



THE FLORIDA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION'S

# RATINGS & RULINGS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE FSGA

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## Change in Official Uniforms

The Board of Directors approved a change in FSGA Volunteer Uniforms beginning in 1999. For tournament volunteers, the uniform will include *khaki* long pants for men and either *khaki* slacks or shorts for women. *Khaki* shorts or slacks are also the uniform for course rating volunteers. The official shirts will continue to be the white, FSGA-logged shirts.

## Volunteers of the Year Recognized

The FSGA recognized the 1998 Volunteers of the Year at the Annual Dinner in November. Mallory Privett was awarded the Tournament Volunteer of the Year, while K.E. Conrad earned the Course Rating Award. Privett is an active Tournament Chairman and course rater in southeast Florida. He conducted 12 qualifiers and also worked four additional state championships and the Rolex National Match Play Championships this year. Privett also currently serves as the FSGA's Secretary-Treasurer, does extensive work with the PGA of America and is a member of PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens. Conrad has been a course rating captain nearly two years. As captain of District 6, Conrad is responsible for courses in Gilchrist, Levy, Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Citrus and Hernando counties. Conrad is a member of Rainbow Springs Golf and Country Club in Dunnellon.

## Rules Quiz -- "I Think my Ball Moved" (answers found at end of newsletter)

### Beginner Question

According to the Rules of Golf, has a ball moved if it rolls 10 feet then returns to its original position?

### Intermediate Question

I accidentally kick and move my ball while searching for it in the rough. What is the ruling?

### Advanced Question

What if the player who accidentally kicked his ball was unsure as to where the ball originally lay?

## Welcome to the Board

Six new members have been elected to the Board of Directors. They are as follows: Niceville's Bill Giese, a member at Golf Club at Bluewater Bay; Bonita Bay's Bob Paterson, a member at the Bonita Bay Club; Maitland's Bruce Flower, a member at Country Club at Heathrow; Palm Beach Garden's Mike Liga, a member at PGA National; Daytona Beach's Bill Hermann, a member at Spruce Creek Country Club; and Bradenton's Jim Shupe, a member at The River Club.

Tom Dudley, of Jacksonville, has also been elected to the Executive Committee. Dudley replaces Chip Landon as a Director-at-Large.

## Course Raters and The Use of Transition Zones

At a recent course rating seminar, the subject of transition zones became a pretty hot topic! It seems some teams have the mistaken impression that Transition Zone concept should not be used if the landing zone falls on the green. (Refer to page 3 in the Course Rating Guide.) Even if the landing area falls in the CENTER of a green, the Transition Zone concept should still be applied, except when an obstacle or effective playing length correction factor prevents the ball from landing on the green.

The USGA Course Rating System advises us to rate the hole as if it is being played twice. Once with a long approach that lands on the green and once with an approach that lands just short of the green. Then these approach shots are applied to the Green Target table and are averaged. The averaged Green Target is then applied to R&R and Bunkers. Other obstacles that should be averaged for transition are Topography, Fairway, OB, Water and Trees.

It is much better to err on the side of moderation (applying Transition Zone) than not to use it. If it is not used when called for, the course rating and slope are falsely inflated and handicaps are inaccurately low. If your team is struggling with this problem or has any course rating questions, please call Eileen Forrester at the FSGA Office.

## Golf House Florida

The Board of Directors approved a plan at the annual meeting to pursue the development of a permanent facility for the Florida State Golf Association and other related golf organizations. The facility will house the FSGA, FWPGA and offices for the USGA. Golf House Florida will act as an educational facility for rules officials, course raters, junior program coordinators and high school golf coaches. A Florida Golf Hall of Fame would also be created and maintained with additional space for the USGA's Traveling Exhibit Program.

We are in the early planning stages of Golf House's development, so a location has not yet been determined. Sites are presently being reviewed, so if you are aware of a potential host facility, please contact Jim Demick at the FSGA Office. With capital campaigns, planning and development still ahead, Golf House Florida is anticipated to take at least two years.

### Rules Officials Needed

The Kansas State Golf Association is conducting the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America National Championship on February 7-9, 1999. Held at Innisbrook and World Woods, the championship is in need of rules officials. If you are interested, please contact the FSGA Office at (941) 921-5695.

### Numbers Crunch

The following chart shows the FSGA's membership numbers for the past three years. After an increase from 1996 to 1997, we have had a large rise of members in every category this year.

	Individual Members	Club Members	GHIN Members
1996	1687	505	79,000
1997	1551	554	91,000
1998	1748	695	91,380

### Looking for Private Detectives

The *Florida Golfer* is preparing to cover some of the FSGA's history in future editions. People, courses and tournaments of years past will be shared briefly. There has to be some old stories floating out there somewhere, so let Chris Lowery at the FSGA Office know so we can all remember our storied past.

### Answers to Rules Quiz

#### *Beginner Answer*

No. (Definition of Ball Moved)

#### *Intermediate Answer*

One penalty stroke and ball replaced. (Rule 18-2A)

#### *Advanced Answer*

The player must drop the ball as near as possible to the place where it originally lay - no additional penalty. (Rule 20-3c)

### Happy Holidays

The staff of the Florida State Golf Association wishes everyone a joyous holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



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