



Ratings & Rulings

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A Publication for FSGA Volunteers

Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available

The championship season kicks off this month with qualifying for the Senior Amateur Championship at Southern Hills Plantation Golf Club in Brooksville on April 13-15. We look forward to a great season at such fine venues as **Bay Hill Club & Lodge**, **Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club** and **Grand Cypress Golf Club**. Committee Members can now sign up for all events online under the “Volunteer Central” page of the website at www.fsga.org.

This year will include more than 275 days of competition including 25 State Championships and over 40 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. Don't forget to also sign up to volunteer at the Florida Junior Tour (FJT) events. The 93rd Amateur Championship is right around the corner with 15 qualifiers across the state so please sign up to help in your area. These qualifiers are one-day events leading up to the championship at Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando. Soon after State Amateur qualifying, Boy's Junior, Florida Open and Four-Ball qualifying are set to start along with USGA qualifying events throughout the summer. We greatly appreciate all of your help and support, and we look forward to a great year in 2010.



Championship

Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball
Men's Interclub Team Matches
Senior (Qualifiers)
Mid-Amateur Stroke Play
Club Team
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)
Amateur Match Play (Qualifiers)
Junior Team
Junior Florida Cup
Mid-Senior
Mid Senior Four-Ball (North)
Mid Senior Four-Ball (South)
Mid-Amateur (Qualifiers)
Mixed Team (FWSGA)
Senior Four-Ball
SE Challenge Match

Date

March 27-28
 April 2-3
 April 13-15
 April 23-25
 May 1-2
 May 15-16
 June 5-6
 June 5-6
 June 11-13
 June 13-17
 June 24-27
 July 6-8
 July 10-11
 July 16-18
 July 24-25
 July 29 - Aug. 1
 July 29 - Aug. 1
 August 5-8
 August 7-8
 August 11-12
 August 20-22
 September 11-12
 September 11-12
 October 7-10
 October 9-10
 October 12-13
 October 16-17

Entries Close

February 24
 December 4
 March 3
 March 24
 March 31
 April 14
 May 5
 May 5
 May 12
 May 19
 May 12
 June 2
 June 2
 June 16
 June 23
 June 30
 June 30
 June 30
 July 14
 Invitational
 July 21
 August 25
 August 25
 August 25
 September 24
 September 15
 Invitational

Location

Ritz Carlton Members Club, Bradenton
Grand Cypress GC, Orlando
Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville
Hawk's Nest GC, Vero Beach
Verandah Club, Fort Myers
Harbour Ridge Yacht & CC, Palm City
Sugarloaf Mountain, Clermont
The Sanctuary GC, Sanibel Island
PGA GC, Orlando
Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club, Vero Bch.
Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando
Grand Cypress GC, Orlando
Ocean Course at Hammock Bch, Palm Coast
Innisbrook Resort & GC, Palm Harbor
Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista
Indian River Club, Vero Beach
Sandridge GC, Vero Beach
Ritz-Carlton GC, Jupiter
Orange Lake Resort, Kissimmee
Golden Ocala, Ocala
Plantation Bay CC, Ormond Beach
CC of Ocala, Ocala
Sara Bay CC, Sarasota
Timuquana, Jacksonville
Plantation G & CC, Fort Myers
Amelia National GC, Fernandina Beach
Lost Tree Club, North Palm Beach

Recent Rulings on the Course

Last month the FSGA conducted the University of South Florida Invitational golf tournament at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club. Here are a few of the interesting rulings from the tournament.

USF Invitational Rulings

- Player with a proper provisional ball in play wishes to not identify a ball pointed out by a spectator as his original ball and proceed with his provisional.
 - Result-he must identify the ball which turned out to be his original. He proceeds with original and abandons provisional. Decision 27-2c/2
- Player touches water in a lateral water hazard with his club as he slips and falls.
 - Result-no penalty as per Exception 1(a) under Rule 13-4
- Player steps on own ball through the green in error
 - Result-one stroke penalty under Rule 18-2a and player must replace ball. Lie was altered so player proceeded under 20-3b in placing ball in nearest most similar lie within one club-length no nearer the hole
- Player moves ball in play with practice stroke on putting green
 - Result-one stroke penalty under 18-2a and ball is replaced. No stroke has been made as per Decision 18-2a/20
- Player in a lateral water hazard has his balling touching abandoned ball.
 - Result-The player is allowed to remove the abandoned ball which has the status of a movable obstruction without penalty. Decision 24-1/2.
- Players accept ride in cart from assistant coach between the play of two holes when not allowed per Transportation Condition in Appendix I
 - Result-two penalty strokes added to each players' score for the next hole to be played



Volunteers:

This is your newsletter, please send me any information that you find interesting! Whether it's your 50th wedding anniversary, an interesting ruling, or a helpful course rating tip, please e-mail me at jmagaditsch@fsga.org

One-Day Net Season

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

The one-day net 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: **Black Diamond, Innisbrook, TPC - Doral Blue Monster at Doral, Concession** and many more!

