



# Ratings & Rulings

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A Publication for FSGA Volunteers

## FSGA Tournament Season Underway

The 2010 Championship Season continued this past week with the **Senior Amateur Championship** at **Southern Hills Plantation Golf Club** in Brooksville. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the volunteers that helped run another successful event.

This year will include more than 350 days of competition including 25 State Championships and 43 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. Don't forget to also sign up to volunteer at the Florida Junior Tour (FJT) events. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Amateur Championship is right around the corner with 15 qualifiers across the state so please sign up to help in your area. These are one-day qualifying events leading up to the championship at Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando. Soon after Amateur qualifying, Boy's Junior, Florida Open and Four-Ball qualifying are set to begin 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.



**Karen Korf** working the scoreboard at the Senior Amateur



**Left:** Jim King, John Dickey, Steve Jones and Luanne Byers Zabytko help out at scoring at the Senior Amateur  
**Right:** David Aultman gets nine hole scores at the Senior Amateur



### Volunteers:

*This is your newsletter, please send me any information that you find interesting! Whether it's your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, an interesting ruling, or a helpful course rating tip, please e-mail me at [jmagaditsch@fsga.org](mailto:jmagaditsch@fsga.org)*

# Recent Rulings on the Course

## PGA Tour's Verizon Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links

Many of you saw what happened to Brian Davis in the play-off against Jim Furyk. It was actually a simple ruling.

### **Rule 13-4c reads:**

Except as provided in the *Rules*, before making a *stroke* at a ball that is in a *hazard* (whether a *bunker* or a *water hazard*) or that, having been lifted from a *hazard*, may be dropped or placed in the *hazard*, the player must not:

Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

### The note reads:

At any time, including at *address* or in the backward movement for the *stroke*, the player may touch, with a club or otherwise, any *obstruction*, any construction declared by the *Committee* to be an integral part of the *course* or any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing. Since Brian touched a loose impediment, he was in breach of the Rule and incurred a Two Stroke Penalty.



## USF Invitational at Lake Jovita

- Ball rolls into pitch mark made by another ball
  - Result-No relief as ball needs to be embedded in own pitch-mark for relief to be granted
- Ball lodged in tree but not able to be identified
  - Result-Player must proceed under stroke and distance penalty. Decision 27/15.
- Play Suspended by Committee and Play Resumed on subsequent day
  - Result-See Rules 6-8 (a, b, c, and d)
    - Suspension of play for non-dangerous situation – three short blasts of the airhorn
    - Resumption of play – two short blasts of the airhorn

### **The FSGA Welcomes New Clubs to GHIN:**

The following clubs have recently joined the FSGA and GHIN.

**Aquarina Golf Club**  
**Fairways Country Club**  
**Fort Lauderdale Country Club**  
**Harbour Ridge Yacht & CC**  
**Huntington Golf Club**  
**Marion Oaks Country Club**  
**Palm Harbor Golf Club**  
**Pompano Beach Golf Course**  
**Quail Ridge Country Club**  
**The Vinoy Club**  
**Ridge Manor Oaks Golf & CC**  
**The Everglades Club**  
**The Evergreen Club**  
**The Golf Club of Quincy**  
**The Hogans Golf Club**  
**Toscana Crossing Golf Club**  
**Turnbull Bay Golf Club**  
**Verandah Club**  
**Weston Hills Country Club**

# 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, Royal Palm Country Club of Naples** 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 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.



Black Diamond, Lecanto

# Course Rating Update

Hello all, I hope all is well with you and yours. I want to give you a “heads up” on a new interactive tool offered by the USGA called “Infoportal”, which includes a discussion forum, a technology blog and more importantly for us, a course rating blog.

The USGA Course Rating Blog can be found at <http://InfoPortal.usga.org> . To have your account set up, please send me an email expressing your interest. Once your username and password have been assigned, go ahead and access the web address as stated above: on the USGA Infoportal homepage, select Golf Associations. On the Golf Associations page, select Course Rating Blog and bingo you are there.

