Meinert Captures Senior Championship



Dan Meinert cards a 69-72-71--212 to win the **Florida State Senior Championship** at **Marsh Landing**.

Dan Meinert never looked back after shooting a 69 on the first day of the 36th Florida State Senior Championship. Meinert finished the Championship with a 4-under par, 212 total and was crowned the State Senior Champion at Marsh Landing Country Club on April 14-16.

Meinert, from Jacksonville, led all three rounds and never finished above par shooting a 69, 72 and 71. On the final day, Meinert went par, birdie, birdie going out with a one under par, 35, on the front nine. The back nine also featured two birdies carding a 36. He says, "I was playing one stroke at a time and not letting it get away from me."

Meinert just became eligible for the Senior Championship when he turned 55 in July. Working at a Jacksonville country club as a ranger, he gets the opportunity to play and practice as well as pick up some tips from the pro.

Going into the last round of play, Meinert led **Tom Hayes** by three strokes. Hayes finished tied for fifth after shooting an 81 in the final round. **Fred Peel** of Chipley finished in second place, nine strokes behind Meinert with a 221 three-day total. **Michael Brown** and **Stuart Iliffe** tied for third place with a three-day score of 223.

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Winter Series Wraps Up at ChampionsGate

The Winter Series events concluded last month at ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando with a lot on the line! Players were competing in the tournament as well as attempting to boost their point totals for the Winter Series final points standings. Throughout the series, a point list was maintained to determine winners in each age division for both gross and net categories.

The event at ChampionsGate ended the series on a high note. **Joseph Cristillo**, Crystal River, finished with a 143 gross total to win the overall gross division. The net category ended in a tie as **Buck Buckner**, Orlando and **Ray Darmstadt**, Cocoa Beach, scored a 141 total, shooting a similar 73-68 on both days.

Darmstadt's finish was the determinant in the final point standings for the most gross points. He trailed **Tracy Allen** going into ChampionsGate and finished on top with a total of 530 gross points for the series and received an exemption into the 2003 **State Amateur** at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club. Also, Darmstadt won the 65 and over age division for the most gross and net points throughout the series. In the 55-64 age division, Joseph Cristillo prevailed as the winner in both the gross and net standings. The 40-54 age division included a winner for the most gross and a winner for the most net points. **Rick Barger** claimed the top spot in the gross standings and **James Tierney** won in the net standings. Each winner received a Burton golf bag with the FSGA logo embroidered on the pocket.

This year, the Winter Series events increased to eight events, four

two-man team competitions and four individual stroke-play events. The competitions were open to amateurs, ages 40 and over, and consisted of both gross and net competitions in three age divisions; 40-54, 55-64 and 65 and over.

Be on the lookout for the 2003-2004 Winter Series schedule. Final Winter Series points standings on page 5.



(L-R) **Rick Barger**, **Ray Darmstadt** and **Joseph Cristillo**, the three gross winners in the **Winter Series** final points standings.

Killearn Team Wins Inaugural NW Club Challenge

Killearn Country Club of Tallahassee won the first-ever FSGA Northwest Club Challenge on April 5-6 at Eglin Air Force Base Golf Course in Niceville.

Team members, **Ken Stevenson**, **Allen Ross**, **Bob Mayer** and **David Hargrove** finished the two-day event with a 445 total. Leading the Killearn team, Stevenson fired a 72 – 74 finishing with a 146. Ross scored a 75 – 73 and Mayer led the team on day one with a 71 and finished with an 89 on the second day. Hargrove's second round score of 80 was included in the second day's total.

Stonebrook Golf Club finished second in the championship flight with a score of 456. **Tom Hayes** led the team with a 68 - 77, totaling 145. In the first flight, **Sunny Hills Golf Club** emerged as the winner



(L-R) Bob
Mayer, Ken
Stevenson,
Allen Ross
and David
Hargrove
represent
Killearn C.C.
as winners of
the NW Club
Challenge.

with a two-day total of 472 and **Kelly Plantation Golf Club** ended the event with a 477 total. **Todd Flanary** of **Capital City Country Club** was the two-day medalist shooting three under par for a 141 total.

The Northwest Club Challenge featured 12 teams from across the state. The event was open to amateurs and all four team members must be members of the same club. The top three scores of the team members were counted for each round.

To view complete results, please log on to www.fsga.org.

