Delmar, NY 12054 (518)439-3160	8/16/10	Richard W. Dorgan, Jr. (518) 869-8573
Binghamton	Traditions at the Glen 4101 Watson Blvd. Johnson City, NY 13790 (607) 797-9461	8/30/10	Sherry M. Heath (607) 723-1982
Buffalo	Transit Valley CC 8920 Transit Road East Amherst, NY 14051 (716) 688-5500	8/25/10	John Gaffney (716) 688-4800
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 78 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
Long Island	Mill Pond GC 300 Mill Rd. Medford, NY 11763 (631) 732-8249 x 2	8/25/10	Doug & Sheila Vergith (631) 751-1417
NOTE #1: Play will begin at 10:30am NOTE #2: Field will be limited to the first 51 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
Mid-Hudson	Woodstock GC 114 Mill Hill Rd. Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-2914	8/23/10	Kinny Post (845) 679-6403
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 45 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
North Country	Westport GC Liberty Street Westport, NY 12993 (518) 962-4470	8/30/10	Brad Griffin (518) 523-1409
Rochester	Ridgemont CC 3717 Ridge Road West Rochester, NY 14626 (585) 225-1370	8/30/10	Patrick Shatzel (585) 690-0402
Syracuse	Foxfire G&CC 1 Village Blvd. Baldwinsville, NY 13027 (315) 638-2930	9/1/10	Andrew Hickey (888) NYSGA-23
Utica/Rome	Seven Oaks GC East Lake Road Hamilton, NY 13346 (315) 824-1432	8/20/10	John P. Blain (315) 559-0497

NYSGA Eligibility Requirements for Championships

- Women** - Open to all female golfers of any age.
- Men** - Open to all male golfers of any age.
- Men's Mid-Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 25 or older.
- Women's Mid-Amateur** - Open to all female golfers, aged 25 or older.
- Women's Senior** - Open to all female golfers, aged 50 or older.
- Women's Super Senior** - Open to all female golfers, aged 65 or older.
- Men's Senior** - Open to all male golfers, aged 55 or older.
- Men's Super Senior** - Open to all male golfers, aged 65 or older.
- Junior Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 17 or younger.
- Boys Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 14 or younger.
- Girls Amateur** - Open to all female golfers, aged 17 or younger.

2010 Junior & Boy's Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany	Town of Colonie 418 Consaul Rd. Schenectady, NY 12304 (518) 374-4181	6/30/10	Matthew Clarke (518) 720-5888 x 115
Binghamton	Binghamton CC 1401 Robinson Hill Rd. Endwell, NY 13760 (607) 797-5828	7/12/10	Tim Schum (607) 727-5921
Buffalo	Transit Valley CC 8920 Transit Road East Amherst, NY 14051 (716) 688-5500	7/6/10	Paul Foley (716) 634-4012
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 60 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
Finger Lakes	Corning CC 2501 Country Club Dr. Corning, NY 14830 (607) 936-3392	6/25/10	Dick Stone (607) 739-8656
Mid-Hudson	Fallsview GC 1195 Arrowhead Rd. Ellenville, NY 12428 (845) 210-3106	7/19/10	Phil Chase (845) 856-8767
North Country	Lake Placid Club - Mt. Course Lake Placid Club Dr. Lake Placid, NY 12946 (518) 523-4460	7/19/10	Brad Griffin (518) 523-1409
Rochester	Mill Creek CC 128 Cedars Ave. Churchville, NY 14428 (585) 889-4110	6/29/10	Jack Donovan (910) 409-4219
Syracuse	Links at Erie Village 5900 North Burdick Street East Syracuse, NY 13057 (315) 656-4653	7/6/10	Jim Coleman (315) 668-8741
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 40 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
Utica/Rome	Seven Oaks GC East Lake Road Hamilton, NY 13346 (315) 824-1432	7/5/10	Ed Koslick (315) 737-5975

