# **Dale Wins 93rd Amateur Championship**

Sean Dale wins the 93rd Florida State Amateur Championship firing a tournament total of 3-under par 285 at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando on June 24-27.

Sean Dale, 20, of Jacksonville, prevailed over the field of 168 players to capture the 93rd Amateur Championship. In the first round, Dale carded a two-under par 70 at Orange Tree Golf Club and shot a 73 in the second round at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge to sit just two strokes back heading into the weekend. Playing the final 36 holes of the Championship at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge at 7,371 yards, Dale shot a one-over par 73 in the third round to trail by two strokes going into the final day of play.

In the final round, playing the par five 4th hole, Dale holed out his green side bunker shot for an eagle. Dale said "The eagle on number four really calmed me down and jump started my round." Dale would go on to make a key par putt on the ninth hole after coming off a bogey on the difficult eighth hole to turn at one-under par 35. After making the turn, Dale came out firing on the back nine with birdies on holes 10 and 11 to take the lead with seven holes to play. Dale, with a three shot lead heading into the 16th hole, hit his second shot into the water on the par 5. Dale stated, "It was too good of a lie not to go for the green." Dale hit his fourth shot to 20 feet and made his putt for par. Dale said



Sean Dale, 2010 Amateur Champion

"the par on 16 really saved my round, and I felt comfortable heading into the last two holes with a three shot lead". Dale would go on to make a par on 17 and two putted on the 18th hole to card a two-under par 34 on the back nine for a three-under par 69 and a three stroke victory.

This is Dale's first career Florida State Golf Association title. Dale stated, "This victory is the biggest of my career." Dale, a University of North Florida golfer, was named a Division I PING Second-Team All-American. He joined nine other golfers around the nation receiving second-team recognition for the 2010 season. Dale tied for 25th at the NCAA Division I Men's National Championships, scoring a 1-under 215 (72-74-69) while leading the Ospreys to a 14th place team finish. Dale finished his season ranked 11th in the Golfstat Index and 19th in the Golfweek/Sagarin standings.

Dale receives a crystal vase and his name inscribed on the Clarence Camp Championship Trophy. The top fifteen plus ties receive an exemption into next year's Florida State Amateur Championship at Doral Golf Resort & Spa.

# **Boys Junior Champions**

Hank Lebioda captured the 56th Florida State Boys Junior Championship as Jimmy Stanger claimed the junior division title at Grand Cypress Golf Club on July 6-8.

In the 16-18 age division, Hank Lebioda, of Winter Springs, posted a tournament total of 7-under par 209 to come from behind and win the 2010 Boys Junior Championship. After a first round 2-over par 74 on the North/South course, Lebioda trailed the leaders by 7 heading into the second round. Lebioda cut into the lead with a one-under par 71 on the New course in the second round, to trail the leader Justin Stills, of Pensacola by six strokes heading into the final round. In the final round, Lebioda was on fire with birdies on holes 3, 6, 7, and 8 to card a 4-under par 32 on the front nine. "I was just trying to string some birdies together out there," said Lebioda. **Story continued page 2.** 



Hank Lebioda (Left) and Jimmy Stanger (Right), 2010 Boys Junior Champions

### **Senior Match Play Champions**

Pete Andrews defeated Bill O'Keefe 4 and 3 to win the 5th Senior Amateur Match Play Championship as Edward Craig defeated Bob Rogoff 5 and 4 to win the Super Senior Division at Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club on June 13-17.

Before starting match play, Pete Andrews, of Lithia, earned the 5th seed after posting a 74 in the seeding round. Andrews proceeded to win four matches to reserve his spot in the final match. In the Round of 32, Andrews beat Gary Saft, of Fort Myers, in 20 holes to face Angus Hewitt, from Sebastian, in the next round. Andrews beat Hewitt 6 and 4 in the Round of 16. In the quarters, Andrews defeated Pete McDade, of Lakeland, 2 and 1. In the semifinal, Andrews defeated Steve Owen, from Vero Beach, 2 up to advance to the final match versus O'Keefe. Andrews won his fifth and final match defeating Bill O'Keefe, of Lake Worth, 4 and 3. In the final match Andrews took the lead after the fourth hole to go 1 up and never looked back. Andrews turned at 3 up after nine holes and played steady golf on the way in to capture the title. In the Senior Division First Flight, John Begley, from Sarasota, defeated Michael Benham, of Ocala, 3 and 1.

