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2015 MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joe Alfieri - Amateur Player of the Year

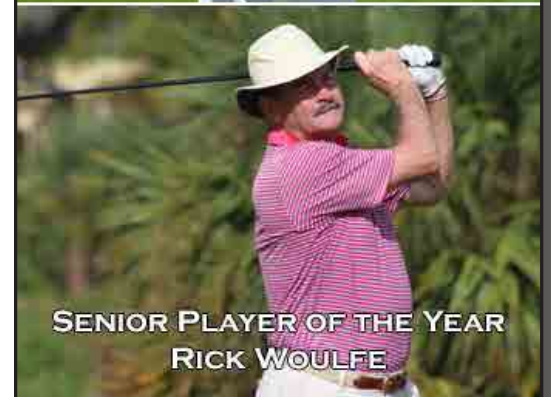
Joe Alfieri, of Lutz has earned POY honors gathering 12,365 points. Alfieri earned this honor previously in 1999 and 2001. Joe started 2015 with a two-stroke victory at the Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship at Fiddlesticks CC in May. June would see Joe post two top-ten finishes, a solo second place finish at the Amateur Public Links Championship and tied for seventh at the 98th Amateur Championship. At the Florida Open Championship in July, Alfieri would finish tied for 20th finish. Joe was exempt into the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship based on his World Amateur Golf Ranking and fought his way through to match play, advancing to the Round of 32 at John's Island Club in Vero Beach. In his final appearance of 2015, Joe would advance to match play at the Florida Mid-Amateur Championship and advance to the quarterfinals before being eliminated. Joe represented Florida in the SE Challenge Matches, and went 3 and 2 in his matches to assist the team in defending the title!

Rick Woulfe - Senior Player of the Year

For the majority of the season, Gordon Marshall had a stronghold on the Senior Player of the Year Points List. However, a late run of excellent golf by now eight-time Senior Player of the Year, Rick Woulfe, of Fort Lauderdale, would quickly change that. Woulfe would finish tied for 4th in the Senior/Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship with Stephen Anderson, tied for 16th in the Senior Amateur Championship at the CC of Naples, and tied for fourth at the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball in the spring. Woulfe captured medalist honors at the Senior Amateur Match Play Championship and advanced to the semifinals of the event. Exempt to the Amateur Championship, Woulfe failed to make the cut. Paired with Senior Amateur Champion, Gordon Marshall, the duo would post a tied for seventh finish at the Four-Ball Championship in July. In August, Woulfe would steal the opening round lead at the Florida Senior Open at Belleair CC, on his way to a tied for tenth finish. Rick qualified for the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, moving on to match play and advancing to the Round of 32. Woulfe finished the year by qualifying for match play at the Mid-Amateur Championship and made it to the Quarterfinals and represented Florida in the SE Challenge Matches.

Brandon Mancheno - Junior Player of the Year

2015 was a special year for Brandon Mancheno, of Jacksonville. After a breakthrough capturing the 2014 FJT Tour Championship and his first win in December, Mancheno started 2015 on fire. From January through April, Mancheno would finish no worse than 7th place in FJT events. In May, he would end the spring FJT season with a tie for third and a win at the 54-Hole Major. At the Boys' Junior Championship at Black Diamond Ranch, the University of Auburn commit would finish alone in third place. Playing in his first of two USGA Championships, Brandon would head to Colleton River Plantation, in South Carolina, and capture Stroke Play Medalist honors at the U.S. Junior Championship in July and advance to the Round of 32 before being eliminated. At the U.S. Amateur, Mancheno would post rounds of 76 and 75 and fail to advance to match play.



