

New Jersey State Golf Association
89th Open Championship – Sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury and Prudential
Rock Spring Club – West Orange, New Jersey
Round 1– Tuesday, July 14, 2009

WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY – Amateur Michael Deo of High Bridge Hills sits atop the leaderboard after his opening round total of 67 (34-33), one shot ahead of amateur Tom Gramigna of Tavistock (34-34) and Professional Brett Jones of Trump National – Bedminster (34-34) at the 89th New Jersey State Golf Association Open Championship, sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury and Prudential at the par-70, 6555 yard Rock Spring Club in West Orange. Deo, the current NJSGA Amateur Champion, and Gramigna, the 2008 NJSGA Amateur Champion were two of only six players to break par; Professionals Jim Famula of Deer Run (37-32), Chris Mazzuchetti of Colonia (36-33), and Jakob Gerney of Olde York (32-37) all finished round one at one-under par 69.

Rock Spring Club, the classic Charles Banks design, opened in 1925 and is hosting its fourth NJSGA Open Championship. The Open was last held at Rock Spring in 2000, which was won by Professional John DiMarco of Laurel Creek.

Five players stand tied in seventh place at even-par 70; Chris Dachisen of North Jersey (who captured the 2008 NJSGA/NJPGA Senior Open Championship at Rock Spring), Jim Beadle of Rockaway River, Brian Gaffney of Rumson, Tom Sipula of Edgewood, and Brent Studer of Manasquan River. Defending Champion Mark McCormick finished at seven-over par (77); host Head Professional Baker Maddera finished at six-over par 76.

Play will continue tomorrow with Round 2, and upon the completion of play, the field will be cut to the low fifty (50) scorers plus ties. The third and final round of the 54-hole stroke play Championship will be contested on Thursday; the player with the lowest 54-hole aggregate score will be awarded the C.W. Badenhausen Championship Trophy.

Following is a listing of today's first round scores:

Michael Deo (a), High Bridge Hills G.C., 34-33--67
Brett Jones, Trump National G.C., 34-34--68
Thomas Gramigna (a), Tavistock C.C., 34-34--68
Chris Mazzuchetti, Colonia C.C., 36-33--69
James Famula, Deer Run G.C., 37-32--69
Jakob Gerney, Olde York C.C., 32-37--69
Thomas Sipula, Edgewood C.C., 35-35--70
Brent Studer, Manasquan River G.C., 33-37--70
Jim Beadle, Rockaway River C.C., 35-35--70
Chris Dachisen, North Jersey C.C., 34-36--70
Brian Gaffney, Rumson C.C., 37-33--70
Gary Ostrega, Hyatt Hills G.C., 35-36--71
Ken Pridgen, Liberty National G.C., 35-36--71
Todd Rickenbach, Rock Spring Club, 36-35--71
Jonathan Hartman (a), Montclair G.C., 37-34--71
Seth Hirschhorn, Echo Lake C.C., 35-36--71
Bill Britton, Trump National - Colts Neck, 35-36--71
Peter Busch, Shackamaxon G. & C.C., 34-37--71
Charles Cowell, Forest Hill F.C., 34-37--71
Frank Esposito, Brooklake C.C., 34-37--71
Keith Grassing, Infini-Tee G.C., 37-35--72
Bruce Young, Harkers Hollow G. & C.C., 34-38--72

