



# Ratings & Rulings

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A Publication for FSGA Volunteers

## Sights from the Season



Steven Jones (left) and Frank Skoviera (right) at the Boys Junior Championship.



Tommy Dudley (left) and Randy Briggs (right) at the Florida Open Championship



Roger Harvie (right) at the Florida Open Championship



Don Glaser, a member of the Collier / Lee County Rating Team, at work at Majestic Golf Club in Lehigh Acres.

**Thank you again Volunteers for all of your hard work. We appreciate everything you do for the game of golf!!!**

# News

## Volunteer Appreciation Days

We honor and thank our volunteers annually through FSGA Volunteer Appreciation Days - a day of golf and socialization with other volunteers and FSGA staff and board members. Registration will begin in early August so mark your calendars.



### *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)*

## Support GHIN

As an FSGA volunteer, we are asking you to help us get to the right people and get the GHIN Handicap System into your club.

Some of your clubs are not using the GHIN Handicap System provided by the FSGA and USGA, and we need your help with getting your club to make the change. Florida is one of the few states not using a uniform handicap system state-wide. The GHIN Handicap System is the largest system in the United States and is used by more than 10,000 clubs and 2 million golfers nationwide. In Florida, over 600 clubs and 195,000 golfers use the GHIN System. Consider some reasons why your club should make the switch.

- Special Pricing.
- Networked to more than 10,000 clubs nationwide. Perfect for seasonal golfers!
- Post scores online and receive revised handicap by email.
- Correct, consistent, and compliant golf handicaps from the USGA.
- Touch-screen computer systems are provided at no charge.
- Tournament Pairing Program (TPP) provides the most complete tournament management program.
- The FSGA GHIN support staff available seven days a week

We are asking for your help. Please talk to your club staff and officials about setting up an appointment so we can better show them the GHIN Handicap System. Please call Aaron Skoviera, Director of GHIN, at (813) 868-5855 with any questions or to set up an appointment.

Thank you and please call us with any questions.

# *Rules & Competition*

## **U.S. Open Rulings**

By: Tommy Dudley

The "Hamburger" incident happened on Friday. My group teed off at 2:31 off of # 10. Hugo Leon, from Chile, pulled his tee shot way left on # 10. He signaled for me to come over and as I approached the area several spectators said that the ball was in a hamburger on the cart path. There was a big crowd around the area where Hugo's ball was. When I arrived the ball was on the cart path and there were remnants of a hamburger around the ball. Hugo's ball and stance were both on the cart path, so we found his nearest point of relief and proceeded under Rule 24-2b. He dropped the ball and then went forward to survey his shot, get his distance, etc. I asked the spectators about the hamburger and they said that the ball had landed on a boy's hamburger and the ball had bounced onto the cart path still attached to the hamburger.



I asked what happened to the hamburger and the boy said that he had picked up the hamburger, which he was still eating. I asked him if the ball was moved and he said no because he held the ball while he got his hamburger. I asked if the ball was on top of the burger or against it and he said he thought it was under the ball. A marshal also said that the ball was not moved.

Since Hugo's ball and stance were both on the cart path he was going to get relief under Rule 24-2b so I felt that the nearest point of relief would not have changed and that he had taken proper relief. (On the other hand if his ball had come to rest on the hamburger, say off of the cart path, then we would have proceeded under Rule 24-1b. And if he then had interference from the cart path, we would have proceeded under 24-2b.) When Hugo returned I mentioned that the ball had been in the hamburger but that he had taken proper relief, but I am not sure he understood what I was telling him. He just asked if it was o.k. to play and confirmed that there was no penalty and then played his next shot.

I then was called over to the right side of the fairway as Andrew Putnam was playing a shot off of the beach. One of the players had questioned whether Andrew's caddie could put his bag on the sand, and I told him that there was no penalty.

# 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: **Ritz Carlton Members Golf Club, Innisbrook, Bear Lakes, Old Corkscrew** 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 Course Raters,

The USGA has released their new online Course Rating Program, and of course with any new piece of software, it has its share of bugs, mainly due to the fact we use the summary entry method to generate ratings. Another bug is the way the ratings need to be entered. A vital component of the program still doesn't work, so I have to create a new tee and once I complete the rating, I need to delete the existing tee and rename the new one. This is very time consuming. You may also notice that the rating summary sheets that I send out may have rating numbers a little different than what your workbook generates. I was assured by the USGA, that the behind the scenes calculations with the new program are more accurate than the old program and there will be differences. So don't be too alarmed when you see these differences. One advantage of the new Course Rating Program is because it's online, I can set-up user accounts, which will give the captains the ability to login and look over existing ratings. I think this is a huge benefit for the teams for future ratings. If you are interested and are a captain, please email me to set-up an account at [gdonat@fsga.org](mailto:gdonat@fsga.org).