Entry Fee

- Includes: Cart, golf, range balls and prizes.
- Prices range from \$40-\$95.

Format

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
- Shotgun start

Flights and Tees Played

- **"Under 50" Flight** - Approximately 6,500 yards
- **"50-64" Flight** - Approximately 6,200 yards
- **"65 and Over" Flight** - Approximately 6,000 yards



Old Corkscrew Golf Club, Estero

Entries, Tee Times, Results and Details

- All entries must be received through the FSGA website
- Groupings and hole assignments will be posted approximately 3 days before the event
- Results will be posted through the FSGA website

Prizes

- \$10 per man (from the entry fee) is in the gift certificate pot
- 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 18th 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.



Black Diamond, Lecanto

Course Rating Update

Hello all, I hope all is well with you and yours. It's been a busy start to the year thus far and I just wanted to go over a few basic points.

- Every course should be measured prior to rating (Any questions on this please give me a call)
- If an obstacle exists on a hole, the minimum value is 1 not 0
- Make sure all form 1's are legible
- Include proper tee designations as indicated by the club on form 1's
- Include the correct club and/or course name on form 1's

All courses need to be measured, unless it was measured within 3 years prior to the rating. Our measurements are used to compute the rating not necessarily for use by the club. If they want to use our information, great, but it is not mandatory that they change their scorecards or monuments to reflect our measurements. Please keep this in mind when dealing with clubs.

If an obstacle exists along the line of play, the minimum value assigned is 1. All too often I find form 1's with a value assigned for one golfer and a zero assigned for the other golfer.

Please, Please, Please record your information legibly so I don't have to call and question a number. If you use Brian's workbook you don't have to worry about this point.

The last two points are going to be very relevant with the release of the Online USGA Course Rating Program because of the naming formats utilized by the USGA Course Rating Database. As your team visits each of these courses, please take some time to make sure these two points are addressed and correctly reflected on the materials sent to the FSGA office.

Let's have a good year and always remember if you have a question, don't hesitate to give me a call. Also, remember to use Volunteer Central on our website www.fsga.org as an alternative source of information. Thanks in advance for all of your hard work.

Gary Donat

Director of Course Rating



Volunteer Central – Signing up to Officiate



Volunteer Central is the main source for all information regarding all events, policies, ratings and seminars throughout the state.

- When signing up for an event at Volunteer Central, make sure you are logged into your account.
- Once logged in, click on the Volunteer tab shown above and a new screen will appear for Tournament Sign-up, along with Course Rating tools.
- If you wish to sign up for a tournament, click on any of the events, i.e., FSGA events (which include all 2010 FSGA Championships), FJT events, or USGA qualifiers.
- A new screen will appear for you to sign up, and you will have your choice of events throughout the state.

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 580 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.

Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!



Chuck	Freedman	The Villages	3/2
Anthony	Hebel	West Palm Beach	3/2
Craig	Ammerman	Tequesta	3/3
Pat	Finrock	Port St Lucie	3/6
Leigh	Ford	Stuart	3/6
Scrib	Kelly	The Villages	3/7
Paul	L'Heureux	Eustis	3/8
Thomas	Cox	Punta Gorda	3/10
Shane	Ward	Lake Wales	3/10
Regis	Wenham	Wellington	3/11
Kathleen	Derbes	Tequesta	3/12
Boots	Farley	Jacksonville Beach	3/12
John	Mann	Fort Myers	3/14
Paul	Phelps	Orlando	3/15
Bob	Forward	Lake Wales	3/17
Dale	Strub	Lake Suzy	3/17
Ward	Anderson	Ocala	3/19
Mac	McGlooin	Sarasota	3/19
Laura	Orlen	Jacksonville	3/19
Joseph	Proudfoot	Plantation	3/19
Gary	Belford	Fort Myers	3/20
Michael	Alford	Nokomis	3/21
Vincent	Volpe	Leesburg	3/22
Mimi	Henderson	Osprey	3/23
Duane	D'Alessandro	Oviedo	3/24
Roger	Harvie	Viera	3/25
Ann	Ives	Gainesville	3/25
Stanley	Jacobson	Palm Beach Gardens	3/25
Burt	Bines	Boca Raton	3/26
John	Galm	Gainesville	3/28
Delph	Gustitus	Jupiter	3/28
William	Mattes	The Villages	3/28
George	Grant	DeLand	3/29
Joseph	Krum	Palm Beach Gardens	3/30
Carolyn	Reichel	The Villages	3/30
Jane	Romanasky	The Villages	3/31

Happy Birthday to all 36 of our Committee Members born in the month of March! 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.

Sights of the Season



Above left: Glenn Briggs at Senior Four-Ball Championship; **Above right:** FSGA Past President Tom Dudley with current FSGA President Tom Keedy at the Florida Open.



Left: Pat Keenan at the Boy's Junior Championship.



Right: Gary Belford at the FJT Old Corkscrew event.



Above left: Jim Meyer officiating at the FJT Sara Bay event; **Above right:** Robert Woodmansee starting at the FJT Santa Lucia event.