



# Ratings & Rulings

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## Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available

With the Championship season right around the corner, Volunteers can now go to the “Volunteer Central” page of the website to register for FSGA, USGA, and FJT Events.

This year will include more than 400 days of competition including 25 State Championships and over 40 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. The qualifying season kicks off with the first of seven qualifiers on March 15<sup>th</sup> for our Senior Amateur Championship. The qualifiers are 18 holes of stroke play leading up to the 54 hole Championship at the Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club in Bradenton. We greatly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication, and we look forward to a great year in 2011.



### Championship

Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball  
 Men’s Interclub Team Matches  
 Super-Senior  
 Senior (Qualifiers)  
 Mid-Amateur Stroke Play  
 Two-Man Shoot-Out  
 Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North)  
 Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South)  
 Amateur Public Links  
 Senior Amateur Match Play  
 Amateur (Qualifiers)  
 Boys Junior (Qualifiers)  
 Four-Ball (Qualifiers)  
 Florida Open (Qualifiers)  
 Parent-Child  
 Junior Match Play (16-18)  
 Junior Match Play (13-15 & All Girls)  
 Junior Florida Cup  
 Amateur Match Play (Qualifiers)  
 Junior Team  
 Mid-Senior  
 Mid Senior Four-Ball (North)  
 Mid Senior Four-Ball (South)  
 Mixed Team (FWSGA)  
 Mid-Amateur (Qualifiers)  
 Senior Four-Ball  
 Florida Cup Matches  
 Club Team

### Date

March 26-27  
 April 2-3  
 April 5-6  
 April 11-13  
 April 29-May 1  
 May 14-15  
 June 4-5  
 June 4-5  
 June 10-12  
 June 12-16  
 June 23-26  
 July 6-8  
 July 9-10  
 July 15-17  
 July 23-24  
 July 27-30  
 July 27-30  
 August 1-2  
 August 4-7  
 August 6-7  
 August 19-21  
 September 10-11  
 September 10-11  
 October 1-2  
 October 6-9  
 October 11-12  
 October 27-28  
 November 12-13

### Entries Close

March 9  
 December 3  
 March 16  
 March 2  
 April 6  
 April 20  
 May 18  
 May 18  
 May 25  
 May 25  
 May 11  
 June 1  
 June 1  
 June 15  
 June 29  
 July 13  
 July 13  
 Invitational  
 June 29  
 July 20  
 August 3  
 August 24  
 August 24  
 September 16  
 August 24  
 September 21  
 Invitational  
 October 26

### Location

Ironhorse CC, West Palm Beach  
 Grand Cypress GC, Orlando  
 Vero Beach CC, Vero Beach  
 Ritz-Carlton Members GC, Bradenton  
 Gainesville CC, Gainesville  
 Bonita Bay Club, Bonita Springs  
 Plantation Bay GC, Ormond Beach  
 Wyndemere CC, Naples  
 MetroWest GC, Orlando  
 Lake Wales CC, Lake Wales  
 Doral Golf Resort & Spa, Miami  
 Quail Valley GC / Bent Pine GC, Vero Beach  
 Ritz-Carlton GC, Orlando  
 Black Diamond Ranch, Lecanto  
 Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista  
 Lake Jovita G & CC, Dade City  
 Lake Jovita G & CC, Dade City  
 Ritz-Carlton Members GC, Bradenton  
 Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville  
 Sandridge GC, Vero Beach  
 Bear Lakes CC, West Palm Beach  
 Sugar Mill CC, New Smyrna Beach  
 The Wanderers Club, Wellington  
 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach  
 Old Marsh GC, Palm Beach Gardens  
 Lago Mar CC, Plantation  
 Sara Bay CC, Sarasota  
 Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club, Vero Beach

# Upcoming Events

## 2011 FSGA Rules of Golf Seminars Schedule

Rules of Golf Workshops are taught by certified Rules Instructors and designed to benefit golfers of all abilities and tournament volunteers.

