

Women's International Four-Ball

The 68th Women's International Four-Ball Championship, conducted February 16-17, 2015, was a sunny, but windy two-day event at the beautiful Wanderers Club in Wellington, Florida.

In the Championship Division, round one concluded with partners Charlotte Daughan of

Orlando, Florida and Sarah Matin of Winter Garden, Florida sitting at the top of the leaderboard, posting a three-under par 69. Daughan and Matin took advantage of the par-5's and 3's during their round, sitting one-under and two-under par on those holes respectively. Partners Tara Connelly of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and Meghan Stasi of Oakland Park, Florida, posted a two-under par 70, sitting one back of Daughan and Matin.



When asked about being one shot

back, Connelly commented, "We felt like we needed to make a few more putts. In best ball it comes down to having two goes at it and rolling one in. We felt like our putting could be improved." The duo of Mary Jane Hiestand of Naples, Florida and Judith Kyeinis of Thornhill, Canada, and partners Marie Arnoux of Miami Beach, Florida and Alexandra Frazier of West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania all stood tied for third at even par, 72.

The final round excitement did not disappoint as four of Florida's top mid-amateurs duked it out for the Championship title in the final pairing. Daughan and Matin had a four-stroke lead over Connelly and Stasi at the turn, but the fight was not over. Connelly and Stasi put together a two-under par 34 back nine in hopes to come out on top. Daughan and Matin, however, were able to hold on to finish at 141 overall, with a one shot lead over the defending champions. When asked about how they felt after their victory, Daughan said it best, "I think we knew we could [win], but we just wanted to take one shot at a time. We are trying for the USGA qualifier next month, so that's big confidence for us. It's nice to win with a good friend." Debbie Adams of Asheville, North Carolina and Sherry Herman, or Middletown, New Jersey posted the low final round score of three-under par 69, earning them third place honors at 143 overall. *See fsga.org for full results*.

SENIOR/MID-AM FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 12th Senior/Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship has concluded after an outstanding couple of days at Victoria Hills Golf Club in Deland, FL. Each team was required to have a mid-amateur (25-54) and a senior (55+) and the competition was conducted over 36 holes of four-ball stroke play.

The team of Kelly Gosse and Pete Williams, from Ocala and Juno Beach respectively, held the overnight lead after a stellar 65 on day one. The two blitzed the course with 7 birdies on the day and no blemishes. They would not rest on their laurels as they came out and birdied the first hole on Sunday en route to an opening nine-33. Determined not to be overtaken, Gosse and Williams carded 5 straight birdies, starting on number 11, to close the tournament with a 30 for a 65-63-128.

The duo of Jimmy Jones and Gordon Marshall started Sunday four back, but fired a pair of 31's to finish in solo second at 13 under. Behind Jones and Marshall was the team of Tim Hume and Brian Brown, who went 67-66-133.

The highlight of the tournament, however, came on the 205 yard par-3 third hole when Jason Bell made an ace! *See fsga.org for full results*.



MEN'S INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Windsor Parke Golf Club shot up the leaderboard and captured the 2015 Men's Interclub Team Championship at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Dade City. After six weeks of matches followed by two rounds of playoffs, Windsor Parke Golf Club outlasted seven other Regional Champions to be crowned the Men's Interclub State Champions.

The Country Club at Silver Springs Shores, the only returning regional champion, got off to a fast start. After round one they led the championship by nine points over the second place Countryside Country Club. George Ross, from Silver Springs Shores, had two net eagles on the front nine en route to 44 stableford points to lead the field in points. Windsor Parke Golf Club finished round one in third place with 222 total points.



Wednesday's round was played on the South Course, the more difficult of the two. Windsor Parke capitalized on the tougher course and earned 13 more points than Silver Springs Shores, vaulting them into first place. Windsor Parke finished with a two-day total of 436 points. Members of the championship team include: Gary Blackwell, Mark Casper, Chris Cazalas, David Hawkins, Bruce Moskovciak, Keith Nagy, Keith Williams, and John Yaccino. The Country Club at Silver Springs Shores finished in second place with 434 total points.

The 2015 Men's Interclub season began with 118 teams competing from Pensacola all the way to Pompano Beach. Eight Regional Championship teams listed below earned their ticket to compete at the State Championship held at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club.