2015 WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tara Joy-Connelly - Women's Amateur Player of the Year

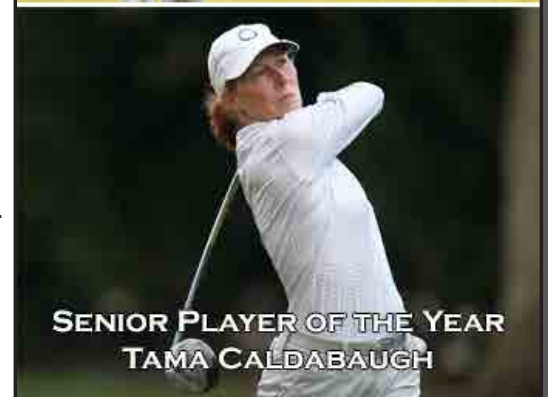
Tara Joy-Connelly, of Palm Beach Gardens, captures the 2015 Women's Amateur Player of the Year with 22,885 points! Joy-Connelly has had an impressive and productive 2015 season, collecting hardware in two of Florida's top Women's Championships; the Women's Amateur Stroke Play and the Women's Mid-Amateur. After finishing second both in 2013 and 2014 at the Florida Stroke Play, taking home the title this year was priceless. Tara advanced to the semifinals in the State Women's Amateur. On the national level, Tara advanced to the semi-finals at the 2011 and 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship and battled to the Round of 16 in 2015. Assisting team Florida in a second place finish at the 2015 USGA State Team Championship marked Tara's 24th USGA appearance and 9th State Team appearance.

Tama Caldabaugh - Women's Senior Player of the Year

Tama Caldabaugh, of Ponte Vedra Beach, earned 12,028 points and the Women's Senior Player of the Year honor. Caldabaugh has been involved with the FSGA both on and off the golf course, a past Advisory Board member, currently serving her third year on the Board of Directors and competing regularly in top Championships. Tama started 2015 strong in the 24th Women's Senior Amateur Championship, finishing tied for fourth in the 80 player field. Tama competed in several events outside of the FSGA in 2015 including the Ione Jones/Doherty Senior Championship where she was a semifinalist. On the national level, Tama played impressive golf at the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur. She was Medalist at West Orange Country Club to qualify for the Championship and after 21 holes lost in the semifinals. To complete her successful year, Tama will be the North team's captain at the biannual Women's Florida Cup.

Sierra Brooks - Girls' Junior Player of the Year

With an impressive playing resume that seems to never end, Sierra Brooks, of Sorrento, has become a household name in the women's amateur golf circuit. Over the past year Brooks has earned seven top 10 finishes around the country allowing her to capture the 2015 Girls' Junior Player of the Year with 21,100 points! Not only is Sierra ranked third in both the World Amateur Golf Rankings and Polo Junior Golf Rankings, she is also ranked fifth in the Golfweek Women's Amateur rankings. Her talent has sent her around the world by earning spots on Team USA's Junior Solheim Cup, Trans-Pacific Golf Match, Junior Ryder Cup, Toyota Junior World Cup and The Junior Open Championship. In October, Brooks won the Class 1A States, in November, she won the Polo Golf Junior Classic, in January, she claimed first at the Women's Southern Atlantic Amateur, in April she won the AJGA Taylormade Championship, and earlier this month she brought home the trophy at the 100th edition of the Women's Southern Golf Association Amateur. As if this list of accomplishments doesn't impress you, Sierra finished runner-up in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Charlie Bedford Award

The volunteer of the year award is named after Charlie Bedford who was an outstanding FSGA Committee Member and volunteered his time as both a Tournament Chairman and Course Rater. Charlie was an expert on the Rules of Golf and a USGA Master Course Rater. He spent countless days of service to the game he loved and cherished. Charlie was recognized as the 2000 Volunteer-of-the-Year, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 and was inducted into the Florida Golf Hall of Fame in 2005. He was a USGA Committee Member for ten years and officiated four US Opens, six US Amateurs, seven US Senior Opens and ten US Amateur Public Links Championships.

Tom Tarrance - Course Rating Volunteer of the Year

The 2015 Course Rating Volunteer of the Year has been awarded to Tom Tarrance! Tom's involvement with FSGA Course Rating began in 2004 and due to his commitment to volunteering, leadership, and highly proficient course ratings, Tom advanced to Course Rating Captain. As captain, he has demonstrated exceptional organization, attention to detail, and skilled knowledge. In 2015, Tom and his team worked diligently to complete twelve course ratings.

Tom began to enjoy golf in the 1970's when he played in his company's golf league on Saturday mornings. In 2002, after Tom retired from a career as an aerospace defense contractor at Honeywell, he became an avid golfer playing up to four days a week. Along with his passion for golf, Tom enjoys boating, fishing and road trips to visit different places with his wife, Elaine. Tom has lived in the Trinity, Florida area for 46 years, close to his three sons and four grandchildren. He thoroughly cherishes the memories, laughs, and friendships he has created through golf and course ratings.



