

# Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship

### **CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

Memorandum to Contestants

Thank you for registering to play in the **Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship**. We are certain that you will enjoy your experience competing in a State Championship and take many favorable memories from your time at Fiddlesticks Country Club.

Please take time to carefully read this information. There are several important pieces of information contained here, some of which require action from you by a designated time (e.g. hotel reservations, practice rounds, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact the FSGA Championship Department at (813) 868-5850 or <a href="mailto:championships@fsga.org">championships@fsga.org</a>.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT & CUT**

54 holes of individual stroke play. The field will be cut to the low sixty (60) players and ties after 36 holes. The lowest score for 54 holes will be the champion. If necessary, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the champion.

If necessary, the Championship may be shortened to 36 or 18 holes if inclement weather forces the FSGA to cancel a round or rounds. All tournament rounds will be played on the Long Mean course.

### **DEFENDING CHAMPION**

Don Bell, of Port Orange, FL, shot rounds of 66-69—135 (-9) at Sugar Mill Country Club in route to winning the 2014 title. The 2014 tournament was shortened one day due to inclement weather.

### **COURSE**

Tournament rounds are scheduled on the Long Mean course at Fiddlesticks Country Club. It will be played at approximately 6,800 – 7,000 yards.



### **TEE TIMES & GROUPINGS**

Tee times and pairings groups will be arranged and posted on the FSGA website at <a href="www.fsga.org">www.fsga.org</a> on or before Monday, April 20. All competitors with a valid email address on file with the FSGA will have a link to the pairings emailed to them.

### **CARTS & CADDIES**

Fiddlesticks Country Club has a limited number of carts. Players may have to walk to and from the practice area and practice putting greens.

All players must ride in a cart during tournament rounds. If a player employs a caddie, the caddie **MUST** walk and the player's clubs must remain on the golf cart. Only players are allowed to ride in carts.

# **PRACTICE ROUNDS**

Practice rounds are available one week prior to the Championship and after 12:00 PM on a space available basis. Practice rounds are available all day on Thursday (space available basis).

Due to a highly active membership this time of year, players may only call two days ahead of time to book their practice round. The cost of the practice round, including range balls and cart is \$38 plus tax. Due to a limited number of carts at Fiddlesticks Country Club players will normally be paired with other players. Players are allowed one practice round at the \$38 plus tax rate.

**Golf Shop Number:** (239) 768-1114

You may **not** make your practice round tee time **before the first round tee times are posted**.

### PRACTICE FACILITIES

The practice facilities will open at 6:45 AM each morning.

### **HOST SITE POLICIES & DRESS CODE**

The Membership and Management at Fiddlesticks Country Club would like all of you to enjoy your experience during the Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

- Gentlemen are required to have shirts tucked in and hats worn properly while on the golf course.
- The wearing of **cargo shorts** with pouches on the outside is **NOT** permitted.
- Players are encouraged to use the services of the clubhouse including the buffets and grill room for food and beverage, as well as the locker room and its services.
- The club prohibits the use of cell phones in the clubhouse. Leave your cell phone on vibrate or silent.

Remember that you are guests of Fiddlesticks Country Club and entries are subject to rejection or withdrawal at any time (including during the event). The reason for withdrawal may include improper attire and/or unbecoming conduct.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

Players are not allowed to bring product on property. Please support the club and purchase your food and beverage at the club. Coffee and breakfast will be available at the halfway house or the clubhouse.

A beverage cart will NOT be on the course during the championship.

### **HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS**

For each hotel, to receive the reduced rate, you must make your reservation by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The **Hilton Garden Inn – Fort Myers** is offering a rate of \$89 per night plus tax for a room with a Queen bed or two queens. When making your reservations please identify yourself with the **group code FSGA.** 

(239) 210-7200

The **Homewood Suites – Fort Myers** is offering a rate of \$99 per night plus tax. The **group code** is **FSG**.

(239) 210-7300

The **Crowne Plaza Bell Tower** is offering a rate of \$79 per night plus tax. The **group code is AGT**.

(239) 482-2900

### PACE OF PLAY

In order to accommodate a "double wave," it is essential that the game be played at a brisk pace, which may be defined as 4:15 in groups of three during the Championship rounds. If and when it should become necessary to give players in each group a penalty for slow play, we hope they will react with the understanding that we do it in the best interest of the Championship and the other players. The pace of play for the Championship will be posted on the Notice to Players. FSGA Pace of Play Policy

The FSGA Pace of Play Policy utilizes a two checkpoint system.

- Players will **NOT** receive warnings.
- Each group is responsible for monitoring their own pace.
- To avoid penalty, groups must complete each checkpoint hole:
  - 1. Within 15 minutes of the group ahead, or
  - 2. Under the allotted time.
- Checkpoints on each course will be on holes #9 and #18.
- All players in a group in breach are subject to penalty.

Position with Group Ahead – To stay within 15 minutes of the group ahead, players should never have an open hole ahead, and they should be in the fairway on par 4's and 5's when the group ahead leaves the green.

## PLAYER CHECK-IN (THURSDAY & FRIDAY)

There will be a check-in table set up outside the clubhouse at Fiddlesticks Country Club to pick up your tee gift and player information prior to your first round starting time on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **CHARGES**

Fiddlesticks Country Club accepts **ONLY** Visa/MasterCard/Discover for payment, <u>NO CASH.</u>

# **LOCATION - FIDDLESTICKS COUNTRY CLUB**

Fiddlesticks Country Club 15391 Cannongate Drive Fort Myers, FL 33912 (239) 768-1114

Click here for directions

Thank you and good luck!!

FSGA Championships Committee

# APPROXIMATE CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGES FIDDLESTICKS COUNTRY CLUB



<u>Hole</u>	Par	<u>Yardage</u>
1	5	519
2	4	408
3	3	161
4	5	559
5	3	199
6	4	397
7	4	367
8	4	427
9	4	416
	36	3,453
10	4	401
11	5	553
12	4	408
13	3	175
14	4	420
15	4	416
16	4	435
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