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Nicklaus Courses to host the 95th Amateur Championship, June 21-24.

Jack Nicklaus has spent years searching for the perfect site to bring his dream to a reality. **The Bear's Club** is the realization of The Golden Bear's decades-old vision of creating a golf club in his own South Florida backyard that reflects his passion for the game. The Bear's Club was named to Travel & Leisure Golf's "America's Top 100 Golf Communities" in 2007 and is recognized as one of the world's elite private club experiences. A number of the best PGA Tour players in the world call The Bear's Club home.

The Loxahatchee Club was created out of Nicklaus's love of the game of golf and follows in the tradition of the finest clubs in the country. The course was designed as a "member's course," with the elements of the old Scottish game mingled with the finest characteristics of modern American golf. Jack says that The Loxahatchee Club "is one of my most imaginative courses and certainly one of the best I have ever done."



The Bear's Club



Is My Ball in There?

By Jack Pultorak

Director of Rules & Competitions



Much of Rule 12, Searching for and Identifying Ball, remains intact from the recent revision for 2012-2015. However, there has been one particular change to the Rule that you should know about. Let's take a closer look.

Prior to 2012, if your ball lay in a hazard believed to be covered with loose impediments and you caused it to move while searching, there was no penalty. Not anymore!

You still have the authority to touch and move the loose impediments in order to find and identify your ball without penalty. However, if the ball moves as a result of you moving those loose impediments, you now will incur a penalty of one stroke and are required to replace the ball under Rule 18-2a. Moral of the story, be careful in moving those loose impediments.

If you do go ahead and move the loose impediments and manage to find and identify your ball without moving it, you are required to replace the loose impediments. The Rule gets a little more lenient in the replacing of the loose impediments. If you cause your ball to move in the replacement of the loose impediments, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

If the ball was entirely covered by loose impediments before you began searching, you are required to re-cover the ball with the loose impediments but you are permitted to leave a small part of the ball visible.

In this same scenario, if someone else (an opponent in match play, a fellow competitor in stroke play or another outside agency such as a spectator or referee) other than your partner causes your ball to move that was in a hazard and covered by loose impediments while searching, there is no penalty and you are responsible for getting the ball back to where it lay originally. They cause it to move – no penalty; you cause it to move – penalty. Second moral of the story, be kind to the people you play with so that they will help you look for your ball.

In the overall picture, the Rules scenarios for penalties are now the same for searching for a ball when it's covered by loose impediments whether it lies through the green or in a hazard. That makes sense. Why would you be off the hook when your ball moved while you were searching for it while it was covered with leaves in a bunker but be penalized when it was covered by leaves in the rough?

My suggestion, make them both non-penalty situations. That way people won't be as "careful" when searching and can spend more time playing!

Remember, use the index or the table of contents 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.

Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball Championship

The team of Don Bell and Rick Woulfe went wire-to-wire to capture the 9th Senior/Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Vero Beach Country Club in Vero Beach, on March 24-25.

Don Bell, of Port Orange, and Rick Woulfe, from Fort Lauderdale, posted a tournament total of 16-under par 128 to capture the first Championship of the 2012 season. In the first round, the pair fired the low round of the Championship with an impressive round of 11-under par 61, to hold a four stroke lead heading into the final round of play. Bell and Woulfe continued their stellar play in the final round posting a five-under par 67, which was good enough for a three stroke victory.

The team of Frank Babusik, of Jupiter, and Robbie Dew, of Palm Beach Gardens, and the team of Randy Lewis, of Alma, and Bill Zylstra, of Ocklawaha, finished tied for second place with a tournament total of 13-under par 131. The Defending Champions, Robert Hess, of Caselberry, and Doug Snoap, of Apopka, finished tied for fourth place with a tournament total of seven-under par 137.

The field included 42 teams of one partner over 55 years of age and the other between 25-54 years old. In the Championship, competitors played 36 holes of four-ball stroke play over the course of two days.



Champions
Rick Woulfe (left), Don Bell (right)

Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball Championship **Vero Beach Country Club** **Vero Beach, Florida** **March 24-25, 2012**

Don Bell / Rick Woulfe 61-67--128
Frank Babusik / Robbie Dew 65-66--131
Randy Lewis / Bill Zylstra 66-65--131
Andrew Saft / Gary Saft 68-69--137
Robert Hess / Doug Snoap 68-69--137
Stephen Maddox / Wayne Raath 68-69--137
Andy Latowski / John Latowski 70-68--138
Bruce Fitzpatrick / Jose Novo 69-69--138
David Kartner / Peter Navaretta 70-68--138
Kevin Altenhof / Dennis Brady 68-70--138

Complete results at www.fsga.org

Winter Series Wrap-Up

Winter Series Points Champions

The final event of the season played at Brooksville Country Club at Majestic Oaks, in Brooksville, wrapped up the 2011-2012 FSGA Winter Series. Peter Navaretta, of Port Saint Lucie, won the 40-54 age division points race and earned his exemption into the State Amateur Championship at The Bear's Club in Jupiter, June 21-24. Navaretta ended with one Individual title at Feather Sound and a Four-Ball title at Mission Valley with partner Andy Spears. He also captured two second place finishes and four top ten finishes.

In the 55-64 age division, Gordon Blakeley, of Lutz, topped the division's point standings and punched his ticket to the State Amateur Championship, as well as the Senior Championship conducted at Lake Wales Country Club. Blakely won the title at Indian River and had three third place finishes and two top ten finishes.

Tom Austin, of Lake Wales, won the 65 and Over point standings with his solid play all season. Austin won the Mission Valley Four-Ball event with partner Tommy Piazza, placed second at Lake Wales, and had four top ten finishes.



