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Congratulations to the FSGA Scholars “Class of 2011”

The FSGA Scholars program awards a total of \$40,000 in college scholarships to each graduating Florida Junior Tour class. Each year a group of at least five high school seniors, who have competed in FSGA or FJT events, will be awarded a college scholarship up to \$3,000 that is renewable for four years. To read more on the requirements and criteria for awarding scholarships, please click [here](#).

Introducing the FSGA Scholars – Class of 2011:

Jan Vincent Jaro, Jacksonville - \$2,000



- *University of Rochester*
- *Many awards and achievement in the field of mathematics, chess and piano*
- *Goal is to be an investor in a venture capital firm specializing in quantitative finance methods*

Jason Zhou, Lake Mary - \$2,000

- *Princeton University (on golf team)*
- *Valedictorian of Lake Highland Prep School*
- *Economics will be his expected field of study*



Taylor Hancock, Clearwater - \$2,000



- *University of North Florida (on golf team)*
- *Ranked 311th nationally and played in over 35 FSGA/FJT events*
- *Accounting or Business - expected field of study*

Andrew Wong, Deerfield Beach - \$1,000



- *University of Michigan (will attempt to walk on the golf team)*
- *Has qualified for the US Junior and played in over 30 FSGA/FJT events*
- *Business - expected field of study*

David Hall, Windermere - \$1,000

- *Rollins College (will attempt to walk on the golf team)*
- *has played in over 40 FJT and FSGA competitions*
- *Biochemistry / Molecular Biology - expected field of study*
- *Career Goal - Sports Medicine or Orthopedic Surgeon.*



Phillip Boljanovich, Naples - \$1,000



- *Florida Gulf Coast University (on golf team)*
- *Legal Studies and Business - expected field of study*
- *Nationally ranked 314th*

Victoria Trapeni, Hollywood - \$1,000



- *Auburn University (on golf team)*
- *Over 500 hours of volunteering in soup kitchens, walks and as a teacher assistant*
- *National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society*
- *Career Goal: "To become a highly competitive player on the LPGA."*

Can I use an X-Out Ball?

At the recent US Senior Open qualifying event held at Gainesville Country Club in Gainesville, a question was asked as to whether or not a player could use an X-out ball.

Believe it or not, that situation is covered by Decision 5-1/4 in the Decision on the Rules of Golf.

The Decision tells us that an “X-out is the common name used for a golf ball that a manufacturer considers to be imperfect (usually for aesthetic reasons only, e.g., paint or printing errors) and, therefore, has crossed out the brand name.”

These balls may be fine for your casual round of golf but “in a competition where the Committee has adopted the condition that the ball a player plays must be named on the List of Conforming Golf Balls, such a ball may not be used.”



That being said, in all USGA and FSGA competitions, the Committee has adopted the Optional Condition in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf. Therefore, an X-out may not be used.

And what about a golf ball stamped with the word “Practice”? Those balls are OK for use in both USGA and FSGA competitions. The word “Practice” is considered to be the same as a club logo applied to a ball.

Long story short; the officials at the US Senior Open qualifier at Gainesville were able to tell the player not to use the X-out and saved him from disqualification.

Remember, it pays to know the Rules. Knowing the Rules of Golf can help you save strokes and enjoy the game of golf.

And by the way, don't forget the sunscreen and the bug spray!