Ponte Vedra Crowned Club Team Champion

World Golf Village Hosts 41 Teams

The Florida State Club Team Championship finished just like it did 62 years ago. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club prevailed as the winner of the 2003 Florida State Club Team Championship just as another Ponte Vedra team did in the inaugural event in 1941. The Ponte Vedra team went on to defend its title in 1942 but the event was not contested from 1943-1945 due to the war.

Held at the renowned **King & Bear** and **Slammer & Squire** courses at the **World Golf Village** on May 3-4, the Ponte Vedra team of **Steve Horner**, **Scot Regner**, **Bill Calfee** and **Ken Moody** scored a two-day total of 427. Going into the second day in second place with a 215 in the first round, Ponte Vedra finished the second round with a total of 212, four under par. Steve Horner shot a three under par 69 to lead the Ponte Vedra team. As a team, Horner says, "We were very relaxed and confident because we knew the skills levels of each other."

The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes and the Redlands Golf and Country Club tied for second finishing eleven strokes behind the leader with a 438. Defending Champions, David Boesel, Jim Byington, Randy Elliott and Joe Meier returned to defend their title for Interlachen Country Club. However, they finished tied for 11th with three other clubs with a two-day total of 449. Going into the second day, TPC at Sawgrass was leading the field and finished in fourth with a two-day total of 440.



The Club Team Championship consisted of 41 teams from across the state representing their golf clubs. Teams of four played 36 holes of stroke play, 18 holes each at Slammer & Squire and King & Bear. The total of the low three of the four gross scores counted after each round.

For complete results, please log on to www.fsga.org.

(L-R) Steve Horner, Scot Regner and Ken Moody (not pictured Bill Calfee) win the Club Team Championship for Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

Can I Replace that Club?

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



Mike Craven started the day two back of the leaders after the first round of the final Winter Series event at ChampionsGate Golf Resort outside

of Orlando. He was very pleased with the round of 75 he carded on the International Course the previous day after admittingly not having a chance to practice or play much before the event. He was paired with the leaders in his flight as the day began.

Mike is a member and a Tournament Chairman for the FSGA and is familiar with the Rules of Golf. He also finds time to play in some FSGA events when he is not running or working one of the FSGA administered tournaments.

As he prepared to tee off on his fifth

hole, Mike leaned down to tee his ball when the head of his driver suddenly broke off. His amazement was apparent when he realized that the club had been damaged "other than in the normal course of play" and he would have to finish the round with his thirteen remaining clubs.

Rule 4-3b states that "If, during a stipulated round, a player's club is damaged other than in the normal course of play rendering it non-conforming or changing its playing characteristics, the club shall not subsequently be used or replaced during the round."

Decision 4-3/1 clarifies that "A club is considered damaged in the normal course of play when an action related to making a stroke, a practice swing or a practice stroke results in the club being damaged. If a club is damaged by the player having subjecting it to a strain which is not related to making a stroke, it is not considered damaged in the normal

course of play."

Since Mike had simply leaned over to tee his ball when the club was damaged, it was not "damaged in the normal course of play." Subsequently, he was not able to replace the damaged club and was required to finish the round with the thirteen remaining clubs he had selected for play.

As a result of not having his driver, Mike had to finish the long and demanding course with his three wood off the tee and wound up at 80 on the day for a two round of total of 155; twelve shots back of the winner.

I know that Mike was disappointed but he can take solace knowing that he played the game by the Rules of Golf.

You can too, when you play the game by the Rules of Golf. Knowing the Rules can help you save strokes and enjoy the game of golf.

Senior Championship

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In the Super Senior division, ages 70 and over, **Seymour Gardner** of Miami emerged as the winner after shooting a 77 on the final day and finishing with a three-day total of 231. Gardner was tied with **Aldo Butera** going into the last round and finished three strokes in front of him. Butera tied for second with **Moot Thomas** for a three-day total of 234.

A highlight of the tournament came on the second day when **Wes Paxon** shot a 76, three strokes less than his age of 79. Paxon finished tied for fifth in the Super Senior division.

For complete results, please log on to www.fsga.org.



FSGA to Conduct 17 US Open Qualifiers

The FSGA will conduct 17 U.S. Local Open Qualifiers across Florida with 1230 competitors trying to advance to the sectional qualifying. Local qualifying events will take place from May 7-May 19 with the sectional on June 3 at Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando. The FSGA administers more US Open qualifying events than any state organization!

Nationally, 7820 players signed up for the 106 local qualifying events across the country. This year the US Open will be played at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois.

Log on to **www.fsga.org** to see complete pairings, times and results.