Keep in mind the USGA Course Rating Blog is relatively new and only has a few posts, but offers good information on some advanced course rating topics. I have a feeling the blog will be a good resource in the future for everyone. It will answer questions on some of our more difficult course rating situations and give some insight into the USGA Calibration Seminars.

Speaking of Calibration Seminars, I want to congratulate the FWPGA team for finishing Number 1 at the Eastern Calibration Seminar. Outstanding ladies! The FSGA team finished with the silver medal for the men. Again finishing at the bottom was the GAF contingent of ladies (GAF didn't bring a men's team) with a score in the 70's. This begs the question, what does the USGA want when it comes to course rating, competence or warm bodies?

Keep up the good work.

*Gary Donat*

Director of Course Rating

The screenshot shows the USGA Course Rating Blog homepage. The header includes the USGA logo and the title 'USGA Course Rating Blog'. The sidebar on the left contains sections for 'Feed your read!', 'Archives' (listing February 2010 (2), March 2010 (4), and April 2010 (1)), 'Links' (USGA.org, USGA Info Blog), and 'Categories' (Course Rating Procedure, Course Rating Seminars, General Info, Obstacles and Effective Length Correction Factors). The main content area displays a list of recent posts with their dates and titles:

- Apr 05** **Hot Topic From the Western Calibration**: An interesting hole to rate from the Western Calibration ended up being the second hole of four selected for the Calibration. To give some background, the course was less than 2,000 ft. in altitude and had no prevailing wind. This particular ...[Read More]
- Mar 26** **Western Calibration Seminar Recap**: The 2010 Western Course Rating Calibration Seminar was held Sunday, March 21 and Monday, March 22 at Castletown Country Club in Pleasanton, CA. Pleasanton lived up to its name, as we had 3 days of very "pleasant" weather with sunny skies and warm ...[Read More]
- Mar 17** **Water Hazards and the Percentage (P) Adjustment**: The next time that you encounter a water hazard while rating, think about the Percentage (P) adjustment. There are many situations whereby a full table value needs to be reduced due to a water hazard being narrow, only borders part of the ...[Read More]
- Mar 12** **Dogleg Adjustment**: One of the topics that can confuse both inexperienced and experienced raters is the proper use of the dogleg adjustment. The key to using it properly is knowing how the hole was measured, so it can be determined how much longer or shorter the hol ...[Read More]
- Mar 04** **2010 Eastern Calibration: In The Books**: The 2010 Eastern Course Rating Calibration Seminar was held Feb. 28—March 1 at ChampionsGate GC near Orlando, Fla. under spectacular weather—albeit quite a few of the attendees were lucky to make it to Florida with snowstorms in the ...[Read More]
- Feb 24** **Course Rating Calibration season has arrived**: The Eastern Course Rating Calibration seminar starts this weekend at ChampionsGate Golf Club south of Orlando, and the Handicap Department staff has been busy preparing for the seminar. For those who have never attended Calibration seminar, it is ...[Read More]
- Feb 19** **Welcome**: Welcome to the USGA Course Rating Blog. This blog is part of the USGA InfoPortal and will provide regular updates, announcements and discussion topics relevant to the USGA Course Rating System. We will share recaps of the National Course Rating ...[Read More]

# Volunteer Central – Signing up to Officiate

Listed below are events in your area that are low on volunteers for May and June.

## Central Florida:

- Amateur Championship Qualifier - Southern Dunes Golf Club – Haines City (5/29/2010)
- Florida Junior Tour Major - Orange County National – Winter Garden (5/29/2010-5/31/2010)
- Florida Junior Tour Major - Harmony Golf Preserve – Harmony (5/29/2010-5/31/2010)
- Amateur Championship Qualifier - Rio Pinar Country Club – Orlando (6/7/2010)
- Boys Junior Qualifier – Orange Lake Resort – Kissimmee (6/14/2010)
- Four-Ball Championship Qualifier – Orange Lake Resort – Kissimmee (6/15/2010)
- U.S. Public Links Qualifier – North Shore Golf Club – Orlando (6/21/2010-6/22/2010)