I have noticed lately a number of ratings coming in without tee designations and dates. I need to have the correct tee designations included with every rating. This is a basic component of the rating and without it, we just delay the process. Another basic component would be the date the course was rated. This information is essential to the process so please do not leave it out.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work. Talk to you again next month!



*Gary Donat*

Director of Course Rating

## **Recruit your Friends**

We are in need of more Committee Members (especially in the Orlando area). 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 July and August.

## Central & Northeast Florida:

Junior Team Championship – **Orange Lake Resort – Kissimmee** (8/7/2010-8/8/2010)

Mid-Senior Championship – **Plantation Bay G & CC – Ormond Beach** (8/20/2010-8/22/2010)

## Vero Beach Area:

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)

*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'. A sidebar on the left contains a list of links such as 'About Volunteers', 'Volunteer Policies', 'Rules Workshops', 'Appreciation Days', 'Club Delegates', 'Volunteer of the Year', 'Certified Officials', 'Rules Certification', and 'Volunteer Central'. A red box in the sidebar says 'HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER CLICK HERE!'. The main content area is titled 'Volunteer for FSGA Championships' and features a table of events. A red banner above the table states 'Events highlighted in red are in need of additional volunteers ASAP!'. The table has columns for 'FSGA CHAMPIONSHIP / OTHER EVENT', 'CHAIRMAN', 'LIST', and 'ACTION'. The 'Senior Amateur Championship' row is highlighted in red and has a 'Sign Up!' button in the 'ACTION' column. A red arrow points to this button.

| FSGA CHAMPIONSHIP / OTHER EVENT   | CHAIRMAN                         | LIST | ACTION                      |
|---|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Senior Amateur Championship</b><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>Port St Lucie - PGA Golf Club   6/11/2010 - 6/13/2010                     | <a href="#">Jeff Magaditsch</a>  |      | <a href="#">EDIT SIGNUP</a> |
| <b>Senior Amateur Match Play Championship</b><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>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!



|          |             |                    |      |
|----------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| David    | Sackman     | Bradenton          | 7/1  |
| Marvin   | McKinley    | Shalimar           | 7/2  |
| June     | Thomason    | Destin             | 7/7  |
| Dennis   | Ward        | Orlando            | 7/7  |
| John     | Brantley    | Ponte Vedra Beach  | 7/9  |
| Gomo     | Greer       | Englewood          | 7/10 |
| John     | Morris      | Palm City          | 7/11 |
| William  | Moore       | Orlando            | 7/12 |
| Michael  | Ball        | Naples             | 7/13 |
| Ernie    | Douglas     | Orlando            | 7/14 |
| Chip     | Landon      | Orlando            | 7/15 |
| Edward   | Hritz       | Dunnellon          | 7/17 |
| Nicholas | Levandowski | Miami              | 7/18 |
| Jim      | Czocher     | Deerfield Beach    | 7/19 |
| Norma    | Diehl       | Venice             | 7/19 |
| Tim      | Foster      | Lake Wales         | 7/19 |
| Tim      | Palmer      | St. Augustine      | 7/19 |
| Steve    | Sirbaugh    | Jacksonville       | 7/19 |
| Jeff     | Runkle      | Land O' Lakes      | 7/20 |
| Kathy    | Sheppard    | Apollo Beach       | 7/21 |
| Kevin    | Jones       | Naples             | 7/24 |
| Doug     | Findlay     | Palm Beach Gardens | 7/25 |
| Wayne    | Koch        | The Villages       | 7/25 |
| Dick     | Nelson      | Lady Lake          | 7/25 |
| Edward   | Grace       | Naples             | 7/26 |
| Keith    | Clark       | Belleair           | 7/28 |
| Phillip  | Plessinger  | Naples             | 7/28 |
| J.       | Rowland     | Lake Wales         | 7/28 |
| Kathleen | Schumacher  | Niceville          | 7/28 |
| Gary     | Hackett     | Ocala              | 7/29 |
| Anthony  | Capano      | Milton             | 7/30 |

**Happy Birthday** to all 31 of our Committee Members born in the month of July! 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).