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Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available

The Championship season is right around the corner, and we are ready for volunteer sign-up online at www.fsga.org. Volunteers can now go to the "Volunteer Central" page of the website to register for FSGA, USGA and FJT events.

This year will feature more than 250 days of competition including 22 State Championships and over 40 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. New on the schedule is the Senior Match Play at Cypress Run Golf Club in Tarpon Springs in July. In addition, a Junior Florida Cup has been added to the schedule that will match the top juniors from North and South Florida against each other in a Ryder Cup format.

The 89th Amateur Championship will consist of 13 qualifiers across the state so please sign up to help in your area. These qualifiers are one day events with the Championship at Pine Tree Golf Club in Boynton Beach. Throughout the year, competitors are trying to earn points in events to advance to the biennial Southeastern Challenge Matches. This year, Georgia will host the Matches at Hawks Ridge Golf Club.

The Winter Series are off to a great start. We expanded the first three individual events from 78 to 84 players to get more players in the events. Thank you to all who have helped with the Winter Series and we look forward to a great golf season! We hope to see many of you at events soon!



Charlie Bedford at the Fox Hollow FJT event.

Championship	Date	Entries Close	Location
Senior (Qualifiers below)	April 11-13	March 1	Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand
Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball Club Team	April 22-23	March 29	The Fox Club, Palm City
Two-Man Shoot-Out	April 29-30	April 5	Lake Jovita G & CC, Tampa
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North)	May 20-21	April 26	Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South)	June 3-4	May 3	Haile Plantation G & CC, Gainesville
Junior Florida Cup	June 3-4	May 3	The GC at Fiddler's Creek, Naples
Amateur (Qualifiers below)	June 14-15	Invitational	Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando
Four-Ball (Qualifiers below)	June 22-25	May 10	Pine Tree & Hunters Run, Boynton Bch
Boys Junior (Qualifiers below)	July 8-9	May 24	Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor
Junior Team	July 10-12	May 3	Timuquana Country Club, Jacksonville
Senior Match Play	July 15-16	June 14	Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista
Public Links	July 16-20	June 28	Cypress Run Golf Club, Tarpon Springs
Parent-Child	July 21-23	June 28	Grande Pines Golf Club, Orlando
Amateur Match Play	July 29-30	July 5	Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista
Mid-Senior	August 10-13	July 12	Country Club of Ocala, Ocala
Junior Match Play Invitational	August 18-20	July 19	Bonita Bay East & Mediterra, Naples
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (North)	August 26-27	Invitational	Tiburon Golf Club, Naples
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (South)	September 16-17	August 16	LPGA International, Daytona Beach
Mid-Amateur (Qualifiers below)	September 16-17	August 16	Hobe Sound Golf Club, Hobe Sound
Mixed Team (FWSGA)	Sept. 28-Oct. 1	August 2	Black Diamond Ranch, Lecanto
Southeastern Challenge	October 14-15	September 29	Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand
Senior Four-Ball	October 14-15	Invitational	Georgia
Northwest Club Challenge	October 17-18	September 20	The Club at TwinEagles, Naples
	October 21-22	September 27	Windswept Dunes Golf Club, Freeport

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Membership Numbers

Currently, more than 1500 individuals have signed up as 2006 FSGA members. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at www.fsga.org. In addition, the Florida Junior Tour has hit record membership numbers. More than 590 juniors have registered for FJT membership. We are well on our way of reaching our goal of 900 Member Clubs. So far, nearly 650 clubs have joined as FSGA Member Clubs. If yours is not a member of the FSGA, encourage your club to join and support golf in Florida.

Future of Golf Foundation

When renewing your FSGA membership, please consider joining as a Foundation Member. Foundation Memberships benefit the Future of Golf Foundation. The Foundation is a need and academic based program that provides college scholarships and assist juniors with entry and travel expenses to national tournaments. All proceeds above the Regular \$45 membership will go towards the Foundation. More than 340 individuals have already signed up as Foundation Members. Last year, the FSGA awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships and grants for the benefit of golf in Florida.

USGA/PGA Rules Seminar

Many of the FSGA Staff attended the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Seminar at PGA Golf Club in January. **Jack Pultorak, Tom Zaras, Peter Dachisen, Les Brown, Ken Hagamann and Megan Cushman** all attended to freshen up their knowledge on the Rules of Golf. Another Seminar is scheduled for Orlando on February 19-22.

Rules of Golf Seminars

The Rules of Golf Seminars are off to a great start! Attendance has been high and the feedback has been positive. The workshops now begin at 8:00 am and wrap up at 4:30 pm. The day includes indoor classroom instruction with state of the art video presentation, as well as outdoor hands-on sessions covering the Rules of Golf. FSGA Committee Members are only \$15. Seminars remain on the schedule so sign up online at www.fsga.org.



FSGA Tournament Chairman *Mallory Privett* teaches at PGA Nat'l GC.

2005 Rules of Golf Seminars Remaining Dates:

February 3, 2006 - Hunters Green Country Club, Tampa

February 17, 2006 - The Forest Country Club, Ft. Myers

February 23, 2006 - Don Shulas Hotel & GC, Miami Lakes

February 24, 2006 - PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie

February 28, 2006 - Regatta Bay G & CC, Destin

March 2, 2006 - Golden Eagle G & CC, Tallahassee

March 23, 2006 - Mission Valley Country Club, Laurel

Junior Conference Date Set

Mark your calendars for March 18 at ChampionsGate Golf Club for the 8th annual Junior Conference. From 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, all interested individuals are invited to attend to exchange ideas and discuss junior golf in the state. The cost to attend is \$10. Sign up online.