872 Entries Received for Amateur

The 2003 Florida State Amateur Championship at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club will once again be the largest amateur event in Florida. With more than 850 entries, the State Amateur is sure to be an exciting and competitive tournament.

Competitors will play 18 holes each at The Bay Hill Club and Metrowest Country Club on June 19-20. The final 36 holes of the Championship will be played at The Bay Hill Club on June 21-22. Qualifiers will take place at 13 sites across the state between May 23 and June 3.

Started in 1914, the FSGA State Amateur is the oldest continuous sporting event in the state. Past Amateur champions include Bob Murphy, Jerry Pate, Buddy Alexander, and PGA Tour players David Peoples, Chris Couch, and Barry Cheesman.

Log on to **www.fsga.org** to view pairings and results.

Wes Paxon (L) and Tracy Allen (R) celebrate Paxon's score of 76 at the Senior Championship.

State Junior Conference Meets in Orlando

Forty-five junior coordinators from across the state met in March for the 5th Florida State Junior Conference. The conference, held at ChampionsGate Golf Resort, offered a unique opportunity for coordinators from a variety of junior programs to exchange information and share ideas on junior golf in Florida.



Mike Cooper from the **Southeast First Tee** program leads a group discussion at the annual **Junior Conference**.

To begin, **Les Brown**, FSGA Junior Golf and Tournament Director, gave a brief introduction and then the participants split up into break-out sessions. Participants went to four break-out sessions and discussed topics: Revenue led by **Tom Keedy**, Websites led by **Patrick Melton**, Tournaments headed by **Tom Storey** and Skills, Training, Etiquette

and Rules led by **Taffie Bris-ley**. The sessions allowed the junior coordinators to share examples of these topics in their own programs.

The break-out sessions were followed by a general group discussion with many key speakers. First, **Jim Foy** of Foy Insurance in New Hampshire stressed the need for insurance in junior golf programs. **Suzi Goldstein** of the Florida Sports Foundation spoke next on the junior golf license tag program. She discussed how programs can request money generated from the plates and

when the money is distributed. Currently, approximately 1700 junior license plates have been sold! Next, **Leilani Bagby** from the **USGA Grants Foundation** spoke on how programs can separate themselves from other programs to be awarded grants. Finally, **Mike Cooper** of the **Southeast First Tee** provided insight on why established junior programs form an alliance with the First Tee program.

The conference finished with a group discussion about how the more than 140 junior programs in the state can survive with the competition of outside factors and programs. Ideas were exchanged about developing a certification process by the FSGA to assist in the grant process and gaining credibility. Also, creating a point standing for juniors and an FSGA junior tournament schedule was discussed and will be further examined.

The day was a huge success with many programs present and ideas shared to make Florida junior programs succeed.



All proceeds from the new Florida golf tag program benefit Junior Golf.

Four-Ball Deadline June 4

Championship at TwinEagles

Hurry-up and get your entry form in now for the 41st Florida State Four-Ball Championship at The Club at TwinEagles in Naples. The deadline, June 4, is fast approaching.

TwinEagles, site of the ACE Group Classic, a Champions PGA event, and the **2004 Florida State Amateur Championship** will host the Four-Ball Championship on July 19-20. Designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son, Jack, the course is 1,100 acres of natural beauty.

Qualifying for the Championship will take place at nine sites across the state from June 25-July 7. The format is 36 holes of four-ball stroke play.

The qualifiers are filling quickly, so get your entry in now!



The 17th hole at **TwinEagles**, site of the **Four-Ball Champion-ship**.

Thank you to the following Tournament Chairmen who have volunteered their time and energy to administer U.S. Open Qualifiers and State Amateur Qualifiers.

Charlie Bedford
Mike Craven
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Pete Sniezko
Tom Storey
Randy Walford
Johnny Williams

Florida Cup Plays in 2003

South Florida Defends Title

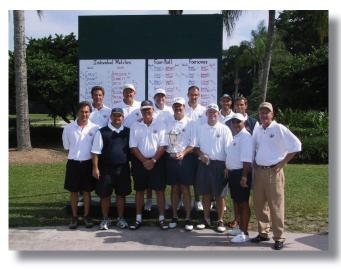
Every other year, the Florida Cup matches 16 players from the north against 16 players from the south in a Ryder Cup format. Players are invited to participate in this North Florida versus South Florida competition based on their performance in FSGA events the past two years.

This year, the Florida Cup matches will be played at Avila Golf and Country Club in Tampa on October 23-24. Three rounds of golf include three different events. Thursday morning will be 18 holes of four-ball match play, Thursday afternoon is an alternate shot format and Friday finishes with 18 holes of singles match play.

