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Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available

The Championship season kicks off with the **Senior Amateur Championship** at TPC at Eagle Trace in Coral Springs on April 10-12. We are looking forward to a great season at such fine venues as **Innisbrook, Jupiter Hills** and **John's Island**. Committee Members can now sign up for all events online under the "Volunteer Central" page of the website at www.fsga.org.

This year will include more than 250 days of competition including 25 State Championships and over 40 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. New to the schedule is the **Junior Match Play Championship** which will feature boys and girls in two age divisions at two sites in Orlando. In addition, the inaugural **Foundation Member-Guest** will be played at **The Fox Club** in October. The **Match Play Championship** will now have qualifiers for players hoping to advance to the Championship at **Sawgrass CC**. The **90th Amateur Championship** is right around the corner with 13 qualifiers across the state so please sign up to help in your area. These qualifiers are one day events with the Championship at **Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club**, just outside of Tampa. Throughout the year, competitors are trying to earn points in events to advance to the biennial **Florida Cup**. We hope to see many of you as the Championship season gets underway.



The Villages gang at the Rio Pinar FJT event.

Championship	Date	Entries Close	Location
Men's Interclub Team	March 31-April 1		Falcon's Fire Golf Club , Kissimmee
Senior	April 10-12	February 28	TPC at Eagle Trace , Coral Springs
Senior/Mid-Am Four-Ball Club Team	April 21-22	March 28	Rio Pinar Country Club , Orlando
Two-Man Shoot-Out	May 5-6	April 4	Stonegate Golf Club , Poinciana
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (North)	May 19-20	April 18	Orange Lake Resort & CC , Kissimmee
Mid-Amateur Four-Ball (South)	June 2-3	May 2	Halifax Plantation Golf Club , Ormond Beach
Junior Florida Cup	June 2-3	May 2	Jonathan's Landing Golf Club , Jupiter
Amateur	June 13-14	Invitational	Calusa Pines Golf Club , Naples
Senior Amateur Match Play	June 21-24	May 9	Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club , Palm Harbor
Boys Junior	July 8-12	June 13	Sara Bay Country Club , Sarasota
Four-Ball	July 9-11	May 16	Country Club of Ocala & Golden Hills , Ocala
Public Links	July 14-15	May 30	Jupiter Hills Club , Tequesta
Parent-Child	July 20-22	June 27	Eagle Creek Golf Club , Orlando
Junior Match Play (16-18)	July 28-29	July 4	Walt Disney World Resort , Lake Buena Vista
Junior Match Play (13-15)	July 30-August 2	June 27	Eagle Creek Golf Club , Orlando
Amateur Match Play	July 30-August 2	June 27	North Shore Golf Club , Orlando
Junior Team	August 9-12	June 13	Sawgrass Country Club , Ponte Vedra Beach
Mid-Senior	August 11-12	July 11	Walt Disney World Resort , Lake Buena Vista
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (North)	August 17-19	July 18	Amelia Island Plantation , Amelia Island
Mid-Senior Four-Ball (South)	September 15-16	August 22	Magnolia Point G & CC , Green Cove Springs
Northwest Club Challenge	September 15-16	August 22	The Club at Renaissance , Fort Myers
Mid-Amateur	September 15-16	August 22	Kelly Plantation Golf Club , Destin
Foundation Member-Guest	September 15-16	August 22	John's Island Club , Vero Beach
Mixed Team (FWSGA)	October 4-7	August 8	The Fox Club , Palm City
Senior Four-Ball	October 11-12	September 12	Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club , Vero Beach
Florida Cup	October 13-14	September 28	Lake Wales Country Club , Lake Wales
	October 16-17	September 19	The Fox Club , Palm City
	October 25-26	Invitational	

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Membership Numbers

Currently, more than 2,200 individuals have signed up as 2007 FSGA members. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at www.fsga.org. In addition, the Florida Junior Tour is on its way of hitting record numbers. More than 760 juniors have signed up so far for FJT membership and there are still many events left on the schedule. At this point, we already have more than 830 Member Clubs. If your club is not a member, encourage them to join and support golf in Florida.

