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Renew Your Membership Today

By joining the FSGA, you will receive many tangible items, but **most importantly you will be supporting golf in Florida**. Some things you will receive include:

- **Bag Tag**
- **Tournament Eligibility** – As a Regular Member or above, you are able to enter all FSGA competitions.
- **FSGA Logo Merchandise** – All Foundation Members will receive a *Future of Golf Foundation* FootJoy golf shirt.
- **GolfWeek Subscription** – All members receive a full year subscription to GolfWeek compliments of the FSGA.

Foundation Memberships - 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.

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
\$45/\$60	Regular Level (\$45 for GHIN Members)
\$25	Patron Level

FSGA Introduces FSGA Scholars

FSGA Scholars is a scholarship program made possible by the Florida State Golf Association and our Future of Golf Foundation. In the spring of each year, the FSGA selects a minimum of five golfers from the FJT's graduating class to be awarded a renewable four-year scholarship.

Each year, a total of \$10,000 in college scholarships will be presented to a group of at least five high school seniors. The scholarships are renewable for up to four consecutive years, totaling \$40,000 for each graduating class.



Upcoming Events

2011 FSGA Rules of Golf Seminars Schedule

Rules of Golf Workshops are taught by certified Rules Instructors and designed to benefit golfers of all abilities and tournament volunteers.

Location	Date
Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville	March 8
ChampionsGate Golf Club, ChampionsGate	March 11
Plantation Bay Golf & Country Club, Ormond Beach	March 15
International Golf Links of Miami, Miami	March 23
River Hills Country Club, Valrico	March 30

Class Details

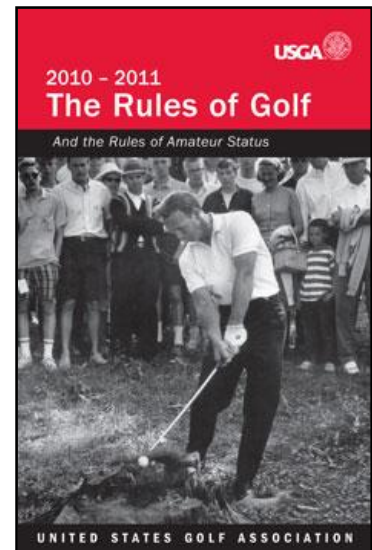
- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- Indoor slide and video presentations
- Outdoor demonstrations
- Lunch included
- Rule book included

Cost

- \$10.00 per person (FSGA Committee Members)

Summary

- A full day interactive class covering the Rules of Golf with emphasis on the most common Rules encountered.



USGA/FSGA Handicap Certification Seminars

Volunteers, please remind your club to attend one of our USGA/FSGA Handicap Certification Seminars. **Your club is required to attend one of these seminars before January 1, 2012 in order to fulfill the USGA handicapping licensing agreement.**

Further information can be found at www.fsga.org.



One-Day Season

Come out and play with us on your days off from volunteering!

The one-day events are designed for golfers of all skill levels. Other golf associations across the United States have been very successful in running one-day competitions. The FSGA started running one-day events in 2008 and it was an instant success. We wanted to gear the events to a wider range of golfers so that they can have fun and compete for prizes. The 2011 schedule features some of Florida's premiere courses including: **TPC Sawgrass, Innisbrook, Black Diamond, Naples National**, and many more!

Entry Fee

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

Format

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights, unless you choose to play in the **Gross flight**.
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
- Shotgun start

Flights and Tees Played

- Gross Flight (All Ages) – 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 5,200 yards



TPC Sawgrass – THE PLAYERS Stadium Course

Entries, Tee Times, Results, and Details

- All entries must be received through the FSGA website. ****Except for TPC Sawgrass****
- Groupings and hole assignments will be posted approximately 3 days before the event.
- Results will be posted through the FSGA website.

Prizes

- \$10 per person (from the entry fee) is in the gift certificate pool.
- Payouts within flights - the number of players earning gift certificates and the amounts will be based on the number of players in each flight that week.

Eligibility

- Amateur golfers (Women are eligible for select events in each region).
- FSGA/GHIN handicap required (24.0 or less).
- Golfers who do not have a FSGA/GHIN handicap index from a FSGA member club may purchase a 2011 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.

Recent Rulings on the Course

Did you notice that a prominent player on the PGA Tour was late to the tee at the recent Northern Trust Open? He commented that his caddie takes care of knowing the tee times but made a mistake this time. Mind you, this is the same player who admitted at last year's PGA Championship that he never reads the Local Rules sheet.