## Jacksonville Area:

- U.S. Open Local Qualifier – Timuquana Country Club – Jacksonville (5/10/2010)
- Amateur Championship Qualifier: Amelia National Golf Club – Amelia Island (5/26/2010)
- Boys Junior Championship Qualifier – Eagle Landing Golf Club – Orange Park (6/17/2010)
- Florida Open Qualifier - Amelia National Golf Club – Amelia Island (6/28/2010)

## Tallahassee Area:

- Amateur Championship Qualifier - Southwood Golf Club – Tallahassee (6/8/2010)
- Florida Open Qualifier - Southwood Golf Club – Tallahassee (6/28/2010)

*Click here to sign-up*

## 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.

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. The main heading is "Volunteer for FSGA Championships". Below this, there are links for "Volunteer Central", "FSGA Qualifiers", "USGA Qualifiers", "FJT Events", and "High School/College". A red banner states "Events highlighted in red are in need of additional volunteers ASAP!". A table lists various events with columns for "FSGA CHAMPIONSHIP / OTHER EVENT", "CHAIRMAN", "LIST", and "ACTION". The "Senior Amateur Match Play Championship" event is highlighted in red, and its "ACTION" column contains a red "Sign Up!" button. A red arrow points from the text "Click here to sign-up" to this button.

FSGA CHAMPIONSHIP / OTHER EVENT	CHAIRMAN	LIST	ACTION
<b>Senior Amateur Championship</b> Brooksville - Southern Hills Plantation Golf Club   4/13/2010 - 4/15/2010	<a href="#">Peter Dachisen</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship</b> Vero Beach - Hawks Nest Golf Club   4/23/2010 - 4/25/2010	<a href="#">Tom Zaras</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Club Team Championship</b> Fort Myers - Verandah Club   5/1/2010 - 5/2/2010	<a href="#">Peter Dachisen</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Two-Man Shoot-Out</b> Palm City - Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club   5/15/2010 - 5/16/2010	<a href="#">Tom Zaras</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Mid-Amateur Four-Ball North</b> Clermont - Sugarloaf Mountain Golf & Town Club   6/5/2010 - 6/6/2010	<a href="#">Tom Zaras</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Mid-Amateur Four-Ball South</b> Sanibel Island - The Sanctuary Golf Club   6/5/2010 - 6/6/2010	<a href="#">Darin Green</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Amateur Public Links Championship</b> Port St Lucie - PGA Golf Club   6/13/2010 - 6/13/2010	<a href="#">Jeff Magaditsch</a>		<a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a>
<b>Senior Amateur Match Play Championship</b> Orchid - Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club   6/13/2010 - 6/17/2010	<a href="#">Tom Zaras</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Amateur Championship</b> Orlando - Bay Hill Club & Lodge   6/24/2010 - 6/27/2010	<a href="#">Peter Dachisen</a>		<a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a>
<b>Boys Junior Championship</b> Orlando - Grand Cypress Golf Club   7/6/2010 - 7/8/2010	<a href="#">Darin Green</a>		<a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a>
<b>Four-Ball Championship</b> Palm Coast - The Ocean Course at Hammock Beach   7/10/2010 - 7/11/2010	<a href="#">Tom Zaras</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>The Florida Open</b> Palm Harbor - Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club   7/16/2010 - 7/18/2010	<a href="#">Peter Dachisen</a>		<a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a>
<b>Parent-Child Championship</b> Lake Buena Vista - Walt Disney World Golf (Palm/Magnolia)   7/24/2010 - 7/25/2010	<a href="#">Kevin Kasubinski</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Junior Match Play Championship (Boys 16-18)</b> Vero Beach - Indian River Club   7/29/2010 - 8/1/2010	<a href="#">Darin Green</a>		<a href="#">Sign Up!</a>
<b>Junior Match Play Championship (Boys 13-15, All GI)</b> Vero Beach - Sandridge Golf Club   7/29/2010 - 8/1/2010	<a href="#">Jeff Magaditsch</a>		<a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a>

# Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!

