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Membership Numbers

Currently, more than 3,100 individuals have signed up for membership. We ask that all volunteers join the FSGA and support your State Golf Association. Renew your membership today at www.fsga.org. Also, over 830 clubs have signed up as 2005 FSGA Member Clubs. We are also accepting memberships for the 2005-2006 Florida Junior Tour (FJT) season and so far, more than 60 juniors have registered for membership. Please tell juniors about this great Tour and opportunity to compete in high-end competitions at some of the state's top courses.

Is your Club Certified to use the Handicap System?

Please see www.fsga.org and check if your club is authorized in the Handicap System. If not, contact your club staff to attend a seminar or take the test online at www.usga.org. This must be completed by 2006. So far, more than 640 individuals and 370 clubs in the state have been certified. Seminars scheduled include:

July 18 - Inverrary CC, Lauderhill

August 19 - Baytree National, Melbourne

August 26 - The Polo Club of Boca Raton

September 19 - Inverrary CC, Lauderhill

US Open Officials

Mallory Privett, Bruce Flower, and Tom Dudley represented the FSGA as Rules Officials at the 105th US Open Championship at Pinehurst.

Future of Golf Foundation

The FSGA is proud to say we have more than 385 Foundation Members who contribute to the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation was established last year to benefit juniors in the state with college scholarships and assist junior golfers with entry and travel expenses to national competitions.

Most recently, we awarded college scholarships to three very deserving juniors: **Gregory Pearlman**, of Avon Park, and Highlands Ridge Golf Club, attends South Florida Community College. **Jocelyn Dunn**, from Sebring, has worked at River Greens Golf Club since 2003 and currently works at Sebring Golf Club. She will be attending Embry-Riddle Aerospace University in the fall. **Brian Terrinoni**, from Royal Palm Beach, will be attending Flagler College to study communications.

The Foundation benefits member clubs, their employees and dependents. In addition, the Foundation will assist FSGA and/or FJT junior golfers with college scholarships and entry and travel expenses to national tournaments.

The Foundation is funded by contributions and fundraising programs including FSGA membership initiatives. All membership dollars above the Regular \$45 membership will go to the Foundation. In addition, competitors and visitors to the website have the opportunity to donate through their tournament entry or purchases on the website.

If you know of a deserving junior, please tell them about this great opportunity. The website www.fsga.org has all the information and an application or please call the FSGA office. We are also accepting donations to the Foundation.

Check Out New Volunteer Central

Volunteer Central has a new look. Log on to www.fsga.org and see the improved layout. The page is better organized for your convenience and easier to navigate. There are different sections making it easy to view items and sign up for events. In addition, we will begin recognizing volunteers who have done something extraordinary. The lead story will continue to change with important information and news. Please contact the office if you or a volunteer you know did something worth bragging about! Please continue to check Volunteer Central as it will change constantly.

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: About Us, Club Services, Membership, Handicapping, Club Services, Seminars, June 201, Volunteers, and Links. The main content area is titled "Volunteer Central" and features a photo of a man in a white shirt and hat holding a framed certificate. To the right of the photo is a "Thank You to FSGA" message. Below the photo is a "HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER" button with "CLICK HERE!" text. At the bottom, there are two columns of links: "Tournament Signup" and "Course Taking This..."

Course Rating Regional Meetings

Five Course Regional Seminars were held in May and June with excellent attendance from our FSGA and FWSGA Course Rating Teams. We appreciate the efforts and attendance of all course rating volunteers at these sessions. Without your efforts, we could not attain the level of success the FSGA and FWSGA Course Rating Teams have achieved over the past and future years! At each session one of our focal points involved all team members taking the USGA National Calibration team test, a collective review of the team test with much discussion of several questions. Highlights from each session include:

May 10 – Regatta Bay Golf & Country Club – NW Regional Seminar

The men's and women's course rating teams from Section 1 attended Regatta Bay G & CC where they took the national calibration team test, and then focused on the slide presentation from the Captain/Co-Captain meeting.

May 24 – Bear Lakes Country Club – SE Regional Seminar

FSGA teams from Sections 12, 16, 17 and 18 as well as FWSGA teams from Sections 10, 12 and 13 attended Bear Lakes CC where we tested our new tool – the Breakmaster! The Breakmaster is a device used to measure the slope of greens. Also, we included in our light reading materials a final version of Brian Robideau's article analyzing the science backing our use of the Breakmaster tool. A brief outdoor session on the Lakes course 9th and 18th greens gave us a practical look at applying these principles. Mallory Privett gave insight to a practical application of analyzing existing course markings for water hazards as a comparison to a correct course marking following USGA recommendations where a tilt is an issue. His answer is to take both measurements and determine if you do or do not jump a column in your obstacle value with the different measurements. If you do, then include a tilt in the obstacle value for that shot.