Frank Zubrick - Tournament Volunteer of the Year

Frank Zubrick, of Tallahassee, has been awarded the 2015 Tournament Volunteer of the Year! Frank has been dedicating his time to volunteering for the FSGA since 2013 and in the past two years has helped at over 60 FSGA competitions, became a FSGA certified Rules Official, and started conducting qualifiers as a Tournament Chairman. Golf became a part of Frank's life 50 years ago when he decided to give up baseball and play golf, the sport he started playing with his father, in high school.

After 32 years of working for the Maytag Company, Frank retired in 2012 and with his newfound free time was able to fulfill his desire to volunteer in golf. Frank's passion for golf and traveling has led him to playing golf courses across the country, but his favorite place to travel is Colorado to visit his daughter, Shelley, son-in-law, David, and his four grandchildren. Residing in Tallahassee, Frank is an avid Florida State University fan and attends many FSU sporting events with his wife, Margaret, and son, Brad. Frank enjoys the administrative aspects of competitive golf and being able to spend his time satisfying his passion for giving back to the game.



FLORIDA SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The final round started with Eduardo Herrera and Brigham Gibbs tied at the top after both shooting rounds of 67-69. Herrera, of Windermere, began his final round on the West Course slow but steady. He scored seven pars and made up for an early bogey on hole three with a birdie on the ninth hole. Gibbs, on the other hand, got off to a rough start after bogies on holes 1, 2, and 4. He managed to birdie the par five, sixth hole posting a two-over par front-nine score, and falling two behind Herrera in the same pairing.

The back-nine got off to a better start, making a birdie on the 10th to cut the lead back to one stroke, only to be answered by Herrera's birdie on the 11th. Both players would birdie the 16th and Herrera would lead by two strokes on the 17th tee. On the 17th green, the first glimpse of nerves all day from Herrera were shown, as he failed to convert a 3-foot par putt, and the lead was now just one. Stepping up to the 18th tee, Herrera faltered again, but caught the break of the tournament. With his tee shot heading right of the fairway, towards the parking lot, out-of bounds, the ball caught a tree and kicked out in the fairway. Eduardo would take advantage of the fortunate bounce, hit his approach on the green, and convert the birdie putt to post 206 (-7) and capture the 39th Florida Senior Open Championship by 2 strokes. Brigham Gibbs, of Miami finished alone in 2nd after posting 208 (-5) and took home low amateur honors.



Winning the Florida Senior Open marks Herrera's first FSGA victory. Four players tied for third at three-under par 210 including 2014 Amateur Player of the Year Don Bell, David Anthony (a), and Mike San Fillippo. First round leader, Rick Woulfe (a), finished tied for tenth with rounds of 66-73-74—213. Gary Koch, defending champion, also tied for tenth place after he scored 69-73-71—213.

The Florida Senior Open is conducted by the South Florida PGA Section and the Florida State Golf Association and is open to Florida residents who are at least 50 years of age by the beginning of the event. Over 350 professionals and amateurs competed at 8 qualifying locations. The Championship is conducted over fifty-four holes of individual stroke play. At the Championship each player played 18-holes on the East and West Course at Belleair Country Club, with a cut instituted after thirty-six holes to the low 60 players and ties.

See FSGA.org for full results.

MID-SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Inclement weather shortened the 2015 Mid-Senior Championship to two rounds and a four-way playoff on Sunday to crown Stephen Anderson victorious. After the second suspension of the day round three was cancelled and the four players tied for the lead, Stephen Anderson, Glenn Przybylski, R J Nakashian, and Edward Kenny, waited patiently for the rain to subside enough for a sudden death playoff to determine the Champion.

After waiting almost four hours, the River Course at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club was ready for the playoff. The four players headed to the par five 17th hole, ready to fight for a win. All four players hit their tee shots down the left side, in good position to hit the green in two shots. Defending Champion, Nakashian, of Palm Beach Gardens stepped up to his second shot and dunked it in the water. Kenny landed just short of the green while Glenn Przybylski, from Frankfort, IL found the bunker left of the green on their second shots. Anderson, who was happy to be in play after hitting his tee shot on the 17th hole out of bounds in round one, pulled out a fairway wood and rolled his second shot through the green to the back bunker.

