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Steve Melnyk

Steve Melnyk Inducted into Hall of Fame

Steve Melnyk was inducted into the Florida State Golf Association's Hall of Fame during their Annual Dinner held at **Timuquana Country Club** in Jacksonville on November 21, 2008.

Steve was born in Brunswick, Georgia on February 26, 1947. He attended the **University of Florida** where he was a three time All-American before graduating in 1969 with a BSBA in Industrial Management. After graduation, Steve won the **US Amateur, Western Amateur** and was a member of the **Walker Cup Team**. Between 1970 and 1972 he won the **Eastern Amateur** and was the low amateur in the **British Open, Masters** and became the **British Amateur Champion** in 1971.

Steve joined the PGA Tour in 1972 and placed 2nd four times before leaving the tour due to an elbow injury in 1983. Steve has been a television analyst for: **CBS Sports, ESPN** and the **Golf Channel**. He has been inducted into the **University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame, The Georgia Golf Hall of Fame** and the **Florida Sports Hall of Fame**. Steve and his wife, Debby reside in Jacksonville.

Rick Greenleaf and Pat Finrock 2008 Volunteers of the Year

Rick Greenleaf, of Jupiter, has been involved with the FSGA since 2002. He has volunteered for more than 60 events, ranging from the Florida Junior Tour, the FSGA Winter Series, Championships, Qualifiers, USGA Qualifiers, and the FHSAA High School Championship.



Rick Greenleaf

Pat Finrock, of Port St. Lucie, joined the Section 12 Course Rating team in 1994. Pat became a Captain in 2000 and with four counties and over 100 courses to rate, Pat keeps his team rating 10 to 12 courses per year.



Pat Finrock

2008 Players of the Year Honored

David Johnson, 21, of Palm Bay, earned Player-of-the-Year honors with 1440 overall points. David is a member of the **University of Central Florida** men's golf team. David put his college golf experience to work to take home top honors at the FSGA's Amateur Match Play Championship. In the final match he defeated **Carlos Velez**, of Miami, 2 & 1 for the victory. David tied for third place in the 2008 State Amateur and he was a finalist in the US Amateur Public Links Championship.



David Johnson



Rick Woulfe

Rick Woulfe, 58, of Fort Lauderdale, won his fourth straight Senior Player-of-the-Year award in 2008. Rick finished tied for second at the Mid-Senior Championship, placed second at the Mid-Senior Four-Ball, tied for fourth at the Senior Four-Ball Championship and the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball South, advanced to the semifinal round of the Senior Amateur Match Play Championship, and placed seventh in the Senior Amateur Championship. Rick also participated in his 10th Southeastern Challenge Match. Rick earned the Player-of-the-Year award in 2002, 2004 and 2006 and the Senior Player-of-the-Year in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Ernesto Marin, 18, from Miami, is the 2008 Junior Player-of-the-Year recipient. He followed his T-12th finish at the State Boys Junior Championship with a 4 & 3 victory over Kevin Britton at the Junior Match Play Championship. Ernesto also qualified for the U.S. Junior Championship, where he advanced to the quarterfinal round. Ernesto recently signed a letter of intent with Penn State University.



Ernesto Marin



Quail Valley & John's Island West to Co-Host 2009 Florida Open



The **Florida State Golf Association** with the cooperation of the **Dixie, South Florida and North Florida PGA Sections** will conduct the **2009 Florida Open** at **Quail Valley Golf Course and John's Island West** in Vero Beach July 17-19. The purse is estimated to be \$75,000 with a \$12,000 check going to the 2009 Florida Open Winner!

Over the past few years the tournament has become somewhat of a mini-tour event and the FSGA acquired the rights to run the tournament and looks forward to bringing it back to the Florida PGA Section Professionals and Amateurs. We encourage members to tell their PGA Club Professionals to put down those reports, get out from behind the counters and go practice for this great championship. The championship will be shown on **Sun Sports/Fox Sports Network** in November so all the snowbirds can catch up on the action. Please go to our website **www.fsga.org** for information on qualifying for the Florida Open.