The Florida Cup and the Southeast Challenge Cup alternate every year giving players the opportunity to compete in a different format as a team. Since the last Florida Cup was in 2001, bragging rights go to South Florida with an 18.5 to 13.5 victory at Lago Mar Country Club.

Keep checking on the website, www.fsga.org and see what your point standings are!

The **South Florida Team** celebrate their victory in the 2001 Florida Cup.



NEW GHIN CLUBS

The FSGA welcomes the following clubs that have joined the GHIN Handicap System since the New Year. We appreciate your support.

Bay Dunes GC, Panama City Beacon Woods GC, Bayonet Point Charles Schwab GC, Orlando Club at Renaissance, Ft. Myers Diamond Back, Haines City Eagle Creek CC, Naples Miccosukee CC, Miami Office Depot GC, Delray Beach Panama CC, Lynn Haven Pine Meadows CC, Eustis Pine Ridge G & CC, Beverly Hills Seven Rivers G & CC, Crystal River Southside Pines, Lakeland Turtle Creek Club, Tequesta

2003 Winter Series Final Points Standings

65 & Over Division

55-64 Division

40-54 Division

Gross Standings			Gross Standings			Gross Standings		
1	Ray Darmstadt	530	1	Joseph Cristillo	500	1	Rick Barger	270
2	Tracy Allen	520	2	Bob Currey	280	2	Samuel Martinez	250
3	Bill Western	440	3	Jerry Jackson	270	3	James Tierney	230
4	Roger Strong	380	4	Mike Timbers	260	4	Steve Saterbo	210
5	Dick Johnson	310	5	John Peters	210	5	Buck Buckner	200
6	Moot Thomas	280	6	Ken Couturier	200	5	John Robinson	190
7	Bob Madsen	240	7	Michael Alford	190	7	Bob Hinkle	180
8	William Diedrich	200	7	Charles Costolo	190	7	Dan Smith	180
9	James Mannix	190	7	Michael Hastings	190	9	Steve Lavely	170
10 Larry Flynn 180		7	Phil Leckey	190	10	Morgan Bays	170	
Net Standings		Net Standings			Net Standings			
1	Ray Darmstadt	640	1	Joseph Cristillo	430	1	James Tierney	270
2	Tracy Allen	440	2	Michael Alford	290	2	Rick Barger	250
3	Roger Strong	320	3	Michael Hastings	230	3	Steve Lavely	230
3	Dick Johnson	320	3	Phil Leckey	230	4	Buck Buckner	210
5	Bill Western	300	5	Bob Currey	220	5	Bob Hinkle	200
5	Larry Flynn	300	6	Steve Adams	190	6	Dan Smith	190
5	Lee Habjan	300	7	Gordon Tunstall	180	7	Evan Nyer	180
8	Syd Brooke	270	7	Hank Lehwald	180	7	Peter McCabe	180
9	Moot Thomas	240	9	Mike Timbers	170	9	Jeffrey Shourds	170
10 Richard Sheldon 200		10	Jack Bussinger	160	9	Kenneth Ahmie	170	

^{*}The following results are the top ten from each division. Please log on to www.fsga.org for complete results.

2003 FSGA Council Members

The following individuals have joined the FSGA as Council Members for 2003. Because of supporters like them, we are able to increase our services to the game. We greatly appreciate your support of amateur golf in Florida and the FSGA.

Jim Adams Kenneth Ahmie Michael Alford Tracy Allen* Gary Almond George Andre* Joseph Andriole **David Anthony** Matthew Avril Jim Ayersman Steve Baker Larre Barrett **Bob Battle** Michael Battle Robert Bauman Timothy Beavers* Jack Berry* Dean Blankenship Ed Boyer* **Spencer Brainard** Randy Briggs Taffie Brisley* Ed Brondo Rick Brown Gary Burkhead Jim Byington Cap Caponi Vincent Carosella Jim Cecchini Van Champion Milo Chelovitz Lee Chira Ray Columbaro* Robert Cook J. Cooper* Tom Corum* Larry Cotten Joe Courtney Steve Creekmore **Jack Curley**

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Parent-Child Set for Disney World

The entry deadline is right around the corner for the always fun **Parent-Child Champion-ship** on August 2-3. Get your entry in now to reserve your spot, entries close July 9.