2010 NYSGA Championship Schedule

Event Name	Entries Close	Qualifying Dates	Event Dates	Event Site
WOMEN'S AM & MID AMATEUR	Tuesday June 29	None	Tuesday, July 13 thru Thursday, July 15	Sodus Bay Hts GC Sodus Point
MEN'S AMATEUR	Tuesday June 1	Monday, June 7 thru Tuesday, July 6	Tuesday, July 20 thru Thursday, July 22	Albany CC Voorheesville, NY
JUNIOR GIRLS	Friday July 23	None	Tuesday, August 3 thru Wednesday, August 4	CC of Mendon Mendon, NY
JUNIOR BOYS	Friday June 18	Friday, June 25 thru Monday, July 19	Tuesday, August 3 thru Wednesday, August 4	CC of Mendon Mendon, NY
WOMEN'S SENIOR	Thursday August 5	None	Tuesday, August 17 thru Wednesday, August 18	The Brookwoods Ontario, NY
MEN'S SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR	Tuesday August 31	None	Tuesday, September, 14 thru Thursday, September, 16	Wayne Hills CC Lyons, NY
MEN'S MID-AMATEUR	Tuesday August 10	Monday, August 16 thru Wednesday, Sept. 1	Friday, September 24 thru Sunday, September 26	Crag Burn GC East Aurora, NY

88th Men's Amateur Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany	Colonie CC 141 Maple Rd. Voorheesville, NY 12186 (518) 765-4103	7/6/10	Mark Fitzgerald (518) 732-7443
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 150 entries received. Entries received after the limit has been reached may move to any other location.			
Binghamton	Links of Hiawatha 2350 Marshland Rd. Apalachin, NY 13732 (607) 687-6952	6/7/10	Sherry M. Heath (607) 723-1982
Buffalo	Gowanda CC 2623 Brown Street Collins, NY 14034 (716) 337-2100	6/14/10	Edwin Kaczor (716) 649-8958
Finger lakes	Corning CC 2501 Country Club Dr. Corning, NY 14830 (607) 936-3392	6/25/10	Dick Stone (607) 739-8656
Long Island	Olde Vine GC 695 Reeves Ave. Riverhead, NY 11901 (631) 369-7151	6/14/10	Doud & Sheila Vergith (631) 751-1417
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ACC TO HOST ITS THIRD MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

By John P. Blain, NYSGA Historian



This coming July, Albany Country Club will play host to the 88th Men's Amateur Championship, the crown jewel event of the New York State Golf Association. The course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, has been at its present location since 1970. The original Albany Country Club was located at what is now the State University of New York at Albany. The club also hosted the event in 1977 and 1990.

The 1977 edition of the Men's Amateur is almost remembered more for who didn't win as much as who

actually laid claim to the Ganson Depew trophy, emblematic of the Men's Amateur championship of the New York State Golf Association.

Charlie Murphy, Jr. playing out of nearby Wolfert's Roost C.C. was the heavy pre-tournament favorite heading into the event. A former Albany Country Club member where he had won four club championships, Murphy had an impressive resume and was generally considered the best player in the Capital District. The only thing missing was a win in the New York State Amateur Championship but 24-year-old **Rich Serian** playing out of Frear Park in Troy had other thoughts in mind.

Serian, the 1966 NYS Boys champion, played collegiate golf with **Wayne Levi** at Oswego State before transferring closer to home to Siena College. He started the final round two shots behind tournament favorite Murphy and trailed by three at the turn. Murphy seemed poised to win the tournament he coveted most but a balky putter proved to be his undoing down the stretch- not to mention some clutch shot making from Serian when it counted the most.

All tied on the 72nd and final hole of the tournament both players reached the putting surface in regulation on the long par five finisher and both had lengthy birdie putts. Serian putted down to tap-in distance while Murphy left four feet for par. Needing to hole the putt to force the issue his putt lipped out on the high side and just like that Rich Serian laid claim to being the Men's Amateur champion of the New York State Golf Association. Final score: Serian 293, Murphy 294.

It was a devastating loss for Murphy who eight years later once again tied for runner-up at Rochester's Ridgemont C.C., finishing six shots behind winner **Chris Lane** of Binghamton. The 1977 event, however, proved to be the closest he would ever come to capturing the championship he wanted to win above all others. Murphy's lone state championship came in the inaugural New York State Mid-Amateur championship at Glens Falls C.C. in 1984. A lifelong Capital District resident Charlie and his wife Rose last fall relocated to Naples, Florida.

