

# 2003 Championship Season kicks off in April. Twenty-one events scheduled.

The 2003 FSGA regular season gets underway in April with some exciting competitions. Entry deadlines are fast approaching, so get those entries in to reserve your spot at some of the top courses in Florida!

This year, the FSGA will host 20 state championships in addition to the eight “Winter Series” events. New tournaments for 2003 include the Northwest Club Challenge which begins the tournament schedule at Eglin Air Force Base Golf Course in Niceville on April 5-6. Junior additions include the Junior Match Play Invitational to be held at Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando on July 14-15.

**The 86<sup>th</sup> Florida State Amateur Championship**—the oldest continuous sporting



**Ty Harris**, winner of the 2002 State Amateur

event in the state of Florida—highlights the schedule. Qualifying competitors will play 18 holes each at Orlando’s **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. Thirteen regional qualifiers will be held between May 23 and June 3 to complete the field. Entries close April 30, 2003.

The Florida State **Mid-Amateur Championship** will be played at **Emerald Dunes Golf Course** in West Palm Beach on October 2-5. The Mid-Amateur will have eight regional qualifiers between September 4 and 15.

The **Florida Cup Matches**—which alter-

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CHAMPIONSHIP	ENTRIES CLOSE	DATES OF EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Northwest Club Challenge</b>	March 12	April 5-6	Eglin AFB Golf Course, Niceville
<b>Senior</b>	March 19	April 14-16	Marsh Landing Country Club, Ponte Vedra Beach
<b>Club Team</b>	April 9	May 3-4	World Golf Village, (King and Bear & Slammer and Squire), St. Augustine
<b>Two-Man Shoot-Out (Net &amp; Gross)</b>	April 16	May 17-18	PGA Golf Club, (North & Dye), Port St. Lucie
<b>Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North)</b>	April 30	May 31-June 1	Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand
<b>Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South)</b>	April 30	May 31-June 1	Doral Golf Resort & Spa, (Blue Monster), Miami
<b>Junior</b>	May 14	June 16-17	Plantation Golf & Country Club, (Bobcat & Panther), Venice
<b>Junior Match Play Invitational</b>	Invitational	July 14-15	Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando
<b>Amateur (Qualifiers below)</b>	April 30	June 19-22	The Bay Hill Country Club, Orlando
<b>Junior Team</b>	June 18	July 19-20	Walt Disney World Resort, (Magnolia & Lake Buena Vista), Lake Buena Vista
<b>Four-Ball (Qualifiers below)</b>	June 4	July 19-20	The Club at TwinEagles, Naples
<b>Parent-Child</b>	July 9	August 2-3	Walt Disney World Resort, (Eagle Pines & Osprey Ridge), Lake Buena Vista
<b>Match Play</b>	July 9	August 7-10	Lone Palm Golf Club, Lakeland
<b>Public Links</b>	July 16	August 16-17	Celebration Golf Club, Orlando
<b>Mid-Senior</b>	July 23	August 22-24	Pelican’s Nest Golf Club, (Hurricane & Gator), Bonita Springs
<b>Mid-Senior Four-Ball (North)</b>	August 20	September 20-21	Sugar Mill Country Club, New Smyrna Beach
<b>Mid-Senior Four-Ball (South)</b>	August 20	September 20-21	Club at Renaissance, Ft. Myers
<b>Mid-Amateur (Qualifiers below)</b>	August 13	October 2-5	Emerald Dunes Golf Course, West Palm Beach
<b>Senior Four-Ball</b>	September 10	October 13-14	Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota
<b>Florida Cup Matches</b>	Invitational	October 23-24	Avila Golf & Country Club, Tampa
<b>Mixed Team (FWSGA)</b>	October 1	November 1-2	Mission Inn Resort, (El Campeon), Howey-In-The-Hills



**Ed Craig (L) and Jim Tierney (R),** gross and net winners of the Winter Series Individual Event, January 13-14 at the Legacy Golf Club, Bradenton.

## Winter Series off to great start in 2003!

**T**he 2003 Winter Series events have gotten off to a chilly start! Three tournaments—at the Legacy Golf Club, Crown Colony Golf and Country Club, and Feather Sound Country Club—have featured some great competition and cold mornings.

