



# Inside the FSGA

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## 2004 Schedule Released

The Florida State Golf Association 2004 Championship Schedule has been announced and ready for entries at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org)! The schedule includes 21 State Championships and new this year, the Junior-Senior Championship.

The Junior-Senior Championship will be played at Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte on April 24-25. To be eligible, one player must be over 55 years of age and the other between 25-54 years of age. This Championship was in high demand so find your partner early and sign up on the website!

The 87th State Amateur Championship, the oldest, continuous sporting event in the state of Florida, highlights the schedule at The Club at TwinEagles in Naples on June 17-20. Thirteen qualifiers across the state will be held between May 25-June 7 for competitors to advance to the Championship. TwinEagles is home of the Champions Tour ACE Classic and will also host the invitational Southeast Challenge on October 16-17. The Southeast Challenge is a biennial invitational event that matches teams from Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Each state selects eight mid-amateurs and four seniors to play in this Ryder Cup format event.

The State Four-Ball Championship will be held July 17-18 at Quail Valley Golf Club in Vero Beach and Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach will host the State Mid-Amateur Championship on September 23-26.

The FSGA will also conduct the Florida Junior Tour (FJT), a junior golf tour offering highly competitive and affordable competitions for juniors in Florida. Please visit [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org) to learn more and read more on page 7.



**Andy Purnell** wins the 2003 Player-of-the-Year award. Read more on page 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP	DATE OF EVENT	ENTRIES CLOSE	LOCATION
Senior	April 13-15	March 17	Royal Palm Yacht & CC, Boca Raton
Junior-Senior	April 24-25	March 31	Riverwood Golf Club, Port Charlotte
Club Team	May 1-2	April 7	World Golf Village, Saint Augustine
Two-Man Shoot-Out (Net & Gross)	May 15-16	April 21	The Forest CC, Fort Myers
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North)	May 29-30	May 5	Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club, Ocala
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South)	May 29-30	May 5	Miromar Lakes Beach & GC, Miromar Lakes
Amateur	June 17-20	May 5	The Club at TwinEagles, Naples
Four-Ball	July 17-18	June 2	Quail Valley GC, Vero Beach
Junior Team	July 17-18	June 16	Plantation G & CC, Venice
Parent-Child	July 31-August 1	July 7	Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista
Junior	August 2-3	June 9	Golden Bear Club at Keene's Point, Windermere
Junior Match Play Invitational	August	Invitational	Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando
Match Play	August 5-8	July 7	Indian River Club, Vero Beach
Public Links	August 14-15	July 14	Falcon's Fire GC, Kissimmee
Mid-Senior	August 20-22	July 21	PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (North)	September 18-19	August 18	Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (South)	September 18-19	August 18	Mayacoo Lakes CC, West Palm Beach
Mid-Amateur	September 23-26	August 11	Sawgrass CC, Ponte Vedra Beach
Southeast Challenge Matches	October 16-17	Invitational	The Club at TwinEagles, Naples
Northwest Club Challenge	October 23-24	September 29	Camp Creek GC, Panama City Beach
Senior Four-Ball	October 25-26	September 29	Calusa Pines Golf Club, Naples
Mixed Team (FWSGA)	October 30-31	October 8	Saddlebrook Resort, Wesley Chapel

## Purnell Named Player-of-the-Year

The 2003 Florida State Golf Association Player-of-the-Year award was presented to Andy Purnell, of Jacksonville, at the FSGA Annual Dinner at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville. Player rankings are based on points awarded for specific finishes in designated tournaments throughout the season.

This is Purnell's first Player-of-the-Year award as he had an extremely successful season. He started playing in FSGA events in 1999 and since then has continued to be a major competitor in the Championships. The highlight of Purnell's year came when he won the Match Play Championship at Lone Palm Golf Club in 19 holes. In addition, he finished one stroke back from the Champion to finish second in this year's Florida State Amateur Championship. Purnell and partner Steve Carter won the State Mid-Amateur Four-Ball North Championship in a playoff at Victoria Hills. He also qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship. In the Rice Planters Amateur Invitational in South Carolina, he placed seventh. Along with last year's Player-of-the-Year, Rick Woulfe and Michael Nealy, Purnell represented Florida at the USGA State Team Championship in Massachusetts. As captain of the North team in the Florida Cup matches, his team came out victorious and tied the series at two each.

