# Bear Lakes Hosts 88th Amateur Championship June 23-26, 2005

The **Amateur Championship** is right around the corner so get your entry in now. On June 23-26, the top players in the state will compete at **Bear Lakes Country Club** in West Palm Beach for the Amateur title.

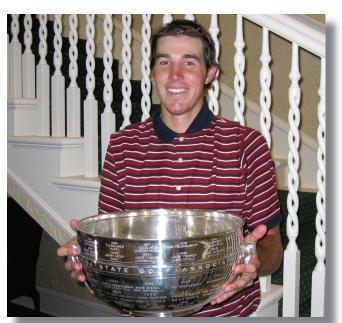
Designed by **Jack Nicklaus**, Bear Lakes boasts two championship golf courses, Lakes and Links. Bear Lakes hosted the Amateur in 1990 and the final stage of the PGA Tour Qualifying School in 2001. Bear Lakes also was home to U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying in 1999 and 2000.

Last year, more than 700 entries were received for the Amateur at The Club at TwinEagles. There, University of South Florida golfer **Brad Quiri**, of Tampa, won the Championship shooting a 71-73-67-70--281.

To be eligible, players must have a handicap index no higher than 11.4. Qualifying will take place at 13 sites across the state with competitors playing 18 holes of stroke play attempting to qualify. The Championship is 72 holes of stroke play, cut to the low 70 plus ties after 36 holes. Entries close May 4 so enter now at www.fsga.org.

2005 AMATEUR QUALIFYING SITES		
DATE	LOCATION	
June 1	PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens	
June 1	Grande Pines GC, Orlando	
June 1	Waterlefe Golf & River Club, Bradenton	
June 1	Bluewater Bay Resort, Niceville	
June 2	Queen's Harbor Yacht & CC, Jacksonville	
June 9	Eagle Dunes Golf Club, Sorrento	
June 9	PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie	
June 9	The Club at Eaglebrooke, Lakeland	
June 10	Club at Mediterra, Naples	
June 11	Rogers Park GC, Tampa	
June 13	TPC at Eagle Trace, Coral Springs	
June 13	CC of Ocala, Ocala	
June 15	Southwood GC, Tallahassee	

**Entries Close May 4!** 



**Brad Quiri**, 2004 Amateur Champion



**Bear Lakes Country Club** 

### **Winter Series Recap**

#### Timacuan G & CC, February 7-8

40-54 Age Division

Robert Parker, Sanford, 68-75--143 Cap Caponi, Orlando, 74-71--145 Robbie Dew, Palm Bch Gardens, 76-69--145 A J Kroeger, Apopka, 74-76--150 Kary Kaltenbacher, Englewood, 73-78--151 Jim Hammons, Port Orange, 77-75--152 Randy Parks, Longwood, 76-78--154 Ed Trinidad, Miami, 74-81--155 Gary Mackintosh, Palm City, 82-73--155 Mark Rubin, Miami Beach, 76-80--156 Jose Novo, Miami, 75-81--156 Samuel Martinez, Miami, 78-80--158 Hilton Chancellor, Bradenton, 78-80--158 Danny Wyrick, Littleton, 78-81--159 David Bailey, Casselberry, 79-82--161 David Martindale, Tampa, 83-79--162 Michael Menyhart, Merritt Island, 80-84--164 Dan Chiappetta, Plantation, 86-78--164 Baldonick Fernandez, Pembroke Pines, 78-87--165

Wade Oney, Orlando, 84-82--166 John Cartee, Port Saint Lucie, 82-85--167 John Payton, Lake Worth, 85-83--168 Kevin Johnson, Jupiter, 79-89--168 Larry Barousse, Mount Dora, 88-84--172 Steve King, Deltona, 90-84--174 David Wells, Tampa, 89-85--174 Bob Fischer, Clermont, 87-89--176 Erwin Couse, Neptune Beach, 89-88--177 Timothy Ward, Orlando, 91-89--180 Kenneth Ahmie, Titusville, 102-85--187 Craig DelFabro, Bradenton, 81-NS--NS Jerry Lewis, Winter Haven, 86-WD--WD Paul Haire, Longwood, 76-WD--WD Tim Kremer, Port Saint Lucie, 72-WD--WD