In the Super Senior Championship Bracket, 1st seed Edward Craig, of Orlando, beat Bob Rogoff, of Coral Springs, 5 and 4 for his second consecutive title. Craig defeated Bill Starks, of Punta Gorda, 6 and 5 in the Round of 16 and then beat Rollie Walcott, of Naples, 4 and 2 in the quarters. Craig continued his run winning his semifinal match 1 up against Ken Couturier, of Melbourne. Bill Western, from Aiken, defeated Peter Salzberg, of Bonita Springs, 6 and 5 to claim the Super Senior First Flight title.



Pete Andrews (top), & Edward Craig (bottom), 2010 Senior Match Play Champions

Kevin Aylwin, 2010 Public Links Champion

### **Aylwin Takes Public Links Title**

Kevin Aylwin fired a three-round tournament total of 13-under par 203 to win the Florida State Public Links Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port Saint Lucie on June 11-13.

Kevin Aylwin, of New Smyrna Beach, went wire-to-wire to win the 2010 Public Links Championship with a tournament total 13-under par 203. Aylwin posted scores of 66-68-69 to win the Championship by two strokes. Aylwin played steady down the stretch to hold off a late charging Defending Champion, Tommy Mou, of Bradenton. This is Aylwin's third Amateur Public Links Championship in the last four years. Kevin currently attends and plays for the University of North Florida golf team that finished the season ranked 21st in the nation. By winning the Public Links Championship, Aylwin will be awarded an exemption to play in the 94th State Amateur Championship at Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami June 23-26.

Tommy Mou, of Bradenton, finished in second place with a tournament total of 11-under par 205. Mou's final round included a one-under par 35 on the front nine and a five-under par 31 on his back nine, which included five birdies in a row to jump up the leaderboard. David Arnold, of Ocala, Alexander Medinis, from Fort Myers, and Don Bell, of Port Orange, all finished tied for third place with a tournament total of seven-under par 209.

**Cont. Page 1.** On the back, Lebioda continued his remarkable round with birdies on 10, 11, 12, 14, and 16, to fire a final round eight-under par 64, good enough for a three stroke victory. "I just made some ridiculous putts out there, and this feels amazing. This is the biggest win of my career, and I really can't believe this right now" said Lebioda. Kevin Jorden, of Juno Beach, Drew Guffey, of Bartow, and Justin Stills, of Pensacola all finished tied for second place with a tournament total of four-under par 212.

In the 13-15 age division, Jimmy Stanger, of Tampa, recorded a first round three-under par 69 on the North/South course to trail the leader by one. In the second round Stanger carded a four-under par 68 on the New course to jump in front by five strokes. In the final round, Stanger played a solid round of golf, recording a one-under par 71 for a three day total of eight-under par 208. Stanger said, "this feels amazing. It felt really nice coming into 18 with a seven shot lead, it really eased my nerves". This is Stanger's first career FSGA victory and a new 54-hole personal best for Stanger. Dillon Woods, of Jacksonville, finished alone in second place with rounds of 70-73-72 for a tournament total of one-under par 215. Sawyer Shaw, of West Palm Beach, finished in third place with a final round 73 for a tournament total of even par 216. Defending Champion, Evan Byrd, of Ocala, finished tied for 11th with a tournament total of 224.

# **Medinis Secures Match Play Title**

Alexander Medinis defeated Gabriel Costa in the final match to win the Florida State Amateur Match Play Championship at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa in Jupiter on August 5-8

In the finals, Alexander Medinis, of Fort Myers, secured the title on the 14th hole beating Gabriel Costa, from Tequesta, 5 and 4. After nine holes, Medinis was 2 up, with Medinis winning the 1st, 5th and 6th holes. Costa made par on the difficult par 4 eighth to get the match back to 2 down. Medinis played solidly on the back nine winning the last three holes, with birdies on 13 and 14, to secure the championship. This is Alexander's first State Championship. Medinis, a junior at Florida Gulf Coast University, has had a great summer finishing tied for fifth at the Amateur Championship at Bay Hill Club & Lodge and finishing tied for third at the Amateur Public Links Championship at PGA Golf Club.