Purnell finished the season with 820 points. Michael Nealy, of Boca Raton, finished second in the Player-of-the-Year rankings with 765 points. This year, Nealy won the Gasparilla Invitational and placed in the top ten in the State's Match Play Championship and Public Links Championship. He represented Florida in the 2002 Southeast Challenge Matches and finished second in the 2002 Florida State Amateur Championship. He also played in the Florida Cup Matches in 2003 representing the South team. To view the complete Player-of-the-Year standings, please see [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).

## Volunteers-of-the-Year

The 2003 Volunteers-of-the-Year were also recognized at the FSGA's Annual Dinner. Pep and Pat McPhillips and Karen Korf were presented the Volunteers-of-the-Year award for their hard work and dedication to the FSGA.

Pep and Pat McPhillips, of Pensacola, have been volunteering with the FSGA since 1997 and soon after Pep became a tournament chairman in the Florida Panhandle. The couple has been involved in golf for a long time. Pep had a brief stint as a golf professional and soon after he was Director of the TC Jordan Professional Golf Tour, now known as the Hooters Tour. In 2003, Pep was the Tournament Chairmen for the USGA Junior Qualifier in Fort Myers as they both enjoy volunteering at the junior events. Now a days, Pep and Pat are seen everywhere! They are considered the FSGA roving volunteers since the have a 36-foot motor home that they drive to tournaments across the state. Pep and Pat play at Shalimar Pointe CC.



Karen Korf, of Nokomis, began volunteering in 1987 when her husband Cal was the FSGA Executive Director. Soon after, Karen learned calligraphy and was doing most of the FSGA scoreboards. Karen can be seen at the major Championships as well as many of the junior tournaments. Karen is also on the FSGA course rating committee. A past president of the FWPGA, Karen now serves on their Board and is a course rating captain. Karen is a member at Mission Valley CC.

*Karen Korf, 2003 Course Rating Volunteer-of-the-Year*

## Allen Elected as FSGA President

Tracy Allen will lead the FSGA beginning January 1, 2004 through 2005. Allen, 67, of Winter Park, was elected President at the FSGA's Annual Meeting. He succeeds Mallory Privett, of Palm Beach Gardens, who served as President in 2002 and 2003.



*New FSGA President Tracy Allen speaks at the Annual Dinner.*

Allen will lead the volunteer Executive Committee in directing the Association's professional staff and more than 350 volunteers who serve throughout the state. Allen has served on the Executive Committee since 1998, two years as a Director at Large, two years as Secretary-Treasurer and two years as Vice President. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1996.

Allen has been a tournament volunteer for USGA and FSGA events and also plays in many of the FSGA events. At Interlachen CC, he served on the Board of Directors as the golf committee chairman and was once the Vice President of the club. Allen also is one of the 50 founders of Interlachen. As a member of the Southern Golf Association for many years, he was a Chairman of the Southern Amateur Golf Tournament at The Bay Hill Club.

Professionally, Allen was a Senior Vice President for Paine Webber before retiring in 1991. He also was a co-owner of the arena football team, the Orlando Predators for four years. He has been a resident of Winter Park for forty years.

Others elected to the Executive Committee include: Bonita Springs' Mike Timbers as Vice President; Jacksonville's Tom Dudley as Secretary-Treasurer; and Lady Lake's Tom Keedy as Director-at-Large. Vero Beach's Matt Avril and Sarasota's Bill Western were also elected as Directors-at-Large.



*Pep and Pat McPhillips, 2003 Tournament Volunteers-of-the-Year*

## Lancasters Win 2nd Mixed



*Ryal and Mary Kozak-Lancaster, 2003 Mixed Team Champions.*

Defending Champions Ryal and Mary Kozak-Lancaster won their second Mixed Team Championship after shooting a 4-under par 140.