President's Award - Alexis Thompson

Alexis Thompson, 13, of Coral Springs, is the first-ever recipient of the President's Award, given to players who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in the game of golf. Alexis competed on the **Florida Junior Tour** from 2005 - 2007 where she won 6 out of 10 events. She started competing at the age of 10, playing against girls ages 13-18. She captured 3 titles as a 10 year old and captured 3 more titles after turning 11. In 2007, she made history as the youngest qualifier to compete in the **U.S. Women's Open** and as the youngest quarterfinalist in US Women's Amateur history. In 2008, she became the second-youngest winner in history to capture the title of the **60th U.S. Girls Junior Championship** and was named to the **Rolex All American Team**.



Alexis Thompson

Board Elections

The following officers were re-elected during the Annual Meeting: **Tom Dudley**, President; **Tom Keedy**, Vice-President; **Jim Applegate**, Treasurer; **Randy Briggs**, Director at Large; **George Roat**, Director at Large and **Mike Timbers** continues as Immediate Past President. **Chuck Phillips** of Bonita Springs was elected to replace **Brian Robideau** as Director at Large for 2009. Re-elected to the Board for 2009 are **Brett Voisin** of Orlando, **Roger Harbie** of Viera and **Brian Robideau** of Palm Beach Gardens.

We would like to thank outgoing Directors: **Bill Giese**, **John Harrigan**, **Dick Johnson**, **Chip Landon** and **Johnny Williams** who completed two terms in office.

2007-2008

Florida Junior Tour Points Champions



For information on points please go to: www.floridajuniortour.com



Blayne Barber
Boys 16-18 Champion



Matthew Ceravolo
Boys 13-15 Champion



Simin Feng
Girls 13-15 Champion



Erica Popson
Girls 16-18 Champion

Foundation News

The Future of Golf Foundation provides college scholarships to employees of member clubs and their dependents and FJT golfers. The Foundation assists juniors with entry and travel expenses to state and national competitions. The FSGA has committed \$250,000 over five years to the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation is funded by contributions and fund-raising programs including FSGA membership initiatives. All membership dollars above the regular \$45 membership fee goes towards the Foundation.

FSGA Aids Florida High School State Finals

The **Florida State Golf Association** is in charge of the on-course tournament administration of the **Florida High-School Athletic Association State Golf Finals**. The state of Florida has 659 high schools. Currently 442 of those schools have golf programs.

46 Florida Junior Tour Players Sign Early

Nicole Agnello, University of Virginia
Jessica Alexander, Coastal Carolina
Gabrielle Balit, Vanderbilt University
Kevin Britton, Newberry College
Alexandria Buelow, Stetson University
Kim Carpenter, Presbyterian College
Kyleen Carpenter, Presbyterian College
Phillip Choi, University of Florida
Andrew Colvin, University of Central Florida
Micah Dowling, Presbyterian College
Kelly Drack, University of Denver
Lindy Duncan, Duke University
Cabriel Duren, South Carolina State University
Aaron Fitzpatrick, Texas Tech University
Brian Fragakis, Southern Methodist University
Chandler Gruenemeer, Newberry College
Daniel Hanania, Savannah State University
Michael Herbert, Florida State University
Pete Kellerman, University of Mississippi
Casey Kennedy, Auburn University
Jennifer Kirby, University of Alabama
George Letson, Florida State University
Amelia Lewis, University of Central Florida



Ernesto Marin, Penn State University
Tyler McCumber, University of Florida
Max McKay, Liberty University
Jennifer Neville, University of South Florida
Brandon Park, Seton Hall University
Brant Peaper, Indiana University
Kevin Phelan, University of North Florida
Sherlyn Popelka, Arizona State University
Erica Popson, University of Tennessee
Madison Pressel, University of Texas
Alexa Rancourt, Furman University
Jaime Ritter, University of Miami
Jamey Salmon, Jacksonville University
Crystal Smith, University of Illinois
Zachery Sobel, Ohio State University
Julian Suri, Duke University
Taylor Szyndlar, Jacksonville University
John VanVranken, Sierra College
T.J. Vogel, University of Southern California
Carson Weinand, Yale University
Aurelie Wiriath, Mercer University
Carlie Yadlockzy, Auburn University
Shena Yang, University of South Florida



Garrett Morrison wins 27th Mid-Amateur Championship

Garrett Morrison defeated **Duke Butler** 2 & 1 in the final round match to take home the title of the **27th Mid-Amateur Championship** held at the **Coral Creek Club** in Placida.