En route to the finals, Medinis and Costa each won five matches to meet Sunday afternoon. Medinis, who earned the 25th seed after posting a 75 in the seeding round, defeated Tory Henderson, from Bradenton, 2 and 1 in the first round. Medinis defeated Alan Pope, of Orlando 1 up to advance to the round of 16. Medinis then defeated Jason Burstyn, of Miami in 19 holes to earn his spot in the quarters. Playing Doug Snoap, from Apopka, Medinis won 3 and 2 to advance to the semifinals. On Sunday morning, Medinis faced the 2005 Champion Kelly Gosse, from Ocala, and beat Gosse 4 and 2 to face Costa in the final match.

With this victory Medinis punches his ticket into next years Amateur Championship and The Florida Open Championship. In qualifying, players competed in 18 holes of stroke play in hopes of reaching the Championship at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa. The Match Play Championship begins with an 18-hole seeding round to seed the 64 player field. Single elimination match play will follow to determine the Match Play Champion.



Alexander Medinis, 2010 Amateur Match Play Champion

# Vertz Wins Florida Open

Ben Vertz won the 64th Florida Open Championship, shooting a tournament total of 4-under par 210 at the Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club in Palm Harbor, on July 16-18.

Ben Vertz, of Coral Springs, outlasted the field of 156 players to capture the 64th Florida Open Championship. Vertz fired an opening round 3-over par 75 on the Island course to trail the first round leader by five strokes. Vertz came out firing in the second round on the Copperhead course with a three-under par 33 on the front nine, which included four birdies and one bogey. Vertz continued his solid play on the back nine carding a two-under par 33 for a round of 5-under par 66. Vertz would take a two shot lead going into the final day of the championship at Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club playing at 7,255 yards.

In the final round, Vertz started out with a bogey on the second hole and then rattled off six straight pars before coming to the par 4 ninth hole. Vertz closed out his front nine with a birdie on the ninth hole to turn at even par 36. Vertz stated, "After my bogey on number two, I really refocused on what I was doing out there and making birdie on nine really jump started my round." Vertz played a solid round of golf on the back nine, firing a two-under par 33 for a final round two-under par 69. Vertz concluded his round by making a 35 foot birdie putt on the final hole to capture the championship. "This is the biggest victory of my career, and this is an incredible feeling. Two weeks ago Vertz finished tied for fifth at the 93rd Florida State Amateur Championship at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge, and he currently is a member of the Nova Southeastern golf team.

Tyler McCumber, of Ponte Vedra Beach, finished in second place for the second straight year three strokes back of Vertz with a tournament total of one-under par 213. McCumber carded a 2-under par 69 on the Copperhead in the final round highlighted by his four-under par 31 on the back nine that included four birdies and no bogeys. Andrew Pressentin, of Bonita Springs finished alone in third place by firing a final round two-under par 69, for a tournament total of even par 214. Richard Terga, of Palm Beach Gardens, who is the PGA Professional at The Breakers Ocean Course finished in fourth place posting a final round one-under par 70, and as the low Professional in the championship Terga took home \$12,000 with his fourth place finish.



Ben Vertz, 2010 Florida Open Champion



### What's a Hard Card!

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



Have you ever heard the TV announcer say, "That's one of the Local Rules they play on tour. It's on their hard card?" Did you ever stop to think, what is a hard card? It's not a piece of computer equipment! In the 25 Championships, 22 Florida Junior Tour Events, 8 Winter Series Events, 43 USGA qualifiers and 68 FGSA qualifiers administered by the FSGA, there is always a hard card in effect. So what is it?

The simple answer is that a hard card is a collection of Local Rules and Conditions of Competition that are in effect for a competition. It may be for a series of events such as the PGA or LPGA Tour or it may be specific for a club, an association event or series of events such as the USGA or FSGA. The NCAA has a hard card for men and a different one for women. The Florida High School Athletic Association also has one. The sad part about it is that rarely is the hard card every read by the players in the competition! They assume

way too often and you know where that may lead.

