50th USGA Senior Amateur Championship — Oct. 9-14, 2004

Par: 36-34-70
Yardage: 6,491
Entries: 2,420

FINAL
Thursday, Oct. 14
Mark Bemowski
def.
Greg Reynolds,
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Complete Stroke-Play Results

144 Ronald Vannelli, Edison, N.J., 73-71
145 Ernie Newton, High Point, N.C., 74-71
146 Kemp Richardson, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 69-77; Steve Began, Placentia, Calif., 75-71
147 Billy Claygett, Austin, Texas, 72-75; Steven Holmes, San Diego, Calif., 71-76
149 Chip Stewart, Dallas, Texas, 72-77; David Bresad, Winter Park, Fla., 74-75; Kent Christopher, Farmington, Utah, 70-79; Mark Bevanski, McLean, Va., 70-75; Michael Wolfer, Tampa, Fla., 75-73; Robert Lewis Jr., Poplar Pike, Ohio, 77-72; Ronnie Tullius, Saint Augustine, Fla., 77-72
150 Bill Shean Jr., Hinsdale, Ill., 73-77; Dick Van Leur, Roseville, Ga., 77-73; Edward Fletcher, Nashua, Mass., 75-75; Gary Hardin, Fort Worth, Texas, 75-75
151 David Brooke, Kenton, Huntington Valley, Pa., 72-72; Gary Kopkins, Massena, Mont., 74-77; Greg Reynolds, Grand Blanc, Mich., 75-76; John Baldwin, Palm Beach, Fla., 75-76; Scott Comar, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 76-74; Rick Weine, Bowling Green, Wash., 76-75; Roy Holloway, Monroe, La., 76-74; Spencer Spangler, Ashland, Ky., 77-74; Steven Hoffman, Savannah, Ga., 77-74; Woody Thames, Dallas, Texas, 77-74
152 David Lind, Burr Ridge, Ill., 73-73; Gene Rez尼克, Westport, Conn., 77-77; Jim Dine, Albuquerque, N.M., 74-78; Jim Ruschmier, Los Angeles, Mass., 78-74; Martin West, Rockville, Md., 74-74; Stephen Barlow, Capistrano Beach, Calif., 77-75; Van Salinas, Chicago, Ill., 76-76
153 Alan Foster, Manlius, N.Y., 79-74; James Smith, Orchard Park, N.Y., 74-79; Jerry Clumard, Portland, Ore., 74-82; Johnny Stevens, Wichita, Kan., 71-82; Joseph Keller, Osterville, Mass., 78-75; Tony Lehman, Santa Barbara, Calif., 77-77
154 Bob Blomberg, Amherst, Calif., 77-76; Bob Hosen, Oakley, Calif., 76-76; Gary Daniels, Center Valley, Pa., 79-75; Gregory Stover, Augusta, Ga., 77-77; Jack Vardeman, Washington, D.C., 73-81; Jim McBurney, Fair Oaks, Calif., 75-79; Roger Gunderson, Aurora, Colo., 79-76; Ted Udler, Redlands, Calif., 76-78; Tim Thompson, Memphis, Tenn., 77-77
155 Alex Iorio, Brawley, Illinois, 80-75; Brian Such, Cranston, R.I., 78-73; Dick Versyn, Lake Oswego, Ore., 79-76; Fred Cox, North Palm Beach, Fla., 70-85; Greg Shaw, Little Rock, Ark., 81-74; John Beechum, Palatine, Ill., 75-80; Joseph Cristillo, Crystal River, Fla., 79-76; Joseph Schmidt, Hobbing, Ill., 77-78; Ray Seathurst, Crawf, England, 78-77; Timothy Miller, Kokomo, Ind., 79-76; Tom Gridley, Marshall, Va., 77-78; Vinny O'Gles, Richmond, Va., 79-77
156 *Frank Abbot, Napa, Calif., 81-75 (3.4); *David Carrera, Lakemore, Ohio, 78-78 (3.0); Larry Walsh, San Antonio, Texas, 81-75 (3.4)