For Rich Serian his win was the crowning achievement in a solid, if unspectacular, amateur career that also included losing on the last hole of a thirty six hole final to veteran **George Zahringer III** in the Long Island Amateur. Rich resides in Saratoga Springs, NY where he works in the insurance industry.

It's worth noting that two teenagers quietly finished near the top that year at Albany Country Club. Nineteen year old **Jeff Sluman** of Rochester who went on to win the



Jeff Sluman



Joey Sindelar

Men's Am the following year at Moon Brook C.C. in Jamestown shot 297 to finish third while **Joey Sindelar** of Horseheads, also nineteen, was one higher at 298. Sindelar would go on to win the 1980 title at Vestal Hills Country Club.

The 1990 Men's State Amateur was similar to the 1977 edition in that it came down to rivals from the same city. Instead of Rich Serian and Charlie Murphy, however, this time it was the Rochester trio of **Joe Wilson, John Kircher and Ed Puzas** vying for the crown. Kircher and Wilson were arguably the two hottest players coming into the event. Kircher was coming off a win in the RDGA championship, a 72-hole stroke play event where he beat Wilson down the stretch and earlier in the year had also won the prestigious Country Club of Rochester Invitational championship. Wilson for his part had won the 1989 RDGA championship and maybe even more impressively had qualified for and made the cut in the Central New York Ben Hogan Classic at Seven Oaks G.C. beating many future P.G.A. Tour players in the process. The tournament was a stop on the Ben Hogan Tour which is now known as the Nationwide Tour.



John Kircher

The first round, however, belonged to **Cliff Earle** of nearby Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and McGregor Links Country Club. Earle, who would go on to win the 1993 Mid-Am on his home course fired a four-under-par round of 68 to lead by two over 1983 runner-up **Jon Doppelt** of Scarsdale and three ahead of John Kircher of Monroe Golf Club in Rochester.

Earle maintained the lead at the halfway point with a steady round of even par 72 and a two-day total of four under par 140. The round of the day though belonged to Rochester's Ed Puzas. Playing out of Green Hills G.C. in Mendon (now known as C.C. of Mendon) Puzas fired a tournament record-tying round of six-under-par 66 which vaulted him all the way into second place. He was only the sixth player in modern history to shoot 66 and by doing so joined a select group that included, among others, Jeff Sluman and George Zahringer III who opened with 66 en route to winning the 1984 championship at the Country Club of Troy. Amazingly, that record stood until 2004 when **Michael Tulacz** of Kingston fired 65 in the first round at Wiltwyck G.C. and **James Buchanan** of Albany did the same in the second round at Ravenwood G.C. in 2009.

They call the third round on the PGA Tour "moving day" and at the 1990 State Amateur it was just that as the Country Club of Rochester's Joe Wilson fired a two under par 70 on a cool breezy day that generally saw scores go up, not down. Wilson's three round total of even par 216 gave him a three shot cushion over fellow Rochester golfer John Kircher who was at three over 219 after three rounds. Halfway leader Earle virtually shot himself out of the event with an eight over par round of 80 and was in third place at



Ed Puzas



Joe Wilson



George Zahringer III

220, four shots back. Puzas for his part cooled considerably after his record tying round and was in fourth place after shooting 77 and was at 221.

Paired with John Kircher on the final day Joe Wilson started the last round with a birdie on the first hole and never really looked back in shooting a three over par 75 to win the 68th Amateur Championship of the New York State Golf Association. Wilson was never really threatened the last day and only a solid even par round of 72 by Ed Puzas to finish second made it sound closer than it really was. Halfway leader Earle closed with 74 to finish third while fellow competitor Kircher never really got on track the last day and shot 76 to finish solo fourth. The scores:

Joe Wilson	C.C. of Rochester	73-73-70-75 = 291
Ed Puzas	Green Hills G.C.	78-66-77-72 = 293
Cliff Earle	McGregor Links	68-70-80-74 = 294
John Kircher	Monroe G.C.	71-75-73-76 = 295
Jon Doppelt	Scarsdale G.C.	70-78-75-73 = 296

For Wilson it was the biggest win of his career which also included the aforementioned R.D.G.A. championship and two victories in the Country Club of Rochester Invitational. He capped off his great summer by qualifying for the U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills C.C. outside Denver, Colorado where he failed to advance to match play. Joe resides in Rochester with his wife Jane and their three daughters. He still plays out of the Country Club of Rochester where he is the perennial club champion.