May 26 – Fiddlesticks Country Club – SW Regional Seminar

FSGA teams from Sections 11, 13, 14 and 15 as well as FWSGA teams from Sections 9 and 11 attended at Fiddlesticks CC where Andy Green demonstrated the scratch golfer's ability to recover from trees on the 9th hole of the Wee Friendly Course, fielding numerous questions as to his shot selections, while explaining how he applies Decision 12-8.b/1 to this landing zone area. After our national calibration test discussion, we applied the Breakmaster tool using the Robideau treatise on the putting green, as the Long and Mean Course is under construction.

June 1 – Hunters Green Country Club – Central Regional Seminar

FSGA teams from Sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as well as FWSGA teams from Sections 3, 6 and 7 attended at Hunters Green CC. Megan Cushman demonstrated the women scratch golfer's ability to recover from trees. Using the first hole, Megan picked interesting positions in trees giving her several difficult shot selections. After lunch, we again tested the Breakmaster on the 18th hole to review the process of taking proper measurements to yield a proper analysis and result for green surface. We continued our Q&A session with discussion.

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New Volunteers

Please welcome the following new volunteers to the FSGA: **David Baines, Malcolm Bennett, Cookman Boyd, Tom Cook, John Galm, Dennis Grage, Richard Haverly, Dick Houghton, Lonnie Johns, Scrib Kelly, Mike Maurer, Robert Miner, Guy Moran, Chip Powell, Peter Roche and Ray Zall.**

Earpieces

You can now purchase your very own earpiece to be used during FSGA events. The earpieces cost \$10 and are available by calling Alyson Bartell at the FSGA office, (813) 632-3742 or emailing abartell@fsga.org.

Volunteers Needed

Please continue to check Volunteer Central and see what events need volunteers ASAP. Those events are highlighted in red and if you are available, please sign up. We greatly appreciate your help and support.

Links Magazine

As a benefit of membership, you will begin receiving Links magazine. This is a great publication that reports on golf real estate, travel, course, equipment and much more.

Electronic Newsletter

The FSGA has emailed the first issue of Florida Golfer News. We will be sending out the electronic newsletter to give you news and updates about golf in Florida. Please contact Alyson Bartell at abartell@fsga.org if you have any comments or something you would like to see in an issue.

Volunteer Spotlight - John Ives

John Ives was born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut and went on to Dartmouth College then Yale to earn his MS. The time in between colleges, John spent serving in the army in Korea. In 1977, John moved to Florida and settled in Gainesville where he was CEO of Shands Teaching Hospital. Since retiring, John has been volunteering with the FSGA and the Gainesville Junior Golf Tour.

From 1994, John has been involved with the FSGA. He was always interested in golf and a decent player. His father was the President of the Connecticut State Golf Association and John even helped establish the Connecticut Junior Golf Association. John is an active Tournament Chairman working many events this season. He also acts as the Tournament Chair of the Gainesville Junior Golf Association that runs nine tournaments each summer for Gainesville's junior golfers. He also spends his time as the assistant coach of the Oak Hall School Golf Team. John says, "I enjoy meeting other volunteers, players, particular the juniors, and working with the FSGA staff." John has been a member of the FSGA Board of Directors since 1998. In his time with the FSGA, John has attended five USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Seminars to freshen up his knowledge on the Rules. Living in Gainesville, he is very active in collegiate tournaments each year. John has served as a past president and treasurer of the Gainesville Sports Organizing Committee.

In his spare time, John enjoys woodworking and playing golf at Gainesville Country Club about twice a week.

John and his wife Ann met in high school and have been married for 54 years! They have a son, Ralph, who works at Shands Teaching Hospital, and two grandsons, Justin and Christian, who also play golf.



John Ives and grandson Justin

June 2 – Spruce Creek Country Club – NE Regional Seminar

FSGA teams from Sections 2 and 3 as well as FWSGA teams from Sections 2 and 5 gathered at Spruce Creek CC for the training session. Before our two-hole calibration, we gave out the Breakmaster to briefly discuss its application before using it in this field test. The selected hole lengths for both men and women provided the topic for much discussion regarding transition issues. Use of the Breakmaster during this calibration gave a good opportunity to test stimpmeter speeds and its relationship to degree of slope measurements taken during this calibration.



We look forward to working with each team in the field during the remainder of this year. Please do not hesitate to ask us to join your team on a rating.

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