



THE FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION'S

RATINGS & RULINGS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE FSGA

August, 1998

Rules Officials Needed for Additional Tournaments

The FSGA has been contacted by four tournament organizers to help them acquire rules officials. If you are interested in any of the four tournaments listed below, please contact the FSGA Office at (941) 921-5695 as soon as possible.

- 1. Division II and III Rolex Match Play Championship ♦ October 24-26 ♦ Grenelefe Golf Resort, Haines City**
Conducted by the Collegiate Golf Foundation, the FSGA is honored to have the championship request the assistance of our officials for the event. Eighty players (40 from Div. II and 40 from Div. III) are invited to play. The 24th will be a practice round, and two rounds will be played on both the 25th and 26th. Complimentary rooms (double occupancy) and several meals will be provided for the officials. We need 10 officials for this event.
- 2. Division I Rolex Match Play Championship ♦ October 31-November 2 ♦ Indian River Club, Vero Beach**
Another event conducted by the Collegiate Golf Foundation, the Division I championship invites the top eight male and the top eight female college teams in the country. Competition begins October 31 for the women, while the men enjoy a practice round. The men will play two competitive rounds and the women just one on November 1. The final round is on November 2. We need 10 officials for this event.
- 3. Sam Parks Junior Golf Tournament ♦ August 29-30 ♦ Belleair CC, Belleair**
We know this is scheduled on the same days as the Florida State Net Two-Man Team Championship, but maybe those not scheduled to work at Innisbrook could help out here.
- 4. Gary Koch Cleveland Golf Invitational ♦ October 19-20 ♦ Rio Pinar CC, Orlando**
This is a collegiate tournament in which one of our committeemen, Mr. Kipp Minter, has requested our assistance.

Owen Claims 81st Florida State Amateur Championship

Ocala's Daniel Owen shot a final-round 70 to claim the 81st Florida State Amateur Championship at the Bay Hill Club. The 30-year old real estate salesman shot even par for the championship to edge Sarasota's Mark Boldin by one shot. Owen had finished sixth in last year's amateur and was runner-up in 1996.

Officials Doing Their Job

The pace-of-play at Bay Hill was excellent! The average time for three of the four rounds was under 4 hours. That's amazing when compared to last year's Amateur where pace-of-play was averaging over 5 hours a round. The pace-of-play was so impressive, the *Orlando Sentinel* ran a story on it. But the Amateur was not the only championship where pace-of-play has improved; all of the 1998 championships have seen remarkable improvement regarding the pace-of-play.

PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop Schedule

Applicants will be enrolled as they apply on a first-come basis from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29. If you plan to attend a workshop, call **800-474-2776** and use your credit card for payment. The cost for the Regular and Tournament Administration Workshops is \$250.00.

REGULAR WORKSHOPS

<i>Course #</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Instructors</i>
#9819	Palm Beach Gardens RESTRICTED (85 or higher during last four years)	Jan. 10-13	Jeff Hall / Rick Burton
#9818	Palm Beach Gardens	Jan. 10-13	John Morrissett / David Price
#9823	Tampa	Feb. 8-11	Trey Holland / Ed Hoard
#9828	Orlando	Feb. 28-March 3	Tom Meeks / Doug Brecht
#9826	Atlanta, Georgia	Feb. 14-17	Clyde Luther / Don Essig

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

#9832	Ponte Vedra Beach	March 14-17	Tom Meeks / Larry Startzel
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Board Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1999 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Florida State Golf Association, and their decisions will shape and define our association for years to come. If you have someone in mind, please contact the FSGA office at (941) 921-5695.

Mailing List

The third *Florida Golfer* magazine will be arriving in September, but to only about 55,000 golfers. When compared to the number of golfers in Florida, we are not reaching the majority. We are still actively pursuing mailing lists from clubs so their members can receive this first-class magazine. We insure that we will not sell, copy or distribute the mailing list. It will only be used for the purpose of mailing the *Florida Golfer*. This is a free magazine intended for all golfers in the state.

Membership Numbers (as of July 24)
610 FSGA Member Clubs
1,677 Individual Members
90,000+ Overall Members (counting individuals on the USGA/GHIN Handicap System)

Special Thanks to Selva Marina Country Club and Jim Callender

When Queen's Harbour Country Club in Jacksonville was unable to host a State Amateur qualifier because of course conditions, Tournament Chairman Jim Callender contacted Selva Marina in an attempt to move it there. Fortunately, Selva Marina agreed to host the event on just a week's notice. The FSGA owes a special thank-you to both Selva Marina Country Club and Tournament Chairman Jim Callender for helping avert a tough situation.

E-mail the Executive Director at jdemick@email.msn.com

Executive Director Jim Demick is trying to capture the e-mail addresses of FSGA volunteers in an effort to keep you informed about what is happening with your golf association. If you are on the internet, please send an e-mail to jdemick@email.msn.com. All other staff members can be reached at fsga@usga.org.

Important Notes For Course Rating Captains

- ♦ Within a week of receiving a request, you should contact the club and let them know you have received the request. You should also give them an approximate time frame as to when the service will be performed.
- ♦ When you send in your Form 1's, all information *must* be completed and totaled.
- ♦ Original copies of all paperwork, reports and measurements should be sent to the FSGA office. Clubs can have a copy, but all originals should be filed at the FSGA Office. The paperwork is our responsibility, and leaving the paperwork for the clubs is not a good idea. If they lose it, we have a back-up copy.



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