R J, who won the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship (South) as Anderson's partner, proceeded to take a drop and finish the hole with a bogey. When asked how it felt to play against his four-ball partner Anderson said the two were able

to joke about the experience because they "Have played a lot of golf together." Kenny, of Lake Worth hit his chip shot to about 12 feet and lipped out for birdie making a par. Glenn put his long bunker shot 25 feet from the hole and missed his putt to finish with a par. Anderson's downhill bunker shot landed right next to the stick, but would slide to eight feet. After the other three players putted out, Anderson stepped up and sunk his putt for a birdie and the Championship win!

Stephen Anderson can add the 2015 Mid-Senior Championship to his list of FSGA accomplishments. Anderson was the 2010 and 2011 Amateur Player of the Year and Mid-Amateur Champion. This year he won the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship (South) with partner R J Nakashian. Reflecting on his play during the Championship Anderson stated he "drove the ball well, especially on the first day" and his best golf was played during round one. With rounds of 67-69 and a playoff birdie Anderson earned his second Championship win of 2015. *See FSGA.org for full results.*



WOMEN'S NET STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

It was a rainy weekend for the state of Florida, but weather cooperated to get the first round of the Women's Net Championship off and running with no delays on Tom Fazio's beautiful Ranch course at Black Diamond Ranch. The challenging greens and elevation changes did not seem to affect Kimberly Byle of Dunedin and Sandie St. Onge of Jensen Beach, who both posted a net four-under-par 68 and net two-under-par 70 respectively in the Middle Division.

In the Forward Division, red numbers seemed to be common, as both leaders Patricia Koneda of Summerfield and Pat Takacs of Clearwater recorded an impressive net seven-under-par 65. Charlene Lemon-Steiner of Sarasota trailed Koneda and Takacs by four shots to sit at third after round one.

A short thirty-minute weather delay for the final round was the only hiccup of the morning before players took to Fazio's signature and stunning Quarry Course. Elizabeth Breza of Saint Augustine, who was five shots back from round one leader Byle, had a strong start by birdying her first hole of the day. Breza kept up this momentum throughout the rest of her round resulting in a net three-under-par 69 for her final round, two-under-par 142 total. The difficulty of



the Quarry was shown throughout the field's scores, but the first round's top finishers Byle and St. Onge were able to hold on for a second and third place finish in the Middle Division.

Currently sitting in third place and only four shots back, Lemon-Steiner of the Forward Division knew that she needed to play strong around the Quarry course to catch up with round one co-leaders Koneda and Takacs. Keeping it consistent, her final round of net even-par 72 was enough to earn her the victory, posting a one-under-par 141 for the Championship. Jane Renninger of Dade City, who was tied for fourth place after the first round had a strong showing over the two days, posting a 71-75--146 to earn her second place. Koneda came in third for the Division with a three-over-par 147 for the tournament. *See FSGA.org for full results.*

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MID-SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tim Hume, of Crystal River, and Kelly Gosse, of Inverness, teamed up to capture the Mid-Senior Four-Ball North Championship at Amelia Island Plantation. The talented duo joined forces to post two impressive rounds of seven-under par, 65, for a tournament total of 14-under par, 130. The duo birdied three out of the four par threes and carded four other birdies in the final round. Highlights from Sunday's round included Kelly sinking a 40-foot putt on the second hole for birdie and Tim grinding out a par from the hazard on the 14th hole en route to their 65.



Thad Hudgens and Chad Ibbotson tied for second along with David Anthony and Tom Gross with a two-day total of 134. Team Hudgens, of Longwood, and Ibbotson, of Sanford birdied three out of the four par fives on the final day to propel them to a six-under par, 66, after a first round 68. The team from Jacksonville, Anthony and Gross, came back after an even-par front nine with three birdies on the back nine for a final round 69, (65-69—134).

Ben Finley and Rick Woulfe fought hard in the final round to win the Mid-Senior Four-Ball South Championship by one-stroke at the Members Club at Marco. Day one was a battle through inclement weather causing almost four hours worth of suspensions and some teams spent eight to nine hours at the golf course. Finley, of Plantation and Woulfe, of Fort Lauderdale fired the low round of the day with a seven-under par 65. Following one stroke behind was the duo George Fitzgerald and Donald Sayet.