Tampa Bay Region: Countryside Country Club, Clearwater
Suncoast Region: The Plantation Golf & Country Club, Fort Myers
West Region: Country Club at Silver Springs Shores, Ocala
Central Region: Sun N' Lake Golf & Country Club, Sebring
Naples Region: Old Corkscrew Golf Club, Estero
Northeast Region: Windsor Parke Golf Club, Jacksonville
Southeast Region: Vero Beach Country Club, Vero Beach
Panhandle Region: Rocky Bayou Country Club, Niceville



Women's Senior Amateur Championship

Ivy Steinberg, of Stouffville, Canada, stole the round one lead after battling the firm greens at Vero Beach Country Club. Despite her double bogey on hole 18, Steinberg was pleased with her score of 78 and one stroke lead over Lisa Schlesinger, Diane Lang, Tama Caldabaugh, and Laura Carson tied for second place. Mary Jane Hiestand, two-time defending champion, finished round one tied for eighth place with a score of 82.

Wednesday's round led to an exciting finish with lower scores and a change at the top of the leaderboard. Steinberg faltered during round two, falling to tenth place with a tournament total 162. Lisa Schlessinger, of Fort Myers started round two with a different game plan, "I really need to focus on hitting greens" she said. Schlesinger did just that to climb from second place and capture the Women's Senior Amateur Championship with a round two score of 75, four strokes better than Tuesday's round. When asked about how it felt to win her first FSGA event, Lisa stated, "I'm always practicing and trying to improve, so it is

nice to see a win come out of that". Mary Jane Hiestand fought to seize second place by one stroke with a 74 finish, 156 tournament total. Taffy Brower, 2014 Hall of Fame inductee, earned first place honors in the Senior Championship First Flight with a tournament total 165.

In the Super-Senior Division, Nancy Chaffee, of Avon Park, never let the lead out of her sight during both rounds. Chaffee posted a 78, the lowest score of the day, to finish



in first place, six strokes ahead of Kathie Westlund and Janet Field in second place. Chaffee followed up her first round with a final round of 85, for a total of 163, to capture the Super-Senior Championship title. Chaffee, who finished the Super-Senior Championship in third place last year, described her win by stating, "there are a lot of really talented ladies here in Florida. This just really feels incredible". Kathie Westlund, of Fort Myers, captured second place, while Janet Field finished in third place with a total of 173. *See fsga.org for full results*.

SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Pat Vincelli, of Stuart, went wire-to-wire to capture first place in the 65-69 Age Division. Vincelli, who finished tied for fourth last year, posted the tournament low score, 68, in round one. He got off to a hot start on Tuesday with four birdies and an eagle on the par five, tenth hole. Starting round two with great momentum, Vincelli birdied his second hole but fell slightly behind with bogeys on holes three, four, and six, finishing the day with a one over-par, 73. During round two, Jim Carley, of Ormond Beach, inched up the leader board after firing three birdies on his back nine and posting a one under-par score of 71.

Despite Carley's strong second round, Vincelli remained in first place by five strokes going into the final day. Round three got off to a shaky start for Vincelli after experiencing a double bogey on his first hole. Carley made the turn at one over-par, while Vincelli trailed behind at four over-par. With Vincelli's overall lead narrowed to three strokes, he finished his final round even par to clench first place by two strokes. Carley played strong on his last nine but could not catch Vincelli finishing with a tournament total 219. This marks back-to-back second place finishes in the Super-Senior Championship for Carley. Dick Clemens, of Tampa, posted an impressive one under-par score on Thursday to finish in third place with a 220 total. *See fsga.org for full results*.



SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CONT.

In the 70-74 Age Division, Brian Sachs, of Newberry posted rounds of 75-76--151 to overtake first round leader, Mike Reavey, of Niceville and earn a two stroke victory. Through 27 holes, all three players in the final pairing, Sachs, Reavey and Errol Baxley, of DeLand were all tied at five overpar for the Championship. As the weather heated up and greens firmed out, Sachs was able to put together the best finishing nine of the three, shooting 38, which included a birdies on the challenging par four, 14th, and a closing birdie on the par five, 18th hole.

In the 75 & Over Division, Ron Audi, of Ocala 77-72--149, went wire to wire, but not without some pressure. Audi opened with 77 and held a one stroke lead. Joined in the final pairing by 2014 Champion Joe Eubank, of Daytona Beach and Max Matthews, of Andalusia, AL. Starting on the 10th tee, Matthews would birdie the 10th to tie for the lead briefly, but six bogeys over the next nine holes would prove to dig too much of a hole for him. A trio of birdies on the front side would see Matthews post a second round 74, good enough for a 3rd place finish. Eubank would go out in 2 over, while Audi, posted 1 under on the back and extended the lead to four. Eubank would post birdies on one, four, and nine leading to a two-under par front nine, but event with Audi's bogey on the ninth, still could not catch him. Both players posted, even-par 72's giving Audi the one stroke victory. *See fsga.org for full results*.



