

Forbess & Kennedy Win Four-Ball Championship

The team of **Major Forbess** and **Chris Kennedy** made birdie on the infamous 17th hole to clinch the **59th Florida State Four-Ball Championship** at TPC Sawgrass in July.

Major Forbess, of Jacksonville, and **Chris Kennedy**, from Bradenton, posted a tournament total of 11-under par 133 to win the 2008 Championship. After a first round 67 on Dye's Valley Course, the University of North Florida teammates trailed the leading team by five strokes. Playing THE PLAYER'S Stadium Course in the final round, Forbess and Kennedy made seven birdies en route to carding a 32-34 for the low round of the day. Forbess drained a 40-foot birdie putt on the par 3, 137 yard 17th hole to secure the title by one stroke. Kennedy was last year's Match Play runner up and finished in the top ten in this year's Amateur Championship.

Two teams shared second place honors including first round leaders **Jonas DeWitte** and **Jason Guptill**. DeWitte, of West Melbourne, and Guptill, from Rockledge, led after a first round 62 and finished with a 72 for a tie for second. **Joe Tumlin**, from Lithia, and **Garrett Morrison**, from Orlando, also finished with a tournament total of 134 recording a 65-69 for the two rounds. Morrison placed second in this year's Amateur Championship.



Major Forbess and Chris Kennedy

Barber Captures Boys Junior Championship

Blayne Barber went wire-to-wire to capture the **54th Florida State Boys Junior Championship** for his second Boys Junior title as **Matthew Ceravolo** claimed the junior division title at **Interlachen Country Club** and **Country Club of Orlando** in July.

In the 16-18 age division, **Blayne Barber**, 18, of Lake City, posted a tournament total of 9-under par 206 to win the 2008 Championship. After a first round 5-under par 66 on the par 71 Country Club of Orlando course, Barber took a one stroke lead heading into the second round. Barber then expanded his lead to three with a second round 67 at Interlachen. "I never played so well in my life," said Barber. "I hit the ball exactly as I wanted and made lots of birdies." In the final round, Barber started with a pair of pars then made double bogey on three and bogey on four. "I just hung in there and tried not to get down," said Barber.



Blayne Barber

With a par on five and birdies on six and nine, Barber made the turn at 2-over and maintained his three stroke lead. On the back, Barber birdied holes 15, 16 and 18 to go 3-under for the last five holes and post a 1-under par 35. "I knew I had a four stroke lead with two holes to play," said Barber. "It let me relax and not worry so much about the remaining holes." Barber's final round of 73 secured his second Boys Junior Championship by four strokes. "This win is great," said Barber. "This is my last junior tournament so it's nice to go out on top." Barber, who will be playing at University of Central Florida in the fall, won the 2006 Boys Junior Championship and was last season's Florida Junior Tour (FJT) Points Champion. This win puts him slightly ahead to win this season's FJT points race.

For more on the Boys Junior, please see page 5.

Peel Takes Senior Match Play 3 & 2 in Finals

Fred Peel defeated **Bruce Scamehorn** 3 and 2 to win the **3rd Senior Amateur Match Play Championship** at **Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club** in July.

Before starting match play, **Fred Peel**, of Chipley, earned the 3rd seed posting a 70 in the seeding round. Peel proceeded to win four matches to reserve his spot in the final match. In the Round of 32, Peel beat **Quay Burket**, of Altamonte Springs, 8 and 6 to face **Bill O'Keefe**, from Fort Lauderdale, in the next round. Peel beat O'Keefe 3 and 2 in the Round of 16. In the quarters, Peel defeated **Bob Ethridge**, of Plantation, by the same result of 3 and 2. In the semis, Peel kept his winning streak alive defeating **Gary Pettit**, from Dade City, 4 and 3 to advance to the final match versus Scamehorn. Peel won his fifth and final match defeating Scamehorn 3 and 2. Peel jumped ahead early and was 2 up after nine holes and maintained the lead throughout the entire match.

