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How Do We Top FSGA



Happy holiday tidings go out to all members of FSGA with this issue from Association officers, directors and staff. President M. T. McInnis, Vice President Bob McCullers and state office staff members Bill Carey, Patsy Baker, Edna Carey, Mary Jane Palmer and Bill Fritts all hope your holidays will be the happiest ever.

Jr.-Sr. 4-Ball at Amelia Island First Event of 1975!

FSGA's expanded tournament schedule begins January 18 with a slightly different format in a brand new location.

Amelia Island Plantation, an exciting recreation-oriented settlement near Fernandina Beach on the Atlantic, will be the site of the new Junior-Senior 36 hole, four-ball tournament.

Listings for Golf Guide Close Jan. 15

January 15 is the cut-off date for accepting free listing information for FSGA's 1975 Golf & Tennis Guide. It is also the advertising deadline for the digest size book which will tell you what you've wanted to know about every golf, tennis, business meeting and vacation spot.

The staff has been at work since July on the updated Guide which in addition to more than 400 listings, features articles by Florida's top golf writers in the six major play areas of the state.

A call to the state office (813) 958-6673 will give you additional information about the Guide, 100,000 copies of which will be distributed in 1975.

One member of the two-man team must be of senior vintage, 55 years old or more, the other member may be any age under 55. Better ball of the team will prevail with the first day's play qualifying teams into flights for final day action.

This is the first time such a team combination has been played in FSGA competition and it will be an initial session for Amelia Island as a tournament site. The Amelia links is eight miles south of Fernandina Beach. There are 27 holes. The tournament will be played over the North and South nines which measure 6,448 yards from the blue tees, have a par of 71 and a course rating of 70.5.

Three holes on the course wind through the picturesque dune line along the wide Atlantic beach. On a breezy day all the flavor of a Scottish seaside links is preserved for the golfer at Amelia.

Contestants will stay in attractive villas on the golf course and will be entertained Saturday evening at a special barbecue near the attractive new Inn at the beach. The field will be limited to 120 players, 60 teams, so contestants are urged to determine their "junior-senior" combination soon and return entries promptly to insure a place in the field.

Entry forms for the Amelia Island event will go in the mail December 12.

Schedule in 1975!

A state champion who became a national amateur winner.

Five hundred and four holes of state tournament golf played by 1,641 member contestants in 13 different events.

Prizes, awards and tournament expenditures in excess of \$40,000 for members.

These were the highlights of 1974 for Florida State Golf Association in its 63rd year and already the year ahead promises bigger and better things.

In review it must be noted that Jerry Pate of Pensacola was the second FSGA member in the last nine years to turn the hat trick of winning the Florida State Amateur Championship and then go on to victory in the U. S. Amateur.

Pate won the 1974 state title with a solid 279, nine under par for the 72 hole stroke play test over the long and demanding Grenelefe course at Haines City. He was one shot better than Lakeland's Andy Bean, University of Florida star, at whose home Pate was a guest during the tournament week.

In addition to being the first Pensacolan to win the state crown Pate played number one for the University of Alabama golf team during the year and was the first Tide swinger to win the national amateur.

Floridian Bob Murphy, now a successful pro tourist, achieved the double Florida-U. S. Amateur win in

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Membership Renewal Form on Page 4

Since you've been billed for your 1975 dues with this newsletter please pass along the membership form on page four to a golfing acquaintance.

No increase in dues for regular members, however, in view of the extra events for seniors their dues will increase to \$15 for 1975.

1974 FSGA Tournament Winners

BOB MYERS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, Grenelefe CC, Haines City, 36 holes, 139, Andy Bean, Lakeland



BEAN



DOTSON

WEST PALM BEACH SCHOLARSHIP TMT, W. Palm Bch CC, 36 holes, 144, Ed Menster, University of Fla., Gainesville



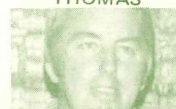
THOMAS



PATE

KING NEPTUNE TOURNAMENT, Sarasota, 36 holes, 141, Bill Dotson, Auburndale

MEMBER INVITATIONAL, Walt Disney World, 54 holes, 222, Phil Thomas, Miami



JONES



ABELL

STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, Grenelefe CC, Haines City, 72 holes, 279, Jerry Pate, Pensacola