Location	Date
Hunter's Green Country Club, Tampa	February 4
Country Club of Ocala, Ocala	February 8
Weston Hills Country Club, Weston	February 15
Vero Beach Country Club, Vero Beach	February 17
Mission Valley Country Club, Nokomis	February 22
Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando	February 24
Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville	March 8
ChampionsGate Golf Club, ChampionsGate	March 11
Plantation Bay Golf & Country Club, Ormond Beach	March 15
International Golf Links of Miami, Miami	March 23
River Hills Country Club, Valrico	March 30

### Class Details

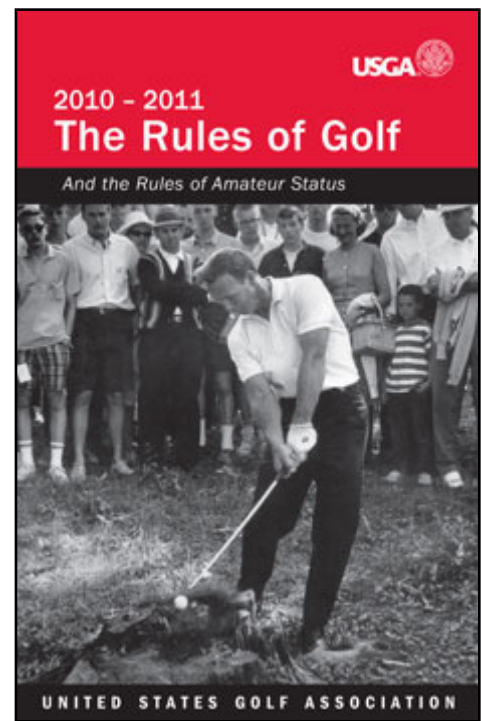
- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- Indoor slide and video presentations
- Outdoor demonstrations
- Lunch included
- Rule book included

### Cost

- \$10.00 per person (FSGA Committee Members)

### Summary

- A full day interactive class covering the Rules of Golf with emphasis on the most common Rules encountered.



# One-Day Net Season

## **Come out and play with us on your days off from volunteering!**

The one-day events are designed for golfers of all skill levels. Other golf associations across the United States have been very successful in running one-day net competitions. The FSGA started running one-day events in 2008 and it was an instant success. We wanted to gear the events to a wider range of golfers so that they can have fun and compete for prizes. We have included some of the premiere courses in the state: **TPC Sawgrass, Innisbrook, Black Diamond, Naples National**, and many more!

### **Entry Fee**

- Includes: Cart, golf, range balls, and prizes.

### **Format**

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights, unless you choose to play in the **Gross flight**.
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
- Shotgun start

### **Flights and Tees Played**

- Gross Flight (All Ages) – Approximately 6,500 yards
- Under 50 Flight - Approximately 6,500 yards
- 50-64 Flight - Approximately 6,200 yards
- 65 and Over Flight - Approximately 6,000 yards



**TPC Sawgrass – THE PLAYERS Stadium Course**

### **Entries, Tee Times, Results, and Details**

- All entries must be received through the FSGA website. **\*\*Except for TPC Sawgrass\*\***
- Groupings and hole assignments will be posted approximately 3 days before the event.
- Results will be posted through the FSGA website.

### **Prizes**

- \$10 per person (from the entry fee) is in the gift certificate pool.
- Ties will be broken by scorecard playoff. First by comparing the back nine, if still tied, then the last 6 holes on the course, then the last three, then the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, and finally by a coin flip.
- Payouts within flights - the number of players earning gift certificates and the amounts will be based on the number of players in each flight that week.

### **Eligibility**

- Amateur golfers (Women are eligible for select events in each region).
- FSGA/GHIN handicap required (24.0 or less).
- Golfers who do not have a FSGA/GHIN handicap index from a FSGA member club may purchase a 2011 handicap online for \$30 at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).
- First time players without an established GHIN handicap will be eligible to compete, but not for prizes.

## *Recent Rulings on the Course*

### **“Hey, you moved my ball!”**

Has this ever happened to you? You see someone searching for a ball very near to where yours should be and they lean over and pick up a ball. After deciding it is not theirs, they toss it back down and walk away with an apologetic wave of the hand.

That certainly upsets me more than it should. In the vast majority of times, you shouldn't have to actually pick up the ball to identify it. It may be avoided if you put an identifying mark on your ball as recommended in the Rules.