55-64 Age Division

Joseph Cristillo, Crystal River, 70-68--138 Doug Jackson, Cape Canaveral, 71-74--145 Kim Schwencke, Temple Terrace, 74-73--147 David Kartner, Stuart, 73-75--148 Rick Spears, Stuart, 75-73-148 Randel Whitney, Orlando, 74-75--149 Robert Layman, Ormond Beach, 78-72--150 Robert Keller, Palm Bch Gardens, 72-78--150 Charles Kovaleski, Winter Park, 78-73--151 George McLaughlin, Lecanto, 74-80--154 Ron Michals, Port Saint Lucie, 79-75--154 Michael Sanger, Juno Beach, 78-77--155 Randy Simmons, Orange Park, 74-81--155 George Papas, Lecanto, 78-78--156 Michael Crumley, Kissimmee, 76-80--156 Dwaine Roney, Fort Myers, 77-81--158 Steve Baker, Bonita Springs, 81-77--158 Richard Brooks, Palm Bch Gardens, 80-79--159

Steve Adams, Titusville, 79-84--163 Charles Pilkey, Bonita Springs, 82-81--163 Ret Thompson, Daytona Beach, 86-78--164 Daniel Flynn, Port Saint Lucie, 84-81--165 Richard Templeton, Miami, 86-79--165 David Yun, Longwood, 82-84--166 George Brickhouse, Kissimmee, 80-87--167 James Kelly, Avon Park, 88-81--169 Rick Greenleaf, Jupiter, 80-92--172 Kenneth Moody, Homosassa, 87-86--173 James Bacon, Melbourne, 89-86--175 Joseph Jackson, Largo, 91-93--184 Lucian Raque, Titusville, 79-WD-WD Don Whittington, Fort Lauderdale, WD

65 and Over Age Division

Chuck Smith, Naples, 67-71--138 Ray Darmstadt, Cocoa Beach, 76-72--148 Tom Matey, Orlando, 75-75--150 Peter Jackson, Valrico, 78-74--152 Dean Stromwall, Apopka, 79-74--153 Troy Black, Port Saint Lucie, 77-78--155 Bud Davis, Orlando, 77-79--156 Syd Brooke, Titusville, 77-80--157 Field Retterer, Bonita Springs, 74-83--157 Bob Madsen, Fort Lauderdale, 75-82--157 Tom Slattery, Rochester, 79-81--160 Spencer Brainard, Naples, 76-85--161 Bill Western, Sarasota, 83-80--163 Tracy Allen, Winter Park, 86-81--167 John Tucker, Jacksonville, 84-83--167 Walt Syring, Melbourne, 85-89--174 Anthony Misho, Orlando, 92-92--184



**Chuck Smith, Robert Parker** and **Joseph Cristillo**, winners at **Timacuan**.



Executive Board Member Mallory Privett congratulates Larre Barrett and Robert Martin on another win at Hammock Creek.

#### Hammock Creek GC, February 21-22

In the 40-54 age division, **Glen Davis**, of Orlando, and **Butch Von Weller**, from Winter Park, recorded a 68 in the first round at **Hammock Creek Golf Club** to trail the leading team by one stroke. In the final round, the team fired a 7-under par 65 to take the lead and the Championship with a two-round total of 133. **Bill Baxter**, from Wellington, and **Bill Griffith**, of Miami Shores, finished one back from the winning team with a two-round total of 134. Baxter and Griffith shot a 70-64. In the first round, **Kim Schwencke**, of Temple Terrace, aced the 14th hole from 151 yards. Schwencke and partner, **Larry Mueller**, of Palm City, shot a two-round total of 137.

The Stuart duo of **Dave Kartner** and **Rick Spears** won the 55-64 age division with scores of 69-61-130. Their second round score of 61 allowed them to pull ahead of two teams who shot a two-round total of 131. **Jim Cecchini**, of East Amherst, and **Bill Erwin**, from West Palm Beach, recorded 65-66 while **Jerry Jackson**, of Sarasota, and **Tim Miller**, of Venice, logged a 67-64.