Handicap Certification Seminars

We need your help in making sure your club is licensed to issue USGA Handicaps. The USGA now requires every golf club that utilizes the USGA Handicap System to be licensed by July 2006. Please visit the FSGA website to see if your club is licensed and if not, encourage someone from your club to attend a seminar to obtain certification.

From 9:00 am – 12:30, FSGA staff members will provide 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.

Register online at www.fsga.org or call the FSGA office at (813) 632-3742 with any questions. Seminars include:

February 13, 2006
Jupiter Hills Club, Jupiter

February 28, 2006
The Palencia Club, St. Augustine

March 6, 2006
The Polo Club Of Boca Raton,
Boca Raton

March 7, 2006
Highlands Ridge GC, Avon Park

March 9, 2006
The Villages Hacienda Hills G & CC

March 15, 2006
Bent Pine GC, Vero Beach

March 27, 2006
Inverrary CC, Lauderhill

April 12, 2006
Celebration GC, Celebration

April 17, 2006
The Forest CC, Ft. Myers

April 18, 2006
Grey Oaks Country Club, Naples

May 11, 2006
Delray Dunes G & CC,
Boynton Beach

Course Rating News

USGA Course Rating Seminar

USGA Staff will hold a Course Rating Seminar at ChampionsGate Golf Club on February 9. From 9:15 am - 3:30 pm, participants will get an insight into the changes in the USGA Course Rating System and go over the new Course Rating Manuals. Everyone is invited to attend. The days costs \$20 for Committee Members and includes lunch.

USGA Eastern Calibration

The FSGA men's course rating team is set to defend their title at the USGA Eastern Calibration in March. Representing Florida is Brian Robideau, Ron Audi, Charlie Caravati and Dale Strub. Brian Robideau and Ron Audi were on last year's winning team. Good luck gentlemen!

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Welcome New Volunteers

Please welcome the following Committee Members to the FSGA. We greatly appreciate all their support and dedication. **Joseph Culleton, Philip Meyers, William Mattes, Michael Lonergan, John Penicnak, Neil Dufresne, Jim Holloway, Robert Whisler, Alan Feldman, Thomas Moody, E. Ann White, Dee Russell, Marilyn Nichols, Christopher Brown, Beecher Russell, Charles Straub, Jim Stone, Richard Tupper, Steven Mounce, Darryle Mongeon, Phil Meyers and Terry Thomas**

Volunteer Central

Be sure to check out the new look to "Volunteer Central." It is a great site with a wealth of information for FSGA Committee Members. Please check the tournaments highlighted in red since those are the events we need the most help.

Course Rating Manuals

The new Course Rating Manuals are in and have been shipped to your Captain to distribute to the team. Please take some time to look them over.

Thank you

We are sad to see **George Fenwick** and **Bill Butler** retire from Course Rating Section 6. Thank you for your time and dedication to the game.

FSGA merchandise

The FSGA is slowly changing the FSGA Committee Member uniform shirt to a Greg Norman shirt. Send in your completed Volunteer Service Credit form for a new shirt.

Volunteer Spotlight - Jim Meyer

Born and raised in Illinois, Jim Meyer now calls himself a “Floridian.” After working for John Deere for 31 years and retiring in 1992, Jim and his wife of 39 years moved to Bradenton in 1995. They felt the Sarasota area had a lot to offer and moved in to Tara Golf and Country Club where they have resided ever since.

Jim was friends with the past Director of Course Rating, Marcia Morris, who introduced him to the FSGA eight years ago. He got involved with Course Rating in Section 11 with then Captain Criss Tausan. Jim really did not know a lot about course rating but had a lot of on the job training. Jim was introduced to the tournament side of the FSGA four years ago by Jim Shupe. Volunteering in both course rating and tournaments keeps Jim quite busy. He attends Rules and course rating seminars annually to freshen his skills. Jim really enjoys both sides of volunteering. He does it for his “love of the game.” He understands the importance of volunteers and wants to “give back to the game that has given him so much.” Jim enjoys meeting the players and staff in tournaments and visiting the courses in the area for ratings. Jim is now the Co-Captain of Section 11 with Jim Parr where they share responsibilities. On average, their team rates 10-20 courses a year. In just the past two months, Jim has performed five ratings, two measurements and worked two tournaments.

Jim plays golf as often as four times a week at Tara Golf and Country Club. He enjoys fishing and traveling with his wife where in the past five years they have been to all the continents except Antarctica and traveled to 52 countries. How many people can say that!

Thank you Jim for all your hard work and dedication to the FSGA.



Mike Timbers to Serve as President

Mike Timbers, 63, of Bonita Springs, will serve as the new president of the association after being elected president at the FSGA's Annual Meeting in November.

Mike will lead the volunteer Executive Committee in directing the Association's professional staff and more than 350 volunteers who serve throughout the state. Mike has served on the Executive Committee since 2001 and a member of the Board of Directors since 1999.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Mike grew up in New Jersey and moved to Colorado in 1981 where he was Chairman of the Colorado Open and Colorado Senior Open three years each. He was also named the Colorado Person-of-the-Year in 1993. In the early nineties, he found a home in Bonita Springs and began splitting time between Florida and Colorado. He became a full time Florida resident seven years ago and has been retired now for five years.

Mike received his BS from the University of Virginia and MBA from New York University. From 1964-1966, he served on active duty as an army officer and then was the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service, the largest logistical organization outside of the Department of Defense, from 1972-1975. He later went on to become Chairman and CEO of IHS Group, an information publishing business with sales of \$450 million and 3,300 employees.

Others elected to the Executive Committee include: Tom Dudley as Vice President, Tom Keedy as Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Applegate, Dick Johnson, and Brian Robideau as Directors-at-Large and Randy Briggs as the General Council.



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