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



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 Raters,

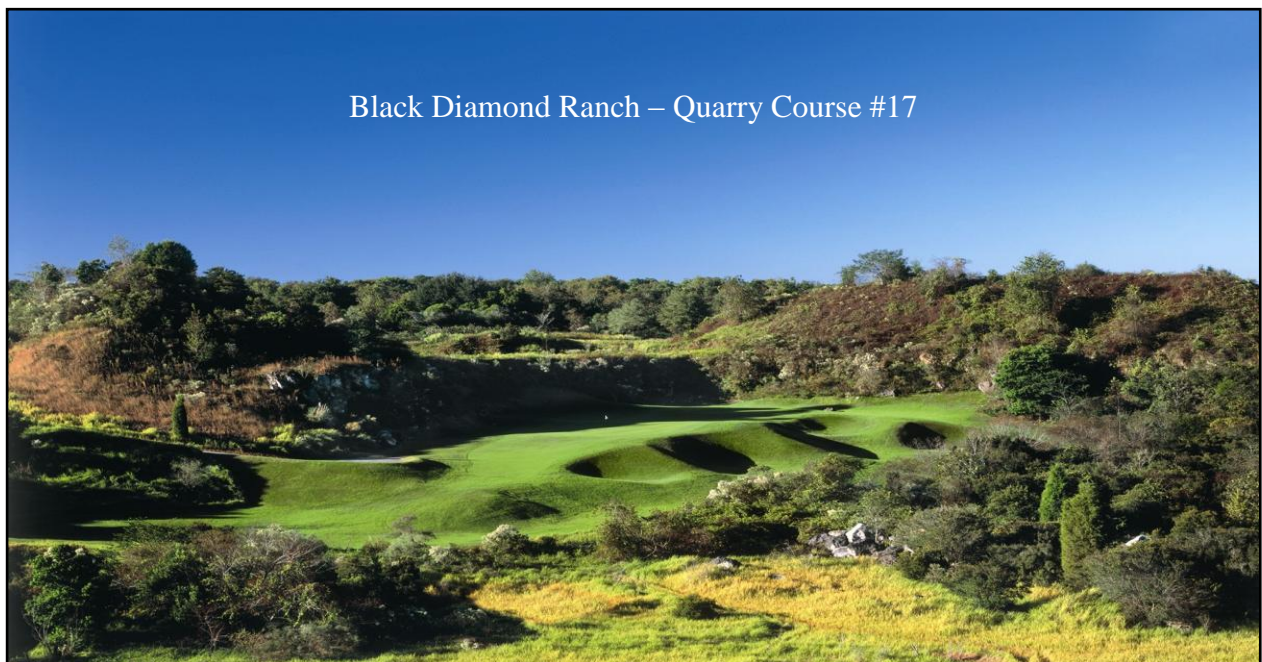
Well, the dog days of summer are here and the ratings are stacking up for some teams. I'm working on getting the ratings that have been submitted into the USGA Course Rating program as quickly as possible. Please check your upcoming ratings and give me a call if you are missing any information such as, measurements, green data or if you have any questions about a course. I would like to eliminate the need for the clubs to call the office looking for a rating to be scheduled. If you find a club that needs a rating sooner than possible for your team, please call me so I can take care of it.

Keep the emails coming with your scheduled rating information.

Thanks again for all of your hard work,



Gary Donat
Director of Course Rating



Handicap Seminars

Each club is required to have at least one USGA\FSGA handicap certified representative before 01/01/2012. Seminars will begin at 8:00 am, end at 1:00 pm and include lunch. Topics covered will include:

- Responsibilities of the handicap committee
- Handicap index calculation
- Players competing from different tees
- Exceptional tournament performance
- Equitable Stroke Control
- Handicap allowances
- and many more