In the 65 and over age division, Larre Barrett, of Homosassa, and Robert Martin, of Fort Lauderdale, secured their second title of the season shooting a 70-66-136. Barrett and Martin won the first four-ball event in the 2004-2005 Winter Series at Hernando Oaks Golf and Country Club. The team also won the two four-ball events in last season's Winter Series. Ray Darmstadt, of Cocoa Beach, and Jim Maxfield, of Melbourne, were one back from the leaders with a 71-66-137. James Snyder, of Stuart, also had a hole-in-one on the first day on the 6th hole from 140 yards.

#### Walkabout Golf Club, March 7-8

#### 40-54 Age Division

144 - Jimmy Key, Kim Schwencke, 68-76

148 - Bob Bussinger, Joseph Cristillo, 70-78

150 - David Bailey, Jeff Morley, 68-82

155 - Tim Kremer, Ron Michals, 77-78

159 - Michael Menyhart, Tibor Menyhart, 78-81

164 - Larry Barousse, Tom Hand, 80-84

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143 - Ray Darmstadt, Jim Maxfield, 71-72

151 - Daryle Larimer, Ray Robison, 74-77

152 - Syd Brooke, Moe Proulx, 74-78

#### 55-64 Age Division

147 - Woodrow Smoak, Rick Spears, 70-77 \*Won

147 - E Austin Jones, Butch Von Weller, 72-75

147 - John Darr, Carl Miller, 72-75

150 - Richard Brooks, Peter Jackson, 72-78

153 - Steve Sloan, Robby Stanford, 75-78

154 - Melbourne, James Bacon,74-80

155 - Steve Bain, Lucian Raque, 72-83 159 - Steve Adams, Fred Bogle, 80-79



Rick Spears and Woodrow Smoak

#### 2004-2005 Winter Series Points Standings

During the Winter Series, players accumulate points based on their finishes in events. The winners of each age division receive a plaque and the points leaders from the 40-54 age division and 55-64 age division receive exemptions into the **Amateur Championship** at **Bear Lakes Country Club**. Here are the top 40 as of March 8, 2005.

# What is the Ruling?

by Jack Pultorak, FSGA Director of Rules and Competitions



This is an excerpt of any interesting situation from a match between Joe and Ron that I recently received. The names have been changed to protect the guilty

and some editing has been done for clarification.

"Ioe hit his tee ball across the cart path on the first hole of our match and into the lateral hazard. It was just barely in the hazard so he had a clear shot to the green and what looked like an open backswing; but he was in the hazard. He made a few practice backswings without grounding his club to check that he could hit the ball without striking a nearby tree on his backswing. He then left the hazard to go to the cart and waited for me to play my shot as I was furthest from the hole. After I had played, Joe went back to his ball but upon entering the hazard, accidentally kicked a large twig which came to rest against his ball without moving the ball. This now meant that he could not strike the ball cleanly. He would have to hit the large twig first. He asked me if he was entitled to move the twig. I said I was not sure as I knew that you could not touch loose impediments in a hazard but I also felt that he was entitled to the lie that he had when his ball came to rest. And since it was an accident and was now affecting his lie or swing, I believed that he

could move it; so I agreed to him moving it without penalty. Joe then went to play his shot and on the backward swing his club collided with the nearby tree. He stopped his backswing as considerable bark flew off the tree. He asked if there was a penalty? I said yes, loss of hole in the match. He agreed there was a penalty but believed it was only one shot and not loss of hole in our match. After much discussion, Joe said we will get a ruling when we go in. I said we can not do that because once I tee off on the next hole, whatever result of the first hole we have agreed to stands. I eventually agreed to a one stroke penalty and no loss of hole. Including the one stroke penalty, the hole was halved. What's the ruling?"

