



Steve Marino of Fairfax, VA drained a clutch 25 foot birdie putt on the first hole of sudden-death to win the 3rd Annual Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational.

Marino finished regulation play at four-under-par in the 36 hole Championship which was held on the par 72 Country Club of Spartanburg. Michael Maness of Galivants Ferry, SC was on the losing end of the playoff for the second consecutive year.

First round leader, Ben Duncan of Greenville, South Carolina, posted a one under par 34 on the front side and held a one stroke lead starting the final nine. Duncan made several bogeys, but managed to come to the eighteenth tee one stroke back and needing a birdie for a tie. Duncan made double bogey six and finished in a tie for fourth.



The 1997 field of 72 players represented 45 titles including seven State Champions (Georgia, Florida, South & North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky), three AJGA titles and twelve other major titles.

Steve Marino (Fairfax, VA) 73-67--140  
 Michael Maness (Galivants Ferry, SC) 71-69--140  
 Daniel Brunson (Greenville, SC) 71-71--142  
 Nic Balanis (Valdosta, GA) 74-69--143  
 Chris Thayer (Richmond, VA) 73-70--143  
 Ben Duncan (Greenville, SC) 69-74--143  
 Matthew Hendrix (Aiken, SC) 75-69--144  
 Scott Feaster (Columbia, SC) 72-72--144  
 Chad Wilfong (Thomasville, NC) 71-74--145  
 Matt Krauss (Dumfries, VA) 75-71--146  
 Matt Chandler (Rocky Mount, VA) 74-72--146  
 Brett Johnson (Hilton Head Is., SC) 73-73--146  
 Sean O'Hair (Bradenton, FL) 72-75--147  
 Adam Gary (Bowling Green, KY) 71-76--147  
 Matt Robinson (Rock Hill, SC) 77-71--148  
 Jack Croyle (Moultrie, GA) 74-74--148  
 Brendan Fisher (Augusta, GA) 73-75--148  
 Jeremy Elliott (Chapel Hill, NC) 70-78--148  
 Adam Cranford (Augusta, GA) 75-74--149  
 Jonathan Cole (Spartanburg, SC) 75-74--149  
 Jay Degenhart (Savannah, GA) 72-77--149  
 Chad Webb (Wake Forest, NC) 79-71--150  
 Cortland Lowe (Augusta, GA) 78-72--150  
 Jimmy Garren (Augusta, GA) 77-73--150  
 D.J. Trahan (Inman, SC) 76-74--150  
 John Carter, III (Thomasville, NC) 76-74--150  
 Bill Faith (Dalton, GA) 76-74--150  
 Buck Williams (Raleigh, NC) 74-76--150  
 Rob Beasley (Greensboro, NC) 74-76--150  
 Jason Harris (Clemmons, NC) 73-77--150  
 Nick Rousey (Pensacola, FL) 81-70--151  
 Gregg Jones (Florence, SC) 80-71--151  
 Max Jordan (York, SC) 77-74--151  
 Robbie Petty (Forest City, NC) 76-75--151  
 Todd King (Greenville, SC) 72-79--151  
 Bryan Kelley (Spartanburg, SC) 80-72--152

Nash Elliott (Estill, SC) 77-75--152  
 Rus Clark (Raleigh, NC) 77-75--152  
 Nathan Fritz (Greenwood, IN) 73-79--152  
 Michael Sims (Spartanburg, SC) 73-79--152  
 Dustin Bray (Asheboro, NC) 81-72--153  
 Bubba Gallops (Columbus, GA) 79-74--153  
 Robbie Timms (Florence, SC) 78-75--153  
 Bill Haas (Greer, SC) 80-74--154  
 D.J. Fiese (Woodstock, GA) 78-76--154  
 Brad Stainsby (Lakeland, FL) 76-78--154  
 Lee Taylor (Roanoke, VA) 76-78--154  
 Derek Pendley (Greenwood, SC) 80-75--155  
 Kevin O'Connell (Lexington, VA) 79-76--155  
 Dale Ketola (Greenwood, SC) 78-77--155  
 Joe Humston (Johnson City, TN) 77-78--155  
 Scott Weeks (Savannah, GA) 76-79--155  
 Paul Brown (Hartsville, SC) 82-74--156  
 Derek Watson (Manning, SC) 81-75--156  
 Reed Brown (Greer, SC) 81-76--157  
 Travis Mobley (Hinesville, GA) 81-76--157  
 John Hancock (Jamestown, NC) 81-76--157  
 John White (Charlotte, NC) 79-78--157  
 Jonathan Hill (Kernersville, NC) 84-74--158  
 Edward Moseley (Spartanburg, SC) 80-78--158  
 Seth Swan (Greenville, SC) 80-79--159  
 Scott Robbins (Chester, SC) 83-77--160  
 Adam Grodhaus (Duluth, GA) 83-77--160  
 B.J. Szafran (Valdosta, GA) 77-83--160  
 Chris Clark (Martinsville, VA) 82-79--161  
 Landon Smith (Greensboro, NC) 81-82--163  
 Stephen Poole (Spartanburg, SC) 78-85--163  
 Cates Hayes (Spartanburg, SC) 81-84--165  
 Ryan Gulka (Pinehurst, NC) 81-84--165  
 Doug Carter (Blackshear, GA) 86-85--171