On the first day of four-ball stroke play, the Lancaster team, of Orlando, shot a 71 to lead the fifty teams. The final day consisted of 18 holes of modified

alternate shot and the Lancasters recorded a 69 to finish the tournament with a score of 140. Ashley Shinn and David Dilibero, of Gainesville, shot a 73-69—142 to finish two strokes back from the leaders. In the second flight, Chris and Julie Taylor, of Winter Park, won the flight after shooting a 74-75—149. The third flight featured Donna and Richard Blomstrom, of Melbourne, winning after they shot a 77-76—153. In the fourth flight, Susan Fischer and Ron Gay, of Port Charlotte, shot a 78-84—162 to place first in the flight and Dana and Stephen Turker, of Dunedin, shot a 83-86—169 to win the fifth flight. The teams were flighted based on the combined team handicap index.

Saddlebrook Resort will host the 2004 Mixed Team Championship on October 30-31, 2004.

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## Mixed Team Results

### Mission Inn Resort, November 1-2

#### First Flight

- 140 - -: Mary Kozak-Lancaster, Orlando, Ryal Lancaster, Orlando, 71-69
- 142 - -: Ashley Shinn, Gainesville, David Dilibero, Gainesville, 73-69
- 146 - -: Brent Mook Sang, Valrico, Debbie Mook Sang, Valrico, 73-73
- 147 - -: Bruce Fitzpatrick, Homestead, Paula Fitzpatrick, Homestead, 73-74
- 148 - -: Cathy Richey, Winter Park, Jack Richey, Winter Park, 74-74
- 149 - -: Cap Caponi, Orlando, Lorraine Caponi, Orlando, 72-77
- 152 - -: Michelle Cernogorsky, Miami, Samuel Martinez, Miami, 76-76
- 153 - -: Jo Sydnor, The Villages, Dave Kane, The Villages, 77-76
- 156 - -: K C Caldabaugh, Ponte Vedra Beach, Tama Caldabaugh, Ponte Vedra Beach, 75-81
- 159 - -: Karen Greenway, Brooksville, Ray Virgilio, Brooksville, 81-78

#### Second Flight

- 149 - -: Chris Taylor, Winter Park, Julia Taylor, Winter Park, 74-75
- 150 - -: Jesse Graham, Orlando, Kathleen Graham, Orlando, 76-74
- 151 - -: Mike Melenick, Sarasota, Yolanda Dwyer, Sarasota, 75-76
- 154 - -: Kathy McGreal, Port Charlotte, Tom McGreal, Port Charlotte, 75-79
- 156 - -: Connie Gibson, Port Charlotte, Jim Gibson, Port Charlotte, 74-82
- 157 - -: Amy Hoffman, Naples, John Gast, Naples, 78-79
- 160 - -: Marsha Funk, Palm Beach Gardens, Steve Funk, Palm Beach Gardens, 82-78
- 160 - -: Carolyn Chace, Winter Park, Richard Chace, Winter Park, 79-81
- 161 - -: Bette Lichtenstein, Jupiter, Cary Lichtenstein, Jupiter, 79-82
- 162 - -: Dottie Blue, Port Charlotte, Hal Knuth, Port Charlotte, 79-83

#### Thrid Flight

- 153 - -: Donna Blomstrom, Melbourne, Richard Blomstrom, Melbourne, 77-76
- 154 - -: Charles Shackelford, Santa Rosa Beach, Terry Torres-Shackelford, Santa Rosa Beach, 72-82

- 158 - -: Chris Brindle, Orange Park, Jim Brindle, Orange Park, 80-78
- 164 - -: Bill Fager, Sarasota, Carol Fager, Sarasota, 84-80
- 164 - -: Lee Habjan, Seminole, Nan Habjan, Seminole, 82-82
- 164 - -: Joanne Sluder, Orlando, Larry Sluder, Orlando, 78-86
- 165 - -: Bud Davis, Orlando, Pat Davis, Orlando, 81-84
- 166 - -: Pamela Vlcko, Lecanto, Vladimir Vlcko, Lecanto, 84-82
- 170 - -: David Sturgis, The Villages, Sharon Sturgis, The Villages, 83-87
- 172 - -: Mary Ann Andrews, Sarasota, Dennis Modrak, Sarasota, 84-88