At the Legacy Golf Club Individual Event, **Ed Craig** birdied the last hole to beat **Gary Petiti** by one shot to win the overall gross competition with a 145. **Jim Tierney** captured the over net title with a 137 total at the Bradenton golf course.

The Crown Colony Four-Ball Event had **Morgan Bays** and **Dan Martinez** winning the gross competition with a 135 total. The

team of **Mike Bell** and **Cary Spicuzza** tied with **Rick Bauch** and **James Tierney** for the overall net championship with a score of 130. The highlight of the tournament came when teams Bays and Martinez, and Bell and Spicuzza eagled the par five fifth hole of the Crown Colony course in Fort Myers.

At Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Richard Henken and John Robinson won the overall gross competition as Rick Brown and Phil Lecky captured the overall net title in the Winter Series Four-Ball Event. Henken and Robinson shot a 133 total while Brown and Lecky finished with a 126 total in the two-day event.

### UPCOMING WINTER SERIES EVENTS

Wentworth Golf Club, Tarpon Springs	March 10-11, 2003
Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand	March 27-28, 2003
ChampionsGate Golf Resort, Orlando	April 7-8, 2003

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### Championship Events

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nate every year with the Southeast Challenge Cup—will be played this year on October 23-24 at **Avila Golf and Country Club** in Tampa. Top amateurs from North Florida will vie with those from South Florida in a Ryder Cup format. The top 16 golfers from each region (based on performance the past two years) are invited to participate in this event.

This year, the 41st Four-Ball Championship comes to **The Club at TwinEagles** in Naples on July 19-20. The course, designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son, Jack, is the site of the Champions PGA Tour event and will

host the State Amateur next year. From June 25-July 7, players can compete in nine qualifying sites across the state. Entries close June 4, so hurry and get your entry in to play at this beautiful course.

You should have already received The 2003 Member's Guide, containing all tournament information, policies and entry forms.

**Save 10 Bucks!**  
Enter tournaments online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) and save \$10.

## Get the word out: Become an FSGA Club Delegate!

More than 120 have answered our recent call to become FSGA club delegates! We initiated the program less than a month ago to foster better communication and coordination between the FSGA, its member clubs, and the USGA. By this means we hope that members will be more informed about what this association does and what benefits we offer to members.

We're still looking for club delegates throughout the state to act as a liaison for the FSGA and USGA, sharing information with other members at their club. The FSGA will provide all relevant materials and will be in contact with delegates several times throughout the year. Responsibilities of club delegates include:

- Posting informative correspondence.
- Asking club staff to publish FSGA information in their newsletter and on their website.
- Talking with fellow members about FSGA activities.
- Communicating with the FSGA about any concerns or questions.

Being a club delegate does not require much time, but we do expect a high level of commitment to the program. Please log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) for more information on the club delegate program or contact Alyson Bartell at [abartell@fsga.org](mailto:abartell@fsga.org).

## Club Team Championship comes to World Golf Village.

The World Golf Village will host the 60th Annual Florida State Club Team Championship on May 3-4 on its infamous Slammer & Squire and King & Bear courses. Named after Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen, the Slammer & Squire course borders wetland preserves and wildlife habitat. The King & Bear, created by the Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, features unparalleled beauty, challenge and design.

The four teammates must be members of the same club and each must be a member of the FSGA. Prior to March 26, only two teams per club may enter the field. If the field is not full by then, additional teams will be added on a first-come, first-served basis.

Over the course of two days, players will compete in 36 holes of stroke play. The total of the low 3 of the 4 scores will count each round.

**Entries close on April 9** so get your entry form in with the \$610 per team entry fee. Don't forget to sign up online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) and save \$10!

# Who's in charge of this event? The Committee is in charge!

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Tournament Director



the job of the Committee.

“What is a committee,” you ask?

By definition according to the Rules of Golf, “the ‘Committee’ is the committee in charge of the competition or, if the matter does not arise in a competition, the committee in charge of the course.”

The Committee may have many people such as the U.S. Open Championship Committee for the U.S. Open Championship or as few as your local golf professional for a one-day club event.