En route to facing Peel in the finals, **Bruce Scamehorn**, the 2004 Senior Amateur Champion and 2006 Senior Match Play Runner Up, defeated the 2006 Champion **Berger Warner**, of Ocala, 4 and 3 in the Round of 16. Scamehorn, of Winter Haven, won his next match by default and then upset top seed and defending champion **Rick Woulfe**, of Fort Lauderdale, 2 and 1 in the semifinals. In the Senior Division First Flight, **Tom Hendrick**, from Inverness, defeated **Roger Flaherty**, of San Antonio, 3 and 2. Hendrick won the first hole, lost the next two holes then regained the lead for the win.

In the Super Senior Championship Bracket, 2nd seed **Brian Sachs**, of Newberry, beat **Bill Sonntag**, of Saint Augustine, 4 and 3 for the division title. Sachs defeated last year's Super Senior Champion **Jim DuBois**, of Coral Springs, 1 up in the Round of 16 and then beat the 2005 Senior Amateur Champion **Edward Craig**, of Orlando, 1 up in the quarters. Sachs continued his run winning his semifinal match 2 and 1 against **Max Mathews**, of Andalusia. **Ron Audi**, from Ocala, upset top seed **Bob Rogoff**, of Coral Springs, 6 and 5 to claim the Super Senior First Flight title.



Fred Peel

Aylwin Defends at Public Links Championship



Kevin Aylwin

Kevin Aylwin went wire-to-wire to defend his title in the **Public Links Championship** at **Hunter's Creek Golf Club** in Orlando on July 18-20.

Kevin Aylwin, of New Smyrna Beach, played steady golf to post a tournament total of 6-under par 210 to win the 2008 Championship by three strokes. After firing a first round 5-under par 67, Aylwin recorded a 73 in the second round to lead by two heading into the final round of play. "I didn't miss a fairway all first round," said Aylwin. "It made it a lot easier to get around the course." In the final round, Aylwin made the turn at 34 birdying holes five and eight. On the back nine, Aylwin started with five consecutive pars, birdied 15 and made bogey on 17, his only bogey of the day, to secure his second Public Links Championship. "I really wanted to win," said Aylwin. "This win feels great." In addition to the 2007 Public Links Championship, Aylwin won last year's Junior Match Play Championship earning him Junior Player-of-the-Year honors. Most recently, Aylwin, a University of North Florida golfer, advanced to match play in the US Amateur Public Links and won the Two-Man Shoot-Out in May.

Cameron Knight, from Dade City, jumped into second place after firing a 66 in the final round, the low round of the tournament. Combined with rounds of 75-72, Knight finished with a 213 total. **Kyle Cobb**, from Tallahassee, took third place shooting a 70 in the first round and a pair of 72's the final two days.

The Public Links Championship is open to bona fide public course players who are not members of a private club and also do not have a handicap index higher than 6.4. Competitors played 18 holes of stroke play on each of the three days.

Johnson Wins Match Play Championship

David Johnson defeated Carlos Velez in the final match to win the Amateur Match Play Championship at Quail Valley Golf Club in Vero Beach on August 7-10.

In the finals, **David Johnson**, of Palm Bay, secured the title on the 17th hole beating **Carlos Velez**, from Miami, 2 and 1. After nine holes, Johnson and Velez were all square heading to the back nine. On the 10th hole, Johnson, a senior at the University of Central Florida, jumped in front making birdie to go 1 up. Velez brought the match back to all square with a birdie on 11. On the par 3 12th hole, Johnson took the lead again making par. Johnson then birdied the 14th hole to go 2 up and increased his lead to 3 draining a 12 foot birdie putt on 15. On 16, Velez made a birdie putt from off the green to extend the match. On the 17th hole, Johnson closed out the match sinking a 25 foot birdie putt for his first State Championship title. "It feels great to win," said Johnson. With a 3rd place finish at the State Amateur and a semifinal finish in this year's US Amateur Public Links, Johnson said, "I've been waiting for this win."