The players faced better weather during round two and completed the day with no delays. Two teams chased Finley and Woulfe in the final round, duo Jimmy Jones and Gordon Marshall and teammates Michael Wurtenberger and David Yarmitzky. The Championship came down to the final hole where Woulfe and Finley sealed the win. Woulfe was the first to hit his approach shot on the 18th hole sticking it to four feet. This allowed Finley to pin seek and he landed his second shot one-foot from the hole. Both made their putts for birdie to win by one stroke after rounds of 65-69—134. Teams of Jones/Marshall and Wurtenberger/Yarmitzky finished tied for second with a 135 two-day total. *See FSGA.org for full results.*

2015 FLORIDA JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONS

August 22-23 - Kingsway Country Club, Lake Suzy (13-15)

Boys - Luke Gifford, Boca Raton - Girls - Alyssa Lamoureux, Seminole

August 22-23 - Sandridge Golf Club - Dunes Course, Vero Beach (16-18)

Boys - Manuel Girona, Windermere - Girls - Latanna Stone, Valrico

September 12-13 - Sugar Mill Country Club, New Smyrna Beach (13-15)

Boys - Jackson Suber, Tampa - Girls - Ariel (SiQin) Yu, Bradenton

September 19-20 - Crandon Park Golf Course, Key Biscayne (16-18)

Boys - Sachin Kumar, Port St. Lucie - Girls - Emma Bradley, Naples

September 26-27 - PGA Golf Club - St. Lucie Trail GC, Port St. Lucie (13-15)

Boys - Anthony Muttillio, Jr, Boca Raton - Girls - Sophie Guo, Bluffton, SC

October 3-4 - The Country Club of Naples, Naples (16-18)

Boys - Dalton Shettle, Pinellas Park - Girls - Brittany Shin, Cape Coral

October 10-11 - Rocky Bayou Country Club, Niceville (13-15 & 16-18)

Boys (16-18) - Brian Richards, Gulf Breeze - Girls (16-18) - Sarah Pabst, Niceville
Boys (13-15) - Eric Berggren, Windermere - Girls (13-15) - Lauren Miller, Niceville

October 17-18 - Bent Pine Golf Club, Vero Beach (13-15)

Boys - Bryan Teoh Wiyang, Jupiter - Girls - Katie You, Windermere

October 17-18 - The Country Club of Winter Haven, Winter Haven (16-18)

Boys - Tommy Cao, Lake Mary - Girls - Wenyan Ma, Windermere



SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Rokki Rogan and Owen Joyner win the Senior division while Randy Briggs and Berger Warner finish first in the Super-Senior division at the Senior Four-Ball Championship held at Sugar Mill Country Club in New Smyrna Beach, September 29-30.

Round one finished with teammates Rokki Rogan, of Fort Myers, and Owen Joyner, of Bonita Springs, in the lead of the Senior division. The duo posted an impressive eight-under par round of 64 to take the lead by two strokes over the team of Bill Hardaker and Mike Vallencourt Sr. Randy Elliott and David Anthony finished round one in third place at five-under par, 67. Four teams would enter day two tied for fourth place at two-under par, 70. The Senior division was flighted for Wednesday's round with teams shooting 64-73 in the Championship flight and teams shooting 74 and over in the First Flight.



Rokki Rogan and Owen Joyner went wire-to-wire to be named Champions with a second round five-under par, 67. Rogan and Joyner played steady golf during the second round with two birdies on the front-nine and three birdies on their final nine holes. The duo celebrated their first FSGA Championship victory together with a four-stroke win at the Senior Four-Ball. The team of Chip Peterson and Dennis Brady, both of Melbourne, crept up the leaderboard from tied for fourth place to finish in second place overall. Peterson and Brady were on fire during their second round, carding an eagle of the par five, eighth hole followed by four birdies on the back-nine. The team finished with a round of seven-under par, 65, that moved them into second place (70-65—135).



The Super-Senior division completed round one with three teams carding under-par rounds. The team from Coral Gables, Herman Klemick and Guido Adler, fired a 67 to steal the lead. The team of Randy Briggs and Berger Warner and duo Bruce Holliday and Fred Peel tied for second place with a two-under par, 70, three strokes from the top. Briggs and Warner made up the three strokes separating them from first place within the first three holes during round two. The team birdied holes one through three, seven and eight on the front-nine for a 31. Staying steady on the back-nine, Briggs and Warner stole first place with final round 67, tournament total 137. Following close, one stroke behind, were Skip Lujack and Pete Andrews who shot ten strokes better in round two with an exceptional 64. Lujack and Andrews seized second place after scores of 74-64--138.

