



**25th Carolinas Mid-Amateur
Mimosa Hills Golf & CC
Morganton, NC
September 16-18, 2005
Champion: John Finster,
Wake Forest, NC**

John Finster's putter was on fire. It seemed that he could not miss a putt although driving the 2nd hole couldn't have hurt either. Finster, a sales manger, fired a final round five-under par 66—199 to win the 25th Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship by five strokes over Steve Liebler of Irmo, SC. Finster's 199 total was the lowest 54-hole score in the championship's history. Finster had six birdies and an eagle versus a bogey and double bogey in the final round. "I only made one bogey

all week", Finster said. "But I had a triple bogey in my first round and a double bogey today. I just played great this week." Finster was named to the three-man team that represented North Carolina at the USGA State Team Matches at Berkeley Hall Club in Buffton, SC in September.

The 46 year-old Liebler, who began the day only one-stroke behind, tried to hang with Finster but he could only manage to post a one-under par 70—204. Liebler qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship in Tennessee but lost to eventual champion Kevin Marsh in the semi-finals. He felt like he was playing great heading into this championship but in the end figured out that it just wasn't his week. Defending champion Mike Goodes of Reidsville, NC shot a one under par 70—211 to finish in a tie for 11th place. The top 30 finishers and ties will be exempt into the 2006 Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship.

Results

John Finster, Wake Forest, NC.....	69-64-66—199
Steve Liebler, Irmo, SC.....	70-64-70—204
Timothy Pope, Spartanburg, SC.....	65-71-70—206
John Kelley, Winston Salem, NC.....	66-68-73—207
Dale Fuller, Raleigh, NC.....	68-70-70—208
Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC.....	66-70-72—208
Neil Harrell, Huntersville, NC.....	72-71-66—209
Steve Slayden, Charlotte, NC.....	71-68-70—209
Walter Todd, Laurens, SC.....	69-69-71—209
Michael Teague, Charlotte, NC.....	70-69-71—210
Mike Goodes, Reidsville, NC.....	73-68-70—211
Jeff Jamieson, Chapel Hill, NC.....	67-71-73—211
Rick Cloninger, Fort Mill, SC.....	69-73-70—212
Hunter Grove, Cary, NC.....	73-67-72—212
Mark Miller, Morganton, NC.....	64-78-71—213
Brian Reep, Morganton, NC.....	69-73-71—213
Greg Powell, Whiteville, NC.....	72-76-66—214
Brian Westveer, Charlotte, NC.....	73-75-66—214
Sherrill Britt, West End, NC.....	72-68-75—215
Mike Gravley, Greer, SC.....	73-74-68—215
Keith Harris, Concord, NC.....	70-71-74—215
David Strawn, Charlotte, NC.....	71-73-71—215
Bubba Aughtry, Charlotte, NC.....	75-70-71—216
Dave Glabicki, Cary, NC.....	68-72-76—216
Mike Lefevers, Hickory, NC.....	75-70-71—216
Skip Taylor, Flat Rock, NC.....	70-75-71—216
Cliff Earle, Clemmons, NC.....	73-73-71—217
Bill Hyder, Charlotte, NC.....	75-70-72—217
Andy McMurry, Hickory, NC.....	74-69-74—217
James Motsinger, Boomer, NC.....	70-73-74—217

Paul Manning, Washington, NC	71-76-71—218
Graham Banister, Raleigh, NC	74-73-72—219
Alex Brenner, Charlotte, NC	73-75-71—219
Dean Channell, Cary, NC	79-68-72—219
Rick Condrey, Nebo, NC	70-74-75—219
Gregg Cox, Greensboro, NC	70-74-75—219
Vic Hannon, Camden, SC	72-73-74—219
John Sadri, Charlotte, NC	74-70-75—219
Tucker Sampson, Matthews, NC	76-68-75—219
David Eaker, Forest City, NC	73-73-74—220
Eddie Hargett, Blythewood, SC	72-76-72—220
Hank Jones, Rocky Mount, NC	69-73-78—220
Kelly Miller, Southern Pines, NC	74-70-76—220
Joey Sadowski, Hickory, NC	76-72-72—220
Holley Wallace, Columbia, SC	74-72-74—220
Jerry Baker, Valdese, NC	76-67-78—221
Todd Brown, Winston-Salem, NC	72-76-73—221
Toby Hole, Walnut Cove, NC	71-76-74—221
Glen Subin, Pinehurst, NC	74-71-76—221
Keith Waters, Raleigh, NC	77-71-73—221
Dave Davis, Greensboro, NC	74-68-80—222
David Epley, Valdese, NC	74-73-75—222
Chris Koon, Fairview, NC	70-77-75—222
John Rudolph, Charlotte, NC	70-76-76—222
Wynn Solle, Pinehurst, NC	74-74-74—222
Vince Sumner, Charlotte, NC	72-75-76—223
Mark Davis, Charlotte, NC	74-72-80—226
Richie Creech, Sims, NC	73-71-83—227
Terry Ezell, York, SC	72-76-79—227
Garland Yates, Asheboro, NC	72-76-79—227