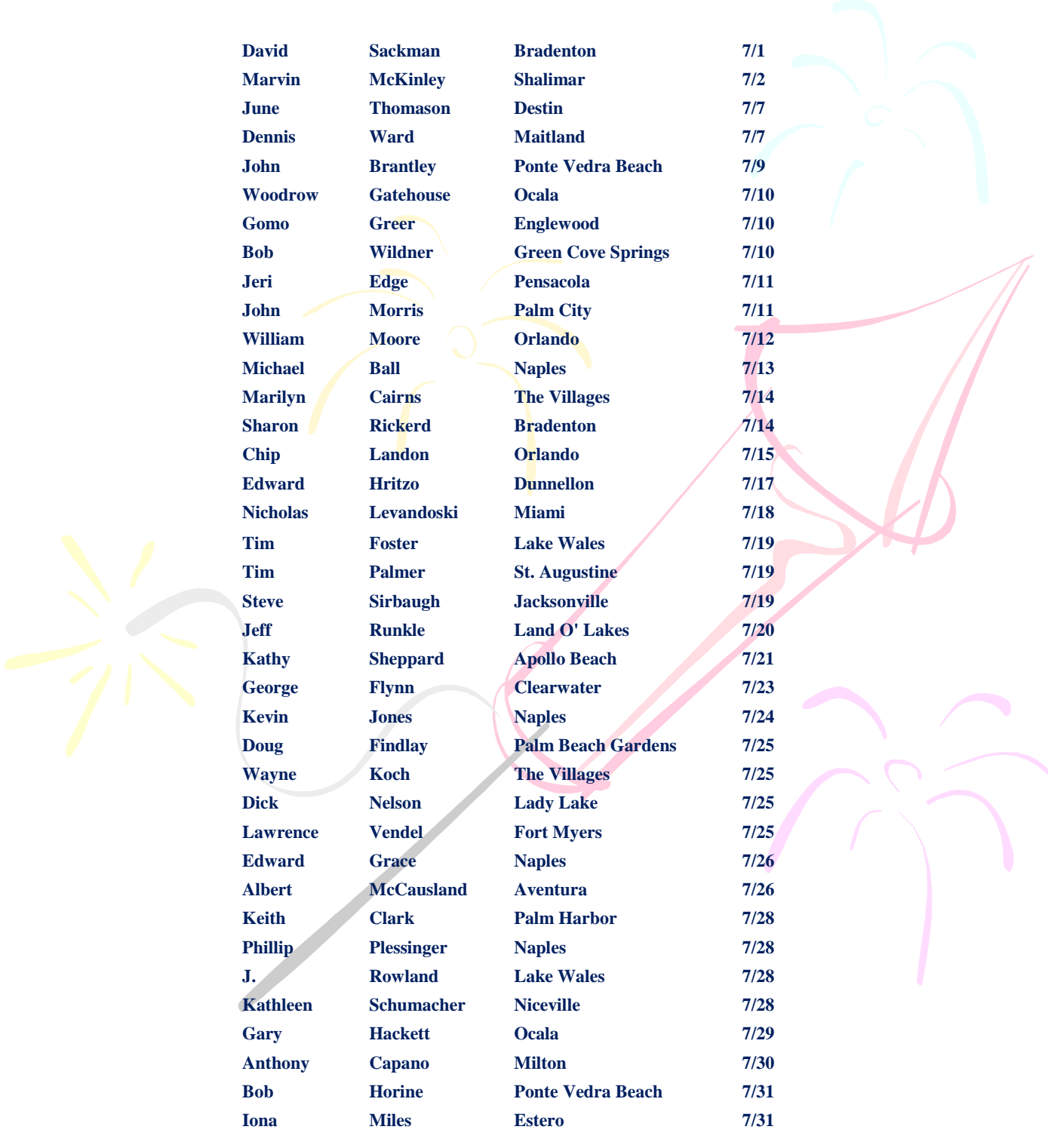
Panama Country Club (Lynn Haven)	Tuesday, 7/12/2011
Fort Lauderdale Country Club (Plantation)	Wednesday, 8/10/2011
Hunters Green Country Club (Tampa)	Wednesday, 8/17/2011
Eagle Creek Golf & Country Club (Naples)	Thursday, 9/1/2011
Bear Lakes Country Club (West Palm Beach)	Wednesday, 9/7/2011
TPC Prestancia (Sarasota)	Monday, 9/19/2011
Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club (Vero Beach)	Friday, 9/23/2011
West Bay Golf Club (Estero)	Thursday, 10/13/2011
Weston Hills Country Club (Weston)	Friday, 11/8/2011

Click [here](#) to sign up for a Handicap Seminar.

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.

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	Maitland	7/7
John	Brantley	Ponte Vedra Beach	7/9
Woodrow	Gatehouse	Ocala	7/10
Gomo	Greer	Englewood	7/10
Bob	Wildner	Green Cove Springs	7/10
Jeri	Edge	Pensacola	7/11
John	Morris	Palm City	7/11
William	Moore	Orlando	7/12
Michael	Ball	Naples	7/13
Marilyn	Cairns	The Villages	7/14
Sharon	Rickerd	Bradenton	7/14
Chip	Landon	Orlando	7/15
Edward	Hritz	Dunnellon	7/17
Nicholas	Levandoski	Miami	7/18
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
George	Flynn	Clearwater	7/23
Kevin	Jones	Naples	7/24
Doug	Findlay	Palm Beach Gardens	7/25
Wayne	Koch	The Villages	7/25
Dick	Nelson	Lady Lake	7/25
Lawrence	Vendel	Fort Myers	7/25
Edward	Grace	Naples	7/26
Albert	McCausland	Aventura	7/26
Keith	Clark	Palm Harbor	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
Bob	Horine	Ponte Vedra Beach	7/31
Iona	Miles	Estero	7/31

Welcome to the Family

Please welcome our new volunteers. Thanks again for all that you do for the Florida State Golf Association!

