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Volunteer Appreciation Days

Don't miss out on all the fun! Join fellow volunteers for a day of lunch and golf compliments of the FSGA. If you are an active volunteer, please register online at www.fsga.org to sign up for the site of your choice. Join us as we recognize you, our outstanding volunteers. Please call or email Andy Green at agreen@fsga.org with any questions or specific pairings requests.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004
Spruce Creek Preserve Golf Club, Ocala
8:30 am

Thursday, October 14, 2004
Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota
9:00 am

Wednesday, October 6, 2004
Marsh Creek Country Club, St. Augustine
9:00 am

Tuesday, October 19, 2004
Orange Tree Country Club, Orlando
8:00 am

Friday, October 8, 2004
Naples Lakes Country Club, Naples
8:00 am

Monday, October 25, 2004
Country Club of Boca Raton, Boca Raton
9:00 am

Tuesday, October 12, 2004
Tampa Palms Country Club, Tampa
8:00 am

Tuesday, October 26, 2004
Sandestin Golf Resort, Destin
9:00 am

FJT Partners with C-Thru Grips

The Florida Junior Tour is pleased to announce a partnership with C-Thru Grips to sponsor the Fall Rush, the first six events of the 2004-2005 Florida Junior Tour. At the conclusion of the Fall Rush, FJT players will have the opportunity to spend a day with PGA professionals John Cook and Mark O'Meara at the renowned Isleworth Country Club.

The Fall Rush includes events at Bear Lakes, Bloomingdale, PGA Golf Club, Disney and Orange County National. C-Thru Grips sponsored the first FJT event at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club in March and continues to work with the FJT to provide the very best for Florida's junior golfers.

As part of this partnership, C-Thru Grips will host a day of golf at Isleworth Country Club in Orlando, home of Tiger Woods, Stuart Appleby, Charles Howell III and many more golf professionals. Throughout the Fall Rush, a points list will be maintained and the first and second points leaders in the boys divisions will be awarded lunch and a round of golf with PGA professionals John Cook and Mark O'Meara at Isleworth Country Club. Each points leader in the girls 13-15 and 16-18 age division will also get to experience a day at Isleworth. Additionally, C-Thru Grips will provide FJT members with personalized logo grips.

We are proud to have such fine presenting sponsors of the first two events of the Fall Rush. Bear Lakes Country Club on September 11-12 is presented by WilsonMiller and will host the 16-18 age division. Bloomingdale Golfers Club is presented by Allstate as the 13-15 age division will play their first event of the Fall Rush on September 18-19.

If you are interested in supporting the FJT, please visit www.floridajuniortour.org or call Les Brown at (813) 632-3742. There are different levels of sponsorship for you to get involved with the FJT.

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Membership

As of September 1, 3,320 individuals have signed up for membership. Beginning October 1, new memberships will count towards 2005. Renew your membership early at www.fsga.org. Remember when signing up for membership, join at a "Council" level and you will be supporting the Future of Golf Foundation.

2004-2005 Winter Series

We are now accepting entries and volunteers for the 2004-2005 Winter Series. One event has been added to the schedule totaling eight. Sign up early at www.fsga.org !

NW Club Challenge

Volunteers in the Panhandle, please encourage your club to participate in the NW Club Challenge on October 23-24 at Camp Creek GC in Panama City Beach. The format is 36 holes of stroke play with the total of the low 3 of the 4 gross scores counting for each round. Sign up at www.fsga.org and save \$10.

New Tournament Dates

Due to Hurricane Charlie, two FSGA Championships had to be rescheduled. The Junior Match Play Invitational will be played on September 4-5 and the Public Links Championship was moved to December 4-5. Please check your calendars and sign up at Volunteer Central.

Update Profiles

Please remember to update your volunteer profiles online. This will better help us know what areas you enjoy most and where you have the most experience.

What is a Rules Official?