See FSGA.org for full results.

SOUTHEASTERN CHALLENGE MATCHES

Team Florida came to Willow Point Country Club, in Alexander City, AL looking to defend the title in the 15th Southeastern Challenge Matches. After Saturday morning's Four-Ball (better-ball of partners) matches, both Florida & Georgia were tied at the top, with 4 points each, while Alabama had sat in 3rd with 1 point. Saturday afternoon's 6 three-ball/foursome matches (alternate shot) saw Georgia slide ahead, capturing 7.5 points in the session, while Florida posted 6.5 points, and Alabama earning 4.

Sunday morning saw Florida coming in trailing Georgia by 1 point, with a possible 24 points available in the 12 three-ball singles matches. Florida would amass 14.5 points in the singles, lead by: 2015 Senior Amateur Champion, Gordon Marshall, of Sarasota, 2015 Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Champion, Joe Alfieri, of Lutz, 2015 Mid-Senior Champion, Stephen Anderson, of Hobe Sound, Jeronimo Esteve, of Windermere, and Tim Hume, of Crystal River, all going 2-0 in three-ball matches.

The Southeastern Challenge Matches is a biennial tri-state match featuring 12 man amateur teams from Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Team are selected by their state golf association by varying criteria including points lists and performance in other state and national events. Day one features morning four-ball (better-ball of partners) matches and afternoon three-ball/foursomes (alternate shot) matches; day two is morning three ball matches. *See FSGA.org for full results.*



MEN'S NET STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Cypress Golf Club, in Orlando, was in prime condition for the competitors in the Men's Net Championship held on October 3-4. Tournament rounds were played on the difficult North/South courses for the first round and the driver friendly New Course for the final round.

In the first round, it was Bruce Moskovciak in the 65 and older division whom had the round of the Championship. Moskovciak, of Jacksonville, posted a net 63, giving him a six stroke lead heading into the final round. The players faced breezy and rainy conditions, perfect for the links style New Course, in round two. Moskovciak fired a second round, 75, to seize a wire-to-wire victory in the 65 and over age division. Bruce made an impressive 35-foot putt for birdie on hole number nine to stay ahead of Buzz Van Dyke who was trying to catch first place. Van Dyke, of Valrico, posted an impressive 66 to finish one-stroke behind in second place.

In the 50-64 age division, there were ten players within five strokes of the lead after the first eighteen holes of play. Ken Wilson, one of two players to post a net under par round held the lead with a net score of two-under par, 70. Tim Woodward, the other player to post an under par net score, trailed Wilson, of Spring Hill, by one shot after posting an opening round 71. Round two saw a change in the top of the leaderboard as Wilson struggled in the tough conditions to post a 76, and finish in fifth place. Charlie Waters, of Jacksonville, came from behind to win with an impressive second round 69 (72-69—141). Waters' birdied hole number ten to earn a one-stroke lead over David Norka who fired rounds of 74-68—142.



In the Under 50 Division, Andrew Gordon, of Tampa shot a net three-under par 69 to take the lead over Andy Weber and Shane Fairchild after round one. Weber, of Lake Mary and Fairchild, of Bradenton posted respective scores of 70 and 71. No other players from the Under 50 division posted a net score under 77 in round one. Weber broke free of his tie for second place after carding three birdies on holes seven, ten, and eleven during round two. His strong play propelled him to a first place victory with a tournament total 141. Gordon could not hold onto first place and fell one stroke behind Weber with rounds of 69-73—142. Shane Fairchild shot a round two 78 to capture third place with a tournament total 149. *See FSGA.org for full results.*

MIXED SHOOT-OUT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Mixed Shoot-Out, held at Eagle Creek G & CC in Naples, consists of three different formats. The first round is a scramble, followed by a second round Chapman (modified alternate-shot), and round three is four-ball stroke play. The teams would play a scramble for nine holes and then switch to modified alternate shot for their second nine holes on the first day. On Sunday the players would tee it up in four-ball stroke play format.