Having a hard card saves the Committee the time and effort of having to write out all of the Local Rules and Conditions for each event. The origin of the hard card came when Committees would have them printed on "hard stock" or light cardboard and distributed to all players so they could keep one in their bag for all of the events; thus the name "hard card". So what's actually printed on a hard card? Local Rules may include how parts of the golf course are defined. These include out of bounds and ground under repair by white stakes or lines. Also how sod seams, obstructions, integral parts of the course, temporary

power lines and cables and other things on the course such as wood chips and mulch are to be treated under the Rules. How about the embedded ball Rule? You'll find that on the hard card as well in nearly every competition in the United States. If it's not on the hard card, you are only eligible for relief for an embedded ball in a closely mown area through the green (not the

rough).

Additionally, some of the Conditions of Competition will be listed on the hard card. In general they will include specifications on equipment to be used such as types of drivers and balls that are listed as conforming on lists published by the USGA. And how about showing up late to the tee but within five minutes? You'll also find that one on the hard card.

A couple more you may find on the hard card is whether or not players can ride or must walk and if practice putting is allowed after finishing the hole. Those competitions that allow the use of distance measuring devices will post it on the hard card as well. Does your club have a hard card? It is easy to put one together and post in the golf shop or locker room just in case someone has a question. I strongly recommend it to avoid a sticky situation like, "Is the embedded ball Rule in effect through the green?" during the club championship. And by the way, read it!

# **Volunteer Appreciation Days**

These days are for our outstanding FSGA Committee Members! We invite all active volunteers out 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.

Thursday, September 21 8:30 am shotgun, 1:00 lunch Avila Golf & Country Club Tampa

Wednesday, October 6 9:00 am shotgun, 1:30 lunch Golden Ocala Ocala

Wednesday, October 6 8:30 am shotgun, 1:00 lunch CC of Orlando Orlando

Wednesday, October 20 8:30 am shotgun, 1:00 lunch Ritz-Carlton Members GC Bradenton Sunday, October 24 8:00 - 8:50 tee times, 1:00 lunch Sandestin Resort Destin

Wednesday, October 27 8:30 am shotgun, 1:00 lunch Verandah Club Fort Myers

Monday, November 8 8:30 am shotgun, 1:00 lunch Weston Hills CC Weston

TPC Sawgrass - Valley Course Ponte Vedra Beach Date: TBA

BallenIsles Country Club Palm Beach Gardens Date: TBA



#### **Become an FSGA Volunteer**

The volunteers of the FSGA serve golf in three general categories: (1) Tournament Administration, (2) Course Rating, and (3) Community Service.

If you are interested in becoming an FSGA Committee member, please complete the following steps:

#### Step 1:

Contact the FSGA @ 813-632-3742 for additional information about becoming an FSGA Committee Member.

Complete the Committee Information Form. Once you have completed the Form, please return the completed form to the FSGA.

#### Step 2:

Observe at a Tournament or Course Rating.
Once we receive your Committee Member Form, we will help you coordinate a day to volunteer in your area with your desired interest.

#### Step 3:

If after the initial steps you feel you want to continue volunteering with the FSGA, we ask that you join the FSGA and support the state golf association.

### **New GHIN Clubs**

The FSGA welcomes the following clubs that recently joined the GHIN Handicap System. These clubs join the more than 600 clubs using the GHIN System.

Thank you for your support.

Defuniak Springs CC, Defuniak Springs
FGCU Golf Club, South Fort Myers
Grand Oaks Golf Club, Fort Lauderdale
Indian Creek CC, Indian Creek Village
Paradise Golf - Tampa, Tampa
Pine Island Ridge CC, Fort Lauderdale
River Hall CC, Alva
Seven Bridges at Springtree GC, Sunrise
South FL Controllers GA, Pembroke Pines
Tatum Ridge Golf Links, Sarasota
Tee It Up 18, Temple Terrace

Visit www.fsga.org for more on GHIN!

