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Kennesaw, GA --- Noted amateur Mark Strickland of Kennesaw, who is also a Yamaha Golf-Car Company employee captured the Yamaha Georgia Senior Open contested at St. Ives Country Club in Johns Creek. Strickland fired a second round score of seven-under par 65, which added to his first round score of 68 for a two-day total of eleven-under par 133 and defeated three-time champion James Mason by four shots.

For his efforts, Strickland earned a gift certificate for \$700 as well as Low Amateur honors. Defending champion, Bob Royak of Alpharetta finished tied for 5th place at three under par 141. Introduced in 2016, the Super Senior Division honors were captured by Curt Knorr of Atlanta Creek with a score of -5 139 for the championship. James Mason of Dillard was the Low Professional for the championship after shooting a final round of 71 and he finished in second place at even par 137.

The Yamaha Golf-Car Company has been a long time supporter of the Georgia Section and serves as the title sponsor of the Atlanta Open and the Georgia Senior Open. Yamaha Golf-Car Company has based its North American headquarters in Newnan, located off I-85 in south metro Atlanta, since 1987. It has developed into the largest employer in Coweta County, with more than 1500 employees.

The Georgia PGA is one of the 41 Sections of the PGA of America. Its membership includes nearly 890 PGA professionals working at over 265 golf courses, clubs, and ranges throughout the state. Additionally, more than 20 Georgia PGA members compete on one of the PGA Tours. In keeping with the fundamental objectives laid down by its founders, one of the Georgia PGA's primary goals is promoting the game of golf through clinics, junior and minority golf programs, consumer programs, and print, radio, and television media.