While Wilson's win proved to be the high water mark in his career the other three contenders continued their fine play. Puzas went on to win the 1992 R.D.G.A. championship, several local events and also qualified to play in the U.S. Amateur in 1991 and 1996. While he never won the State Am over the years he finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. Ed still resides in Pittsford and plays out of Ravenwood Golf Club but has basically retired from competitive golf.

Earle used the 1990 experience to springboard his career. He went on to win the prestigious Hochster Memorial at Quaker Ridge G.C. and qualified for the 1991 U.S. Mid-Amateur and 1992 U.S. Amateur where he made match play and lost to eventual finalist **Tom Scherrer** in the first round. Shortly after winning the 1993 NYS Mid-Amateur at McGregor Links C.C. Cliff relocated to North Carolina where he resides today.

Kircher is unquestionably the most accomplished of the three. He has won all the local Rochester events multiple times and although he has never won a NYSGA event, he did come close losing in the final of the 2005 Men's Amateur at Ontario Golf Club to **Jim Scorse** of Stafford C.C. on the last hole. In addition, John also qualified for the 1997 U.S. Mid-Amateur and 1998 U.S. Amateur. A lifelong resident of Pittsford, John still plays competitively and counts Monroe G.C. as his home course.

Finally, the two protagonists from the 1977 championship also played in 1990 with mixed results. Rich Serian shot 301 and finished in a very respectable tie for seventh place while Charlie Murphy fired 309 to finish in a tie for 23rd.



Jim Scorse

Albany Country Club and Crag Burn Golf Club Highlight The 2010 NYSGA Championships

By John P. Blain, NYSGA Historian

Two clubs that are located 300 miles down the NYS Thruway from one another highlight the 2010 championship schedule of the New York State Golf Association.

Albany Country Club which is located in the Albany suburb of Voorheesville and Crag Burn Golf Club located in East Aurora near Buffalo will play host to the Men's Amateur championship and Mid Amateur championship respectively. Both courses were designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and neither is any stranger to hosting championship events.

Albany Country Club was forced to move to its present location after the State of New York decided that the site of the original A.C.C. would become what is now the State University of New York at Albany. The present club on Wormer Road opened for play in 1970. The course is a vintage Trent Jones with long tees and large undulating greens. The club has hosted two previous Men's State Amateurs in 1977 and 1990 along with numerous USGA qualifiers and the New York State Open.

Crag Burn for its part opened for play in 1972. Laid out on the site of an old farm well out in the suburbs, the outward nine has a wooded, parkland feel to it while the incoming nine has a more open, traditional feel of a links course. One of the most respected clubs in the State, Crag Burn has long been considered one of the best courses ever designed by Robert Trent Jones and this will be the club's third time hosting the Mid Amateur. Rochester's Ken Andrychuk won in 1986 while Bellevue's Jim Roy, currently playing the Champions Tour, triumphed in 1999. Interestingly no Crag Burn member has ever won the Mid Am but perennial club champs Jim Smith and Tony Hejna have seven runner-up finishes between them.

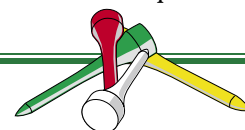
The Brookwoods Country Club in Ontario will play host to the Women's Senior and Super Senior championships. By hosting this event the club will become only the second club in the history of the New York State Golf Association to have hosted all six championship events. The only other club to have done so is Dutchess Golf and Country Club in Poughkeepsie.

Formerly known as Ontario Golf Club, Brookwoods was built in 1928 and for 78 years operated as a private facility. Rich in history and now operating as a public facility the club has not only hosted every NYSGA championship event but has also held numerous RDGA championships and USGA qualifiers.

Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons will be hosting the popular Men's Senior and Super Senior championship. Located roughly halfway between Rochester and Syracuse the club opened up with nine holes in 1959 and added another nine in 1964. One of the most well liked and respected layouts in upstate New York the club has hosted many NYSGA qualifiers and championships, most recently the 2008 Women's Amateur won by Rochester's Christy Schultz.