USGA/PGA Rules Seminar

Many FSGA staff members attended the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Seminar in Ponte Vedra Beach in late March. **Darin Green, Katie Ruhe and Tom Zaras** all attended to freshen up their knowledge on the Rules of Golf. Tournament Chairmen **Tom Dudley and Ted Burfeind** also attended and other Tournament Chairmen **Skip Small and Duane D'Alessandro** attended the Seminar in Orlando earlier in the month while **Mallory Privett and Dick Young** joined other staff members at the Seminar in Port St. Lucie in January.

Scholarship Money Available

Through the Future of Golf Foundation, the FSGA awards college scholarships to employees and dependents of employees of full member clubs as well as assists junior golfers with travel expenses to national tournaments. FSGA full member club's employees and their dependents are eligible. Please help us get to these juniors. Direct applicants to www.fsga.org or contact the office at 813.632.3742.

Busy Winter Months for the FSGA

The Rules and Competitions Department has been working hard the past few months before the Championship season even begins.

The **Rules of Golf Seminars** began in December and wrapped up in March after another successful run. Attendance was high and the feedback has been positive. The day included indoor classroom instruction with state of the art video presentation, as well as outdoor hands-on sessions covering the Rules of Golf. Thank you to all who attended to freshen up your Rules knowledge. We saw a lot of new faces which are always welcome.

In addition, eight **Winter Series** events were scheduled from December - April. With more than 130 entries received for each individual event, the Winter Series went over well and gave golfers an opportunity to play in competitive events who normally may not because they do not live in Florida year round.

The **Interclub Team Matches** debuted in January with the Championship on March 31-April 1 at Falcon's Fire. There was a great response for this inaugural year as over 85 clubs across the state competed in this state-wide net competition. Talk to your staff about getting a team together for next year's Interclub Matches.

The **Senior Amateur Championship** is right around the corner on April 10-12 at TPC at Eagle Trace in Coral Springs. The deadline has passed with more than 375 entries received setting a new tournament record. Six qualifiers will round out the final field of 156. Thank you to the following Tournament Chairmen who will be conducting the qualifiers: **Richard Young, Ted Burfeind, Pete Sniezko, Duane D'Alessandro and Mallory Privett.**

We look forward to a great year and hope to see you on the course!



Jim King, Scrib Kelly and Keith Clark help out at scoring at the Hunters Green Winter Series in January.

New Faces Around the FSGA

Katie Ruhe comes to the FSGA fresh off the Futures Tour. Katie, who played golf at the University of South Florida, has competed for more than 16 years which led to her profession. Now, serving as Club Relations and Tournament Assistant, Katie has gotten her hands on a little bit of everything. She will be helping with club membership as well as tournament operations. She has already been extremely involved with the Interclub Matches and Winter Series events. With a major in broadcast journalism, Katie will also be creating training videos for our volunteers. "I plan to bring my amateur and professional experience to the tournaments and hopefully help improve on already great golf events," Katie said.

A native of Ohio, Katie moved to Florida to attend USF. She is a big animal lover and enjoys watching movies, sports and hanging out with friends. Katie is the celebrity in the office as she appeared on the Golf Channel's *The Big Break V: Ladies of Hawaii*.



Katie Ruhe



Greg Scialdone

Rating and Handicapping Assistant. "I hope to help golf clubs better service their members and guests with technical support and new information on GHIN and TPP," Greg said.

Outside of playing golf, Greg enjoys spending time with his wife and baby son and also snowboarding and mountain biking.

New to the Course Rating and Handicapping Department is **Greg Scialdone**. Greg, who was born and raised in New York, moved to Colorado to pursue a snowboarding career. After falling on his head a few too many times, he returned to college where he earned a degree in Landscape Architecture/Urban Planning from Arizona State.