# Start Planning for the 2010-2011 Winter Series!

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

November 29 - 30, 2010 PGA Golf Club, Port Saint Lucie

December 13 - 14, 2010 Orange County National, Winter Garden

January 3 - 4, 2011 Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand

January 17 - 18, 2011 Waterlefe Golf & River Club, Bradenton

February 14 - 15, 2011 Hunters Green Country Club, Tampa

> February 28 - March 1, 2011 Verandah Club, Fort Myers

March 14 - 15, 2011 Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville

#### FOUR-BALL EVENT

January 31 - February 1, 2011 Santa Lucia River Club, Port Saint Lucie

For Golfers Ages 40 & Above Three Divisions, Three Sets of Tees 36-Holes Stroke Play

# **Junior Match Play Champions**

Charlie Bull captured the Boys 16-18 age division in the Junior Match Play Championship held at the Indian River Club in Vero Beach. Evan Byrd and Ashley Holder captured their division titles at Sandridge Golf Club in Vero Beach. The event was held July 29 - August 1.

Charlie Bull, of Orlando, defeated the 2010 Boys Junior Champion, Hank Lebioda, of Winter Springs, 1 up in the final match to claim the Championship Bracket of the Boys 16-18 age division. Bull, coming off a fifth place finish at the Boys Junior Championship, won four matches before meeting Lebioda in the finals. Bull, the 9th seed, won his first match 1 up over Jeffrey Heinicka, of Pinellas Park, then proceeded to beat John Jonas, of Jacksonville, 4 and 3 in the round of 16. In the quarters, Bull won 5 and 3 over Michael Visacki, of Sarasota. In the semifinal, Bull defeated Rocky Khara, of Sebring, 6 and 4.

In the Boys 16-18 Ben Hogan Bracket, Tas Sipowski, of Jupiter, defeated Spencer Ciesla, from Naples, 4 and 3 for the bracket title. En route to the finals, Sipowski defeated Clay Brooks, of Lake Worth 6 and 5, Gary Buffington III, of Tampa, 2 and 1, and Josh Pisarri, of Naples, 6 and 5.

In the Boys 16-18 Bobby Jones Bracket, Chipper Hughes, of Ponte Vedra Beach, defeated Trent Strafaci, of Davie 4 and 3 for the bracket title. En route to the finals Clark defeated David Santiago, of Bradenton, 5 and 4, Calvin Rosser, of Longwood, 5 and 4, and Nicholas Jones, of Plant City, 6 and 5.

Eighth seed Evan Byrd, of Ocala, won the Boys 13-15 age division Championship Bracket after beating Ethan Wagner, of Port Orange, in 19 holes to win the Championship. En route to the finals Byrd defeated Nicholas Cammarene, of Vero Beach, 2 and 1, Matthew Plunkett, of Saint Augustine, in 19 holes, and Jake Leffew, of Vero Beach, 2 up. This is Byrd's second State Championship after winning the 2009 Boys Junior Championship.

In the Boys 13-15 Byron Nelson Bracket, Bradley Wonka, of Vero Beach, defeated Alex Rios, from Coral Springs, 4 and 3 for the bracket title. En route to the finals Wonka defeated David Gates, of Miami 2 and 1, Kerry Sweeny, of Melbourne, 3 and 2, and Nicholas Alvarez, of Davie, 5 and 4.

Ashley Holder, of Orlando, won the Girls 13-18 age division Championship Bracket after beating Madison Lellyo, of Windermere, 2 up in the final. En route to the finals, Holder earned a bye in the first round after carding a two-over par 74 in the seeding round to earn the second seed in the bracket. Holder then defeated Jasmine Wade, of Oldsmar, 6 and 5, and Shane Crutchfield, of Saint Petersburg, 7 and 5.