Failed to Qualify

156 *Norman Worden, Charlotte, N.C., 78-78 (3.5); *Sam Farrow, Birmingham, Ala., 77-73 (3.5); *Bono Richards, Bellevue, Wash., 80-69 (4); *Henry Hult, Santa Fe, N.M., 79-77 (4); Roy Vardak, Canton, Mich., 72-79 (4); *G.D. Gartman, Yorktown, Va., 74-82 (5)
157 Fred Lukowski, Rock Island, Ill., 79-78; Gary Greenbaum, Atlanta, Ga., 82-75; Jim Brown, London, Tenn., 81-76; Keith Peterson, Rochester, Mich., 81-76; Winton Good, San Francisco, Calif., 79-79; Miles Phau, Southampton, Miss., 74-80; Rick Branch, Decatur, Wis., 77-80; Robert McFarland, Concord, N.H., 79-79; Sam Williams, Salt Lake City, Utah, 74-83; Stephen Smith, Palo Alto, Calif., 79-78; Thomas Dannack, Miami, Fla., 78-79
158 Cannon Randell, Mesa, Ariz., 77-81; Frank Reise, Pinckney, Mich., 81-77; Gordon Williams, West Chester, Ohio, 86-72; James Wells Jr., Billed, Miss., 81-77; Jamie Gaugh, Fairfield, Va., 78-80; Jimmie Kibodeaux, Texarkana, Wash., 79-78; Jerry Grady, Plymouth, Miss., 80-78; Ronald Moore, Pinehurst, N.C., 75-73; Ted Smith, Winterset, Ind., 76-82; Tom Hufley, Hendersonville, N.C., 80-82
159 Bill Pfeffer, Columbus, Ga., 79-80; Bob Hallinan, San Antonio, Texas, 75-84; Eduard Craig, Orlando, Fla., 78-80; Jim Jensen, Park City, Utah, 78-80; John Hendrickson, Mountain Lakes, N.J., 83-76; Michael Rose, Huntington Valley, Pa., 76-83
160 *Arnold Edwards, Charlotte, N.C., 81-79; Charlie Piser, Deaver, Colo., 78-82; Dave Houghton, Orleans, Mass., 78-82; Douglas Verlief, State College, N.Y., 82-78; Edward Smith, Mesa, Ariz., 87-75; Jerry Kick, Littleton, Colo., 77-77; Jim Line, Shreveport, La., 79-78; Karl Stewart Sr., Chino Hills, Calif., 79-82; Mike Hale, Pine Bluff, Ark., 77-78; Pat Vincelli, Bannerville, Minn., 79-81; Waverly Willemsen, Mexico, 83-77; Wayne Harris, Villas, City, Texas, 77-83; Al Sharpe, Carmel, Calif., 80-81; Dobie Baker, Jenice, Wash., 77-77; Pat Pendergast, Amherst, Mass., 81-80; Gary Verlie, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 84-77; Jim Arnold, Tulsa, Okla., 82-81; Joe Naylor, Bayside, Idaho, 77-84; Ron Byer, Laura, Kan., 83-78; Thomas Olson, Omaha, Neb., 79-82
161 Beri Rogers, The Woodlands, Texas, 83-79; Carey Schellen, Dallas, Texas, 78-84; Francis Spalding, Napa, Calif., 88-74; John H. Pickler, Cuyahoga, 81-91; Robert Ferril, Limerick, N.Y., 85-77; Robert Kuhn, Exeter, Minn., 77-85; Roger Hellman, Wasilla, Alaska, 85-77

162 Frank Penny, Fayetteville, Ga., 82-71; Jerry Glass, Tulsa, Okla., 83-80; Robert Carver, Fullerton, Calif., 84-75; Roberto Duran, Pacific City, Panama, 82-81; Tom Bergers, Gill, Mass., 84-75; Warren Shefier, San Diego, Calif., 85-78; William Dobler, Fairfield, Conn., 81-82
163 Frank Bram, Alexandria, La., 82-72; Jim Taggart, Blaine,
Historical Notes

The remarkable growth of senior golf prompted the USGA to establish the Senior Amateur Championship in 1955. Many senior golf associations had come into being on the local, state, and regional level, proving that the competitive instinct among golfers was not diminished by age.

In 1955, the notion of a tournament only for seniors was not a new one. Fifty years earlier, the Apawamis Club, in Rye, N.Y., had started the oldest senior competition still in existence, which led directly to the formation of the U.S. Senior Golf Association, a private organization not linked to the USGA.

Apawamis extended invitations to golfers 60 years of age and older. When the response was not overwhelming, the age minimum was dropped to 55 to gather a representative field. Thus was the definition of a senior amateur golfer established.

The U.S. Senior Golf Association conducted a fine tournament, but membership in the organization was limited, and a long waiting list developed. Because there was no one event open to all senior amateurs, the USGA was asked to start a true national championship. The Senior Amateur was added to the schedule in 1955. Entries were open to golfers age 55 and over who had handicaps not over 10 strokes.

Addition of the Senior Amateur gave the USGA exactly twice as many championships as it had conducted before World War II, when there were just four: the Amateur Open, and Women's Amateur, started in 1895, and the Amateur Public Links (1922). From World War II until 1955, the USGA added four more: the Junior Amateur (1948), the Girls' Junior (1949), the Women's Open (1953), and the Senior Amateur (1955). The USGA now conducts 13 national championships, 10 of which are strictly for amateurs.

The first Senior Amateur, at Belle Meade Country Club, in Nashville, Tenn., drew 370 entries from 30 states and the District of Columbia. J. Wood Platt, 56, the eight-time Philadelphia Amateur champion, defeated George Studinger of San Francisco, Calif., 5 and 4, in the final.