David Johnson

En route to the finals, Johnson and Velez each won five matches to meet Sunday afternoon. "I played well all week," said Johnson. "My ball striking was really good and my putter caught up in the end." Johnson, who earned the 7th seed after posting a 69 in the seeding round, defeated the 2005 Match Play Champion **Kelly Gosse**, from Inverness, 4 and 3 in the first round. Johnson continued on winning his Round of 32 match 3 and 2 to face two-time Public Links Champion **Kevin Aylwin**, from New Smyrna Beach, in the Round of 16. Johnson defeated Aylwin 3 and 2 for his spot in the quarters. Playing **Chris Piumelli**, from Vero Beach, Johnson won 1 up to advance to the semifinals. On Sunday morning, Johnson faced 3rd seed **Thomas Murray**, from Orange Park, the highest seed remaining in the field, and beat Murray 4 and 3 to face Velez in the final match. Johnson was under par in all of his matches. "The course was in perfect condition," said Johnson. "The whole week was a lot of fun."

Bear Lakes Hosts Junior Match Play

Ernesto Marin and **Daniel Berger** each won five matches en route to capturing their division titles in the **Junior Match Play Championship** at **Bear Lakes Country Club** in West Palm Beach. **Erica Popson** made it three in a row winning the Girls 13-18 age division in the event held late July.

Ernesto Marin, of Miami, defeated **Kevin Britton**, of Palm City, 4 and 3 in the final match to claim the Championship Flight of the Boys 16-18 age division. Marin, coming off a quarterfinal finish in the US Junior Championship, won four matches before meeting Britton in the finals. Marin, the 4th seed, won his first match 4 and 3 and proceeded to beat **Scott Smyers**, of Lakeland, 1 up in the Round of 16. In the quarters, Marin won 5 and 3 and then beat **Brandon Park**, of Weston, 4 and 2 in the semis. Park, the 32nd seed, upset top seed **Justin Foster**, of Dune-din, in the first round. In the finals, Marin was 2 up through nine holes and won the 10th hole to go 3 up. Britton won 13 to close the gap to two and Marin answered with a 25 foot birdie putt on 14 to bring his lead back to three. Marin birdied the 15th hole to secure the Championship title 4 and 3. Britton, the 31st seed, had a good run knocking off the 2nd and 3rd seeds on his way to the finals.



Daniel Berger and Ernesto Marin



Erica Popson

Top seed **Daniel Berger**, of Jupiter, won the Boys 13-15 age division Championship Flight beating **Chris Ingham** 3 and 1 in the final match. After firing a 65 in the seeding round, Berger won his first match 6 and 5 and then his Round of 16 match 2 and 1. In the quarters, Berger beat **Marcus Plunkett**, from Saint Augustine, in 19 holes to advance to the semifinals versus **Joshua Lee**, from Orange Park. Berger defeated Lee 5 and 4 to face Chris Ingham in the final match. Berger and Ingham traded birdies throughout the front nine as Berger went 1 up at the turn. Berger made birdie on the 11th hole to go 2 up and after halving holes, Berger closed out the match on 17. This win better Berger's runner up finish last year and most recent runner up finish to Gary Nicklaus in the Palm Beach County Amateur Championship. Next up, Berger will attempt to win the Amateur Match Play Championship in August at Quail Valley. To reach the finals, Ingham, of Pinecrest, birdied the last four holes to come back from three down to beat **Matt Ceravolo**, of Palm Beach Gardens, 1 up. Ingham placed third in this year's Boys Junior Championship.

Defending Champion **Erica Popson**, of Davenport, won her third Junior Match Play title beating **Samantha Marks**, of Maitland, 4 and 2 in the final match. After earning a bye in the first round, Popson, the top seed in the Girls 13-18 age division, won her next two matches 1 up and 2 and 1. This win also adds to Popson's victory in the Florida Junior Girls' Championship.