I can't for the life of me figure out why it keeps happening! Tee times are posted well in advance and accessible to all players. You must be pretty good to spot the field two shots!

Being on time is covered under Rule 6 which deals with some of **the responsibilities of the player**; not the responsibilities of the Committee (Rule 33).

Rule 6-3a says that "the player must start at the time established by the Committee." Most competitions in the United States, including all FSGA and USGA events, have the Note to Rule 6-3 in effect which says, "if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification." How hard do you have to practice to shave off two strokes from your game?



Despite the leniency in adopting the Note, most players will still argue that they may have only been seconds late and, usually since it wasn't their fault, they should have the penalty reduced or eliminated.

For the Committee to say that "since you were only a couple seconds late we'll knock it down to only one stroke" is like saying "since you're only a little out of bounds, count the stroke and don't worry about the distance!" *Don't count on it happening!*

Here's an interesting comment from Charlie Harris, 17, of Fresno, California who played in the US Junior Amateur a couple of years back. He says his most memorable golf experience was when he was in a car accident while on the way to a golf tournament and needed to get a ride from the attending police officer in order to make his tee time. Now that's taking responsibility!

For the love of the game and the respect of your fellow competitors-Get to the tee on time!



Jack Pultorak

Director of Rules and Competitions

Course Rating Update

Hello all, I hope all is well with you and yours. It's been a busy start to the year thus far and I just wanted to go over a few basic points.

- Every course should be measured prior to rating (Any questions on this please give me a call)
- If an obstacle exists on a hole, the minimum value is 1 not 0
- Make sure all form 1's are legible
- Include proper tee designations as indicated by the club on form 1's
- Include the correct club and/or course name on form 1's

All courses need to be measured, unless it was measured within 3 years prior to the rating. Our measurements are used to compute the rating not necessarily for use by the club. If they want to use our information, great, but it is not mandatory that they change their scorecards or monuments to reflect our measurements. Please keep this in mind when dealing with clubs.

If an obstacle exists along the line of play, the minimum value assigned is 1. All too often I find form 1's with a value assigned for one golfer and a zero assigned for the other golfer.

Please, Please, Please record your information legibly so I don't have to call and question a number. If you use Brian's workbook you don't have to worry about this point.

The last two points are going to be very relevant with the release of the Online USGA Course Rating Program because of the naming formats utilized by the USGA Course Rating Database. As your team visits each of these courses, please take some time to make sure these two points are addressed and correctly reflected on the materials sent to the FSGA office.

Let's have a good year and always remember if you have a question, don't hesitate to give me a call. Also, remember to use Volunteer Central on our website www.fsga.org as an alternative source of information. Thanks in advance for all of your hard work.



Gary Donat

Director of Course Rating

Volunteer Central – Signing up for FJT & Winter Series Events

The **2010-2011 Florida Junior Tour** season is underway. Volunteer sign-up is now available online under Volunteer Central. We need your help to continue conducting first-class events for Florida's juniors. Please sign up to volunteer for the opportunity to watch Florida's future of golf.



Location

Southwood GC (16-18), Tallahassee
 LPGA International (13-15), Daytona Beach
 Vero Beach CC (16-18), Vero Beach
 Cypress Run GC (13-15), Tarpon Springs
 Harmony Golf Preserve (16-18), Harmony
 Rio Pinar CC (16-18), Orlando
 Lemon Bay GC (13-15), Englewood
 Ritz-Carlton Members GC (16-18), Bradenton
 Innisbrook Resort & GC (Boys 16-18), Palm Harbor
 Mission Inn (Boys 13-15 & Girls 13-18), Howey-In-The-Hills
 The Evergreen Club (13-15), Palm City

Date

February 26-27
 March 5-6
 March 12-13
 March 19-20
 April 2-3
 April 16-17
 April 30-May 1
 May 14-15
 May 28-30
 May 28-30
 July 16-17

Entries Close

January 20
 January 26
 February 2
 February 9
 February 23
 March 9
 March 23
 April 6
 April 20
 April 20
 June 8

2010-2011 Winter Series

The **2010-2011 Winter Series** is underway and volunteer sign up is now open online.

