



# Ratings & Rulings

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A Publication for FSGA Volunteers

## Tournament Chairman Run Successful Qualifiers

Thank you to all the Committee Members who have helped so far with the 17 U.S. Open local qualifiers, our State Amateur qualifiers and our State Junior & Four-Ball qualifiers. The rain held off at the Sectional qualifier at McArthur Golf Club for three players to advance to Pebble Beach. Kevin Phelan, a former Florida Junior Tour (FJT) member, carded rounds of 73-65--138 to grab co-medalist honors. Phelan, currently plays for the University of North Florida golf team and was the 2009 FSGA Junior Player of the year. Travis Hampshire, of Tampa and Gary Woodland also advanced to the championship. Again, thanks to all who assisted and allowed us to continue to conduct great qualifiers and championships.



**Richard Derbes** at the Public Links Championship



**John Penicnak, John Hubbert, and Jack Pultorak** at the Public Links Championship



**Rick Greenleaf** at the Public Links Championship



**Dean Haylett** at the FJT Orange County National event

# Summer Uniforms

## Tournament Uniform Policy

Jim Demick, Executive Director

**Short Pants - i.e. How Ugly are Your Legs???** Male Tournament officials, beginning June 1st, through the end of September, are permitted to wear short pants when officiating at most events. Now, this is Demick speaking, so please hear me out and take my comments with the humor intended:

1. **Short Specifications** - Khaki shorts may be worn BUT - they must be good looking golf shorts that fit well! No cargo pants and make sure the shorts are long enough for any country club. If your shorts are too tight or too short - buy new ones or wear long pants.
2. **Socks & Shoes** - You should wear short white socks with golf shoes or clean sneakers. (Golf Shoes are preferred) We do not want to look like miss-placed tourists walking around our member clubs!! No high socks or clunky shoes. Make sure you look good.
3. **Legs** - No matter how good looking your shorts are - if your legs are in the bottom 20% of the class - we may have a problem. Be honest with yourself - if you legs are too big, too soft, too white, or just questionable - maybe long pants would be better.
4. **Exceptions** - Long pants continue to be required for all FSGA staff and officials when serving as Tournament Chairmen. Shorts can be worn when setting up a course in advance of a competition but not on the day of the competition.
5. **Long Pants Required at Certain Events** - Long pants are required at the Florida Open, the US Open Sectional and the State 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)*

# Rules & Competition

## Who's in Charge of this Event?

### *The Committee is in charge!*

Have you ever wondered who decides when, where, what time, what form of play and all of those other conditions that are needed to form a competition? That is the job of the Committee.

“What is a committee,” you ask?

By definition according to the Rules of Golf, “the ‘Committee’ is the committee in charge of the competition or, if the matter does not arise in a competition, the committee in charge of the course.”

The Committee may have many people such as the U.S. Open Championship Committee for the U.S. Open Championship or as few as your local golf professional for a one day club event.

The Committee has many responsibilities as outlined in Rule 33 in the Rules of Golf book. Those responsibilities include laying down the conditions under which the competition is to be played as well as ensuring the course is properly defined, marked and prepared for the event. Also, the Committee is charged with arranging the starting times and, in stroke play, arranging the groups in which the competitors will play. Additionally, publishing a handicap stroke table in net events, issuing score cards in stroke play events, and announcing the manner in which ties are to be decided are all responsibilities of the Committee. Finally, the Committee is charged with making and publishing Local Rules for abnormal conditions. However, in all cases, the Committee's authority is limited in that it has no power to waive a Rule of Golf.



I know many of you may have spent little time reading through Rule 33 in the Rules of Golf book. Take a moment and look through some of the available sample Local Rules in Appendix I that a Committee may implement in a competition. Remember, none of these Local Rules are in effect until the Committee implements them in the competition!

If you are selected or appointed as a member of the Committee, Rule 33 is required reading along with Appendix I in the back of the Rule book. I would also strongly recommend obtaining a copy of “How to Conduct a Competition” published by the USGA and available through their website at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

A job well done by the Committee will make the competition run smoothly and head off many questions or problems that may arise. It will also make for a fun and fair event under the Rules of Golf and a more enjoyable time.

And by the way, in special situations, the Rules of Golf also authorize the Committee to waive, modify or impose a penalty of disqualification if the Committee considers such action warranted; just in case you wanted to know who was in charge!

# 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, Cypress Lake Country Club** 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.

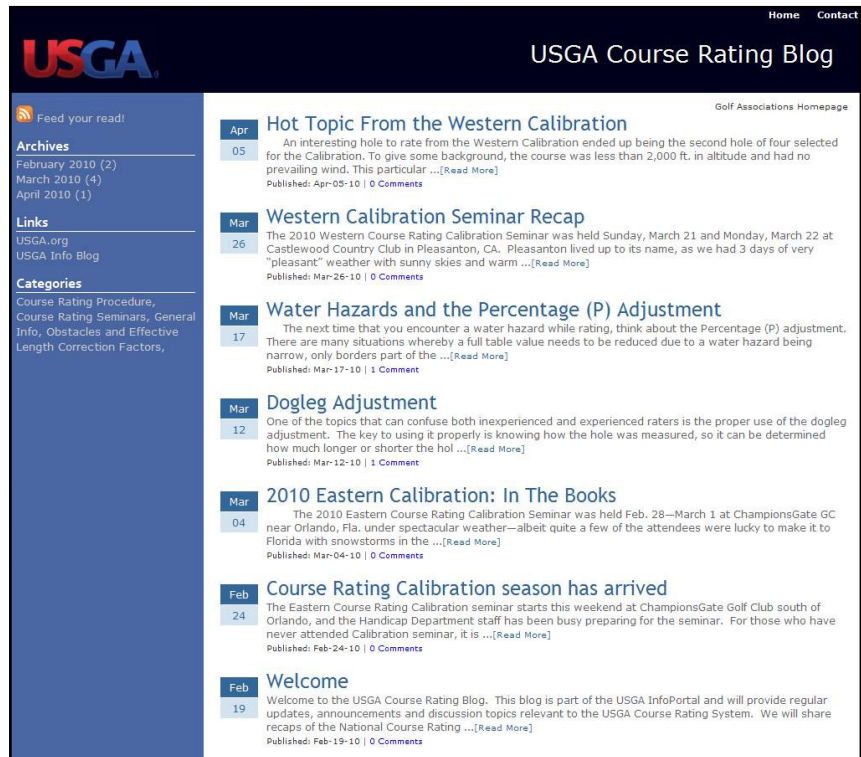
The USGA Course Rating Blog can be found at <http://InfoPortal.usga.org> . To have your account set up, please send me an email expressing your interest. Once your username and password have been assigned, go ahead and access the web address as stated above: on the USGA Infoportal homepage, select Golf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