Just north of Lyons and Wayne Hills Country Club lies the town of Sodus Point and Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club which is hosting this year's Women's Amateur and Mid Amateur championship. The town of Sodus Point is located on the shore of Great Sodus Bay, which provides an ideal backdrop for a championship golf course. Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club began as a nine-hole course designed by Robert Trent Jones in 1921. In 1969 Geoffrey Cornish renovated the original nine and built an additional nine holes. The course features rolling terrain with large undulating greens.

Lastly, the Country Club of Mendon will play host to the Junior/Boys/Girls Amateur championship this August. The club, formerly known as Green Hills Golf Club, is located just south of Rochester in the town of Mendon and is the home course of two-time NYS Boys champ and reigning RDGA champion Gavin Hall. The club has hosted a number of RDGA championships and NYSGA and USGA qualifiers throughout the years.





This is another chapter in a series from Frederick W. Box's manuscript, "The 20th Century NYSGA". Mr. Box of Elmira is the New York State Golf Association's first and long-time historian now retired.

NYSGA History: Chapter 10

By Frederick W. Box, NYSGA Historian Emeritus

The 1970's

Under the new format, Don Allen of Rochester proved his versatility and won the initial medal play in 1970 at Locust Hill CC in Rochester on the par 72 course with a two under par 286 total.

John Calabria of Rochester won the 36-hole medal play with a pair of 71's for 142, to edge Allen by a shot. The defending champion, Terry Diehl, also played well, finishing only one stroke behind Allen. On the final 18, it was a battle between the Flower City pair. Diehl moved three strokes ahead after birdies at seven and eight, but Allen birdied nine and eagled 14 to even the score. Terry went ahead at 15 with a birdie but bogied the last three holes for a 72. Don fired a 73 but it was good enough for the one-stroke victory.



Terry Diehl

The leading scores were: Allen-73-70-70-73—286; Diehl-73-72-70-72—287; Jay Haight Jr., Syracuse-73-71-71-74—289; John Govern, Binghamton-74-70-71-77—292.



Don Allen

Despite a strong effort by four-time champion Don Allen of Rochester, Mike Slipko, 22, of Niagara Falls steadied on the back nine to win the 1971 title at the Cavalry Club in Manlius.

Playing in the rain, Slipko bogied four-of-five holes on the front nine to fall into a tie with Allen after eight holes. Mike fired birdies at 10, 14 and 17 for a 34 and a three-stroke victory. Meanwhile Allen slumped to three bogeys, a double bogey for a finishing 76.

Fritz Gambetta of Utica was second after round three and maintained that position in the finale, three shots back of Slipko's 288—even par on the 7,006-yard course.

Slipko got off to a record-breaking start with a 34-32—66 that put him five strokes ahead of Bob Longo of Utica and Joel Griffin of Corning with 71's. Allen took the 36-hole lead at 72-70—142, but Mike's 73 regained the 54-hole leadership at 215 to Gambetta's 218. Allen's 77 left him at 219.

Slipko, a University of Miami graduate, soon turned pro and didn't defend in 1972.

The leading scores were: Mike Slipko-66-76-73-73—288; Fritz Gambetta-74-74-70-73—291; Don Allen-72-70-77-76—295; Rick Spears, Port Jervis-74-71-75-75—295; Bill Tryon, Elmira-73-74-74-75—296; John Govern, Binghamton-79-75-69-74—297.

In 1972 Don Allen added another title at the Dutchess Country Club in Poughkeepsie when he shot a two-over-par 282, a record score that stood until 1980. His seven-shot victory margin is a record that still stands today.

Charles Murphy of Albany opened with a 69. Neil Spitalny of Colonie, a former junior champion, tied par at 70, while Allen was at 71.

Don was ahead by three shots after 54 holes and pulled away on the final day with a 71. Larry Zee of Niagara Falls, who had led the U.S. Publinx tournament in the third round in 1969 only to finish 11th, was second at 289 while Murphy finished at 290.

Wayne Levi of Oswego State and Little Falls finished sixth at 292 and went on to a fine pro career with 12 victories and the Player of the Year award in 1990 with four wins. Three-time champion

Bill Tryon was at 296.