The Committee has many responsibilities as outlined in Rule 33 in the Rules of

Golf book. Those responsibilities include laying down the conditions under which the competition is to be played as well as ensuring the course is properly defined, marked and prepared for the event. Also, the Committee is charged with arranging the starting times and, in stroke play, arranging the groups in which the competitors will play. Additionally, publishing a handicap stroke table in net events, issuing score cards in stroke play events, and announcing the manner in which ties are to be decided are all responsibilities of the Committee. Finally, the Committee is charged with making and publishing Local Rules for abnormal conditions. However, in all cases, the Committee’s authority is limited in that it has no power to waive a Rule of Golf.

I know many of you may have spent little time reading through Rule 33 in the Rules of Golf book. Take a moment and look through some of the available sample Local Rules in Appendix I that a Committee may implement in a competition. Remember, none of these

Local Rules are in effect until the Committee implements them in the competition!

If you are selected or appointed as a member of the Committee, Rule 33 is required reading along with Appendix I in the back of the Rule book. I would also strongly recommend obtaining a copy of “How to Conduct a Competition” published by the USGA and available through their website at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

A job well done by the Committee will make the competition run smoothly and head off many questions or problems that may arise. It will also make for a fun and fair event under the Rules of Golf and a more enjoyable time.

And by the way, in special situations, the Rules of Golf also authorize the Committee to waive, modify or impose a penalty of disqualification if the Committee considers such action warranted; just in case you wanted to know who was in charge!

## Two-Man Shoot-Out right around the corner!

Hurry! Don't delay your entry into the Two-Man Shoot-Out on May 17-18. **Entries close April 16.**

A favorite among competitors, the Two-Man Shoot-Out will play at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie. The Tom Fazio designed North and South courses offers a challenge for competitors with its rolling hills and large greens. For six consecutive years, the PGA Golf Club hosts a state championship. You will not want to miss playing these courses.

The Championship consists of 54 holes over two days. On day one, the morning round will be a two-man scramble. The afternoon round will be alternate shot. The final day will be 18 holes of best-ball. Winners will be decided in both gross and net scores.

The entry fee is \$310 per team. Save \$10 by registering online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org). Fee includes three competitive rounds, cart fee for rounds, and prizes. Entries close April 16.

## More than \$20,000 in scholarships remain.

The 2003 FSGA scholarship program, benefiting FSGA member club employees and their dependents, are open for application. The FSGA will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships through its member clubs in 2003 alone.

Won't you please help spread the word at your club? Tell your favorite employees about this opportunity! We want all club members to be aware of this great scholarship program.

Applicants must be an employee or a dependent of an employee (with employment of at least one year) at a member club. Applications can be found at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) or by calling the FSGA office at 813.632.3742.

## Rules of Golf seminars prove popular in 2003.

FSGA Rules of Golf seminars have proven quite popular with golfers across the state. Due to last year's overwhelming response, the number of seminars was increased from 10 to 14 for the 2002-2003 schedule. Participants partake in indoor classroom instruction with state-of-the-art video presentation, as well as outdoor hands-on sessions covering the rules of golf. All workshops are instructed by FSGA staff members with assistance from tournament volunteers.

**Two Rules of Golf Seminars remain in 2003.** The first will be held Thursday, March 13 at Orlando's Bay Hill Club. Sarasota's Laurel Oak Country Club will host the last seminar of this season on Wednesday, March 19.

Sign up online to reserve your spot. FSGA Committee members are admitted for \$15. Others pay \$30. Golf professionals pay \$50, but earn seven PGA continuing education points for attending. Admission includes a luncheon buffet and rule book.

To register, log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) or call the FSGA at 813.632.3742.

# 2003 USGA Course Rating Seminar held recently at Tampa Palms G & CC

The FSGA recently hosted the 2003 Course Rating Seminar conducted for Florida course raters by the USGA Manager of Course Rating, Scott Hovde, and his Assistant Manager, Amy Billips, from Far Hills, NJ.

More than 80 men and women course raters from the FSGA and FWSGA attended from all sections of Florida. It was held at Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club in Tampa on January 16, 2003.

A detailed general review of the 2002-5 USGA Course Rating System Guides for both men and women was presented in the morning session with time devoted to examples and questions in each area.

After a deli buffet lunch the attendees were divided into three groups going to separate holes for the on-course rating demonstration. The FSGA men raters went with Scott Hovde, the FWSGA raters were with Amy Billips, and the novice raters went out with an FSGA/USGA committeeman and experienced rater, **Charlie Bedford**, for a "how-to" lesson on the basics of course rating.

