

John Golden Captures Rare Double

John Golden became just the second senior amateur to capture both state senior crowns in the same year with a dominating seven-shot win in the Colorado Golf Association's Senior Stroke Play Championship at Perry Park Country Club on August 3-5. Golden's stroke play trophy will take its place beside the match play crown he won with a victory over Bert Welz at Eagle Golf Club this spring. Golden joins Colorado Golf Hall-of-Famer Larry Eaton who won both state senior titles in 1981 and 1985.

Consistency was the key to Golden's wire-to-wire win in the Senior Stroke Play Championship. Golden opened the tournament with a one-under 71 which put him two-strokes ahead of Larry Eaton. Golden followed that with a 75 over the demanding Perry Park layout which distanced him further from the field. Golden carried a six-shot advantage over Grant Maples into the final round. The tournament looked to be a foregone conclusion until Maples holed a wedge for an eagle on the par-4 seventh and Golden triple-bogied the par-four ninth. Suddenly, the lead was cut from seven to just three strokes. But just as it looked like the wheels were coming off for Golden he parred every hole on the back nine and coasted in with a seven-shot win.

"Winning both is very special," said Golden following the win. "John Hamer predicted that either me and Grant Maples were the ones to beat this week, well, we finished one and two."

CGA Senior Stroke Play

Final results of the Colorado Golf Association's Senior Stroke Play Championship at Perry Park Country Club:

John Golden 71-75-74—220; Grant Maples 81-71-75—227; John Hamer 76-78-77—231; Larry Eaton 73-82-77—232; Chuck Goudey 78-79-77—234; Ron Chase 77-83-78—238; Bob Heiny 79-77-83—259; Jim Rodgers 78-86-77—241; Jim Cribbs 83-80-80—243; Bill Schuler 86-83-74—243; Dennis Sullivan 82-76-86—244.