JOHN'S ISLAND INVITATIONAL, Vero Beach, 36 holes, 143, Austin Jones, Orlando



WEGMAN



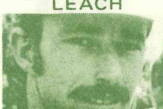
LEACH

STATE JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP, Capri Isles GC, Venice, 36 holes, 140, David Abell, Ft. Pierce, 12-14 year division, overall winner; 142, Peter Wegman, Plantation, 15-17 year division winner

SENIOR FOUR-BALL, Silver Lake, Leesburg, 36 holes, 131, Walter Leach, Maitland & John McKey, Orlando



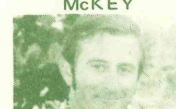
McKEY



G. SCHROEDER

HARDER HALL INVITATIONAL, Sebring, 36 holes, 142, Gary Schroeder, Winter Park

FSGA SCHOLARSHIP TMT. - Lone Palm CC, Lakeland, 18 holes, 71, Ted Huff, Winter Haven; 18 holes, 71, Mike Schroeder, Lakeland



HUFF

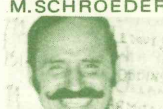


M. SCHROEDER

STATE FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP, Port Malabar CC, 36 holes, 129, Jerry Tarnow, Tampa & Chris Sarro, Tampa



TARNOW



SARRO

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP, Vero Beach CC, 36 holes, 150, Key Scales, Weirsdale



SCALES



CUNNINGHAM

LIFE AT FORTY TOURNAMENT, Lehigh Acres CC, 54 holes, 216, Larry Cunningham, Naples

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1965. He nailed the national title after winning the state at Bay Hill with 294.

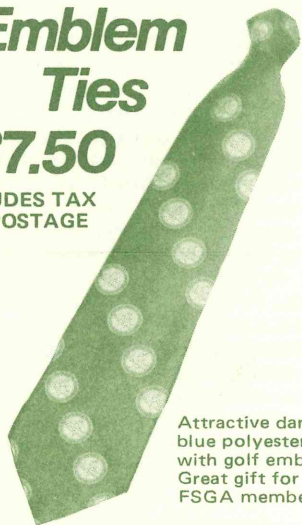
Pate, named to the USGA's World Amateur team, later in the year led the U.S. to victory in the matches held in the Dominican Republic for amateur teams from 35 countries.

The Florida state titleholder tied for individual world honors with Jaime Gonzales of Brazil who is pursuing his golf and higher education at Oklahoma State.

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Another former Florida State Champion, Gary Koch of Tampa, was a member of the four man team and contributed measurably to the U.S. victory.

And we note that Floridian Pete Dye designed and built the dramatic Campo de Golf Cajules on the Southeast coast of the Dominican Republic where the world matches were played. A golf architect of growing international stature, Dye did the fine John's Island course at Vero Beach which annually hosts one of the Association's most popular summer events.

The 1974 tournaments were played on Florida's finest golf courses. Winners of the year's FSGA events are pictured elsewhere in this report along with their winning totals and location of the event.

Many of last year's courses will be back on the 1975 schedule along with some fine new sites, several of which appear for the first time. Amelia Island Plantation, San Carlos C. C., Sawgrass, Ponce de Leon, King's Inn, Mission Inn, Errol Estate, Willow Brook and Fort Myers C. C. will be new stops on the FSGA circuit.

The complete 1975 schedule of 18 tournaments, most ever, is listed on the next page, and we urge you to keep it handy. Entry forms to the first three

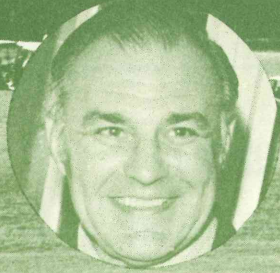
events of the near year will be mailed about mid-December.

Where prizes, awards and tournament expenditures for members topped \$40,000 during the year just ended, the five additional events set for 1975 are expected to put the tournament return to members over \$50,000.