Failed to Qualify for the Final 18 Holes

Lex Alexander, C. Hill, NC	75-74—149	John Frazier, Burlington, NC	75-79—154
Robert Bennett, Clayton, NC	75-74—149	Brad Helms, W Salem, NC	78-76—154
T. Chadwick, Clemmons, NC	76-73—149	John McDonald, C'ton, NC	74-80—154
Whit Fairer, Charlotte, NC	76-73—149	Jimmy Simmons, Elon, NC	80-74—154
Mark Hedberg, B. Forest, NC	74-75—149	Bobby Craven, Oak Ridge, NC	80-75—155
Jeffrey Rausch, Charlotte, NC	74-75—149	P. Edmondson, M'ville, NC	77-78—155
Jeff Bell, Easley, SC	80-70—150	Brad Kroll, Charlotte, NC	78-77—155
Mark Hedrick, Lexington, NC	77-73—150	Erik Manko, Asheboro, NC	75-80—155
Roy Hunter, Charlotte, NC	76-74—150	Norm Masterson, Brevard, NC	74-81—155
Lawrence Hicks, G'boro, NC	76-75—151	Dan Miller, Cary, NC	79-76—155
Chris Stephens, M'ton, NC	75-76—151	Mike Tracy, Hilton Head, SC	76-79—155
Walker Taylor, W'ton, NC	74-77—151	Elton Trent, Reidsville, NC	73-82—155
Jason Brodie, Charlotte, NC	78-74—152	Johnny Williams, Raleigh, NC	73-82—155
Jackson Hughes, G'ville, SC	79-73—152	Lance Baker, Pittsboro, NC	78-78—156
Andy Marlowe, Raleigh, NC	72-80—152	Brad Buxton, Greensboro, NC	78-78—156
Eddie McBride, Lewisville, NC	77-75—152	Daniel Neveu, Pinehurst, NC	79-77—156
Bob Varn, Orangeburg, SC	78-74—152	David Summers, Advance, NC	75-81—156
Johnny Adams, Cary, NC	75-78—153	Alan Thompson, Raleigh, NC	76-80—156
Lee Kiser, Germanton, NC	78-75—153	Dave Brown, Clemmons, NC	80-77—157
Daniel Krueger, Durham, NC	76-77—153	John Kostak, Clemmons, NC	77-80—157
Andy Shaw, Trinity, NC	74-79—153	Don Littlejohn, Charlotte, NC	76-81—157
Jim Wise, Columbia, SC	74-79—153	Rudy McSherry, Semora, NC	79-80—159
Ray Womack, Burlington, NC	77-76—153	Criss John, Tega Cay, SC	79-81—160
Phil Blake, Asheville, NC	77-77—154	Mark Nieters, Clemmons, NC	82-78—160
Ken Eichele, Pinehurst, NC	76-78—154	Tim Whitener, Hickory, NC	72-91—163

Michael Bradshaw, Dunn, NC	76-88—164
Bob McCormick, C'lotte, NC	85-80—165
Patrick Eakes, G'boro, NC	78-88—166
Gig Hilton, Lexington, NC	81-85—166
Ron Mangum, M'ville, NC	85-81—166
Robert Lawson, Charlotte, NC	74-WD
David Cooper, Elon, NC	76-WD
Mark Nance, Greensboro, NC	79-WD
Robin Perkins, Sanford, NC	DNS

Robert Saunooke, Cherokee, NC	DNS
Tim Tyler, Chapin, SC	DNS
Robert Dargan, Jr., Columbia, SC	WDI
Danny Gurley, Chapel Hill, NC	WD
Dennis Helms, Monroe, NC	WD
Bill Long, Morehead City, NC	WD
Steven Lubbers, Raleigh, NC	WD
Pat Thompson, Asheville, NC	WD