OK, first Joe with the loose impediment in the hazard. When Joe accidentally kicked the loose impediment in the hazard, there was no penalty as it was moved accidentally (see Decision 13-4/13) and since the ball did not move, there was no penalty under Rule 18-2. Joe was not entitled to purposely move the loose impediment after it came to rest against his ball in a hazard: that would be a violation of Rule 13-4c. You are entitled to restore your lie and line only when either your opponent, partner or a fellow competitor worsens it after your ball has come to rest (see Decisions 13-2/8, 13-2/8.5, 13-4/18, 20-3b/2, etc), but not when mother nature does it (see Decision 13-4/18.5) or you are

clumsy (see Decision 13-4/14). That said, Joe was not entitled to relief and must play the ball as it lies without removing the loose impediment.

However, as Joe and Ron were playing match play, and they agreed on an incorrect procedure since they did not know the Rule, the hole must stand as played and no later claim should be allowed. The players would not be penalized for agreeing to waive the Rules (see Decisions 1-3/5 and 2-5/8.5).

Next, when Joe's backswing improved his area of intended swing, there was agreement that it had, Joe should have been penalized loss of hole under Rule 13-2. Once again, since this is match play, if the two players agreed that it was only a one stroke penalty only because they were ignorant of the correct penalty, the hole must stand as played. What Ron should have done was to say that he was unsure of the ruling and make a proper claim (see Rule 2-5 and Decision 2-5/2) and refer the matter to the Committee. They should have then continued play and most likely have stopped at the turn to ask for the proper ruling.

Remember, use the index or the table of contents of The Rules of Golf booklet to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation and follow The Rules of Golf to help yourself to enjoy the game of golf. It also may help you win that match!

### **Volunteer Administration Workshops Open to Public**

Attend a **Tournament Administration Workshop** and learn what it takes to be a Tournament Official. Learn new skills and brush up on old ones. The indoor sessions are from 8:30 am – 11:30 am and are open to the public and recommended for all FSGA Tournament Volunteers. These sessions are complimentary and ready for sign up at www.fsga.org.

March 29, 2005 - The Forest CC, Fort Myers March 31, 2005 - Falcons Fire GC, Kissimmee April 5, 2005 - PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens April 7, 2005 - Deerwood CC, Jacksonville April 19, 2005 - Hunters Green CC, Tampa April 21, 2005 - Fort Walton Beach GC, Fort Walton Bch

### 500 Get Certified in the Handicap System

The **United States Golf Association (USGA)** now requires all golf clubs to be certified in the USGA Handicap System. In conjunction with the USGA, the FSGA is administering **Handicap Certification Seminars** across the state to authorize clubs to utilize the USGA Handicap System. So far, the FSGA has administered eight seminars in 2005 and has certified more than 500 individuals in the Handicap System. Seminars are continually being added to the schedule to attempt to get all clubs certified.

These Handicap Seminars are intended to better educate more golfers to the USGA Handicap System and to certify a representative on the Handicap Committee at every club. From 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, FSGA staff members will conduct an overview of the USGA Handicap System including Handicap Committee responsibilities, the Handicap System formula, handicap allowances, handicap stroke allocations and an insight into golf measuring and the Course Rating System.

In order to be authorized to use the USGA Handicap System, a club must meet the following requirements: 1) Attend an FSGA Handicap Cer-

**Handicap Certification Seminars** 

March 18 - Bloomingdale GC, Valrico

March 28 - The Club at TwinEagles, Naples

May 3 - Hunters Green CC, Tampa

tification Seminar and pass the test with a score of 70 and above. 2) Form a Handicap Committee and have a Handicap Chairman. 3) Meet all the requirements of the Club Compliance Checklist listed in the USGA Handicap System Manual. Once clubs complete these requirements, clubs may sign the USGA Handicap System Licensing Agreement and with USGA confirmation are approved to issue USGA Handicap Indexes. Clubs will also be recognized on the USGA website as an Authorized Golf Club. In January 2006, clubs not meeting these requirements will be listed on the USGA website as NOT APPROVED and will not be authorized to utilize the USGA Handicap System.

In order to obtain certification, attend a Handicap Certification Seminar. Register online at www.fsga.org or call the FSGA office at (813) 632-3742 with any questions. Golf Professionals earn four hours of continuing education points for attending a seminar. The Handicap Seminars cost \$30 and include coffee, danish and a Handicap Survival Kit. Non-GHIN clubs may visit www.usga.org where they can view an online seminar and take a test. We encourage all GHIN clubs to attend a USGA/FSGA Handicap Certification Seminar.