Played at the **Walt Disney World Resort**, golfers of all levels will be split among the resort's four courses. The regular division will play on the Bonnet Creek's Eagle Pines and Os-



Bruce and **Scott Scamehorn** win the regular division at the 2002 **Parent-Child**.

prey Ridge courses and Disney's Magnolia course. The junior division will compete on the Oak Trail executive course. The Magnolia Course, home of the National Car Rental Golf Classic, will test the skills of the professionals and their partner.

This tournament is unlike the other FSGA Championships. The Parent-Child

is open to everyone! There is no maximum age limitation for parent or child and grandparents may play with their grandchildren. In addition, golf professionals may play with their child or grandchild in the professional division.

This Championship offers the opportunity for all golfers to play no matter their level. The regular and professional division will play 36 holes of modified alternate shot while the juniors play 9 holes of modified alternate shot using the Stableford scoring each day. The teams, except the professional division will be grouped by combined handicap for day one groupings.



Scott and **Diana Davis**, winners of the 10-11 junior division in the 2002 **Parent-Child**.

Defending Champions of the regular division, **Bruce** and **Scott Scamehorn** won with a score of 139. **Scott** and **Diana Davis** claimed the 10-11 junior division and **Brendon** and **Andrew McCarthy** won the 6-9 flight with 53 points. The pro division title went to **Fred** and **Devin Harkness** with a score of 139.

Don't miss the opportunity to play with your child at the world's most "magical place!"

FSGA to Accept Corporate Sponsorships

The **2003 Board of Directors** met in April at PGA National in West Palm Beach for their quarterly meeting. Members of the Executive Committee, Advisory Board and FSGA Staff get together four times a year to discuss FSGA happenings.

The meeting on April 26 went over many topics including membership ideas, the upcoming Championship schedule and corporate sponsorships. Regarding membership, the numbers are looking good for the first quarter as our membership base has increased. In addition, a membership mail campaign will go out soon to attract new members that want to support the FSGA.

Jack Pultorak, Tournament Director, spoke on the upcoming Championship schedule and led a breakout session on the Winter Series events.

Another topic of discussion was corporate sponsorship and the fact that the FSGA will be seeking companies to support the FSGA and in return receive presence in FSGA printed materials and other means. If you are interested in supporting the FSGA with a corporate sponsorship or know someone with a company that we may contact, please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742.



FWSGA Update

We are happy to report that the Florida Women's State Golf Association has moved into our office in Tampa. Their Executive Director, Judy Comella has recently retired and the FWSGA Board is in the process of hiring another Executive Director. The FSGA is looking forward to working with the FWSGA.

UPCOMING DEADLINES					
U.S. Open Sr. Open Qualifiers	May 14				
U.S. Am. Public Links Qualifiers	May 28				
Four-Ball	June 4				
U.S. Junior Qualifiers	June 4				
U.S. Amateur Qualifiers	July 2				
Parent-Child	July 9				
Match Play	July 9				
Public Links	July 16				
U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifiers	July 16				
Mid-Senior	July 23				

Birdies, Beers & Steaks

What a great Club Team Championship!

by Jim Demick, FSGA Executive Director

The World Golf Village did a super job hosting this year's Club Team and both golf courses were in great shape. Based on player reaction, everyone likes the site and I'm sure we will be back with one of our Championships as soon as next year. The guys from the Ponte Vedra Inn and

to pay for the championship entry fee, team shirts or other expenses. Since you are representing your club in a team event all this is permissible under the rules of amateur status.

Speaking of great venues, the Senior Championship was also held in the Jacksonthe time to thank our volunteers, staff and even the staff at the clubs we visit. Your kind comments mean a tremendous amount to all those involved in conducting events and your comments are truly appreciated. Don't get me wrong - not all of you are always wonderful -

there are times "Your kind comments mean a tremendous amount to when we would like to stuff a few of you in the trunk of a car somewhere- but the vast majority of you are a great bunch

of competitors and you're a pleasure to be

See you soon,

all those involved in conducting events and your comments are truly appreciated."

Club played very well and it was neat to see them bring home a Championship that their club first won in the inaugural event back in 1941.

For those of you that missed the Club Team this year, don't make the same mistake next year. The State Team is a wonderful opportunity to travel with some of your fellow members and it is always one of the best-received events of the year. In fact, get your club involved in holding a qualifier for the event and use some of the qualifying fees

ville area and Marsh Landing was a fantastic host. We look forward to visiting both sites again in the near future.

The season is off to a good start and the Mid Am Four-Balls filled up faster than ever. The website also seems to be well-received and 84% of State Amateur entries were received electronically. I would also like to recognize many of our competitors who take