The Monster course at the Concord Resort, Kiamesha Lake, a par 72, 6,895-yard layout, humbled the 1973 competitors. Don Allen again was the champion despite a 10-over par 298 that stands as the highest ever.

Allen, Larry Zee of Niagara Falls and Dan O'Neil of Jamestown were tied at 222 after 54 holes. O'Neil went ahead at the 63rd but bogied four of the final five holes to let Allen win by a stroke. Don shot 76 to 77 by Zee and 78 by O'Neil. Poor putting was blamed for O'Neil's collapse.

The leading scores were: Allen-76-71-75-76—298; Zee-72-75-75-77—299; O'Neil-76-75-71-78—300; Doug Stein, Great Neck-73-76-80-74—303; George Burns, Port Washington-71-81-76-75—303.

The scores weren't much better in the 1974 tournament that was played in foul weather at the 6,850-yard par-72 layout of Wayne Hills CC in Lyons.

George Burns III of the Meadowbrook CC in Port Washington and the North-South Amateur champion won with a 296 total - three strokes better than Allen. Burns soon turned professional and became the first NYSGA alumnus to reach \$1 million in earnings. He had four tour victories and has started a Senior (Champions) PGA career.

Burns took a four-shot lead into the last round and fired a 75 for the win. Bill Tryon of Elmira, who led briefly in the second round when he shot a 33 on the front nine, shot a final round 77 for a 301 total that was matched by Dave Martin of Buffalo.

The top scorers were: George Burns III-70-78-72-75—295; Don Allen-71-76-77-74—298; Bill Tryon-75-71-78-77—301; Dave Martin-73-80-75-73—301; Jim Kuntz, Rochester-74-73-80-75—302; Randy Cavanaugh, Port Washington-75-79-74-76—304.

A rarity occurred in 1975 when Dr. Alan Foster of Syracuse, propelled by a three-under-par 68 in the opening round, won on his home course at Bellevue CC, a 6,662-yard par 71 layout in Syracuse. It was an all-Syracuse final with the 32-year old radiologist defeating 35-year old Bill McCabe, an elementary school teacher from Nottingham Knolls, by three strokes—292 to 295.

McCabe opened with a 69 and 71 to take a two shot lead over Foster after 36 holes. McCabe gave the lead back to Foster early in the third round with six bogies on the front nine and finished with a 76 to Foster's 73. Foster led with 215, McCabe had 216 and James Ganotis of Jamesville was third at 222.

Both finalists started poorly in the final round. McCabe hit out of bounds and made a seven on the first hole, while Foster had bunker troubles and took a six. When Alan bogied 2 and McCabe parred, Foster's lead was cut to one stroke. Foster steadied with a birdie on three and par on four to lead by three again. The scores were 37 for Foster and 39 for McCabe on the front nine.

McCabe won 10 when Foster three-putted, but the eventual champ gained two strokes at 11 with a birdie. They traded shots the rest of the way.

The leading scores were: Foster-68-74-73-77—292; McCabe-69-71-76-79—295; James Ganotis-76-71-75-74—295; Jim Hart, Endicott-75-73-75-74—297; Bill Boland, Troy-77-75-76-70—298; Don Allen, Rochester-73-79-73-75—301.



George Burns III



Allen Foster

The home cooking worked again in 1976 when Radford Yaun of Liberty captured the championship at the Catskill resort Grossinger's course, a 6,758-yard par 71 that yielded only two sub-par rounds.

The defending champion, Alan Foster, shot himself out of contention with an opening day score of 83. The leaders at 73 were Peter Young of Larchmont, Steve Cruse of Fairport and Michael O'Connor of Plattsburgh. Yaun, former champion Bill Tryon of Elmira, Dave Martin of Buffalo and Robert Chalanack of Auburn were at 74.

After George Zahringer of Port Washington fired a 69 and Joey Sindelar of Horseheads a 71, they led the field at 144 and 146, respectively, after the second day. Yaun was at 149. Zahringer slumped to 83 and Sindelar to 81 in the third round while Yaun coasted in with a 74 and followed with a final-round 72 to win by six shots.

