



Inside the **FSGA** *May 2012*

Kroeger Captures The 51st Senior Amateur

A J Kroeger went wire-to-wire to capture the 51st Senior Amateur Championship at Lake Wales Country Club in Lake Wales on April 10-12.

A J Kroeger, of Apopka, outlasted the field of 144 players to win the 51st Senior Amateur Championship with a tournament total of three-under par 213. In the first round of play Kroeger posted a three-under par round of 69, which included six birdies and three bogies, to hold a one stroke advantage. A J expanded his lead after the second round of play, with another round of three-under par 69. Kroeger would take a two stroke lead into the final round after posting a two round total of six-under par 138.



In the final round, Kroeger played a flawless front nine, which included eight pars and one birdie to turn at one-under par 35. On the back nine, he stumbled a bit early with bogies on 10 and 12. After making par on number 13, Kroeger would double bogey number 14 and bogey the fifteenth hole. Kroeger stepped on the 16th tee tied for the lead, but walked off with a clutch birdie to regain the lead at three-under par. Kroeger stated, "The birdie on number 16 really got me going again after three putting the previous two holes." After making par on number 17, he would take a one stroke lead into the last hole of play. Kroeger said "I knew I had to hit a great shot on number 18, I was fighting back my nerves on the last few holes." After a great approach shot, Kroeger would two putt for the victory. "It feels amazing to win this Championship, and it is one of the biggest victories of my career, stated Kroeger." **Visit www.fsga.org for full results.**

Don't Forget About the Last Option

By Jack Pultorak

Director of Rules & Competitions



The Rules of Golf are the code by which we play this great game. At times they are simple and other times complex. Sometimes used frequently, other times rarely.

One Rule is often used here in Florida is the water hazard Rule. Many of our water hazards are designated as lateral water hazards and marked with either red stakes or red lines. Those are the water hazards where the Committee has determined that it is either impossible or impracticable to drop a ball behind the water hazard.

Somewhat complex in structure, the water hazard Rule has a few different choices. Yet many times, only one of the three options is used.

1. The first option is the stroke and distance option. Go back and play your next stroke from where your previous stroke was played.
2. The second option is to drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit as to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.
3. The third option (available only to lateral type water hazards) allows you to a) drop a ball no nearer the hole and within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard or b) no nearer the hole and within two clubs of a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard that is equidistant from the hole from the spot where the ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard.

The last part of that third option is one of those seldom used options. However, at a recent Amateur Championship qualifying event, a player hit a snap hook off the tee of a par five that carried across a water hazard entirely. The ball deflected off a building beyond the water hazard that was out of bounds. Fortunately, the ball ricocheted off the building and rolled back down into the lateral water hazard that was in bounds.

The player then utilized the latter part of the third option, dropped another ball on the opposite margin of the lateral water hazard (which happened to be back on the fairway side) equidistant from the hole of where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard,. He went on to make par and claim the last qualifying spot for that site and will play in the Amateur Championship this year.



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.

Super Senior Championship

The Super Senior Championship concluded at the world renowned Black Diamond Ranch, located an hour north of the Tampa Bay area, on April 3-4.

Jim Carley, the 2011 Senior Champion, impressed the strong field of seniors with a 68 in the first round. Carley's four under par round gave him a 4-shot cushion ahead of Thomas Slater and Ken Couturier heading into the final round. In the final round, Carley, of Ormond Beach, coasted in with a 78 on the very difficult Quarry Course at Black Diamond Ranch. The Defending Champion, Thomas Slater, of Vero Beach, finished in second place two strokes behind Carley with rounds of 72-76. Ken Couturier, of Melbourne, finished alone in third place with a tournament total of 151.

In the 70-74 age division, Walt Martin, of Saint Augustine, held onto his first round lead to take the title. Martin fired 74-78 for a 152 total and two-shot victory over Ron Audi, of Ocala. Audi posted back-to-back rounds of 77 to take home second place honors. Brian Sachs, of Newberry, and Jim DuBois, of Coral Springs, finished tied for third place with a tournament total of 156.

Bill Feehan, of Marco Island, came back in the final round with an impressive 73 to claim the 75 & over age division. Feehan trailed Ron LeClairby six shots heading into the final round, but fired the best round of the day by four shots to take home the title. Roger Little, of Morriston, finished in second place after rounds of 80-77. **For complete results visit www.fsga.org**



Champions
Jim Carley (top), Walt Martin
(center), Bill Feehan, (bottom)

Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship

Bell Goes Back-To-Back

Don Bell erased a five-stroke deficit to tie for the lead after 54-holes. Bell went on to win in a playoff at Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship at the Bonita Bay Club - East in Naples, on May 4-6.

After posting rounds of 71-74, the defending champion Don Bell, from Port Orange, would trail by five strokes heading into the final round of play. In the final round, Bell fired an impressive round of four-under par 68 to post a tournament total of three-under par 213. Bell would find himself tied with Tim Hume, of Tampa, who posted rounds of 66-72-75. The two players would head for a sudden death playoff to decide the Championship where Bell would go on to make par to capture the title. Bell is the first player to go back-to-back at the Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship.



Bonita Bay Club East - Cypress Course, Bonita Springs, FL May 4-6, 2012

Don Bell, Port Orange 71-74-68--213 ****Won play-off****

Tim Hume, Tampa 66-72-75--213

Allen Parker, Davenport 72-68-74--214

Jon Veneziano, Mount Dora 70-72-72--214

Kevin Altenhof, Melbourne 68-74-72--214

Keith Nagy, Jacksonville beach 73-72-73--218

Michael Cox, Naples 75-73-70--218

Pete Williams, Juno Beach 76-68-74--218

Stephen Anderson, Hobe Sound 71-75-72--218

Will Peterson, Orlando 72-70-76--218

Donald Wolfe, Miami 74-70-75--219

John Reynaud, Clearwater 73-74-72--219

For complete results visit www.fsga.org

Women's Amateur Championship

Stasi Defeats Arnoux 3&2 in Finals

Two national champions faced off in the finals of the Women's Amateur Championship. Three time US Women's Mid-Amateur Champion, Meghan Stasi, and the 2009 French Women's Mid-Amateur Champion, Marie Arnoux, each won their first four matches to reach the finals.