### Florida Cup Plays in 2005

Every other year, the **Florida Cup** matches 16 players from the north against 16 players from the south in a Ryder Cup format. Players are invited to participate in this **North Florida** versus **South Florida** competition based on their performance in FSGA events the past two years.

This year, the Florida Cup will be played at **Timuquana Country Club** in Jacksonville on November 3-4. Three rounds of golf include three different events. Thursday morning will be 18 holes of four-ball match play, Thursday afternoon is an alternate shot format and Friday finishes with 18 holes of singles match play.

The Florida Cup and the Southeast Challenge Cup alternate every year giving players the opportunity to compete in a different format as a team. Since the last Florida Cup was in 2003, bragging rights go to North Florida with a 20-12 victory at **Avila Golf and Country Club** in Tampa.

Keep checking the website, www.fsga.org and see the point standings!



Dan Meinert and Bob Ethridge at the 2003 Florida Cup.

#### **New GHIN Clubs**

The FSGA welcomes the following clubs who recently joined the GHIN Handicap System. Thank you for your support.

The Habitat Golf Club, Malabar Palatka Golf Club, Palatka Rainbow's End Golf & Country Club, Dunnellon SummerGlen Golf & Country Club, Ocala

### **Over 330 Enter Senior Championship**

The FSGA will open the 2005 Championship Schedule

with the Senior Championship at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club on April 12-14.

Designed by Ron Garl, Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club was one of the first tribute courses with replicas of famous holes from around the world. There are eight replicas--Augusta National's Amen Corner 12th-13th & 16th, St. Andrews' 1st & Road Hole 17th, Royal Troon's Postage Stamp 8th, Muirfield's 9th, and Baltusrol's 4th--plus ten original holes.

There are two age divisions for the Senior Championship, 55-64 and 65 & over. Participants must be 55 or older as of April 12, 2005 to be eligible for the event. Competitors play 54 holes of stroke play over the course of the three-day event.

Qualifying will take place in March at five sites across the

state. Since the number of entries received has always surpassed the capacity of the Championship, a qualifying stage was instituted this year. For the 2005 Championship, 338 players have entered with 246 attempting to qualify and 92 players exempt.

Champion, Defending Scamehorn, of Winter Haven, is exempt into this year's Championship with his win last year at Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club. Moot Thomas, of Ocala, won the Super Senior division last year and is also exempt into the 2005 Championship.

Track the qualifiers and Championship results at www.fsga.org.

**Bruce Scamehorn**, the 2004 Senior Champion

### **Foundation Four-Ball** Riverwood Golf Club **April 23 - 24, 2005**

The Foundation Four-Ball, previously called the Junior-Senior Championship, will return to Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte on April 23-24.

This four-ball event features one senior player over the age of 55 and one mid-amateur player between 35-54 years old. The Championship will be 36 holes of four-ball stroke play with Saturday afternoon tee-times and a Sunday morning shotgun. The event will be flighted after 18 holes.

In the inaugural year, Cap Caponi and David Lindquist, of Orlando, won the Championship 68-63--131.

Entries close March 30 so get your partner and register online at www.fsga.org.

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## **Club Team PGA Golf Club April 30 - May 1, 2005**

A tradition since 1941, the **Club Team** Championship will return to the PGA Golf Club and the North and **South Courses** on April 30 - May 1.

The Club Team is open to traditional golf clubs that own their own course and are members of the FSGA. The four team members must each be 14-15 with the deadline April 20. Get members of the club and each individual must also be a member of the FSGA. The Championship features 36 holes of stroke play with the total of the low 3 of the 4 gross scores counting in each round.

Last year at the World Golf Village, the team from Ponte Vedra Inn & Club defended their title with scores of 218-220--240. Steve Horner, Bruce Howard, Worth Calfee and Ken Moody represented Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to win their second title in a row.

Entries close April 6 so get your team together now!