Location

Verandah Club, Fort Myers
 Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville

Date

February 28-March 1, 2011
 March 14-15, 2011

Entries Close

February 16
 March 2

Click Here to Sign-up

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. At the top right, it says 'You Are Logged In | Home | My FSGA Account'. The main navigation bar includes: About, Championships, Florida Open, Membership, Handicaps, Clubs, Seminars, Juniors, Volunteers, and Foundation. The 'Volunteers' tab is selected. On the left sidebar, there are links for 'About Volunteers', 'Volunteer Policies', 'Rules Workshops', 'Appreciation Days', 'Club Delegates', 'Volunteer of the Year', 'Qualified Officials', 'Rules of Golf', and 'Volunteer Central'. The main content area is titled 'Volunteer Central' and contains several sections:

- Tournament Signup:** Lists links for FSGA Events, FSQA Qualifiers, FJT Events, USGA Qualifiers, High School/College, and Tournament Chairman Photos.
- Course Rating Tools:** Lists links for Course Rating Seminar Signup, FSQA Course Rating Sections, FWSGA Course Rating Sections, FSQA Course Rating Management, FWSGA Course Rating Management, Active List of Courses Reading Ratings, List of All Courses By Section, and Course Rating Captain Photos.
- Volunteer Profile:** A section with a 'Create/Edit Volunteer Profile' button.
- Seminars & Workshops:** Lists links for USGA/FSQA Handicap Certification Seminars, Rules of Golf Workshops, and Tournament Procedures Workshops.
- Volunteer Policies & Resources:** Lists links for Volunteer Directory, Volunteer Competitions Manual, Volunteer Policies, Volunteer Service Credit Merchandise Form, Appreciation Days, Volunteer of the Year, and Newsletters & Publications.
- Unrestricted Club Directory:** Includes a link to 'Click Here To Access The Unrestricted Directory'.

Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!



Debbie	Austin	Orlando	2/1
Danny	Cobb	Tallahassee	2/2
Frank	Sessions	Fort Lauderdale	2/3
Jeffry	Clemens	The Villages	2/4
Jack	Lillywhite	Palm Coast	2/6
Louis	Safian	Boca Raton	2/6
Margaret	Leigh	Oldsmar	2/9
Jim	Meyer	Bradenton	2/9
Brian	Robideau	Palm Beach Gardens	2/9
Johnny	Williams	Seminole	2/9
Jim	Davis	Bradenton	2/10
Charlie	Ake	Altamonte Springs	2/12
Bill	Clark	Hudson	2/12
Nancy	Long	Fort Pierce	2/12
Bill	Manson	Naples	2/12
Trudy	Staub	Bonita Springs	2/12
Tom	Cook	Lake Mary	2/13
Ray	Phillippi	Sarasota	2/13
Davis	Picklesimer	Panama City Beach	2/13
Mabel	Farrow	Gainesville	2/14
Lottie	Junkins	Orlando	2/14
Beecher	Russell	Tavares	2/14
Bettye	Strother	Fort Myers	2/15
Martin	O'Neill	Sun City Center	2/16
Susan	Rampelberg	Ponte Vedra Beach	2/16
Jack	Ernst	Bonita Springs	2/19
Alan	Feldman	West Palm Beach	2/19
Roger	Hall	Sun City Center	2/19
Robert	Peterson	Apopka	2/19
Bill	Raeuber	Jacksonville	2/19
Glenn	Briggs	Fort Myers	2/21
Bill	McDermott	Arcadia	2/21
Leslie	Brown	Tampa	2/22
Dick	Kreger	Daytona Beach	2/22
Roger	Able	Haines City	2/25
Ron	Ashford	Lakeland	2/26
Gary	Baker	Ocala	2/26
Carolyn	Hickman	Green Cove Springs	2/26
Kevin	Kasubinski	Land O'Lakes	2/26
Scott	Hornburg	Niceville	2/27
Thomas	Balderston	Boca Raton	2/28

Happy Birthday to all 41 of our Committee & Staff Members born in the month of February! If you should be listed and are not, our database must have some bad information, so please email your birth date to Jeff Magaditsch at jmagaditsch@fsga.org.

Recent News

Welcome New Volunteers.

As the tournament season gets underway, we welcome new volunteers to the FSGA family. Thanks again for all that you do for the Florida State Golf Association!

Moe Gallant - Lakeland
Gary Simpkins - Hernando
Tom Schoenbaechler - Bonita Springs
Larry Timmons - Viera
Scott Moser - Lutz
Bob Thompson - Lakewood Ranch

Recruit your Friends

We are in need of more Committee Members. Please talk to your friends and see if they are interested in coming along with you to volunteer at an event. Please let the Tournament Chairman know before the event.

We want your club on GHIN!!

The FSGA is actively trying to get the entire state using one handicap system being the GHIN Handicap System. GHIN has grown to more than 600 clubs in the state and we want your club to join the list. Please talk to your club staff or call the office and let Aaron Skoviera, Director of GHIN, show your club why GHIN is the most advanced Handicap System available.