“I Thought I Got a Free Drop”

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



At our recent Junior Team Championship at the Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista Course, we had an interesting ruling involving a player playing from a wrong place. It started off innocent enough but then got a little more interesting.

On the eighteenth hole, a player hit his approach shot to the green of his final hole that sailed over the green and into some thick bushes. Believing the bushes were ornamental, the player thought he was entitled to relief without penalty (mistake number one). However, there was no such Local Rule in effect and the player was required to play the ball as it lies.

The player could see and identify the ball in the bushes as his but did not retrieve the ball. Instead, the player dropped a different ball (mistake number two – substituting a ball when not allowed) within one club length of his nearest point of relief and no nearer the hole and played it (mistake number three – too late now to use the “Eraser Rule”

and get back to where he should have been in the first place without incurring a penalty).

At this point, the player stopped and summoned an official for assistance.

The ruling was made that the player was not entitled to relief from the bushes and should have played the ball as it lies (Rule 13-1). When he dropped a ball and played it to the green he had substituted a ball (Rule 15-2) and played from a wrong place (Rules 20-7 and 13-1). In stroke play, as of January 1, 2008, the penalty for these two violations is two strokes (Exception to Rule 15-2 and Note 3 to Rule 20-7). Had this occurred prior to 2008, it would have been four penalty strokes. That’s the kinder gentler USGA for 2008!

That would have been it except for the fact that when the player dropped from the bushes; essentially an unplayable situation, to the nice green grass behind the green, he basically was getting out of jail in playing from that wrong place. That is where the clause about a “serious breach” of the Rule kicks in.

Note 1 of Rule 20-7 says that “a com-

petitor is deemed to have committed a serious breach of the applicable Rule if the Committee considers he has gained a significant advantage as a result of playing from a wrong place”.

The Committee decided that going from an unplayable lie in the bushes to nice green grass behind the green was a serious breach of the applicable Rule (13-1). That meant the player was required to correct his mistake by playing a second ball in accordance with the Rules; go back to where you first screwed up and play a ball correctly with the two shot penalty sticking with you!

The player did go back and proceed with the original ball. He decided to declare his ball unplayable in the bushes and took the one stroke penalty and played again from where he last played (Rule 28a). He finished the hole from there incurring a total of three penalty strokes; two for the wrong place and one for the unplayable.

Remember, use the index or the table of contents to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation and follow the Rules of Golf to help yourself to enjoy the game of golf.

Volunteer Appreciation Days

These days are for our outstanding Committee Members. Enjoy a day of golf and lunch with fellow volunteers. Please visit Volunteer Central to register for a Volunteer Appreciation Day in your area.

Monday, September 29 -
Sawgrass CC, Ponte Vedra Beach - 8 am

Monday, September 29 -
Innisbrook Resort - Island Course, Palm Harbor - 8 am

Monday, October 6 -
CC of Orlando, Orlando - 11:30 am lunch then golf

Monday, October 6 -
Bear Lakes CC - Links Course, West Palm Beach - 8 am

Friday, October 17 -
Colonial CC, Ft. Myers - 8 am

Monday, October 20 -
Eglin AFB GC - Falcon Course, Niceville - 8 am



The Villages gang with David Leadbetter at an FJT event sponsored by the David Leadbetter Golf Academy.

Wegmann Wins Mid-Senior Championship



Peter Wegmann

Peter Wegmann posted a tournament total of 6-under par 209 to capture the **Mid-Senior Championship** at **Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club** in Vero Beach on August 15-17. **Peter Wegmann**, from Fort Lauderdale, shot a final round 1-under par 71 on the River Course to win the 2008 Championship by two strokes. After a first round 2-under par 69 on the par 71 Harbor Course, Wegmann trailed the leader by three strokes. Wegmann then matched his first round score of 69 in the second round on the River Course to take the lead by one with one round remaining. In the final round, Wegmann posted a 37 on the front nine with all pars and one bogey. On the back, Wegmann started strong with consecutive birdies on holes 10 and 11. Heading to 17, Wegmann and **Dennis Brady** were tied for the lead at 5-under for the Championship. Playing the par 5, 17th hole, Wegmann hit his second shot 15 feet from the hole to two-putt for birdie and seal the victory.