#### Fourth Flight

- 162 - -: Susan Fischer, Port Charlotte, Ron Gay, Port Charlotte, 78-84
- 167 - -: Barbara Mills, Orange Park, Bob Mills, Orange Park, 80-87
- 167 - -: Joe Brisley, Bradenton, Taffie Brisley, Bradenton, 83-84
- 167 - -: Carolyn Newburn, Pinecrest, Harold Newburn, Pinecrest, 80-87
- 167 - -: Bobby Gilliam, Orange Park, Marguerite Gilliam, Orange Park, 86-81
- 168 - -: Bronwyne Bruwer, Tampa, Hendrik Bruwer, Tampa, 88-80
- 170 - -: Mary Lou Edwards, Palm Harbor, Tom Hobbs, Palm Harbor, 85-85
- 173 - -: Zo Sullivan, Palmetto Bay, Jeannette Sullivan, Palmetto Bay, 86-87
- 175 - -: Linda Taylor, Orange Park, Charlie Taylor, Orange Park, 86-89
- 176 - -: Gert Sullivan, Crystal River, Jerry Sullivan, Crystal River, 88-88

#### Fifth Flight

- 169 - -: Dana Turker, Dunedin, Stephen Turker, Dunedin, 83-86
- 173 - -: Michael Madura, Orange Park, Virginia Madura, Orange Park, 85-88
- 174 - -: Bill Finlay, Tampa, Georgie Finlay, Tampa, 86-88
- 174 - -: Leon Felix, Tampa, Ruby Felix, Tampa, 85-89
- 178 - -: Carole Besman, Wellington, Donald Besman, Wellington, 86-92
- 182 - -: Bob Feinberg, Wesley Chapel, Gloria Feinberg, Wesley Chapel, 88-94
- 189 - -: Harry Finlaw, New Smyrna Beach, Fran Finlaw, New Smyrna Beach, 91-98
- 190 - -: Irvin Gotlieb, Pompano Beach, Joanna Gotlieb, Pompano Beach, 94-96
- 197 - -: Al Fishlock, Pompano Beach, Shirley Fishlock, Pompano Beach, 99-98
- 201 - -: Kathleen Watkins, Homestead, Michael Watkins, Homestead, 99-102

# 2004 Rule Changes

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



The R & A and the USGA have released the Rules of Golf for the years 2004-2007 which will take effect January 1, 2004.

Every four years the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and the United States Golf Association amend the code and this go around includes many changes.

The first section of the Rule Book, Etiquette, has been expanded and revised and also now empowers the Committee to penalize a player for a serious breach of etiquette.

Some new definitions have been added such as the definition of a "substituted ball" or a "tee" while others have been revised. In 2004, if you use a non-conforming tee such as a pencil, you'll be disqualified!

Many other Rules have been modified. In the coming years, Vijah Singh would not have been penalized for moving sand or loose

soil (loose impediments) on the putting green with his towel while Paul Azinger would not have been penalized when his caddy removed the flagstick when Fred Funk's ball was still in motion after a stroke.

Some Rules have been deleted. Old Rule 18-2c stated, through the green, when a loose impediment within one club-length of the ball was moved and the ball moved thereafter; a player was deemed to have caused the ball to move whether he did or not. In the years ahead, the Rules will simply ask "Did the player cause the ball to move?" If so, it's a one stroke penalty and the ball must be replaced.

Also, old Rule 10-4, "Ball Moved in Measuring" has been renumbered and expanded to become Rule 18-6 and will address a ball moved not only in measuring but also when proceeding under or determining the application of a Rule. For instance, if I need to measure to see if my dropped ball has rolled more than two club-lengths and inadvertently move my ball in doing so, I would not be penalized.

Equipment has not escaped the minds of the Rules makers either. New for this year is a maximum length for a club of 48" (except putters) and a maximum clubhead size of 460cc (plus a tolerance of 10cc). Additional clubhead measurement maximums have been added for heel to toe length (5") as well as sole to crown (2.8").

There have been many other changes such as a caddy may no longer rake or smooth the sand in a bunker while a player's ball lies in that same bunker before the player plays a stroke. Also, the penalty for having two caddies at once has been softened.

The FSGA will conduct fourteen one-day Rules of Golf Seminars around the state to cover these changes as well as the other Rules. Please visit our website at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) or call the FSGA office at (813) 632-FSGA for more information.

Remember, it pays to know the Rules. Knowing the Rules of Golf can help you save strokes and enjoy the game of golf.