Brian Hollins, Laurel Creek C.C., 33-39--72
Gregg M. Angelillo (a), Montclair G.C., 35-37--72
Jay Blumenfeld (a), Mountain Ridge C.C., 33-39--72
James Dawson (a), Roxiticus G.C., 39-33--72
Ed Osowski, Mountain Ridge C.C., 34-38--72
Rob Schaal, Tara Greens G.C., 36-36--72
William Root, Glenwood C.C., 36-36--72
Jeffrey Simpson, Stone Harbor G.C., 37-35--72
Brian Komline (a), High Bridge Hills G.C., 33-39--72
Warren Taylor (a), Peddie G.C., 37-35--72
Greg Baker, Rockaway River C.C., 35-37--72
Robert E. Cronheim (a), Twin Brooks C.C., 36-37--73
Craig Lindsey, Madison G.C., 36-37--73
Mark Schaare, Glenwood C.C., 38-35--73
Edward Whitman, Knickerbocker C.C., 36-37--73
Kevin Guidera (a), Galloping Hill G.C., 36-37--73
Peter Kozubal (a), Fox Hollow G.C., 35-38--73
Mike LaBrutto, Roxiticus G.C., 36-37--73
Billy Sues (a), Ash Brook G.C., 36-37--73
Mike Burke, Jr., Montammy G.C., 35-38--73
David Glenz, Crystal Springs G.C., 35-38--73
Scott Paris, Plainfield C.C., 38-36--74
Marc Issler (a), Woodlake C.C., 37-37--74
Kevin Lawrence, Spring Lake G.C., 37-37--74
Dean Gultula, Deer Run G.C., 36-38--74
Paul Lejeune, Suburban G.C., 35-39--74
Christopher Gold (a), Little Mill C.C., 34-40--74
Anthony Scelba (a), Bowling Green G.C., 35-39--74
Steve Sieg, Navesink C.C., 37-38--75
Kevin Syring, Alpine C.C., 38-37--75
Paul Park (a), Passaic County G.C., 37-38--75
Jeffrey Maines, Glen Ridge C.C., 38-37--75
Bryan Florio, Preakness Hills C.C., 39-36--75
Sean Fitzpatrick (a), Ash Brook G.C., 36-39--75
Mike Paduano (a), Golf Club of NJ, 35-40--75
Merv Smith (a), High Mountain G.C., 37-38--75
Justin VanHyning (a), Olde York C.C., 39-36--75
Kenneth Suarez (a), Brooklake C.C., 35-40--75
Bill McGuinness (a), Tavistock C.C., 37-38--75
Allan Small (a), Fairmount C.C., 36-39--75
Sam Kang, Farmstead G. & C.C., 40-36--76
Baker Maddera, Rock Spring Club, 39-37--76
Paul Poandl, Bedens Brook Club, 39-37--76
Mark Yannotta, Crystal Springs G.C., 39-37--76
Mat Kent, Basking Ridge C.C., 39-37--76
Ryan McCormick, Suburban G.C., 38-38--76
Greg Schmaus (a), Apple Ridge C.C., 39-37--76
Jeffrey Bonicky, Sea Oaks G.C., 38-38--76
Kyle Hartlaub (a), Canoe Brook C.C., 37-39--76
Michael Lanzetta, Mansfield G.C., 35-41--76
Brad Olson, Rumson C.C., 37-39--76
Nicholas Yaun, Upper Montclair C.C., 37-39--76
Tom Hyland (a), Little Mill C.C., 38-38--76
Michael Stamberger (a), Spring Lake G.C., 36-40--76
John Applegat, Cape May National G.C., 39-37--76

John DiMarco, Laurel Creek C.C., 38-38--76
Greg Farrow, Deerwood C.C., 39-37--76
Patrick Bosworth (a), Rock Spring Club, 39-38--77
Mark McCormick, Suburban G.C., 38-39--77
Chad Polevoy (a), Galloway National G.C., 39-38--77
Jordan Gibbs (a), Bedens Brook Club, 41-36--77
Cody Sumpter (a), Neshanic Valley G.C., 38-39--77
Peter Chang, Crystal Springs G.C., 38-39--77
Eric Dovre, Galloway National G.C., 37-40--77
Chris Dzergoski, Bella Vista C.C., 36-41--77
Daniel Hollis, Hyatt Hills G.C., 38-39--77
Nicholas La Banca (a), Shark River G.C., 37-40--77
Matthew McKeon, Plainfield C.C., 38-39--77
Len Siter, Mountain Ridge C.C., 39-38--77
Ronald Vannelli (a), Metuchen G. & C.C., 38-39--77
Derek McDonald, Echo Lake C.C., 40-38--78
Benjamin Bershad (a), Hopewell Valley G.C., 39-39--78
Frank Cossio, Blue Heron Pines G.C., 38-40--78
John Lay III (a), Tamarack G.C., 39-39--78
Niall Handley (a), High Bridge Hills G.C., 38-40--78
Steven Horky (a), Pinch Brook G.C., 39-39--78
Michael Kierner, Green Brook C.C., 40-38--78
Patrick Butkus, Deal G. & C.C., 40-38--78
Marc Grinberg (a), Battleground C.C., 40-38--78
John Lovett (a), Charleston Springs G.C., 36-42--78
Anthony Martire (a), Seaview G.R., 37-41--78
Rick Hughart, Tavistock C.C., 39-40--79
Orist Wells, Pitman G.C., 39-40--79
Michael Smith, Rockaway River C.C., 39-40--79
David Grossman, Blue Heron Pines G.C., 39-40--79
Russell Helwig, Essex Fells C.C., 43-37--80
Ryan Harpster (a), Glen Ridge C.C., 38-42--80
Christian Elleo, Knickerbocker C.C., 38-42--80
Peter Jaekle, Basking Ridge C.C., 40-40--80
Michael Yevchak, Pine Barrens G.C., 37-43--80
Andy Brock, Metuchen G. & C.C., 38-42--80
Frank Hesson, Indian Spring C.C., 41-40--81
Louis Fulgoni (a), Howell Park G.C., 38-44--82
Pat Walsh (a), Royce Brook G.C., 40-42--82
Bob Downey, Crestmont C.C., 41-42--83
Wendell Dix, Eagle Oaks G.C., 43-40--83
Preston Combs (a), Royce Brook G.C., 40-43--83
Joseph Haggerty, Montclair G.C., 40-44--84
Jack Skirkanich (a), Rumson C.C., 45-40--85
Karl Nutt (a), Mountainview G.C., 44-42--86
Ronald McDougal, Unattached, WD-WD--WD
Scott Miller (a), Apple Ridge C.C., WD-WD--WD
John Ezekowitz (a), Springdale G.C., WD-WD--WD