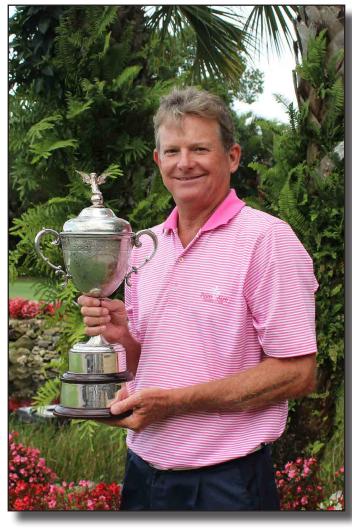
SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Gordon Marshall, of Sarasota, put together a solid performance of golf during each round en route to capturing his first Senior Amateur Championship. Marshall opened with a strong first round two-under par score of 70 to find himself tied for second place, two shots off the lead, entering the second round. Day two marked Marshall's worst round but he managed to post an even par score that boosted him into first place. Over the course of two days, Mar-

shall recorded eight birdies and one eagle giving him momentum for the final round. Entering the final round, first round leader, Buddy Alexander, and Peter Wegmann stood tied for second place one shot behind Marshall.

Marshall, Alexander, and Wegmann stood on the first tee making up the final group on Thursday. Marshall bogeyed the par four, third hole but turned around and made two birdies to finish his first nine holes one-under par. Sneaking up the leaderboard was Owen Joyner, of Bonita Springs, who carded three birdies in his first nine moving ahead of Wegmann who fell behind after two bogies on the front nine. Alexander started the final nine holes on fire with back-to-back birdies on holes nine and ten.

Marshall never let his foot off the accelerator and started a train of birdies on holes 13, 15, 16, and 18. Despite Alexander's consistent play and two birdies on the back nine he could not catch Marshall and finished six shots behind in second



place. Joyner followed closely with a two-under par final nine score to finish tied for third with Rokki Rogan, of Fort Myers. Rogan put on an impressive show on the back nine with three birdies in a row for a final round 72, tournament total 217. Peter Wegmann finished tied for sixth with scores of 70-73-76 -- 219.

Gordon Marshall's flawless final nine hole score of 32 simply described his tournament play. He was the only player to shoot even par or better for three rounds (70-72-67), which lead him to a tournament total 209 and a victory. 2014 Senior Amateur Champion, Pete Williams, and 2013 Senior Amateur Champion, Doug LaCrosse, finished tied for 10th and 14th respectively. Gordon Marshall was crowned 2015 Senior Amateur Champion, Thursday, April 16th. *See fsga.org for full results*.

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"LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS"

By Jack Pultorak - Director of Rules & Competitions

What are they and how are they treated under the Rules of Golf.

First, as usual, let's start with the definition:

"Loose impediments" are natural objects, including:

- stones, leaves, twigs, branches and the like,
- dung, and
- worms, insects and the like, and the casts and heaps made by them,

provided they are not:

- fixed or growing,
- solidly embedded, or
- adhering to the ball.

Sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green, but not elsewhere.

Snow and natural ice, other than frost, are either casual water or loose impediments, at the option of the player. Dew and frost are not loose impediments.

Two things to remember; loose impediments are natural (not manmade such as a rake or soda can) and they are loose (not fixed or growing, solidly embedded, or adhering to the ball).

Can you move them? The answer depends on the situation; maybe yes and maybe no.

When your ball in play lies in a hazard (water hazard or bunker), you are prohibited from touching or moving a loose impediment lying in or touching that same hazard (Rule 13-4c). If you did, the result would be a loss of hole penalty in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

When your ball is in play and at rest through the green (fairway, rough, etc), you need to make a decision. If you move the loose impediment and your ball moves as a result of the removal, you incur a one stroke penalty provided you replace the ball. If you move the loose impediment and the ball does not move, there is no penalty. Moral of the story; you need to become a good loose impediment mover!

When your ball lies on the putting green, the Rules give you a little more wiggle room. If your ball or ball marker is moved during the removal of a loose impediment, there is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or ball marker is directly attributable to the removal of the loose impediment.

Here are a couple more interesting notes.

- You can move a loose impediment lying out of bounds.
- You may not move a loose impediment when a ball is in motion, if the removal might influence the movement of the ball.
- Loose impediments are not always lying on the ground.
- Loose impediments were mentioned in the first recorded Rules of Golf in 1744.

And finally, here is an excerpt from July 20, 1776 in play of the Company of Golfers which met at Thomas Combs, Bruntsfield Links:

"If your Ball lies amongst Human Ordure, Cow Dung or any such nuisance on the fair green, you may, upon losing one, lift it, throw it over your head, behind the nuisance and play it with any club you please." I believe they mean your ball and not the dung!