Morrison, of Orlando, defeated **Doug Snoop** of Apopka, 1 up in the morning semi-final match to advance to the finals. Butler, of Ponte Vedra Beach, defeated **Jeronimo Esteve**, of Miami, 4 & 2 in the semifinal match to advance to the finals.

Morrison, the 2008 State Amateur runner-up, got off to a hot start in the final match against Butler. Going 5-under through six holes with three birdies and an eagle, Morrison started with a commanding 4-up lead. Exchanging jabs from holes 6 through 13, Morrison birdied the 13th hole to take a 4-up lead with five holes to play. On number 15, trying to end the match, Morrison was pumped with adrenaline and flew his 8-iron over the green, failing to get up and down. On 16 his bad luck continued, hitting his drive into the bunker and losing another hole to Butler. With a 2-up lead and two holes to play, Morrison parred 17 and could only watch as Butler lined up his putt for a birdie chance to extend the match. When Butler's putt hung on the high side of the cup Morrison claimed victory. "I'd like to say a big thank-you to **Orange Tree Country Club** in Orlando, and a special thank-you to **Tom Burnett**, my coach. I could not have done it with-



Garrett Morrison

Champions Attend Annual Dinner



Twenty-Four 2008 Champions joined approximately 140 people at **Timuquana Country Club** in Jacksonville for championship awards, recognition of volunteers, Steve Melynk's induction into the Hall of Fame and dinner.

More pictures from the Annual Dinner can be found on our website: www.fsga.org

Andrews & Barthle win Senior Four Ball Championship



Pete Andrews & Lenny Barthle Senior Four-Ball Champions

Championship Flight		First Flight	
Andrews/Barthle	66-67--133	Johnson/Wilkins	71-68--139
McGuigan/Smoak	65-69--134	Sims/Tedrick	72-70--142
Lujack/Eads	67-67--134	Whittemore/Whittemore	72-70--142
Woulfe/Ethridge	70-66--136	Latowski/Luzar	71-72--143
Cleland/Walcott	67-69--136	Flischel/Visich	74-71--145
Earsley/Browning	70-66--136	Kilgore/Hawke	73-73--146
Kartner/Allsion	69-70--138	Sheftall/Martin	73-73--146
Bounds/Sim	70-68--138	Danluck/Walker	73-73--146
Zabytko/Wentworth	70-68--138	Cuisimano/Hoyt	74-73--147
Sponder/Rosenbaum	68-70--138	Lloyd/Derito	75-72--147
Merrell/Merrell	68-71--139	Reintgen/Downs	74-74--148
Dulman/McConchie	66-73--139	Hutchins/Saft	74-74--148
McKenzie/Gravette	68-71--139	Johnson/Ogan	73-78--151
Hall/Todd	69-70--139	Dickey/Aronoff	76-75--151
Hyman/Norka	70-70--140	Keedy/Keedy	77-74--151
Schwencke/Bossel	66-75--141	Deary/Deary	73-79--152
Spears/Darr	70-71--141	Neu/Luff	75-79--154
Pearce/Scamehorn	70-72--142	Davis/Appelbaum	84-72--156
Gill/Turner	69-75--144		

Starting the day one stroke behind first round leaders, **James McGuigan** and **Woodrow Smoak**, **Andrews** and **Barthle** didn't let windy conditions stop them in their quest for a come-from-behind victory. **Pete Andrews**, of Lithia and **Lenny Barthle**, of Valrico, fired a 5-under-par round of 67, to put them at an 11-under par 133 total for the event, good enough for a one stroke victory over McGuigan and Smoak. With their win, Andrews and Barthle earn an exemption into the **2009 Four-Ball Championship**. James McGuigan, of Jupiter, and Woodrow Smoak, of Palm City, fell into a tie for second place after following their first round of 65 with a 3-under par round of 69 for a 134 total. The duo of **Skip Lujack**, of Brandon, and **Jeff Eads**, of Brandon, also finished tied for second with a 134 total.

