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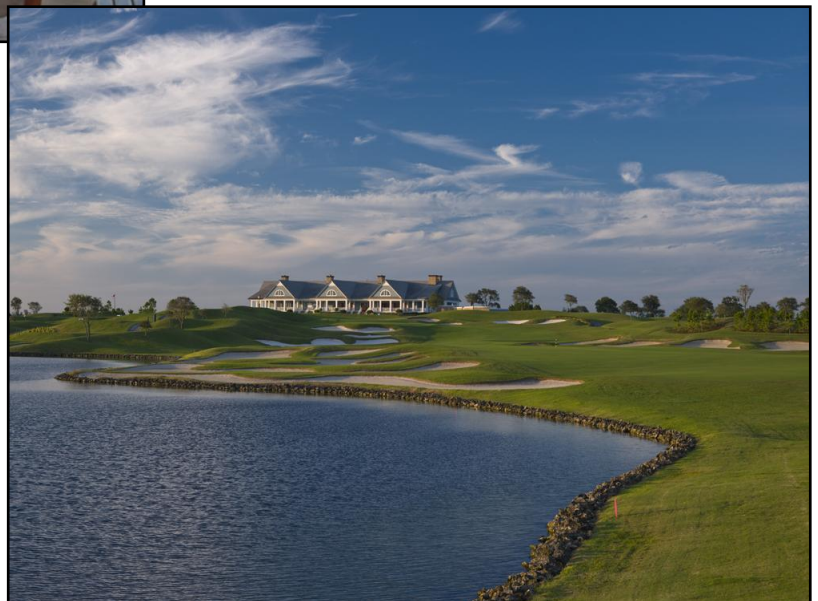
USGA Qualifiers Set to Begin

The Championship season is in full swing and that means USGA Qualifiers are set to begin. The first qualifier will be held on May 6th at Admirals Cove East in Jupiter. With the help of our Tournament Chairmen and Committee Members, we will successfully conduct 17 U.S. Open local qualifiers for the 111th U.S. Open. Florida continues to conduct the most qualifiers in the country. The FSGA will also conduct one of the 15 sectional qualifiers at Quail Valley Golf Club in Vero Beach on June 6. In all, the FSGA will conduct over 40 qualifying events for USGA Championships in 2011.



Mallory Privett & Peter Dachisen helping players with scoring at U.S. Open qualifying

Quail Valley Golf Club, site of the 2011 U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier



Recent Rulings on the Course

What Really Just Happened?

At the recent Men's Big East Championship, a player hit his tee shot right of the water hazard on the 16th hole of the Copperhead course of the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. Without informing his fellow competitors, the player re-teeed another ball and proceeded to hit his next shot down the middle of the fairway. The player then walked to the right of the hazard to search for his original ball; which he found. He then pitched the original ball over the hazard and back into the fairway. That's when FSGA Rules Official Dave Aultman came into the picture to make the ruling.

In order to find out what happened, we need to look at a couple of different things.

First, when the player re-teeed and played a second ball from the tee without informing his marker or fellow competitors, the original ball was lost (Definition Lost Ball and Decision 27-2a/1).

Second, when the player made a stroke at his original ball (no longer the ball in play since it was lost), he made a stroke at a wrong ball (Definition Wrong Ball). Rule 15-3b tells us that if a competitor makes a stroke at a wrong ball, he incurs a penalty of two strokes. He must then correct his error by playing the correct ball.

In his case, the correct ball was the second ball played from the teeing ground laying in the fairway.

Obviously, Dave had some unraveling to do. Before all else, he had to ask the player to "tell me what you did"?



The first thing to unwind was whether or not the player informed his marker or fellow competitors that he was going to play a provisional ball. Once it was determined from all three players in the group that he had not, it was much easier to proceed. His original ball was lost as a result of him playing the second ball from the tee.

To determine what he lay, he counted two actual strokes (both from the tee) and one penalty stroke under Rule 27-1a for stroke and distance after the first tee shot. Also, add a two stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball under Rule 15-3b and Dave was able to determine that the player lay five in the fairway about to play his sixth stroke. Please note that the stroke played with the wrong ball does not count in the score for the player (Rule 15-3b).

I'd also like to point out that Dave got on the radio and confirmed the ruling with other members of the Committee before telling the player the final outcome. Good job Dave!

Remember, use the definitions, index or the table of contents to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation and follow the Rules of Golf to help to enjoy the game of golf.



Jack Pultorak
Director of Rules and Competitions

One-Day 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 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. The 2011 schedule features some of Florida's premiere courses including: **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
- Women's Flight – Approximately 5,200 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.
- 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.
- First time players without an established GHIN handicap will be eligible to compete, but not for prizes.

Course Rating Update

Hello Course Raters,

I wanted to write about an effective playing length adjustment that I think many of us are missing. There are times when the men's bogey golfer and the woman golfers cannot play shots on the same line as the hole was measured. These golfers are hitting full shots, but because of the line of play they have to take, the effective length of the hole increases. This adjustment will be entered under Dogleg/Forced Lay Up.