Three players finished two strokes back from Wegmann to share second place honors including defending champion **Rick Woulfe**, Fort Lauderdale. Woulfe shot a 73 in the first round and moved ahead with rounds of 68-70 on the River Course. Also at 211, **Tim Hume**, from Tampa, and **Peter Hammar**, from Orlando.

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In the 13-15 age division, **Matthew Ceravolo**, 15, of Palm Beach Gardens, ran away with the title recording a tournament total of 5-under par 210. After posting a 68-71 the first two days, Ceravolo held a two stroke advantage heading into the final round. "I've been there before," said Ceravolo about having the lead with one round remaining. "I thought if I stayed at even, I would have a shot to win." In the final round, Ceravolo made the turn at 2-under par 34 with birdies on the holes 3, 6 and 9 for a six stroke lead. On the back nine, Ceravolo continued to birdie holes 14 and 16 to maintain the six stroke lead for the win. "This course was unbelievable," said Ceravolo. "It really suited my game." With this win, Ceravolo wrapped up the Florida Junior Tour points race winning four additional events this season. "This win really means a lot and gives me a lot of confidence." said Ceravolo.

Matthew Ceravolo



Junior Team Championship

More than 50 junior teams representing their junior programs competed in the **2008 Junior Team Championship** at **Walt Disney World Golf Resort** in Orlando.

In the Boys 16-18 age division, the **First Tee of Naples/Collier** secured the win by one stroke with a tournament total of 294 on the Magnolia Course. After a first round 145, the First Tee of Naples/Collier led by three strokes. In the final round, the team held on strong to post a 149 for the victory. **Chase Marinell** shot consistent rounds of 73-72 while **Alex Medinis** and **Matt Lawrence** also played a major role in the team's win. Trailing by one stroke after the first round, the **Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association** came back to win the girls 16-18 age division by four. The girls team posted a 161 in the first round and jumped in front with a 150 in the final round. **Ericka Schneider**, **Stefanie Mitchell** and **Courtney Treubert** represented the winning team.

In the Boys 13-15 age division at the Lake Buena Vista Golf Course, the **King and Bear Junior Program** won the title with a tournament total of 286. Playing for the King and Bear, **Thomas Stewart** shot a 73-70 as **Brian Phelan** posted a 71-72 for each to finish at 143 for the two rounds. Also representing the King and Bear, **Marcus Plunkett** recorded a 74-73. Also playing at Lake Buena Vista, **The Leadbetter Academy** captured the girls 13-15 age division by an overwhelming 15 strokes. **Cindy Feng** led the team firing a 68-67 as **Hally Leadbetter** and **Shannon Aubert** also contributed to the team's success.



The First Tee of Naples/Collier

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.

- Caloosa Golf & Country Club, Sun City Center
- FSGA Southwest Florida Golf Club
- Lakeview Golf Club, Delray Beach
- Scenic Hills Country Club, Pensacola
- Tiger Point Golf & Country Club, Gulf Breeze
- Westview Country Club, Miami

2009 Men's Interclub Open for Registration.

Enter on the Interclub website
<http://interclub.fsga.org/>

Future of Golf Foundation Awards Five Additional Scholarships

The Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) is pleased to announce that five more scholarships have been awarded to deserving juniors through the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation has awarded a total of ten scholarships for the upcoming school year.

Joseph Byun, 18, from Sanford, is a talented junior golfer who will be playing at the University of North Florida. Joseph has won two FJT events and competes in state and national tournaments.

Megan Clipse, 19, from Venice, works at Mission Valley CC and is in her second year at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Lindsey Moss, 19, of Auburndale, is very involved with theatre at Florida Southern College. Lindsey's father works at Lakes Wales Country Club.