A Rules Official must be able to understand and interpret the Rules of Golf. At an FSGA event, Rules Officials act as on-course administrators and ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the FSGA tournament policies. To become certified as a Rules Official for the FSGA, a Tournament Committee member must:

1. Attend a PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Seminar at least once every four years
2. Attain a score of 85 or higher on the annual PGA/USGA Rules of Golf examination during the last four years
3. Attend a FSGA Rules Seminar at least once every 4 years
4. Attend a FSGA Tournament Volunteer Workshop at least once every four years
5. Receive a positive evaluation from a Tournament Chairman
6. Be appointed by the FSGA Tournament staff.

The FSGA also strongly recommends attendance of a PGA/USGA Rules Seminar to experience the in-depth three and one-half day instruction on the Rules of Golf.

Our Rules Officials are a tremendous help to the organization. We want to play by the Rules of Golf, so please if you are not a Rules Official, do not try to act as one. Get on the radio and call a Rules Official and one will be right there.

2004-2005 PGA/USGA Rules Workshops

Register online at www.pgalinks.com or call 800-474-2776 to sign up for a workshop. The registration fees are \$250.

4-Day Rules of Golf Workshop
Port St. Lucie
January 5-8, 2005
Deadline December 27, 2004

Tournament Administration W/S
Ponte Vedra
March 13-16, 2005
Deadline March 3, 2005

Orlando
March 7-10, 2005
Deadline February 25, 2005

Southeast Challenge Matches

Come support the best amateur golfers in the state at the Southeast Challenge Matches on October 16-17 at The Club at TwinEagles in Naples.

The Southeast Challenge Matches is a biennial match play competition with twelve-man teams from Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Four seniors and eight mid-amateurs from each state will be selected to play in the Ryder Cup format.

Florida is looking to reclaim the title after Georgia won the Matches in 2002 with 26 1/2 points, Florida 19 1/2 points and Alabama finished with 17 points at The Ledges in Alabama. Florida leads the series with 5 wins, Georgia has 3 wins and Alabama won the Matches once.

The Tournament Sandbagger

It seems to happen every month at every club in the country, Mr./Mrs. "Exceptional Tournament Score" comes out of hibernation and laps the field in the _____ (insert your tournament here). We have all encountered this situation and the most interesting thing to me is how after the tournament, all the members stand and stare at the scoreboard in amazement. Face it; most of the time you know who these E.T.S.'s are and you know what to expect come tournament time. The question is.... What is your club going to do about it? I know at my former club, we had our three or four E.T.S.'s who seemed to always have their game (& handicap) in better shape than Mickelson before a major (at least in 04').

As we continue to stress in our USGA/FGSA Handicap Seminars, it's time to put your handicap committee into full alert! Make sure that your membership knows that you are on a mission and intend to put a stop to the insanity. The most important thing a handicap committee can do is communicate that they are paying attention to what's going on at the club. It starts with policies and procedures that your committee should decide upon and post to the membership. The next step is making sure you are affording the members the proper channels for Peer Review (see our website for further details, www.fsga.org). Finally, take the steps to penalize those E.T.S.'s that ruin your events. In our travels, the successful clubs tell us that by simply putting your committee into action you will start to win some of your battles.

So what are the odds of Mr./Mrs. E.T.S. shooting those Tiger Wood's type scores in your big events? Former Director of USGA Handicapping Dean Knuth has provided the following odds on shooting and Exceptional Score in a tournament. You can also visit his website @ popeofslope.com.

Net Differential	Handicap Ranges				
	0-5	6-12	13-21	22-30	GREATER THAN 30
	odds	odds	odds	odds	odds
0	5:1	5:1	6:1	5:1	5:1
-1	10:1	10:1	10:1	8:1	7:1
-2	23:1	22:1	21:1	13:1	10:1
-3	57:1	51:1	43:1	23:1	15:1
-4	151:1	121:1	87:1	40:1	22:1
-5	379:1	276:1	174:1	72:1	35:1
-6	790:1	536:1	323:1	130:1	60:1
-7	2349:1	1200:1	552:1	229:1	101:1
-8	20111:1	4467:1	1138:1	382:1	185:1
-9	48219:1	27877:1	3577:1	695:1	359:1
-10	125000:1	84300:1	37000:1	1650:1	874:1

Get your HANDICAP by Email!