Keep up the good work.

*Gary Donat*

Director of Course Rating

A screenshot of the USGA Course Rating Blog homepage. The page features a blue sidebar on the left with navigation links for 'Archives', 'Links', and 'Categories'. The main content area displays a list of blog posts with dates and titles. The posts include: 'Hot Topic From the Western Calibration' (Apr 05), 'Western Calibration Seminar Recap' (Mar 26), 'Water Hazards and the Percentage (P) Adjustment' (Mar 17), 'Dogleg Adjustment' (Mar 12), '2010 Eastern Calibration: In The Books' (Mar 04), 'Course Rating Calibration season has arrived' (Feb 24), and 'Welcome' (Feb 19). Each post includes a brief summary and a 'Read More' link.

## 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.

# Volunteer Central – Signing up to Officiate

Listed below are events in your area that are low on volunteers for the end of June and July.

## Central Florida:

Four-Ball Championship Qualifier – Hunters Green CC – Tampa (6/29/2010)

Florida Open Qualifier – The Deltona Club – Deltona (7/6/2010)

**Boys Junior Championship – Grand Cypress GC – Orlando (7/6/2010-7/8/2010)**

**Four-Ball Championship – Ocean Hammock – Palm Coast (7/10/2010-7/11/2010)**

Amateur Match Play Qualifier – MetroWest GC – Orlando (7/13/2010)

Amateur Match Play Qualifier – Lake Jovita – Dade City (7/14/2010)

U.S Amateur Sectional Qualifier – Ritz-Carlton GC – Orlando (7/26/2010-7/27/2010)

## South Florida Area:

Florida Open Qualifier – Indian River Club – Vero Beach (7/7/2010)

Junior Match Play Championship – Sandridge GC – Vero Beach (7/29/2010-8/1/2010)

Junior Match Play Championship (16-18) – Indian River Club – Vero Beach (7/29/2010-8/1/2010)

## Jacksonville Area:

Florida Open Qualifier - Amelia National Golf Club – Amelia Island (6/28/2010)

Amateur Match Play Qualifier – Eagle Landing GC – Orange Park (7/19/2010)

## Tallahassee Area:

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

*Click here to sign-up*

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'Championships', 'Florida Open', 'Membership', 'Handicaps', 'Clubs', 'Seminars', 'Juniors', 'Volunteers', and 'Foundation'. The 'Volunteers' section is active, displaying 'Volunteer for FSGA Championships'. A red banner highlights that events 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 'Boys Junior Championship' row is highlighted in red, and a red arrow points to the 'Sign Up!' link in the 'ACTION' column.

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



Richard	Babcock	Punta Gorda	6/1
Richard	Stafford	The Villages	6/2
Michael	Dawes	Jacksonville	6/3
Charles	Schmitz	Fort Myers	6/3
Steven	Mounce	Kissimmee	6/4
Frank	Hult	Land O' Lakes	6/6
Owen	Dolan	Lady Lake	6/8
Tom	Dudley	Jacksonville	6/9
P. Douglas	Powell	Palm City	6/9
Doug	Puvogel	Orlando	6/9
Robert	Whisler	Punta Gorda	6/9
Jan	Hirschfield	Seminole	6/11
Albert	Rodriguez	Boynton Beach	6/11
John	Sholtis	Osprey	6/12
Rose	White	Palm Beach Gardens	6/12
Luanne	Byers Zabytko	Port St. Lucie	6/15
Mike	Cunningham	Mountville	6/15
Eugene	Fiamma	Boca Raton	6/15
Carroll	Halsted	The Villages	6/15
Randy	Christopher	Lake Mary	6/18
Benjamin	Romanasky	The Villages	6/18
Dave	Bengtson	Elkton	6/19
Jamie	Hornburg	Niceville	6/20
George	Cooper	Monticello	6/21
Bob	Gelineau	Bradenton	6/21
Richard	Green	Sun City Center	6/22
Kenneth	Hagamann	Pompano Beach	6/24
Don	Johnston	Trinity	6/24
Terry	O'Reilly	Palm Harbor	6/24
John	Harrigan	Boynton Beach	6/25
David	Hauger	Port Saint Lucie	6/25
George	Schlueter	Naples	6/25
William	Broberg	Sun City Center	6/28
Cookman	Boyd	Naples	6/29
Robb	Dillinger	Lehigh Acres	6/30
Ray	Parsons	Sun City Center	6/30

*Happy Birthday* to all 36 of our Committee Members born in the month of June! 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).