Andre and Louis win Super Senior Four Ball

In the Super Senior Division, **George Andre**, an active FSGA volunteer of Palm Beach Gardens, and **Terry Louis**, of Palm Beach Gardens, increased their first round lead to win their division by four strokes. Andre and Louis finished the event with a round of 75 today for a 3-under par 139 total. **Bob Sims**, of Tallahassee, and **David Tedrick**, of Tallahassee, finished tied for second with **Kent Whittenmore**, of Saint Petersburg and **Jim Whittenmore**, of Temple Terrace, with a 142 total.

Hunter/Sauvola 81-83--164

Super	Senior	Flight
Andre/Louis		64-67--131
Lechey/Brown		69-66--135
LeClair/Madson		69-71--140
Rogoff/Dubois		67-74--141



George Andre & Terry Louis, Super Senior Champions

Congratulations Jim!

Jim Demick has been elected President of the **International Association of Golf Administrators**. The IAGA consists of 250 Executive Directors, Tournament Directors and other employees of state, regional and national golf associations. The member associations of the IAGA represent more than 3 million golfers.

“Do I Have to Drop on the Cart Path?”

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



Have you ever had the misfortune to hit your ball into a **lateral water hazard** that has a **cart path running right alongside the hazard**?

After you measure out your two club-lengths from where it last crossed the margin of the hazard, you discover that the two club-lengths would put you squarely in the middle of the cart path. The question then comes up as to whether or not you have to drop it on the cart path or can you just skip over the cart path and drop it on the other side of the path?

At the recent high school championships this situation came up numerous times and I was asked several times by players how to proceed. Let's take a look in the Rule Book.

When you look at the water hazard Rule (Rule 26), the third option tells you that you must drop a ball outside the hazard and within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard. It says nothing about cart paths; just within two club-lengths and not nearer the hole outside the hazard.

So, the answer to the question is “yes”, you must drop it on the cart path in order to proceed properly under the water hazard Rule.

Inevitably, the next statement to follow is “that’s not fair, I’ll be on the cart path”. Well now that you have finished dealing with the water hazard you have a whole new situation. You may have interference from the cart path and if you do, you may proceed under the obstruction Rule (Rule 24-2b). That’s fair!

Find your nearest point of relief that is no nearer the hole that avoids interference from the cart path that is not in a hazard or on a putting green and drop the ball within one club-length of that point. Now you’re back playing golf!

New GHIN Clubs

The FSGA welcomes the following clubs that recently joined the GHIN Handicap System. These clubs join the more than 600 clubs state-wide on the GHIN Handicap System. For more on the GHIN Handicap System, please contact Aaron Skoviera at 813.632.3742.

Amelia National
Bay Hill Club and Lodge
Crane Creek Reserve
Heritage Isles Golf & Country Club
Holiday Golf and Racquet Club
Paquee Golf Club
Plantation Bay
Sandridge Golf Club
Sebastian Golf Club
Stoneybrook Golf Course
Terra Ceia Bay Golf & Tennis Club
The Dunes
The Moors
Waterlefe Golf & River Club

Thank you!

2009

Rules of Golf Workshops Full Day Events

January 14, 2009	LPGA International Daytona Beach
January 15, 2009	Timuquana CC Jacksonville
February 6, 2009	Hunters Green CC Tampa
February 12, 2009	The Forest CC Ft. Myers
February 26, 2009	Mission Valley CC Nokomis
March 9, 2009	Rocky Bayou CC Niceville
March 12, 2009	Gainsville CC Gainsville

Please check our website for additional dates. www.fsga.org

2008-2009 Winter Series

Individual Events:

January 5&6: Entries close on Dec. 25
LPGA International, Daytona Beach

January 19-20: Entries close on January 7
Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando

February 15 & 16: Entries close on February 4
17: Entries close on March 4 Hunters's Creek Golf Club, Orlando
Juliette Falls, Dunnellon

March 2 & 3: Entries close on February 18
The Majors Golf Club, Palm Bay

Winter Series 54-Hole Final Event:

Four Ball Team Events:

December 15 & 16: Entries close on Dec. 3
PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie

February 2 & 3: Entries close on Jan. 21
Bloomingdale Golfers Club, Valrico



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