To play in Association tournaments individual members must belong to FSGA member clubs or men's associations as these groups help contribute to the sponsorship of the tournaments. Members planning to play in specific events are urged to return entry forms and checks promptly as most tournaments fill rapidly. If for some reason you must withdraw after entering, your fee will be returned if the state office is notified prior to the refund deadline printed on all entry forms.

Your cooperation in filing promptly will be appreciated as the clerical staff usually is working two or more tournaments at the same time and early entry will give them the opportunity to serve you more efficiently and guarantee you a place in the field.

Thanks for your fine attendance and cooperation in 1974 and we look forward to greater tournament horizons in the year ahead.



BILL CAREY

inside florida golf

BY-LAWS AMENDED AT MISSION INN

Fourteen members turned out for the winter meeting, November 23, of FSGA's Board of Directors at Mission Inn, Howey-in-the Hills.

President M. T. McInnis led a lively morning session which continued through lunch until the group's one p.m. tee time arranged by Mission Inn's host professional Junie Marshall.

Vice President Bob McCullers, Directors Ed Greene, Walter Aller, Key Scales, Jack Shubert, Harold Barber, Bob White, Nate Schine, Al Tidrow, Dexter Daniels, Jr., Austin Jones, Orin Blair, W. G. Birdsong and Executive Director Bill Carey were in attendance for the meeting.

Principal piece of business was the amending of FSGA's Constitution and By-Laws, copies of which, complete with proposed changes, were sent to all members in the summer newsletter.

Highlights of the changes to update the By-Laws were: 1. Raise dues of senior members to \$15. 2. Eliminate special junior dues category. 3. Require recommendation signature of two FSGA members in good standing on application form for new members. 4. Reduce to 15 the number of member clubs required for quorum at any annual or special meeting. 5. Secretary/Treasurer to have title of Executive Director and serve for a two year period. 6. Approve new contract for Executive Director effective January 1, 1975. 7. A majority of districts by number (presently 8) will constitute quorum at directors' meeting. 8. Eliminate rotation by districts of State Amateur Championship location. 9. Empowered Board of Directors by two-thirds vote of those present at any directors' meeting to amend By-Laws. 10. Approved fiscal year ending December 31.

Copies of the complete By-Laws as amended will be sent to all members in the Spring Newsletter prior to the annual meeting at Ponce de Leon Lodge and Country Club, St. Augustine, April 24, 1975.

SENIOR DUES RAISED TO \$15

Please note from the bill accompanying this newsletter that dues for regular members remain at \$10. However, annual dues for seniors (members 55 years old and over) have been raised to \$15 to help pay for the extra senior tournaments.

We'll be grateful, too, for your reading the statement carefully and giving us all the information asked for. Reason for the duplication of information requested on the form is that it goes to two different offices, one removed from the state headquarters office. Filling out both forms will keep the mail and membership departments properly informed and able to serve you more efficiently.

NEW SITES IN '75 FOR 18 TOURNAMENT LINEUP

The 1975 FSGA tournament schedule appears on page four. There are nine new locations for the 18 events, a full and pleasurable schedule for FSGA members.

New tournament sites for the coming year are: Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island; Sawgrass C. C., Ponte Vedra Beach; Ponce de Leon C. C., St. Augustine; King's Inn, Sun City; Willow Brook G. C., Winter Haven; Bardmoor C. C., Largo; Mission Inn C. C., Howey-in-the-Hills; Fort Myers C. C., Fort Myers and Errol Estate C. C., Apopka.

This will be a good place to note that in all 1975 tournaments the cost of a golf cart will be included in contestant's entry fee. Host clubs have made this request and the tournament committee has agreed to it, also hoping the mandatory use of carts will help speed play.

GOLF WRITERS TELL IT ALL

Members and visitors desiring full information about Florida's great golf and tennis facilities will get it all in the 1975 GOLF & TENNIS GUIDE, ready for distribution in January.

The state's leading golf editors and columnists were assigned to write location pieces and they responded nobly. Jim Achenbach, Sarasota Herald-Tribune; Larry Bush, Palm Beach Times; Ray Crawford, Miami Herald; Bill Kirby, Tampa Tribune; Frank Matey, Florida Times-Union; Betty Ann Rhodes, St. Petersburg Times and Jim Wartars, Orlando Sentinel, all chipped in their enlightened comment.