## 2004 RULES of GOLF SEMINARS

January 22, 2004

**PGA National GC**, Palm Beach Gardens

February 6, 2004

**Hunters Green Country Club**, Tampa

March 4, 2004

**Capital City Country Club**, Tallahassee

January 23, 2004

**The Forest Country Club**, Ft. Myers

February 13, 2004

**Imperial Golf Club**, Naples

March 11, 2004

**Celebration Golf Club**, Celebration

January 30, 2004

**On Top of the World**, Ocala

February 24, 2004

**Don Shula's Hotel & GC**, Miami Lakes

March 16, 2004

**Grand Haven Golf Club**, Palm Coast

February 3, 2004

**Timuquana Country Club**, Jacksonville

February 25, 2004

**PGA Golf Club**, Port St. Lucie

March 17, 2004

**Laurel Oak Country Club**, Sarasota

February 5, 2004

**Country Club of Heathrow**, Heathrow

March 2, 2004

**Fort Walton Beach GC**, Fort Walton Bch

**Sign up at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org). Seminars run from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and lunch is included. The cost for amateur golfers is \$30, \$15 for high school coaches, junior coordinators and FSGA/FWSGA Committeemen and \$50 for PGA Professionals.**

# Winter Series off to a Great Start

Sign up now to play in one or many of the Winter Series events. We are now accepting entries online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).

The first event at The Links at Madison Green was a huge success with 84 entries received. Jim Kiely, of Weston, won the 40-54 age division shooting a 69-74--143. In the 55-64 age division, Joseph Cristillo, Crystal River, shot a 76-69--145 to win that division, while Ray Darmstadt, Cocoa Beach, won the 65 & over age division shooting a 74-75--149. After the first day, each age division was flighted.

For more information on the Winter Series or to enter an event, log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).



2003 FSGA President Mallory Privett and Jim Kiely, winner of the 40-54 age division at The Links at Madison Green Winter Series event.

## Individual Events

January 12 & 13, 2004  
entries close December 29, 2003  
Victoria Hills Golf Club  
DeLand

February 9 & 10, 2004  
entries close January 26, 2004  
Metrowest Golf Club  
Orlando

March 22 & 23, 2004  
entries close March 8, 2004  
River Hills Country Club  
Valrico

April 2 & 3, 2004  
entries close March 19, 2004  
PGA National Golf Club  
Palm Beach Gardens

## Four-Ball Events

January 26 & 27, 2004  
entries close January 12, 2004  
Lake Jovita Country Club  
Dade City

March 8 & 9, 2004  
entries close February 23, 2004  
Harmony Golf Preserve  
Saint Cloud

## New GHIN Clubs

Thank you to the following clubs who have joined the GHIN system since November. If your Club is not on GHIN, encourage your Club Professional to set-up an appointment and let us show why GHIN is most widely-recognized as the best, most efficient and trouble-free system available.

**Colonial Country Club, Fort Myers**  
**Hillcrest Golf Club, Hollywood**  
**Jacksonville Beach Golf Club, Jacksonville**  
**Scotland Yard Golf Club, Dade City**  
**Deering Bay Yacht & Country Club, Coral Gables**  
**Fairwinds Country Club, Fort Pierce**  
**University of Florida Golf Course, Gainesville**  
**Valencia Country Club, Naples**  
**Dunedin Country Club, Dunedin**  
**Markham Woods Golf Course, Lake Mary**