Elizabeth Lamontagne, 19, from Zephyrhills, and brother **Eric**, 21, are both in the honors program at Stetson.

This summer, the FSGA has also supported many of Florida's outstanding junior golfers with financial expenses to USGA National Championships. For more on the Future of Golf Foundation, please visit www.fsga.org.

Family Fun at the Parent-Child



North Team Wins 3rd Junior Florida Cup

The **North Team** claimed the **3rd Junior Florida Cup** at **Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club** in Tampa earning 28½ points to the South Team's 11½ points on August 13-14. This marks the North Team's second consecutive victory as the 1st Junior Florida Cup ended in a tie.

After the first day of the Junior Florida Cup, the North Team had a commanding five point lead gaining 12½ points to the South's 7½. The North Team secured 6½ points in the morning round of four-ball compared to the South's 3½ points. In the afternoon round of mixed foursomes, the North Team remained in front earning six points to the South's four points.

On the final day of singles matches, the North Team came out strong to win 15 matches and add 16 points to their first day total while the South won three matches and halved two matches for four points. Playing in his third Junior Florida Cup, **Blayne Barber** went 3-0 winning his singles match 6 and 4. In all, Barber is 9-0 for the Junior Florida Cup as he heads to the University of Central Florida in the fall. **Erica Popson**, also representing the North Team, made five birdies en route to defeating **Paula Reto** 8 and 7 on the final day to go undefeated for the event. Popson, the Florida Junior Girls' Champion, will be playing at the University of Tennessee in the fall. Barber and Popson each topped their respective divisions to be crowned Points Champions. Six juniors on the North Team went undefeated for the event winning all three of their matches.



2008-2009 Florida Junior Tour Schedule

* subject to change

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION/AGE DIVISION
September 13-14	The Majors Golf Club, Palm Bay (13-15)
September 20-21	Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota (16-18)
October 4-5	Wyndermere Country Club, Naples (13-15)
October 11-12	West Bay Golf Club, Estero (16-18)
November 8-9	Golden Hills Golf & Turf Club, Ocala (13-15)
November 15-16	LPGA International Golf Course, Daytona Beach (16-18)
November 28-30	Hunters Creek Golf Club, Orlando (13-15 & Girls 16-18)
November 28-30	Harmony Golf Preserve Harmony (Boys 16-18)
December 6-7	Orange Lake Resort & Country Club, Kissimmee (16-18)
December 13-14	University Park Country Club, Sarasota (13-15)
January 10-11	Brooksville Country Club at Majestic Oaks, Brooksville (16-18)
January 17-18	Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville (13-15)
January 24-25	Placid Lakes Country Club, Lake Placid (16-18)
February 7-8	Killearn Country Club & Inn, Tallahassee (13-15)
February 14-15	Juliette Falls, Dunnellon (16-18)
February 28 - March 1	Southwood Golf Club, Tallahassee (16-18)
March 14-15	TBA
March 28-29	East Lake Woodlands Country Club, Oldsmar (13-15)
April 18-19	Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando (16-18)
May 2-3	Lemon Bay Golf Club, Englewood (13-15)
May 9-10	Don Shula's Golf Club, Miami Lakes (16-18)
May 23-25	Harmony Golf Preserve Harmony (13-15 & Girls 16-18)
May 23-25	Orange County National Golf Club, Winter Garden (Boys 16-18)

Start Planning for the 2008-2009 Winter Series

(for golfers ages 40 and above)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

December 1-2, 2008 – Sugarloaf Mountain, Clermont

January 5-6, 2009 – LPGA International, Daytona Beach

January 19-20 – Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando

February 15-16 – Hunter's Creek Golf Club, Orlando

March 2-3 – The Majors Golf Club, Palm Bay

March 29-31 – Lake Jovita G & CC, Dade City

FOUR-BALL EVENTS

December 15-16, 2008 – PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie

February 2-3, 2009 – Bloomingdale Golfer's Club, Tampa

March 16-17 – Juliette Falls, Dunnellon (Ocala area)

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