### **Two-Man Shoot-Out** Westin Innisbrook Resort May 14 - 15, 2005

Play where the pros play! Enter the Two-Man Shoot-Out and have the opportunity to play at the Westin Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor. home to the PGA Tour's Chrysler Championship.

The Championship is set for May a partner and you will play 18 holes of a two-man scramble and 18 holes of alternate shot. The final day, round three, will be 18 holes of four-ball. This year, the Two-Man Shoot-Out is only gross scoring.



Ponte Vedra Inn & Club defended the Club Team Championship in 2004.

# **FJT Holds First 54-Hole Competition**

The top junior golfers, boys and girls ages 13-18, will compete at **Celebration Golf Club** on March 24-26 for the Florida Junior Tour's (FJT) first 54-hole stroke play event. This is the only event in the 2004-2005 season that will feature both age divisions playing 54-holes over three days.

More than 180 entries were received for the Celebration event. The field of 78 includes 27 boys in each of the age divisions, 13-15 and 16-18, and 12 girls in each age division. The strength of players in the field include 41 juniors who have earned one or more exemption, 10 previous FJT Champions, two multiple FJT Champions and 25 juniors with at least one top three finish.

The boys 16-18 age division features points leader Chappell Brown, who won last month at Ocala and has two top

three finishes. **Mike Stern** captured the TwinEagles title in October and is also competing at Celebration. **Wesley Graham**, the 2004 Florida Boys Junior Champion in the 13-15 age division, is playing up at Celebration. **Eric Black** leads the boys 13-15 age division with two victories on the Tour. **William Cauley** holds the FJT record with a 9-under par 63 at TwinEagles and will attempt to do that again at Celebration. The girls 16-18 age division has **Lindy Duncan** playing up and looking for her second title in the older age division. **Whitney Wenglasz**, the points leader in the 13-15 age division, is playing in the 16-18 age division as is **Gennifer Mendez** hoping to gain another FJT victory after winning at Ocala.

Visit www.floridajuniortour.org for a complete listing of pairings, tee-times and results.



**Chappell Brown** 



**Lindy Duncan** 



Eric black

#### **7th Annual Junior Golf Conference**

The 7th annual Florida Junior Golf Conference at ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando is set for Saturday, March 19. More than 30 junior coordinators across the state are signed up to attend.

This unique conference is an opportunity for junior coordinators to exchange information and share ideas about junior golf in their particular region. There are more than 100 junior programs in the state that have been invited to attend to meet with other programs.

Last year, more than 30 programs were represented to discuss and exchange information pertaining to junior golf programs. This year, topics related to junior golf will include updates from the USGA & AJGA, Florida License Plate Money, Q & A Session, speakers and much more.

If you are a junior coordinator, please sign up at www.fsga.org. Tell other programs about this worthwhile conference. The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

#### **Dachisen Wins Gasparilla**

FSGA Tournament Director Peter Dachisen won the 50th Gasparilla Invitational at Palma Ceia G & CC in Tampa. Dachisen shot a final round 70 to hold off David Noll, of Georgia, and win the tournament by one shot.

Dachisen recorded scores of 72-62-70 to finish with a 6-under par 204. His second round score of 62 was tournament record and tied a course record! Palma Ceia will host the Boy's Junior Championship in August.



Mike Walters congratulates Peter Dachisen.

### **FSGA Conducts 41 Qualifiers for USGA Championships**

This year, the FSGA will conduct a total of 41 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. The FSGA could not administer all of these without the help and support of our Committee Members.

U.S. Open entries close next month, April 27. There will be 17 local qualifiers in the state with the sectional being in Tampa at **Old Memorial Golf Club** on June 7. The FSGA conducts more qualifiers than any other golf association or region in the country and the sectional qualifier is one of only 14 across the world. Be sure to sign up for USGA events at www.usga.org and to volunteer please visit www.fsga.org.

#### **USGA Championships Closing Dates**

U.S. Open	entries close April 27
U.S. Amateur Public Links	entries close May 25
U.S. Junior	entries close June 1
U.S. Senior	entries close June 22
U.S. Amateur	entries close June 29
U.S. Mid-Amateur	entries close July 13
U.S. Senior Amateur	entries close July 27