Back to the task at hand. What has just happened? Actually, there are a few components to this scenario. You have your ball in play and at rest that has been moved. That leads us to Rule 18. To determine which section of Rule 18 applies, we need to determine who or what moved our ball in play and at rest. There are six choices in Rule 18 (actually five since one of the categories fits into one of the other categories). They are as follows:

1. An outside agency
2. You the player, your partner, either of your side's caddies or either of your equipment
3. Your opponent, his or their caddies or any of their equipment
4. A fellow-competitor, his or their caddies or any of their equipment (outside agencies, see section one)
5. By another ball
6. By someone in measuring while proceeding under or to determine the application of a Rule

In this case, my ball was moved by another person playing on the golf course. That person is neither a fellow-competitor nor an opponent to me. By definition, he is an outside agency.

Now we're getting someplace! That leads us to look at Rule 18-1 to find out what to do. That section tells us that “If a ball at rest is moved by an outside agency, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.”

Since we're not sure exactly where the ball was lying through the green, instead of placing it on an estimated spot, we must drop the ball as instructed by Rule 20-3c. I only hope my lie is just as good as it was before that person picked up my ball!

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.



### ***Jack Pultorak***

Director of Rules and Competitions

# Course Rating Update

Hello Course Raters,

In November, I was relaying some information from the USGA Course Rating Manual and I botched the explanation. Pat Finfrock, a loyal reader of Ratings and Rulings pointed out my error. Here's my attempt to redeem myself with the help of visual aids.



As long as the team has a set of tees that are within the green area, a team can then ignore rating the tees in the red area. I still need to know the name of the tees in the red area that a club wants rated so I can provide them a rating using a yardage adjustment to the nearest set of tees that were rated. A Women's team has different yardages and they are 6,000 yards to 4,000 Yards.



Next, I'm going to ask for your help in dealing with some of the course rating calls that flood the office. Usually, it starts with a call from a pro or an assistant looking for information on when the course will be rated. Then once the on-course portion of the rating has been completed, I receive the frantic "when will my rating be ready?" call. Oftentimes, I have to tell a little white lie to quell the anxiety of the person on the other line. This should not happen, but with current procedure of handling ratings, I am often in the dark on scheduling or completion of the on-course portion of the ratings. I need to know this, and I am asking that an email is sent to inform me of the date, and a separate email informing me when the on-course portion of that rating is complete.

Thanks for all of your hard work.



***Gary Donat***

Director of Course Rating

# Volunteer Central – Signing up for FJT & Winter Series Events

The **2010-2011 Florida Junior Tour** season is underway. Volunteer sign-up is now available online under Volunteer Central. We need your help to continue conducting first-class events for Florida's juniors. Please sign up to volunteer for the opportunity to watch Florida's future of golf.



Location	Date	Entries Close
Viera East GC (13-15), Viera	February 12-13	January 5
Southwood GC (16-18), Tallahassee	February 26-27	January 20
LPGA International (13-15), Daytona Beach	March 5-6	January 26
Vero Beach CC (16-18), Vero Beach	March 12-13	February 2
Cypress Run GC (13-15), Tarpon Springs	March 19-20	February 9
Harmony Golf Preserve (16-18), Harmony	April 2-3	February 23
Rio Pinar CC (16-18), Orlando	April 16-17	March 9
Lemon Bay GC (13-15), Englewood	April 30-May 1	March 23
Ritz-Carlton Members GC (16-18), Bradenton	May 14-15	April 6
Innisbrook Resort & GC (Boys 16-18), Palm Harbor	May 28-30	April 20
Orange Co. Nat. (Boys 13-15 & Girls 13-18), Winter Garden	May 28-30	April 20
The Evergreen Club (13-15), Palm City	July 16-17	June 8

## 2010-2011 Winter Series

The **2010-2011 Winter Series** is underway and volunteer sign up is now open online.

Location	Date	Entries Close
Hunters Green Country Club, Tampa	February 14-15, 2011	February 2
Verandah Club, Fort Myers	February 28-March 1, 2011	February 16
Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville	March 14-15, 2011	March 2

**Click Here to Sign-up**

# Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!