In the final match, Stasi, from Oakland Park, took an early lead with a birdie on the par 5 1st hole. Stasi maintained the 1up lead through seven holes and then birdied the 8th to go 2up. Arnoux, from Miami Beach, birdied the 11th, but Stasi countered with a birdie on the 12th to return to 2up. She then won the 13th to go 3up and she held the lead through the 16th hole where she won the match 3&2 and claimed her second Women's Amateur Championship title (2010 & 2012).



Stasi had support from her husband, Dan, and her father who both followed along during the final match. Stasi's consistent play all week continued in the finals where she hit 14/16 greens, made three birdies and never lost the lead.

Weston Hills Country Club - Tour Course, Weston, FL

May 4-6, 2012

Quarterfinal

Kailey Walsh, Boca Raton (1) def. Tovie St. Louis, West Palm Beach (9), 1 up
Marie Arnoux, Miami Beach (13) def. Nancy Smith, North Port (5), 19 holes
Meghan Stasi, Oakland Park (2) def. Diane Lang, Weston (23), 5 and 4
Samantha Marks, Maitland (3) def. Wendi Golden, Bradenton (27), 20 holes

Semifinal

Marie Arnoux, Miami Beach (13) def. Kailey Walsh, Boca Raton (1), 5 and 4
Meghan Stasi, Oakland Park (2) def. Samantha Marks, Maitland (3), 5 and 4

Final

Meghan Stasi, Oakland Park (2) def. Marie Arnoux, Miami Beach (13), 3 and 2

For complete results visit www.fsga.org



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Two-Man Shoot-Out Championship

Bret & Bryce Voisin Post 20-Under Par To Win Championship

The father and son duo of Bret and Bryce Voisin held off a strong field to capture the Two-Man Shoot-Out held at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club, in Dade City on May 19-20.

The Voisin's captured the Championship with a tournament total of 20-under par 196. In the first round of modified alternate shot on the North Course, the pair posted a three-under par round of 69, to trail the leaders by two strokes. Playing a scramble on the par 72 South Course in the second round, Bret and Bryce recorded an impressive round of 12-under par 60, to take a two stroke lead heading into the final round. Playing a Four-Ball in the final round on the South Course, the pair went on to fire a five-under par 67 to secure the Championship by just one stroke. Jeronimo Esteve and Thad Hudgens, finished alone in second place after rounds of 69-65-63 for a tournament total of 197. The team of Peter Dachisen and Jimmy Jones as well as the team of Matthew Anderson and Jack Hannon finished tied for third place with a tournament total of 17-under par 199.

For complete results visit www.fsga.org



**2012 Two-Man Shoot-Out Champions
Bryce Voisin (left) and Bret Voisin (right)**

Women's Stroke Play Championship

Ritz-Carlton Golf Club - Orlando

Orlando, FL

July 6-8, 2012

Entry Fee: **\$240**

Entries Close June 13th



The Ritz-Carlton®

54 Holes of Stroke Play. Championship Division flights are determined after 36 holes of stroke play. Field Division players will be pre-flighted based upon handicap index.



Florida Open Championship

The Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club

Sara Bay Country Club

Bradenton/Sarasota, FL

July 20-22, 2012

\$80 Qualifying Fee - 16 Qualifiers

\$75,000 Estimated Purse

Entries Close June 13th



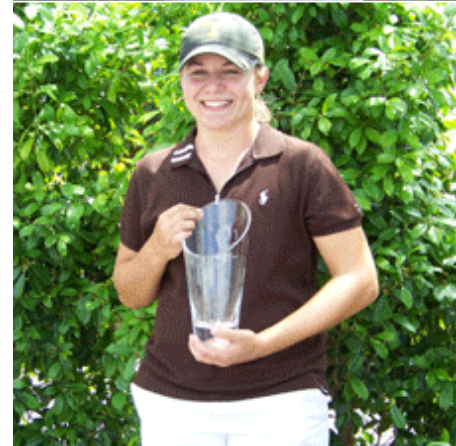


Florida Junior Tour



**FJT at Longboat Key Club (13-15)
March 24-25, 2012**

**Philip Barbaree, Shreveport, LA
Taylor Tomlinson, Gainesville**



**FJT at Lake Wales CC (13-15)
April 14-15, 2012**

**Gabriel Lench, Lake Mary
Latanna Stone, Valrico**

**FJT at Harmony (16-18)
April 14-15, 2012**

**Pureun Kim, Gainesville
Anna Newell, Tampa**

Upcoming FJT Events

**Bent Pine Golf Club
Santa Lucia River Club
Worthington Country Club
Winston Trails Golf Club
Bear Lakes Country Club
Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club**

**June 30 - July 1
August 18-19
August 25-26
September 8-9
September 15-16
September 29-30**



Florida Junior Tour



Nike 20XI - Official Ball of the FJT



**FJT at Old Corkscrew GC (16-18)
April 28-29, 2012**

**FJT at Kingsway CC (13-15)
May 12-13, 2012**

**Ryan Celano, Naples
Yueer Feng, Orlando**

**Timothy Colanta, ChampionsGate
Radi Sauro, Lake Worth**

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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\$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.

Madison Green Golf Club

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