

**New Jersey State Golf Association**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Mid-Amateur Championship – Qualifying Round**  
**Monday, April 20, 2009 – Forsgate Country Club (Banks Course) - Monroe, NJ**

Merv Smith of High Mountain Golf Club shot a two-over par 73 (35-38) to claim medalist honors in the first of two sectional qualifying rounds for the 26<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship at the par-71, 6580 yard Forsgate Country Club (Banks Course) in Monroe, New Jersey. Under rainy and windy weather conditions, Smith led 18 qualifiers into the match play championship which will be held at the Trump National Golf Club – Colts Neck on May 4, 5, and 6.

The NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship consists of amateur golfers, all thirty years of age and older, from NJSGA member clubs and courses. The defending Champion is Michael Stamberger of Spring Lake Golf Club.

Following is a listing of today's 18 qualifiers:

Merv Smith, High Mountain G.C., 35-38--73  
Glenn Stephenson, Stanton Ridge G.& C.C., 39-35--74  
Gerry Baldachino, Peddie G.C., 37-38--75  
Peter Kozubal, Fox Hollow G.C., 38-38--76  
Rish Patel, Knickerbocker C.C., 37-39--76  
Sven Slopianka, Pinch Brook G.C., 40-36--76  
Bill Watt, Sunset Valley G.C., 37-39--76  
Joseph Marucci, Ridge at Back Brook, 38-39--77  
Larry Piekarsky, North Jersey C.C., 37-40--77  
Kevin Purcell, Darlington G.C., 38-39--77  
Ken Stoddard, Bedens Brook Club, 37-40--77  
Michael Williams, Darlington G.C., 38-39--77  
Matthew Finger, Darlington G.C., 39-39--78  
Anthony Scelba, Deer Run G.C., 39-39--78  
Bill Snouffer, SkyView G.C., 40-38--78  
James Woods, Howell Park G.C., 41-37--78  
Bobby Erienne, Passaic County G.C., 39-40—79\*  
Sean D. Leonard, Tavistock C.C., 38-41—79\*