## USGA/FSGA Handicap Certification Seminars

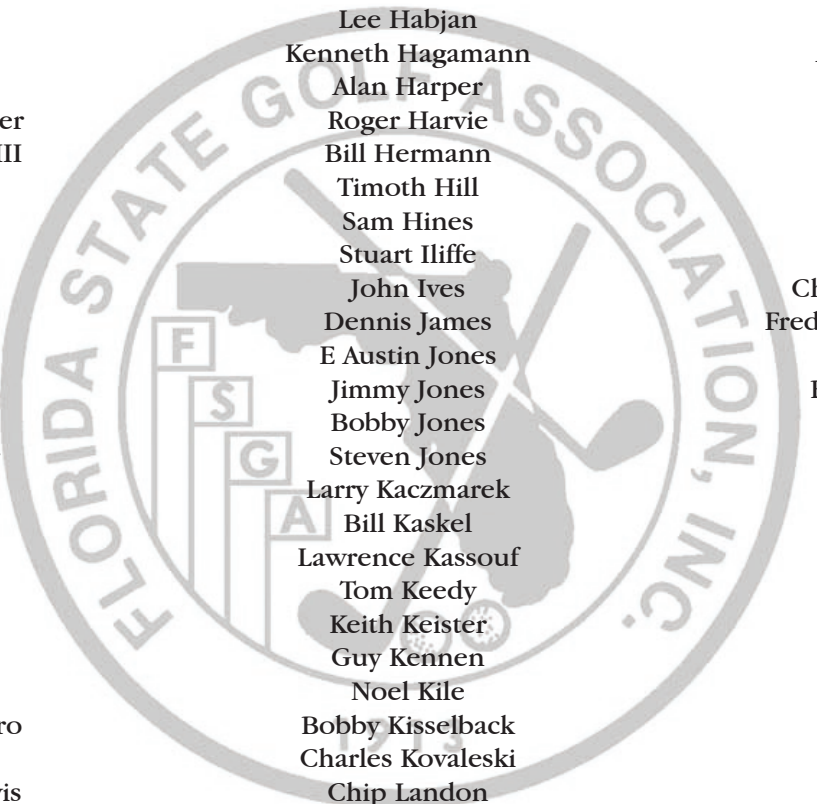
In conjunction with the USGA, the FSGA is administering 12 Handicap Seminars across the state to better educate more golfers to the USGA Handicap System and to certify a Handicap Chairman at every club.

From 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, FSGA staff members will conduct an overview of the USGA Handicap System including Handicap Committee responsibilities, the Handicap System formula, handicap allowances, handicap stroke allocations and an insight into golf measuring and the Course Rating System. The day does include lunch. Please sign up at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) or call the office at (813) 632-3742.

January 15 - University Park CC, Sarasota  
February 3 - Celebration GC, Celebration  
February 4 - Countryside CC, Clearwater  
February 19 - Delray Dunes G & CC, Boynton Beach  
February 24 - Bent Pine GC, Vero Beach  
March 16 - The Club at TwinEagles, Naples  
March 23 - Halifax Plantation CC, Ormond Beach  
March 24 - Baytree National Golf Links, Melbourne  
April 19 - Don Shula's Golf & Hotel Resort, Miami Lakes  
April 21 - Fort Walton Beach GC, Fort Walton Beach  
May 4 - Golden Ocala CC, Ocala  
May 5 - Timuquana CC, Jacksonville

## 2004 Director's Council Membership

Thank you to the following members who have already joined as Council Members for 2004. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org). Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to support the many great things we do for the game.



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Tracy Allen	Dean Fjelstul	Mark Mulvoy
Gary Almond	William Fox	Rusty Napier
George Andre	Bruce Frank	Corliss Nelson
David Anthony	Howard Freeman	Albert Noriega
Jim Applegate	Hugh Gower	Lou Nutter
Jim Ayersman	Jesse Graham	Howard Palen
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Norton Baker	Tad Griffin	Ronald Parks
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Peter Donelan	John Lilly	Mike Timbers
Bob Dorfman	Don Lucas	Joseph Underwood
Paul Dowdy	Bryan Lynch	John Walmsley
James Dowling	Gary Mackintosh	Bradley Weiser
John Downs	Robert Martin	Bill Western
Tom Dudley	James Marx	George Weston
Theodore Duncan	James McCarthy	Jack Whynot
Bill Edwards	James McCready	Don Williams
Charles Edwards	Craig McDaniel	Lawrence Williams
Randy Elliott	Mike McDoniels	Bo Williams
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Bob Ethridge	Dann Merrell	Rick Woulfe
Bill Fager	Andrew Miller	Victor Zollo, Jr.
Joel Fedder	William Missimer	

# Florida Junior Tour

The Florida State Golf Association proudly announces the Florida Junior Tour (FJT), a junior golf tour offering highly competitive and affordable competitions for juniors in Florida.

Beginning March 2004 and running through the year, the Florida Junior Tour inaugural schedule will consist of eight events for juniors, male and female, ages 13-18. There will be two age divisions, boys 13-15, girls 13-15 and boys 16-18 and girls 16-18. FJT events will be played at some of the state's top courses including the Ritz Carlton Golf Club in Orlando and The Club at TwinEagles in Naples. The FJT's focus will be on quality, affordability and integrity. Tournaments will consist of 36 holes conducted over 2 days, typically a noon start on Saturday and early start on Sunday, with an entry fee of \$95. Scholarship entry will be available to junior golfers unable to afford the entry fee.