One of the holes used at the recent Eastern Calibration seminar in Florida was a fairly straight, 419-yard hole for men. The scratch golfer played a tee shot down the middle of the fairway, and then their approach shot on a straight line from there to the center of the green. The bogey golfer had the same line of play from the tee, but due to not being able to carry a long bunker/water hazard on a direct line to the green, they had to play the ball out to the right, where the fairway had turned and didn't require a long carry to get there. The bogey golfer was able to hit a full second shot to this landing zone, but instead of being 49 yards from the center of the green (419 – 370), they wound up



about 59 yards from the center of the green. To find this adjusted landing zone, we took a laser measurement of 170 yards (bogey's full second shot distance) on the ideal line of play to the right and found a sprinkler head in the vicinity to give us our distance from the center of the green.

Again, the key to using the dogleg adjustment correctly is knowing how the hole was measured. If a player veers from the line of play that was used to measure the hole, an adjustment may be necessary. If it is just a slight change in line of play, the amount of adjustment is probably minimal and not really worth determining. But when the player is going significantly away from the measured line of play, the adjustment would be necessary to reflect the effective playing length of the hole.



Gary Donat

Director of Course Rating

Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!



Larry	Goodwin	Miami Beach	4/1
Mark	Ryan	Ponte Vedra Bch	4/1
John	Bilbrough	The Villages	4/2
Meredith	Wolf	Wellington	4/2
Gregg	Deiboldt	Jacksonville	4/3
Barbara	Tierney	Sarasota	4/3
Esther	Wilson	Orlando	4/3
Kevin	Farmer	Deerfield Beach	4/4
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
Marci	Likens	Winter Springs	4/10
Lee	Cassady	Savannah	4/12
Maurice	Gallant	Lakeland	4/12
John	Mooshie	Crawfordville	4/12
William	Nolan	The Villages	4/12
Mac	Thayer	Glen Allen	4/12
Robert	Thompson	Lakewood Ranch	4/12
Yvette	Wilner	Port St. Lucie	4/12
Tracy	Allen	Winter Park	4/13
John	Konicek	Ocoee	4/13
Howard	Hoffman	St. Augustine	4/15
Michael	Lonergan	New Braunfels	4/15
Skip	Small	Neptune Beach	4/16
Irvin	Gotlieb	Palm Beach Gardens	4/17
Patrick	McGinnis	Bonita Springs	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
Heidi	Phillips	Lakewood Ranch	4/23
Ed	Boyer	Green Cove Springs	4/25
Charles	Ferb	Naples	4/25
Joe	Plouffe	Sarasota	4/25
Randy	Walford	Tallahassee	4/25
Pat	Case	Southwest Ranches	4/26
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 of our Committee & Staff Members born in the month of April and May! If you should be listed and are not, our database must have some bad information, so please email your birth date to Tracy Dachisen at tracy@fsga.org

Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!

Monica	Chamberlin	Mt. Dora	5/1
Meghan	Martinek	Tampa	5/1
Kenneth	Gaynor	Naples	5/3
George	McLeod	Belleair	5/3
Jacques	Legere	Fort Myers	5/4
Annette	Savorgnan	Panama City	5/4
Gary	Messinger	Coral Springs	5/5
Tom	Tarrance	Trinity	5/5
David	Terry	The Villages	5/6
Dominic	Valente	Naples	5/7
William	Humes	Sun City Center	5/8
Robert	Perry	Lauderhill	5/8
Ruth	Troyer	Beverly Hills	5/8
Patsy	Elliott	Palm Beach Gardens	5/9
Larry	Flynn	Sarasota	5/9
Donna	Pierce	The Villages	5/10
Thomas	Moore	Palm City	5/11
Paula	Shea	Palm Harbor	5/11
Raymond	Zall	Port Orange	5/11
Tisha	Vogell	The Villages	5/13
Dunbar	Young	Land O' Lakes	5/13
Tom	Choate	Englewood	5/14
Donald	Chornak	Coral Springs	5/14
G David	Reynolds	Sanibel	5/14
William	Andrews	West Palm Beach	5/15
William	Swerbenski	Ponte Vedra Beach	5/15
David	Ballingall	The Villages	5/17
Kelly	Thormahlen	Venice	5/17
David	Baines	Naples	5/18
Ralph	Corso	The Villages	5/19
K.E.	Conrad	Dunnellon	5/20
Jim	Demick	Tampa	5/20
Tyler	Schroeder	Alachua	5/20
Bert	Gwaltney	Niceville	5/21
Don	Lockhart	Palm Coast	5/21
Gerald	Vandewater	Bradenton	5/21
Gerry	Dye	The Villages	5/22
Walter	Collyer	Orlando	5/25
James	Kovach	Gainesville	5/25
William	Rambo	Orlando	5/25
John	Speer	The Villages	5/25
Marie	Plourde	Green Cove Springs	5/26
Jim	Sykes	Bonita Springs	5/27
David	Wiesen	Dunnellon	5/27
Bob	Hart	Odessa	5/28
Jerry	White	Niceville	5/28
Barry	Hansen	Alto	5/29
Joe	Stein	Bonita Springs	5/29
Chip	Carpenter	Summerfield	5/30



Recent News

Welcome New Volunteers

As the tournament season gets underway, we welcome new volunteers to the FSGA family. Thanks again for all that you do for the Florida State Golf Association!

Jimmy Ernest - Fleming Island
Kevin Farmer - Deerfield Beach
Summer Moser - Lutz
Eric Eiffert - Sarasota

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.