Ralph Ceballos – Pompano Beach - Tournaments
Gail Gallant – Lakeland - Tournaments
Frank Caradonna – Naples – Course Rating
Dennis Ward – Maitland - Tournaments
Larry Burns – Plantation – Tournaments & Course Rating
Les Towns – Lake Wales - Tournaments
Beki Towns – Lake Wales - Tournaments
Henry DeHart – Trinity – Course Rating

Recruit your Friends

We always welcome new Committee Members to join the FSGA family. Please talk to your friends and see if they are interested in coming along with you to volunteer at an event. If so, please call or email Tracy with their name and contact information.



Les & Beki Towns

The following events are currently in need of additional volunteers.

Boys Junior Championship

Vero Beach | Quail Valley Golf Club | 7/6/2011 - 7/8/2011

U.S. Amateur Qualifying

Orlando - Shingle Creek Golf Club | 7/27/2011 - 7/28/2011

Junior Team Championship

Vero Beach - Sandridge Golf Club | 8/6/2011 - 8/7/2011

Please go to [Volunteer Central](#) to sign up.



Gail Gallant

FSGA Staff

Volunteer Trivia: Ken Stoner



1. What year did you start volunteering for the FSGA?

May 2008 at the US Open Local Qualifier at Naples National

2. If you could be one person for a day, who would it be?

I would be me. One day as someone else is not sufficient time to effect any changes. I am enjoying what I do, so why change.

3. What is your lowest round of golf?

81 and I have been wondering ever since how I did it.

4. What state are you originally from?

I was born in Maryland, raised in Ohio, and retired to Florida from Illinois.

5. Who is your favorite PGA Tour player?

It's not always a popular answer, but my favorite golfer is still Tiger Woods. He brought excitement to TV viewing of golf. When he is playing, I watch it.

6. What is your favorite food?

I absolutely love hamburgers!

7. What is your favorite movie?

In my life, I have seen so many wonderful movies. However, the movie that rises to the top of the list is "The Legend of Bagger Vance".

8. What is your favorite golf course?

When I lived in Chicago, I had the pleasure of playing Medinah No. 3 several times. It's still my favorite.

9. Who is your favorite musician?

Andrea Bocelli

10. What do you do when you are not volunteering?

I split my time between golfing and serving as President of our Condo Association.

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Volunteer News

When did you become a volunteer with the FSGA???

The FSGA would greatly appreciate if each of you would please share your **anniversary date** with us. Please email your name and anniversary date (month/year) to Tracy – tracy@fsga.org. There are a lot of you who have been part of this family for many years and we want to acknowledge your commitment.

Volunteer Service Credit Forms

Don't forget to record your volunteer service days on the Volunteer Service Credit Form. You can earn FSGA merchandise for your volunteer days. Please mail your completed form to Tracy to receive your goodies.

Volunteer Profiles

If you have not already done so...please take a minute to create or update your volunteer profile in Volunteer Central. We encourage you to keep this information current as it is a useful tool for tournament chairmen as well as the FSGA staff.

Florida Rules of Golf Group

FROGG meetings have been postponed until September. Please contact Scrib Kelly scribkelly@aol.com if you are interested in information regarding the Florida Rules of Golf Group.

FSGA Store

Please take a minute to visit the FSGA Store. We are continuing to add new merchandise to the store. We have recently added an FSGA carry golf bag, tee shirts and FootJoy windshirts. Coming soon...assorted headcovers.

Tracy's Tidbits.....

Summer is definitely here and the entire FSGA family is on the go. This is my first official summer as a staff member (not just the wife of one) and boy are we busy...qualifiers, championships, one-days, ratings and more qualifiers! I'm lovin' every minute!

My responsibilities don't take me out of the office very often so I look forward to all of the pictures that are taken at our events. With that said, I would love for all of you to take your cameras along for a day and email me some pictures...especially the course rating teams.

I know there are a handful of volunteers who need complete protection from the sun's rays so we now have long-sleeved UV shirts available. They are not on the volunteer service credit form at this time but I will be updating it soon. Please feel free to make a note on your current form if you would prefer the long-sleeve UV shirt. They are available for both men and women.

Well, I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Florida Open at Black Diamond.

SAY CHEESE....or not!!!





*Thank you
for all you
do for the
FSGA!*