Remember, knowing and following the Rules of Golf can assist you in avoiding unnecessary penalties and help you to enjoy this great game of golf even more.





MID-AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

There is something about the Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship for Joe Alfieri, he always plays great! Joe won the title in 2013, finished second behind Don Bell in 2014 and then took the first round lead after a stellar 69 in 2015.

Joe was one of the 139 men 25 years of age and older that teed it up this week at the beautiful Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers. The course was in fabulous condition and the greens were running very fast. Some heavy winds prevented many under par scores.

Through the first 36-holes, Alfieri had eight birdies and just one bogey to post rounds of 69-68--137 (-7) and took a four shot lead heading into Sunday's final round. A more difficult course setup, combined with heavy winds Sunday morning, made for a challenging final round. Tyler Gulliksen got off to a hot start making birdies on three of the first four holes. After Joe made bogies on the 5th and 6th holes, Tyler found himself just one stroke back. Joe would then birdie the 7th and 8th holes to extend his lead, but his approach shot on the 9th found the water and he walked away with a bogey 5. Tyler then found trouble on the back nine and fell out of contention.

The final nine 9 holes were full of excitement. Tim Hume was playing in the second to last group and slowly crept closer to Joe Alfieri all day, but Hume made a untimely double bogey on the 15th. Hume came to the par 5 18th needing eagle to give himself a chance. He found the green in two, but had a

lengthy putt for eagle. His 50 foot eagle putt just missed and he tapped in for birdie.

Playing in the group behind Hume, Alfieri came to the 15th tee with the title basically wrapped up and then he proceeded to hit two balls in the water hazard off the tee and made a quadrouple bogey 8 to bring Hume and fellow-competitor Thad Hudgens back into the mix. Alfieri then parred the 16th and hit his tee shot on the par 3 17th to 6 feet. A calm stroke resulted in a birdie which gave him a two stroke lead heading to the final hole. A routine par on the last locked up his second Mid-Amateur Stroke Play title in the last three years. *See fsga.org for full results*.

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Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

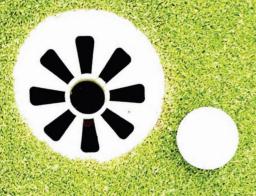
Much like her start in last year's championship, Connelly fired a one-over par 73 on Saturday, giving her a one shot lead over Winter Garden's Sarah Matin and a two shot lead over Natalie McNicholas of Naples. Connelly, of Palm Beach Gardens, who started round one on the par 5 tenth hole, began her round with three consistent pars followed by birdies on 13 and 15, followed by two more birdies on her back nine. Connelly finished round one

three shots ahead of Charlotte Daughan, champion of the 2015 Women's International Four-Ball, and Lynda Case who tied for fourth place.

Round two started hot for Connelly, who posted three birdies on holes two, eight, and nine to take her two-under par heading into the tenth hole. Connelly never let the lead out of sight and with one birdie on her final nine holes on the par 4, 17th hole, finished 34-37—71. Her two-day total of 73-71—144, vaulted her to a three-stroke victory. Matin, who started the day tied for second, tied Charlotte Daughan for third place. Kimberly Benedict, of Bonita Springs, fought back from a first round 77 with a second round two-under par 70. Benedict jumped from tied for sixth place to second place with a 77-70—147. Mary Jane Hiestand, 2014 Senior Player of the Year, finished alone in fifth place after shooting 72 on Sunday, ten strokes less than round one. The Mid-Amateur Championship marks Connelly's first individual FSGA win.



Elise Gordon and Debbie MookSang led the Middle division after round one with eight-over par 80s, while Jan DeMarco led the Forward division with a first round 81. The leaderboard made a change after round two in the Middle division. Gilda Perez, of Orlando, fired even par in the second round to move into first place with a tournament total 153. MookSang, of Valrico, fell to third place and Gordon struggled in round two finishing in sixth place. Kiely Allen, of Belleair, finished second with rounds of 83-78—161. Unlike the Middle division, the Forward division's leaderboard did not change much from round one. After round two, Jan DeMarco, of Ormond Beach, held onto her lead and finished the tournament with a four shot victory. Kay Waltman, of Pinecrest, remained in second place with scores of 83-91—174. *See fsga.org for full results*.



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- Women's Middle Tee 5,400 yds (Gross and Net Scoring)
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Format

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
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- Gross Flight All ages; players play the same tees, and no strokes are given
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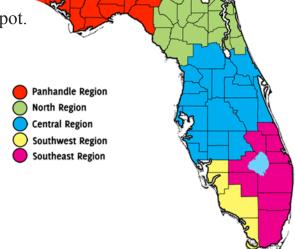
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