The leading scores were: Yaun-74-75-74-72—295; Sindelar-75-71-81-74—301; Zahringer-75-69-83-74—301; Robert Ladd, Pittsford—302; Mike Hulbert, Ithaca-78-76-76-75-305; Don Allen, Rochester-77-78-77-76—308. Sindelar won the runner-up trophy on the second hole of a playoff with Zahringer.

The Capital District golfers dominated at the Albany Country Club in 1977 during a heat wave when temperatures reached 100 degrees at times. Rich Serian of Troy eked out the victory with a 293 total after Charles Murphy of the home club missed a three-foot putt on the 72nd hole that would have forced a playoff.

Former champion Alan Foster of Syracuse took the first-round lead with a 71, one under par, in the intense heat. Tom Venter, home club champion Serian, George Zahringer from Port Washington and Mark Balen of Lackawanna were tied at 73. Defending champion Rad Yaun was in a group at 74.

David Harden of McConnellsville, who shot a tournament best 69, and Serian were tied at 145 after the second 18. After the third round, Murphy's 218 led Serian by two strokes. Rich said that he expected a playoff when his 73 gave him 293, but the best Murphy could do was a 76 for a total of 294.

Jeff Sluman of Rochester, future State winner and PGA luminary, was third with a strong finish of 71 and 72 and a 295 total. Joey Sindelar and George Zahringer tied again, this time at 298.

The leading scores were: Serian-73-72-75-73—293; Murphy-77-72-69-76—294; Sluman-76-76-71-72—295; Sindelar-76-79-70-73—298; Zahringer-73-74-78-73—298; Foster-71-78-74-75—298; Dan Wood, Ithaca-75-76-75-73—299.



Jeff Sluman

Rochester's Jeff Sluman roared in with a four-under-par 68 to claim the trophy at the 1978 tournament at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown.

The 5-foot 7-inch, 135 pounder had led after 36 holes but shot a 79 for a three-round total of 225 and trailed such players as former champion Radford Yaun, Joey Sindelar, Mike Hulbert and Jim Roy. Yaun and Roy were tied at 221, while Sindelar and Hulbert were one stroke behind.

Yaun was in control for most of the final round until Sluman eagled at nine. After a rain delay of 75 minutes, Yaun gave back a shot with a bogey at 16, and when Jeff birdied 18 with a 40-foot putt, the verdict was sealed.

The low scorer for the first day was Gary Durbin of Binghamton with a 70.

The leading scores for the four days were: Sluman-75-71-79-68—293; Yaun-74-73-74-75—296; Sindelar-74-74-74-75—297; Roy-78-71-72-77—298; Hulbert-74-76-72-76—298; Jim Kiem, Jamestown-74-75-76-74—299; Bob Gunnell, Jamestown-74-80-73-76—303.

The following year, the first playoff under the 72-hole medal play format came to a dramatic finish when Mark Balen of Buffalo sank a 5-foot putt for an eagle three on the 20th hole at the Drumlins East course in Syracuse.

Balen, an Ohio State All-American, bogied the 72nd hole to fall into a three-way tie with Jim Roy and Mike Hulbert at 282 on the 6334-yard, par 71 layout. Hulbert was eliminated when he bogied the



Mike Hulbert

par four 19th while Roy and Balen had pars. Balen hit his wood into the 508-yard 20th while Roy flew the green in three and could only make par. Roy and Hulbert were tied at 211 after 54 holes and it took a 67 by Balen in the last round to gain a tie after 72 holes. During the round Mark knocked in seven birdies, five from 10-to-16 feet.

Joey Sindelar bogied the last hole or there would have been a four-way tie. His total was 283. Charles Murphy of Albany led the first day's scoring with a 68, three under par.

The leading tournament scores were: Balen-71-72-72-67—282; Jim Roy-72-68-71-71—282; Mike Hulbert-70-71-70-71—282; Joey Sindelaar-71-73-69-70—283; Charles Murphy-68-72-75-71—286; Don Allen-72-68-73-76—289.



Jim Roy



Joey Sindelar



Bill Tryon

McKay of Albany 1978 and 79, directed the rest of the decade.

It was during this period that the Executive Committee decided that a full-time executive director was needed to conduct the tournaments. Robert Hogan of Albany, a long-time volunteer, was appointed and served eight years until his death. A trophy for the Mid-Amateur tournament was named in his honor.



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