In the afternoon following the on-course work, questions were again posed and answered.

To improve accuracy and maintain consistency in applying the USGA guidelines to Florida courses, course raters are required to review new course rating USGA revised guidebooks which are published every four years. The annual USGA Seminar is one of



The USGA's Scott Hovde leads a course rating seminar January 16 at Tampa Palms G & CC

the opportunities course raters have to brush up on their skills.

FSGA performs the function of providing education to course raters in many other different venues throughout the year, also. Workshops for all course raters are scheduled in April in five different local regions of the state annually and conducted by experienced FSGA Course Rating Committee members.

These members are **Mallory Privett**, currently President of FSGA, **Charlie Bedford**, FSGA teaching course rater, **Karen Korf**, FWSGA course rating captain, **Ed Boyer**, FSGA course rating captain, **Tony Hebel**, longtime and honored USGA course rater and committee member, and **Jim Demick**, Executive Director of FSGA.



**Tom Zaras** (L), new FSGA Tournament Director, with FSGA President Mallory Privett (R) following the 2001 Four-Ball Championship at The Doral Golf Resort and Spa.

## Doral's Tom Zaras joins FSGA.

Join us in welcoming **Tom Zaras**, the newest FSGA Tournament Director!

Tom joins current FSGA Tournament Directors **Les Brown**, **Peter Dachisen**, and **Jack Pultorak**. Responsibilities of our tournament directors include course setup, coordinating volunteers, rules decisions—even course marking and posting event results on the FSGA website.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Tom moved to Miami in 1972. After working for a while in the clothing industry, Tom decided to make a career of golf, attempting to play professionally.

After his tour attempt, Tom became a golf professional at Miami Springs Golf and Country Club where he worked with adults and, most enjoyably for him, the junior

players. Tom left Miami Springs to become the tournament director at **The Doral Golf Resort and Spa**. Tom, with his staff of three, managed more than 1,200 events per year. After four years at The Doral, Tom packed up and moved north to Tampa and the FSGA!

Tom has attended many rules workshops, including the USGA/PGA Tournament Procedures class held at TPC Sawgrass. Recently, Tom returned from a 4-day USGA/PGA Rules Workshop held at The Bay Hill Club.

Tom and wife Susan, to whom he's been married for 25 years, have four children and two grandchildren. As you might expect, Tom enjoys playing with his grandchildren and working with juniors in athletics.

Look for Tom at one of our next competitions.

# Renew your membership for 2003!

Renew your FSGA membership today! Sure, you'll continue to receive some great benefits but, most importantly you'll be investing in the future of Florida golf! Complete and return this application or register online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).

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# Golf is good!

Make time for family, friends and the game you love.

by Jim Demick, FSGA Executive Director



Would somebody offer up some good news already! The weather's been bad, the economy stinks, the stock markets are worse and don't even get me started on the Middle East...

...so, how's your game? I hope golf is still treating you well.

Golf remains one of the finest diversions from the real world. In difficult times our family, friends and faith take on even greater importance in our lives. Oh, and let's not forget golf. Golf as translated into most languages means, "spending good times with close friends". This year the FSGA has lined up a terrific competitive schedule, including a great weekend at the World Golf Village for the Club Team Championship. If you haven't entered yet, get your team lined up, the beer iced down and get ready to play the Slammer & Squire and The King & The Bear. The

Club Team is a fantastic event that brings together 200 guys from all around the state, so do not miss it!

We are also looking forward to another

State Amateur at The Bay Hill Club. Mr. Palmer, who has always been a great supporter of the FSGA, has graciously provided his course so that we can identify the best amateur player in the state. Qualifying for the Amateur will be held at thirteen local sites, so get your game sharpened up and come see how it stands up under "real" competitive conditions.

Outside of competitions, I am pleased to report that our volunteer base is stronger than ever. The FSGA has more than 340 vol-

unteers participating in course rating, rules officiating and junior programs, and we are lucky to have them. No, make that honored to have them. Do me a simple favor, the next time you run into one of our course rating volunteers or tournament officials,

please say "thank you".

Take care of your family, spend time with your friends and don't forget to play more golf! Remember, no one on their death bed ever said "I wished I'd spent more time at the office".

See you soon,

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