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Larry	Goodwin	Miami Beach	4/1
Mark	Ryan	Ponte Vedra Beach	4/1
John	Bilbrough	The Villages	4/2
Bill	Giese	Destin	4/4
Nick	Fallon	Tampa	4/8
Clayton	Schaefer	The Villages	4/8
David	Aultman	New Port Richey	4/9
Darin	Green	Brandon	4/9
Ted	Kilberg	Beverly Hills	4/10
Lee	Cassady	Savannah	4/12
John	Mooshie	Crawfordville	4/12
William	Nolan	The Villages	4/12
Mac	Thayer	Glen Allen	4/12
Tracy	Allen	Winter Park	4/13
John	Konicek	Ocoee	4/13
Howard	Hoffman	Saint Augustine	4/15
Michael	Lonergan	The Villages	4/15
Skip	Small	Neptune Beach	4/16
Irvin	Gotlieb	Palm Bch Gardens	4/17
Barry	Metz	Tampa	4/17
Larry	Timmons	Melbourne	4/17
Owen	Sodetz	Naples	4/21
Matt	Woollen	Navarre	4/21
Thomas	Hebert	Sun City Center	4/23
Alan	Porter	Saint Augustine	4/23
Ed	Boyer	Green Cove Springs	4/25
Charles	Ferb	Naples	4/25
Joe	Plouffe	Sarasota	4/25
Randy	Walford	Tallahassee	4/25
Jerry	Thornton	North Port	4/26
Robert	Valashinas	Boynton Beach	4/28
Dominic	Marotto	Tampa	4/29
Tom	Straub	Orlando	4/29

**Happy Birthday** to all 33 of our Committee Members born in the month of April! 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).

## *Recent Events*

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Our tournament staff attended the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop this year and one of our new staff members, Mark Woodroffe, scored a 98 which is the highest score we know of for a first timer. Jack scored a 100 which follows a three-year string of 99's - so he's definitely a rules nerd. Pete picked up a 99 and we now have six people in the office who scored 97 or higher on their most recent exam which is exceptional.

Congratulations to FSGA staff member **Kevin Kasubinski** who added a beautiful baby girl to his family. Alyssa Morgan Kasubinski was born at 3:29 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa on March 16, 2010.

### New faces around the FSGA.



**Nick Fallon** joined the FSGA in June of 2009 after a 12-month internship with the Virginia State Golf Association. Nick just wrapped up the FSGA Interclub and will continue to be assisting in the tournament department. Nick began playing golf when he was 12 years old while growing up in southern New Hampshire. After high school Nick attended Randolph-Macon College in beautiful Ashland, Virginia where he played golf and graduated with a degree in Economics & Business. Nick is a die-hard Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics fan and in his spare time he enjoys running, listening to music and quoting one of his favorite movies "Good Will Hunting."

**Mark Woodroffe** joined the FSGA in June 2009 as Membership and Tournament Manager. Before coming to the FSGA, he worked as Tournament Intern at The Honda Classic, a PGA TOUR Event in Palm Beach Gardens. Born in St. Petersburg and raised in Tampa, Mark played golf all four years in high school before moving to Gainesville to attend the University of Florida where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Sport Management in December 2008. In his time outside of the office, Mark enjoys playing golf, attending sporting events (especially Gator football games) and spending time with family and friends.



## *Recent Events cont.*

### **Bob Forward Officiates at The Masters**

Bob Forward writes:

This was an unbelievable week. Augusta National does everything exactly right. It was an exciting, awesome time and an experience I will never forget. One of the greatest things about this event is the homage they pay to Amateur Golf from around the world and the obvious love they have for the game at its roots in amateurism. Former US Amateur Champions receive great respect as do Amateur Golf Associations from around the world. I was unaware of this and I found it to be totally true to the vision of Augusta National and Bobby Jones, the greatest amateur of all time. As one who favors the Amateur game in my volunteer work, it was very impressive to see in this day and age that kind of commitment to players who play the game just for the game itself. Obviously the Masters is simply the best golf tournament in the world but this other side of it struck me more than anything.