Working closely with the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), FJT top competitors will receive exemptions and performance points towards AJGA events. The FJT is the only Florida tour to participate in the AJGA's Performance Based Process. In addition, all FJT events will be ranked by the Junior Golf Scoreboard, which helps junior golfers market themselves without having to travel the country. The FJT will maintain a points list to assist in determining Junior Player-of-the-Year and invitations to other tournaments.

Generally, entries will be processed upon the order of receipt but players may also receive added priority based upon their playing ability as documented in their application. Juniors can earn exemptions through several performance based categories. Exemption levels are: 1) season-long, 2) exempt into three events or 3) exempt into one event. For a complete list of exemption categories and players who have earned exempt status visit the tour's web page at [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org).

"The FJT is a great opportunity for juniors in the state to compete against other top players without the expense of traveling across the country," says FSGA Junior Director Les Brown. "While the FJT's relationship with the AJGA is important, the tour's focus is to assist local junior programs by offering their players the opportunity to compete at a statewide level at an affordable price. The FJT is committed to all junior golfers in Florida."

The FJT will be conducted by the Florida State Golf Association which conducts more qualifiers for the US Open, and other USGA National Championships than any other organization in the country. "The FJT events will be run as professionally as the US Open Qualifiers in Florida" says FSGA Executive Director, Jim Demick. "The Florida Junior Tour will be an exceptional experience for the juniors and we look forward to working with the next generation of great golfers."

The FJT website has been launched and beginning January 1, 2004, participants can enter tournaments and sign up for membership at [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org). The website will also feature a FJT points list, player profiles, scoring history and other valuable information. Please log on to [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org) to learn more or call the FSGA at (813) 632-3742.

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April 24-25	March 31	MetroWest Golf Club, Orlando
May 22-23	April 28	Grand Cypress Golf Club, Orlando
June 21-22	May 26	Marsh Landing Country Club, Ponte Vedra Beach
June 28-30	June 7	FWSGA Jr. Girls State Championship, Lake Buena Vista, Orlando
July 17-18	June 16	FSGA Jr. Team Championship, Plantation G & CC, Venice
August 2-3	June 9	FSGA Jr. Boys State Championship, Keene's Pointe, Windermere
August		FSGA Match Play Invitational, Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando
September 11-12	August 18	Bear Lakes Country Club, Port St. Lucie
October 9-10	September 15	PGA Golf Club, Dye Course, Port St. Lucie
November 27-28	November 3	Walt Disney World Resort, Palm Course, Lake Buena Vista
December 18-19	November 22	Orange County National Golf Center, Winter Garden

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# Course Rating Captains/Co-Captains Meet in Tampa

With more than 200 Course Rating volunteers rating approximately 300 courses a year, course rating is an essential part of the FSGA. The FSGA and FWSGA hosted a Course Rating Captain/Co-Captain meeting last month at Tampa Palms Country Club in Tampa for all Captains and Co-Captains in the state. The state is divided into 18 sections, each with a Captain, Co-Captain and volunteers who work together to get the most accurate rating. FSGA staff members, Andy Green and Ken Hagamann guide the teams as the Directors of Course Rating.

The meeting allowed all Captains and Co-Captains to review 2003 and set goals for 2004. In 2004, the course rating department hopes to attain higher standards of consistency and accuracy in every course rating and increase the training of FSGA teams through regional seminars.

The meeting included some general discussion about different issues that affect a course rating such as trees, green surface and visibility. The meeting also moved outside to evaluate green surface techniques and double obstacle issues. This allowed teams to openly discuss different opinions and issues that may arise during a rating. Brian Robideau, Captain for Section 16, demonstrated one of the computerized course rating workbooks used to improve the efficiency and accuracy in finalizing a course rating. The meeting wrapped up with more group discussion about issues that may affect a rating.

In conclusion, the event was a great success and allowed all Captains and Co-Captains to gather and share ideas and learn new things for the upcoming year.



*Course Rating Captains and Co-Captains took the meeting outside to measure green surfaces.*