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## **LARRY SMITH CAPTURES 64<sup>th</sup> JAGA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**-Gary Blackwell Successfully Defends Super Senior Title and  
Frank Perry wins Grand Seniors at St. Johns Golf and Country Club-**

JACKSONVILLE, FL - St. Johns Golf and Country Club member **Larry Smith** shot 33 on his final nine to pull away from **Ken Moody** and win by three shots in the **64<sup>th</sup> JAGA Senior Amateur Championship** played at the champion's home club.

The Jacksonville native and Terry Parker High School graduate closed with a 70 after opening with rounds of 69 and 72 for a three-day total of 3-under-par 213. Smith led by three shots after the first round and two after the second round.

On the final day, Smith and Moody were tied making the turn after Moody birdied the par-5 8<sup>th</sup> and Smith bogeyed No. 9, a par 4. The winner pulled away with birdies on 12, 13 and 16 and pars on the other six holes. Moody could only match one of Smith's birdies, on No. 11, and it was soon offset by a bogey at 14.

Smith is well known on the local golf scene having collected at least one club championship title at St. Johns, Southampton, Cimarrone and Deercreek. He is employed by Smith Packaging and Equipment in Jacksonville.

Moody, a Ponte Vedra Inn and Club member who won the 2004 JAGA Jacksonville Amateur, posted rounds of 73-70-71-214 (-2) over the 6,500-yard St. Johns layout.

Finishing three shots back of Moody at 217 (77-69-71) was another former Jacksonville Amateur winner (2006) **David Anthony** of Marsh Landing Country Club.

The low round of the tournament was recorded by **Billy Lodise** of St. Augustine. His final-round 67 was 17 strokes better than his second-round score and it jumped him into a tie for sixth.

Defending champion **Tim Cobb**, another St. Johns Golf and Country Club member, was unable to defend his title due to his son's graduation from Ball State University.

First played in 1958, the JAGA Senior Amateur is the oldest continuously played golf tournament in North Florida and features contestants who are age 50 and above.

The top-10 Senior division finishers:

|       |     |   |                      |
|-------|-----|---|----------------------|
|       | 1   | Larry Smith (St. Augustine, Fla.)       | 69-72-70 - 211 (-5)  |
|       | 2   | Ken Moody (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)     | 73-70-71 - 214 (-2)  |
|       | 3   | David Anthony (Jacksonville, Fla.)      | 77-69-71 - 217 (+1)  |
|       | 4   | Mark Spencer (Jacksonville, Fla.)       | 77-71-71 - 219 (+3)  |
|       | 5   | Reagan Majoria                          | 72-76-74 - 222 (+6)  |
|       | T6  | Bill Lodise (St. Augustine, Fla.)       | 74-84-67 - 225 (+9)  |
|       | T6  | Stuart Smith (St. Johns, Fla.)          | 80-73-72 - 225       |
| (+9)  |     |   |                      |
|       | T6  | Mark Sobolewski (Amelia Island, Fla.)   | 77-71-77 - 225 (+9)  |
|       | 9   | Todd Mudge (Lakeland, Fla.)             | 78-76-72 - 226 (+10) |
|       | T10 | Steve Horner (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)  | 80-76-72 - 228 (+12) |
|       | T10 | Paul Demyanovich (Jacksonville, Fla.)   | 78-75-75 - 228       |
| (+12) |     |   |                      |
|       | T10 | Michael Vallencourt (Orange Park, Fla.) | 77-77-74 - 228 (+12) |
|       | T10 | Jim Loftin (St. Augustine, Fla.)        | 72-80-76 - 228 (+12) |



64<sup>th</sup> JAGA Senior Amateur champion with the Frank Rogers Trophy.

The Senior Amateur also includes separate competitions for Super Seniors (ages 60-69) and Grand Seniors (ages 70+). The results are as follows:

### **SUPER SENIORS (Ages 60-69)**

**Gary Blackwell** (Jacksonville/St. Johns G&CC) successfully defended his Super Senior title of last September firing rounds of 73-72-145 (+1) to defeat **Harry Black** (73-74-147) of Jacksonville in the age 60-69 competition. In 2019, Blackwell was runner-up. The last three Senior Amateurs have been played at St. Johns. The Super Seniors layout played approximately 6,100 yards.

Top-five Super Senior finishers:

|    |   |                  |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | Gary Blackwell (Jacksonville, Fla.)       | 73-72 - 145 (+1) |
| 2  | Harry Black (Jacksonville, Fla.)          | 73-74 - 147 (+3) |
| T3 | Peter Gibbons (Jacksonville, Fla.)        | 77-72 - 149 (+5) |
| T3 | David Houghton (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)  | 73-76 - 149 (+5) |
| T5 | Ken Dye (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)         | 73-79 - 152 (+8) |
| T5 | George Erickson (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.) | 69-83 - 152 (+8) |

### **GRAND SENIORS (Age 70+)**

Last year's runner-up **Frank Perry** shot 73-68-141 (-3) to claim his first age 70+ Grand Seniors' title. The Ponte Vedra Beach resident was 10 shots better than **K.C. Caldabaugh** of Ponte Vedra Beach (76-75-151) and 2018 and 2019 winner **Brian Sachs** of Newberry (77-74-151). The Grand Seniors set up was 5,650 yards.

Top-five Grand Seniors finishers:

|    |   |                  |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | Frank Perry (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)     | 73-68 - 141 (-3) |
| 2  | K.C. Caldabaugh (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.) | 76-75 - 151 (+7) |
| 3  | Brian Sachs (Newberry, Fla.)              | 77-74 - 151 (+7) |
| T4 | Jack Heinemann (Green Cove Springs, Fla.) | 75-78 - 153 (+9) |
| T4 | Danny Daniels (Crawfordville, Fla.)       | 72-81 - 153 (+9) |
| T4 | Bruce Moskovciak (Jacksonville, Fla.)     | 80-73 - 153 (+9) |



Super Senior Champion Garry Blackwell, Senior Champion Larry Smith and Grand Senior Champion Frank Perry, with Tournament Chairman Jeff Johnstone of Sawgrass CC (left to right).

The winners in the net competitions were:

Seniors - NA

Super Seniors - Greg Peters (Jacksonville, Fla.)

Grand Seniors - Rocky Russell (Atlantic Beach, Fla.)

Complete tournament results may be found at:

<https://jax.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/jax21/event/jax217/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

## NEXT UP FOR JAGA...MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP AND FIRST COAST WOMEN'S AMATEUR

As JAGA enters the heart of its 2021 tournament season, the next two events are:

- May 16 - QUALIFYING FOR JAGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP at Queen's Harbour Y&CC
- May 21-23 - 11<sup>th</sup> JAGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP at Queen's Harbour Y&CC
- June 24-25 - FIRST COAST WOMEN'S AMATEUR at Sawgrass CC

For entry and other information on these events, go to: [WWW.JAXAREAGOLF.ORG](http://WWW.JAXAREAGOLF.ORG) and click on "Calendar of Events".

## ABOUT JAGA

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