Charlie Bull (top), Evan Byrd (Middle) & Ashley Holder (bottom), 2010 Champions

## **Junior Programs Compete for State Title**

Boys 13-15 Age Division Winners - The Volusia/Flagler Junior Golf Association





Girls 13-15 Age Division Winners - Junior Golf Association of Broward County



(Right) Girls 16-18 Age Division Winners - Inner Circle of Golf

(Left) Boys 16-18 Age Division Winners -Southwest Florida Junior Golf Association



# Family Fun at the Parent-Child





Johnny Ward & John Ward, 2010 Parent-Child Champions



Don Bell & Don Bell Jr., 2010 Parent-Child (10-12) Champions



Michael Vickers & Gus Vickers, 2010 Parent-Child (8-9) Champions



Steven Ross & Justin Ross, 2010 Parent-Child (6-7) Champions

### 2010-2011 Florida Junior Tour Schedule

### www.floridajuniortour.org

DATE OF EVENT	LOCATION/AGE DIVISION
September 11-12	Delray Dunes Golf & Country Club, Boynton Beach (13-15)
September 18-19	Eagle Creek Golf & Country Club, Naples (16-18)
October 2-3	Wyndemere Country Club, Naples (13-15)
October 16-17	Sugarloaf Mountain Golf & Town Club, Clermont (16-18)
November 6-7	World Woods Golf Club, Brooksville (13-15)
November 13-14	Mission Inn Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills (16-18)
December 11-12	Lake Wales Country Club, Lake Wales (13-15)
December 11-12	Old Corkscrew Golf Club, Estero (16-18)
January 8-9	Brooksville Country Club, Brooksville (16-18)
January 15-16	Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville (13-15)
January 29-30	Amelia National Golf Club, Amelia Island (16-18)
February 12-13	TBA (13-15)
February 26-27	Southwood Golf Club, Tallahassee (16-18)
March 5-6	LPGA International, Daytona Beach (13-15)
March 12-13	TBA (16-18)
March 19-20	Cypress Run Golf Club, Tarpon Springs (13-15)
April 2-3	Harmony Golf Preserve, Harmony (16-18)
April 16-17	Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando (16-18)
April 30- May 1	Lemon Bay Golf Club, Englewood (13-15)
May 14-15	Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club, Bradenton (16-18)
May 28-30	Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club, Palm Harbor (Boys 16-18)
May 28-30	Orange County National, Winter Garden (Boys 13-15, & Girls 13-18)
July 16-17	The Evergreen Club, Palm City (13-15)

## 2011 Men's Interclub Entries Open Now

After another successful season, the Men's Interclub Team Matches are back for their fourth season of competition. We need you, our FSGA competitors, to get a team together at your club to participate. Last year, we had more than 90 teams participate and we anticipate many more this year. Entries close December 13, 2010.

Beginning January 6, 2011, this statewide series of interclub matches includes six weeks of home and away matches in your local area, followed by regional playoffs from February 24 - March 17 and a State Championship. The State Championship will be conducted over 36-holes on April 2-3.

Eligible teams must represent their club, and players must have active GHIN handicap indexes of 18.4 or less and be at least 18 years old. Clubs can have as many players as they wish on their roster, but each weekly match will include only eight players from each team.

Matches will be scheduled for Thursday afternoons, but team captains can agree to hold the match prior to the specified date. Team members don't have to make every match but must play in at least one match to be eligible for the playoffs.

Each week, eight team members will compete against an opposing club in eight individual matches and four four-ball (best-ball) matches. Each foursome will include two players from each team who will compete individually and as partners. Players will be paired according to their handicap indexes and each player's lowest index of the last thirteen revisions will be used.

Each local "Group" will include four clubs – and over six weeks each team in the group will play every other team two separate times – one home and one away. The team from the Group that emerges from the regular season with the most points will advance to the playoffs.

Other than cart fees, there is no cost to play in the matches, playoffs, or Championship. All clubs participating must agree to not charge any type of green fees. These matches are only open to full-member clubs of the FSGA on the GHIN Handicap System. The FSGA maintains an easy-to-use scoring and standings sec-

tion on our website. Each team needs to have a captain who will coordinate their team, organize home matches and enter match results into our website.

We need you, one of our active members, to help lead the effort at your club. Please visit http://interclub.fsga.org for more information and to sign up your team. Or, contact Nick Fallon in the office at (813) 868-5809. We look forward to having your club represented in the Interclub Team Matches.



LaCita Golf & Country Club, 2010 Interclub Champions