Greg relocated to Tampa a few months ago to be closer to family and was working as an Assistant Golf Professional at Hunters Green Country Club. Greg's experience in the golf business will assist in his new position as Course

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Welcome New Volunteers

Please welcome the following Committee Members to the FSGA. We greatly appreciate all their support and dedication. **Royce Zelnar, Jim King, Ralph Corso, Howard Eckstein, Jeff Runkle, George Cooper, Ron Slater, Jack Marschner, Carolyn Reichel, David Terry, John Morris, Luanne Byers Zabytko, Gene Caruso, Kurt Faxon, Martin O'Neill, George McLeod and Tom Choate.**

Volunteer Profiles

Be sure to update your Volunteer Profile for the season. Visit the Volunteer Central page of www.fsga.org for all your Volunteer needs. Be sure to read over the Volunteer Policies and if you need a uniform shirt or hat, please contact Alyson in the office.

Course Rating Captains/Co-Captains Meeting

The FSGA will hold the annual Captains/Co-Captains Meeting on May 2-3 at Hunters Green Country Club in Tampa. We hope to see all Captains and Co-Captains there. More information will follow.

We want your club on GHIN!

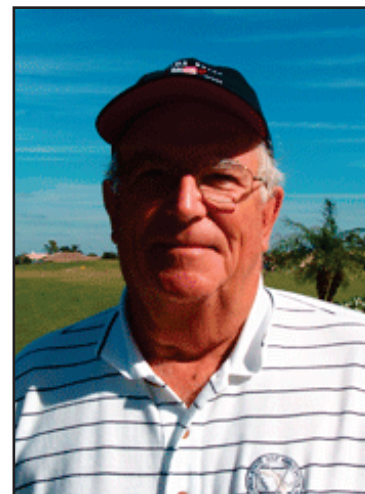
The FSGA is actively trying to get the entire state using one handicap system being the GHIN Handicap System. More than 550 clubs in Florida use GHIN and we want your club to join the list. Please talk to your club staff or call the office and let Aaron Skoviera, Director of GHIN, show your club why GHIN is the most advanced Handicap System available.

Volunteer Spotlight - Dick Young

Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, Richard Young was introduced to golf at a young age and played for his high school golf team. He continued to play on and off but with a family and his job at National Cash Register Corporation, he didn't get to play as often as he would like. His job with NCR included a move to Elmira, New York then back to Syracuse. He later got involved with the New York State Golf Association working tournaments on weekends. In 1996, Dick retired from NCR and he and his wife moved to Fort Myers.

He couldn't sit still for long. When he first moved to Fort Myers, Dick got a job at the PGA TOUR shop in the Fort Myers Airport where he met many golf professionals in their travels. While living in the Westminster Country Club community, Dick was friends with Brenda Davis, a fellow FSGA Committee Member. Brenda introduced him to the FSGA and he soon attended a Rules Seminar at The Forest Country Club. That got the ball rolling. Dick began volunteering and working many of the events in the area. After only two years, Dick became a Tournament Chairman administering qualifiers in Southwest Florida. "Working with Tournament Chairmen, I learned to do everything and soon realized that I could do what they do," says Dick. "I credit the Tournament Chairmen, FSGA staff and everyone I've worked with, I have learned something from each one of them." He sometimes even travels across the state to attend a Championship as he has worked every Amateur since his first in 2004. "It's really fun getting to know the contestants and seeing them year after year," says Dick. As a Tournament Chairman now, "I get enjoyment seeing new volunteers come along and really enjoy themselves and come back again." Next on Dick's agenda is to be a certified Rules Official. He has attended two USGA/PGA Rules Workshops and "hopes to get at least a 75 or better next year." Dick has committed himself to his goal and reads the Rules every morning. This year, Dick will volunteer his time at over 20 tournaments.

Now living at Colonial Country Club, Dick still plays golf three days a week at Westminster. He also schedules lacrosse officials for NCAA Division I schools. Back in New York, Dick officiated lacrosse for high school and Division III teams. He also enjoys international travel and taking cruises. Next up, is an Alaskan adventure!



Dick Young starting at his first Amateur at TwinEagles in 2004.

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