**Happy Birthday** to all 54 of our Committee Members born in the month of January! If you should be listed and are not, our database must have some bad information, so please email your birth date to Jeff Magaditsch at [jmagaditsch@fsga.org](mailto:jmagaditsch@fsga.org).

Jim	King	The Villages	1/1
John	Perry	Fernandina Beach	1/1
Paul	Phelps	Orlando	1/1
Gigi	Roberts	Orlando	1/1
Mike	Scott	Tampa	1/1
Dennis	Briggs	Trinity	1/2
William	Kury	Fort Pierce	1/2
Richard	Manion	Sun City Center	1/2
Christina	Wood	Vero Beach	1/3
Andrew	Dosek	Tampa	1/4
Jack	Pearson	Apopka	1/5
Michael	Conigliaro	Land O'Lakes	1/6
Ken	Hamilton	Niceville	1/6
Bobbi	Henderson	Palm Harbor	1/6
Marcel	Wagner	Tequesta	1/6
Bob	Latimer	Palm Beach Gardens	1/8
Darryle	Mongeon	Ocala	1/9
Donna	Baginski	Clearwater	1/10
Jim	Stone	Leesburg	1/11
Peter	Dachisen	Wesley Chapel	1/12
Howard	Eckstein	Palm Beach Gardens	1/12
Tom	Mirus	Kissimmee	1/12
Bob	Patterson	Windermere	1/12
Gary	Donat	Temple Terrace	1/14
Debbie	Dove	West Palm Beach	1/14
John	Hubbert	St. Lucie West	1/14
Dee	Russell	Tavares	1/14
Jim	Applegate	Palm City	1/15
Dick	Brooke	Destin	1/15
Ann	Kentees	Vero Beach	1/15
Terry	Thomas	Crestview	1/15
Ellen	Axtell	Jacksonville	1/16
George	Carhart	Sun City Center	1/16
Allie	Fraidowitz	Sarasota	1/16
Fred	Graneto	Ponte Vedra Beach	1/16
Neil	McGillicuddy	Niceville	1/16
Charlie	Caravati	Daytona Beach	1/17
Joan	Cobb	Tallahassee	1/17
Mark	Woodroffe	Tampa	1/17
Audrey	Bailey	Niceville	1/18
Terrance	Cole	Kissimmee	1/19
Dan	Morrison	Seminole	1/21
Chip	Powell	Bradenton	1/22
John	King	Naples	1/24
Bela	Nagy	Sebastian	1/24
Leonard	Veraldi	The Villages	1/24
Donna	Starr	Esteros	1/25
Susan	Thore	The Villages	1/25
John	Dickey	The Villages	1/26
George	Fenwick	Sun City Center	1/26
Shari	Pfannenstein	Homosassa	1/26
Richard	Saunders	Tallahassee	1/28
Kenny	Fill	Miami Lakes	1/31
Rick	Moorbeck	Inverness	1/31

## *Recent News*

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I'm very pleased to announce that **Tracy Dachisen** has joined our staff to fill a new position - Director of Volunteers. Tracy will also be working on our membership program and our Foundation activities.

She was born and raised in the Garden State, New Jersey. She spent a small part of her childhood on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the small town of Easton. This is where she picked up her first golf club at the age of 6. Tracy played competitive golf from the ages of 12 to 24ish. She was fortunate to have the opportunity to play in many AJGA, collegiate and national events around our beautiful country.

Tracy attended the University of South Florida where she played on the Women's Golf Team for four years. GO BULLS! In April of 1996, she was reunited with a former New Jersey junior golfer to which she married in 1999, Peter Dachisen. They are blessed with a son, Peter, who makes the Energizer Bunny look like a slacker. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family at every amusement park in Florida as well as paper crafting and cooking.



### **Recruit your Friends**

We are in need of more Committee Members. Please talk to your friends and see if they are interested in coming along with you to volunteer at an event. Please let the Tournament Chairman know before the event.

### **We want your club on GHIN!!**

The FSGA is actively trying to get the entire state using one handicap system being the GHIN Handicap System. GHIN has grown to more than 600 clubs in the state and we want your club to join the list. Please talk to your club staff or call the office and let Aaron Skoviera, Director of GHIN, show your club why GHIN is the most advanced Handicap System available.