CGA Mid-Amateur Champions

Date	Winner, Second Place	Score	Site
1981	Larry Boswell, Columbia, SC	213	Carmel CC
	Walter Hall, Clemmons, NC	218	Charlotte, NC
	Dean Sheetz, Charlotte, NC		
1982	Larry Boswell, Columbia, SC	208	Foxfire Inn & CC
	Walter Hall, Clemmons, NC	216	Pinehurst, NC
1983	Larry Boswell, Greensboro, NC	142#	MacGregor Downs CC
	Bick Long, Greensboro, NC	148	Cary, NC
	Ron Morgan, Winston-Salem, NC		
1984	Vance Whicker, Greensboro, NC	213	CC of Spartanburg
	Randy Brownlow, Greensboro, NC	215	Spartanburg, SC
1985	Walter Hall, Clemmons, NC	213*	Myers Park CC
	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	213	Charlotte, NC
1986	Bob Varn, Orangeburg, SC	208	CC of Orangeburg
	Bob Galloway, Florence, SC	209	Orangeburg, SC
1987	Larry Boswell, Greensboro, NC	209	Wilson CC
	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	211	Wilson, NC
1988	Frank Ford III, Charleston, SC	216*	Wachesaw Plantation
	Don Slater, Durham, NC	216	Murrells Inlet, SC
1989	Larry Boswell, Greensboro, NC	142 #	Cedar Rock CC
	Bobby Bridges, Forest City, NC	144	Lenoir, NC
1990	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	204	Yeamans Hall Club
	Larry Boswell, Greensboro, NC	211	N. Charleston, SC
1991	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	217	Treyburn CC
	Larry Boswell, Greensboro, NC	220	Durham, NC
1992	Larry Penley, Central, SC	213	Musgrove Mill GC
	Mark Weston, Charlotte, NC	218	Clinton, SC
1993	Kelly Miller, Southern Pines, NC	210	Pinehurst National GC
	Cole Whitt, Henderson, NC	214	Pinehurst, NC
1994	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	209	Old Tabby Links
	Bobby Craven, Oak Ridge, NC	213	Spring Island, SC
	Terry Ezell, N. Augusta, SC		
1995	Macon Moye, Charlotte, NC	207	Myers Park CC
	Steve Harwell, Mooresville, NC	209	Charlotte, NC
1996	Terry Ezell, Rock Hill, SC	210	Greenville CC, Chanticleer
	Steve Wright, Laurinburg, NC	211	Greenville, SC
1997	Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	205*	North Ridge CC, Lakes
	Steve Jones, Oak Ridge, NC	205	Raleigh, NC
1998	Mike Goodes, Reidsville, NC	204	The Carolina CC
	Bob Stanger, Durham, NC	208	Spartanburg, SC
1999	Steve Slayden, Charlotte, NC	212	Secession GC
	Sammy Truett, Surfside Beach, SC	213	Beaufort, SC
2000	Keith Harris, Concord, NC	212	Bermuda Run G&CC
	Macon Moye, Charlotte, NC	213	Bermuda Run, NC

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2001	Wynn Solle, Pinehurst, NC Mike Carlisle, Aiken, SC	142*# 142	Palmetto GC Aiken, SC
2002	Keith Harris, Concord, NC Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	207 209	Alamance CC Burlington, NC
2003	Rick Cloninger, Fort Mill, SC Paul Simson, Raleigh, NC	211 213	Highland CC Fayetteville, NC
2004	Mike Goodes, Reidsville, NC Greg Earnhardt, Greensboro, NC	206 207	Chechessee Creek Club Okatie, SC (Par 69)
2005	John Finster, Wake Forest, NC Steve Liebler, Irmo, SC	199 204	Mimosa Hills Golf & CC Morganton, NC

* Won in playoff. # Shortened to 36 holes.

Photo Gallery: Carolinas Mid-Amateur



Above left: John Kelley of Winston Salem, NC gets out of a greenside bunker. Center: Executive Committee member, Walter Todd, had a disappointing final round. Right: Runner-up Steve Liebler of Irmo, SC came to the Carolinas Mid-Am from the U.S. Mid-Amateur where he lost in the semi-finals. Below left: Beautiful views of Grandfather Mountain can be seen in the background from the 15th green of Mimosa Hills. Below right: Champion John Finster now holds the lowest three day total scoring record in the history of the championship.