Peter Navaretta
40-54 Champion



Gordon Blakeley
55-64 Champion



Tom Austin
65 & Over Champion

[Click here to view final standings](#)

Women's Golf

Women's Championship Season Kicks off May 7th!

The FSGA is excited to now host Women's Championships! Please get your entries in and your friends involved! The Women's Championship Season starts in just over a month with the 83rd Women's Amateur Championship at Weston Hills Country Club. Take advantage of the outstanding golf courses, social atmosphere, and you can even show off your competitive side!

83rd Women's Amateur Championship, May 7-11, 2012
Weston Hills Country Club, Weston, FL

We constantly post Women's Championship updates and golf news to all of our social media avenues. We encourage each of you to follow our Facebook page by clicking "Like"! Click the logos below to view our Facebook, and Twitter!



Weston Hills Country Club

Women's Golf

Super Senior Division Added for 2012!!

Women's Senior Championship
Fiddlesticks Country Club - Long Mean Course
Fort Myers, FL
June 7-8, 2012

Course Set-Up

Championship Division: 5400-5800 yards

Field Division: 5000-5400 yards

Super Senior Championship Division: 5000-5400 yards

Super Senior Field Division: 4700-5000 yards



Florida Junior Tour



**FJT at Southwood GC (16-18)
February 25-26, 2012**

**Jack Maguire, St. Petersburg
Emily Kurey, Alpharetta, GA**



**FJT at LPGA International (13-15)
March 3-4, 2012**

**Daniel Jaramillo, Bradenton
Jamie Freedman, Miami**



**FJT at Mission Inn (16-18)
March 17-18, 2012**

**Michael Visacki, Sarasota
Madison Opfer, Plant City**

Upcoming FJT Events

Harmony Golf Preserve (16-18)

Lake Wales CC (13-15)

Old Corkscrew GC (16-18)

Kingsway CC (13-15)

Orange Co. National (Bys 13-15 & Girls 13-18)

Innisbrook Resort (Bys 16-18)

April 14-15

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April 28-29

May 12-13

May 26-28

May 26-28

2012 One-Day Tournaments

The 2012 One-Day season features 150 events. These events are great opportunities for players to play Florida's premiere golf courses at a great price. Invite friends and fellow golfers to enjoy the One-Day events.

Entry Fee

- Includes: Cart, golf, range balls and prizes.

Flights and Tees Played

- Gross Flight - Approximately 6,500 yards
- Under 50 Flight - Approximately 6,500 yards
- 50-64 Flight - Approximately 6,200 yards
- 65 and Over Flight - Approximately 6,000 yards
- Women's Flight - Approximately forward tee yardage

Format

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
- Gross Flight - All ages; players play the same tees, and no strokes are given
- Shotgun start

Eligibility

- Amateur golfers
- FSGA/GHIN handicap required (24.0 or less for men and 34.0 or less for women).
- Golfers who do not have an FSGA/GHIN handicap index from an FSGA member club may purchase a 2012 handicap online for \$30 at www.fsga.org.
- First time players without an established GHIN handicap will be eligible to compete, but not for prizes.

Prizes

- \$10 per person (from the entry fee) is in the gift certificate pot.

Enter Online at www.fsga.org

- Players may play in all regions.
- Stay and Play Tournaments (Two one-days back-to-back with a hotel deal available).
- Players may make their own groupings.
- Men will be grouped with Men, and Women will be grouped with Women, unless players select a mixed group.

Men & Women Eligible

Enter at www.FSGA.org



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Southwest Florida's Premier Amateur Golf Tournament April 30th – May 4th 2012

To register Please Visit
www.suncupgolf.net

\$10,000 IN PRIZES!

Along with great golf there will be a nightly golf expo with food and live entertainment. This is a great chance to check out the leader board and meet your fellow competitors while testing the latest golf gear and sampling some great food. The **SUN CUP** offers a world class experience from start to finish and regardless of how you finish, the experience and memories will last a lifetime.

Four rounds of golf at the area's top rated courses.
Flight winners will compete in a championship round at *Old Corkscrew*, a Jack Nicklaus masterpiece.
A chance to hoist the **SUN CUP** and a share of the **\$10,000 in prizes!**
Gifts and prizes for each golfer.
Two passes to the nightly **SUN CUP** Golf Expo with food, drinks and live entertainment.



Join the FSGA Today!!

Membership Levels

\$1,000 Chairman's Level - Foundation Member (Husband & Wife)

\$500 President's Level - Foundation Member (Husband & Wife)

\$250 Director's Level - Foundation Member (Husband & Wife)

\$150 Director's Level - Foundation Member

\$50 Men's Regular Level

\$40 Women's Regular Level

\$40 FJT/Junior Level

\$25 Patron Level

All membership dollars received above the Regular membership will go towards the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation is a need and academic based program that provides college scholarships to junior golfers and assists juniors with entry and travel expenses to national tournaments. Foundation Members will receive a Future of Golf Foundation golf shirt when joining as well as reduced entry fees into FSGA events.

New GHIN Clubs

The FSGA welcomes the following clubs that recently joined the GHIN Handicap System. These clubs join the more than 600 clubs state-wide on the GHIN Handicap System. For more on the GHIN Handicap System, please contact Aaron Skoviera at 813.868.5802.

American Golf Club Vero Beach

Buffalo Creek GC

Gateway G&CC

Harder Hall CC

Madison Green Golf Club

Manatee County GC

Osceola Municipal Golf Club

Spring Lake Golf Resort

Windswept Dunes



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