After round one in the Championship Division, the team of Gary Blackwell and Susie Fonde dominated the field. Blackwell and Fonde, of Jacksonville, fired a 30 in scramble format and followed it up with a 34 in modified alternate-shot for a day one eight-under par, 64. The duo carded an impressive six birdies for the day! Daniel and Jennifer Udd followed behind in second place with a day one 71 (-1), seven shots from first.

Blackwell and Fonde went wire-to-wire and fired a final round 73 for a tournament total 137 and a five-stroke victory in the Championship Division. Matthew and Sarah Matin, of Winter Garden, came from behind with an impressive three-under, 69, in four-ball format to finish tied for second. Jennifer and Daniel Udd tied the Matin's with a final round 71, tournament total 142. The Forward Division also crowned a wire-to-wire Champion with David and Nora Faller capturing first place by four strokes. The Faller's shot a one-over par, 73 in round three for a tournament total 141. *See FSGA.org for full results.*



MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round of 32 matches kicked off Friday afternoon at Sara Bay Country Club after the final round of stroke play was completed to determine the 32 seeds. Number one seed, Jon Veneziano, advanced straight to the Round of 16 with a default win against Matthew Lindhal, number 32 seed. T J Shuart (4th seed), who dominated in match play format winning the 2015 Match Play Championship, moved on to the next round with a four and three win over Steve Sponder (29th seed). Joe Alfieri, defeated Steve Carter, to face Bill Casteleman, in the Round of 16. Matthew Giovannelli was seeded in the second spot but could not hold on to advance further being beat by Kyle Thomas, in the first round of matches.

Sixteen players arrived at Sara Bay early Saturday morning to play the first match of the day followed by the quarterfinal matches in the afternoon. Veneziano continued his winning streak and moved on to the quarterfinal matches where he would defeat Edward Kenny, 2 up, to advance to the semifinals. Shuart followed in the same pattern and was faced with a tough match against Alfieri in the quarters. Shuart moved forward with a 1-up win over Alfieri to play on Sunday. Brian Armstrong, of Tampa, played 21 holes to earn a victory over Ryan Abbate in the Round of 16 and beat Rick Woulfe in the quarterfinals, 3 & 2. Drew Bleakley and Will Sprague each won their Round of 16 match to meet in the quarterfinals where Sprague would advance after a 26 hole battle.

The semifinal matches began Sunday with the first seed, Jon Veneziano, against fourth seed, T J Shuart.

In the lower bracket number seven seed Brian Armstrong would square off against 27th seed Will Sprague. Shuart seized his spot in the finals after two birdies on holes ten and eleven to lead him to a six and five win. The Armstrong and Sprague match saw Armstrong dominating from the first hole. Armstrong did not let the lead out of his sight and finished the match with a 5 & 4 victory.

The Finals was marked by an up and down match for the first nine-holes. Armstrong took the early lead after a birdie on the first hole but the match would go to all-square after Shuart birdied the third hole. The match remained even up to the ninth hole when Shuart carded a birdie and sealed a one-up lead heading into the final nine holes. The tenth hole was won with a par by Shuart, who would play the next three holes two-up, and a birdie by Armstrong on the 14th hole reduced Shuart's lead to one-up. Another par by Shuart won the sixteenth hole and Armstrong would enter the final two holes two-down. Shuart sealed his victory with a birdie on the final hole, number 17, versus a bogey by Armstrong. A three and one victory for Shuart, of Fort Lauderdale, makes him match play king winning both the 2015 Match Play Championship and Mid-Amateur Championship.

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Tournament officials are designated, based upon their experience, as General Committee Members, Rules Officials or Tournament Chairman. At each event, there is a Tournament Chairman who is responsible for the overall administration of the event, including course set-up and coordination of other Committee Members. Rules Officials are experienced in officiating and are highly knowledgeable in the Rules of Golf. General Committee Members assist with starting, scoring, pace-of-play checkpoints, and general roving on the course.

Course Rating Committee Members serve the golfers of Florida by systematically rating the state's 1,300 golf courses. Our Committee Members follow strict USGA guidelines for rating each course. A course must first be accurately measured, and then obstacles that affect playing difficulty are evaluated in accordance with established standards. Typically, teams of 5-6 individuals spend over five hours making measurements and statistical calculations necessary to produce a course and slope rating.

If you have any questions or would like to receive any additional information please contact Tracy Dachisen at 813-868-5816 or tracy@fsga.org.





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