By being on the GHIN Handicap System, you can receive your revised handicap by email. What a convenience! When prompted, enter your email address into your club's handicap computer. That's all there is to it! You're now signed up to receive your handicap by email each time scores are revised. Tell your friends about this service and start receiving your handicap by email.

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H.S. Rules Seminars

The FSGA presented 12 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Rules of Golf Clinics in the month of August. For the fifth year, the FSGA Competitions Department, discussed the Rules of Golf with a fun, interactive presentation. This year, more than 500 coaches and over 200 high school golfers were in attendance. We continue our relationship with the FHSAA by helping administer the State High School Golf Championships in November.

FHSAA State Finals

The dates of the State High School Golf Championships have been changed to November 2 & 3 in Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. Please confirm these dates as they are new and sign up through Volunteer Central.

Tournament Chairmen

The annual Tournament Chairman's meeting is set for October 27-28 at Tampa Palms Golf & CC. The schedule of activities and additional information will be mailed shortly.

Handicap Seminars ADDED

More Handicap Seminars are being added to the schedule. Have someone from your club attend and obtain certification. Sign up online at www.fsga.org. New dates include:

September 8 - The Villages Hacienda G & CC, The Villages

October 13 - Bent Tree CC, Sarasota

November 2 - Baymeadows Golf Club, Jacksonville

November 8 - Inverrary CC, Lauderhill

January 10, 2005 - Southwood GC, Tallahassee

Volunteer Spotlight: Brenda Davis

A native of Maine, Brenda Davis now calls Fort Myers home. Brenda attended the University of Maine where she majored in Biology and earned a degree in Education. During college, she met her husband Andrew on a blind date. After college, Brenda stayed at home with their son, Stuart and occasionally substituted teaching. When their son was young, Brenda began playing golf. A friend of theirs bought a small 9-hole course and she and her friends would get group lessons while the kids played. Up north, Brenda was involved with the Maine Golf Association and was the local rep for their golf club and later joined the tournaments committee. She also played in many state tournaments.



Andrew and Brenda Davis

The Davis' came to Florida fourteen years ago and first spent the season in Lehigh Acres and now live permanently in Fort Myers. At Gateway Golf and Country Club, Brenda plays golf three days a week, competes in club championships and serves on the golf and events committee.

After seeing an ad for an FSGA Rules Seminar, Brenda and a friend made the trip to Tampa to learn more about the Rules of Golf. She attended another one the following year and then got involved as a volunteer. Brenda serves the Southwest Florida area, traveling from Venice down south. Every year, she attends Rules and Volunteer Seminars and hopes to one day become a Rules Official. Brenda says, "I really enjoy the organization as a whole." "We are all here for the same reason - to make the event go as smooth as possible." Brenda especially likes the junior events because it is very hands on and there always seems to be some situation to help with. About a year ago, Brenda introduced her husband to the FSGA and now, Andrew can also be seen at FSGA events.

Besides golf, Brenda plays bridge, swims and enjoys working around the house. Thank you Brenda for all your hard work and dedication to the FSGA!

Future of Golf Foundation

Remember, when renewing your membership for 2005, all Council memberships will benefit the Future of Golf Foundation. The FSGA has formed the Future of Golf Foundation to benefit junior golfers and the future of golf in Florida.

The Future of Golf Foundation is a need and academic based program that will provide college scholarships to junior golfers and assist juniors with entry and travel expenses to USGA National tournaments. The Foundation will also benefit member clubs, their employees and dependents and provide support to junior programs and other golf related causes.

The Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) has committed \$250,000 over five years for the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation will be funded by contributions and fund raising programs including FSGA membership initiatives. All membership dollars above the Regular \$45 membership will go towards the Foundation. In the past year, the FSGA has awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships and provided an additional \$20,000 in grants.

The FSGA is now accepting donations to the Future of Golf Foundation to be distributed to deserving juniors. To contribute, please call the FSGA office and renew at a "Council" level for 2005.

The FSGA is also accepting scholarship applications for the Future of Golf Foundation. Please tell your club staff and deserving juniors about this opportunity and visit www.fsga.org for more information and an application.



Brenda Davis

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