Bill Fritts, editor of the GUIDE who researched more than 400 listings, and this writer, also contributed articles to the epic compilation of Florida fairway and court facilities.

ALLOCATION OF HANDICAP STROKES

We've had a flurry of questions about handicapping holes on courses which have been recently remodeled.

"If the two most difficult holes on the golf course are on the same nine holes, can we indicate them as the number one and number two handicap holes?" is the most asked question.

This certainly can be done, however, it defeats the objective of stroke allocation which tries to equalize as nearly as possible the distribution of handicap strokes over the entire 18 holes.

In my opinion, the best method is to assign the odd-numbered strokes to holes on the first nine and even-numbered strokes to holes on the second nine. That's right out of the book and it works best 98 per cent of the time.

If the second nine is decidedly more difficult, use the odd-numbered strokes there. But remember, the theory is that a handicap stroke should be an equalizer of sorts and should be available on a hole where it most likely will be needed.

SHORT SHOTS

Reinstatement to Amateur Status application traffic still heavy for hole-in-one winners and amateurs accepting merchandise certificates or prizes with retail value in excess of \$200. Tournament directors are urged to remind winners of penalties imposed for accepting too much. FSGA office also weary of processing applications. . . Reminder to USGA member clubs that annual meeting is Saturday, January 25, 1975, Biltmore Hotel, Madison Avenue and 43rd St., New York, N. Y. . . Have a happy, happy holiday season and thanks for all the good things you've done for Florida State Golf Association in 1974!

FSGA 1975 Tournament Schedule

JANUARY 18-19

JR. - SR. FOUR-BALL, Amelia Island
Plantation, Amelia Island

FEBRUARY 15-16

SCHOLARSHIP TMT. (Myers), Grenelefe
CC, Haines City

MARCH 2

ONE DAY EVENT, San Carlos CC, Ft. Myers

MARCH 15-16

NORTH FLORIDA INVITATIONAL
Sawgrass CC, Ponte Vedra Beach

APRIL 12-13

KING NEPTUNE TOURNAMENT, Rolling
Green GC, Sarasota

APRIL 25-27

MEMBER INVITATIONAL, Ponce de
Leon, St. Augustine

MAY 9-11

SENIOR FOUR-BALL, Beach Club, Naples

MAY 19

U. S. OPEN QUALIFYING, King's Inn
G & CC, Sun City

JUNE 5-8

STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP,
Lehigh Acres CC, Lehigh Acres

JUNE 27-28

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, Willow
Brook, Winter Haven

JULY 26-27

BARDMOOR INVITATIONAL, Bard-
moor CC, Largo

AUGUST 16-17

SCHOLARSHIP EVENT, Mission Inn CC,
Howey-in-the-Hills

AUGUST 24

ONE DAY SCHOLARSHIP EVENT,
Lone Palm CC, Lakeland

SEPTEMBER 14

SCHOLARSHIP EVENT, Ft. Myers CC

SEPTEMBER 27-28

FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP, Errol
Estate CC, Apopka

OCTOBER 18-19

SENIOR'S CHAMPIONSHIP, Vero Beach
CC, Vero Beach

NOVEMBER 7-9

LIFE AT FORTY CHAMPIONSHIP, Lehigh
Acres CC, Lehigh Acres

DECEMBER 6-7

HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL, King's Inn
G & CC, Sun City

Request for Individual Membership

Florida State Golf Association

I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF FSGA MEMBER CLUB

(Name of Club)

and desire individual membership in FSGA and Handicap Card in pay-
ment of which I enclose \$10. If Senior (55 years or over) enclose \$15.

Score C.R. Diff.

Score	C.R.	Diff.

I have entered, in the boxes to the left, the ten
lowest of my last twenty scores and the USGA
Course Ratings of the courses on which the
rounds were played. Note: If rounds listed are
the lowest of less than the last twenty scores,
from how many rounds were they selected?

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHETHER THIS
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	CURRENT CLUB HANDICAP
	NEW Requires signa- tures below of 2 FSGA members.
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Application requires signature below
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