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111th US Open Championship Sectional Qualifier Quail Valley Golf Club ~ Vero Beach, FL

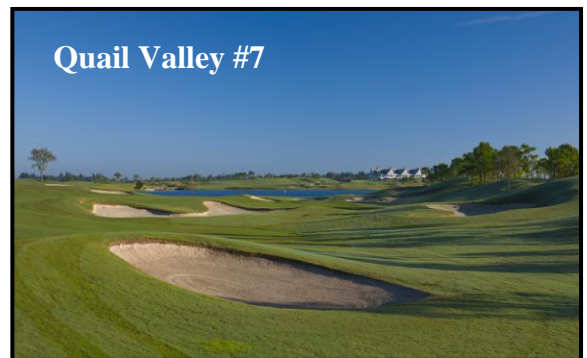


Quail Valley #14

US Open Sectional Qualifying is Monday, June 6th at Quail Valley Golf Club in Vero Beach. A very impressive list of players will be teeing it up for 36 holes of qualifying with hopes of making their way to Congressional Golf Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Players to watch:

- **Blayne Barber** of Lake City, FL is 23rd in the World Amateur Rankings as well as the 2009 Florida Amateur Champion.
- **Andres Echavarria** of Columbia, is 4th in the World Amateur Rankings.
- **Michael Hebert** of Orlando, is a past FSGA Junior Champion.
- **Gary Koch** of Tampa qualified, at Hunters Green with a 67.
- **Kevin Phelan** of Ireland, is the 2009 FSGA Junior Player of the Year.
- **Sam Saunders** of Orlando, qualified at MetroWest and is the grandson of Arnold Palmer.
- **Sawyer Shaw** of West Palm Beach, is 15 years old and qualified with a 69 at Bear Lakes. Sawyer is also the ranked 39th amongst US Juniors.



Quail Valley #7

Wake Up!!!

“There’s an old saying that being a rules official is hours of boredom interrupted by moments of chaos. However, most of the time, you’re just looking for a nice spot in the shade!”

There’s a lot of truth to that statement. A good day as an official is a day without a single ruling. That could mean that you just spent ten hours on a golf course and the biggest thing you did was eat lunch!

Frankly, being an official can be boring work. However, there are some things you can do to make it much more interesting.



Location, location, location

- Just as being a referee or an umpire in any major sport, you need to be in position to make the call. Position yourself at a spot beyond the landing zone or away from the putting green where you can observe tee balls or approach shots and where they may cross a margin or out of bounds line.
- Try to remain stationary as not to disrupt or interfere with the players. Do not initiate conversation with players.
- You know what a ruling looks like; a player or players pointing, questioning, huddling or searching. Start your watch and make yourself “conspicuously obvious”. That means if they need to look for an official, you’ll be there but not so close as to get into the situation.
- Do not drive down the middle of the fairway during play; stay off to the side and preferably on the cart paths.

Radio, radio, radio

- Report any rulings over the radio before making the ruling. That will keep the other officials alert and serve to confirm the ruling. It’s also a great learning experience for all of the officials to hear the rulings over the radio.
- If there are any questions as to the ruling, other officials will have the time to look up applicable Rules or Decisions without a player breathing down their neck. You need to stay with the player.

General

- Don’t put on a Rules of Golf clinic while you’re making a ruling. The player just wants to get back to playing golf.
- Don’t charge into a ruling. If they need you, they’ll wave you over. Go ahead and make the ruling and get out; don’t linger. Otherwise, stay away.
- If it’s going to be a while in stroke play before it can be sorted out, have the player play two balls.
- As long as you’ve got some time on your hands, it may be a good time to do some reading. Recommended reading: *Rules of Golf* or *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* -not the local newspaper.

And by the way, don’t forget the sunscreen and the bug spray!



Jack Pultorak

Director of Rules and Competitions

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



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.

Course Rating Update

Hello Raters,

With this edition of Ratings and Rulings, I would like to offer some guidance in rating par 3's greater than 200 yards. Within the rating system, par 3's have different multipliers than par 4's and the Fairway obstacle is never used. This is why we need to understand the concept of Par Computation (Section 16 in the USGA Handicap System).

The USGA Handicap System tells us that 250 (210 women) yards is the maximum yardage for a par 3. So if we have a 243 (183) yard hole, that is "flat" and has no obstacles in front of the green, I would rate this hole as a par 3. Which means Topo is a zero and no entry is recorded for Fairway for both golfers. Now the landing zone for the bogey golfer would be measured and if the fairway length grass is less than 20 yards wide or if there is such landing area then I would add +2 to the R&R value, under the (3) adjustment. If the fairway length grass is greater than 20 yards wide the adjustment would be +1 under the (3) adjustment.

Now, if we have the same hole but we have a bunker that surrounds the green. Meaning the scratch golfer needs 2 shots to reach the center of the green. Then this hole would be rated as a par 4. The key in determining if a hole is a par 4 or par 3 is the scratch golfer's ability to reach the center of the green from the tee.



Bay Hill Club - #17



Gary Donat
Director of Course Rating

Handicap Seminars

Each club is required to have at least one USGA\FSGA handicap certified representative before 01/01/2012. Seminars will begin at 8:00 am, end at 1:00 pm and include lunch. Topics covered will include:

- Responsibilities of the handicap committee
- Handicap index calculation
- Players competing from different tees
- Exceptional tournament performance
- Equitable Stroke Control
- Handicap allowances
- and many more

Eagle Landing Golf Club (Orange Park)	Thursday, 6/9/2011
Country Club of Ocala (Ocala)	Tuesday, 6/14/2011
Falcons Fire Golf Club (Kissimmee)	Monday, 6/20/2011
Riverwood Golf Club (Port Charlotte)	Tuesday, 6/21/2011
Kensington Golf & Country Club (Naples)	Wednesday, 6/29/2011
Panama Country Club (Lynn Haven)	Tuesday, 7/12/2011
Fort Lauderdale Country Club (Plantation)	Wednesday, 8/10/2011
Hunters Green Country Club (Tampa)	Wednesday, 8/17/2011
Eagle Creek Golf & Country Club (Naples)	Thursday, 9/1/2011
Bear Lakes Country Club (West Palm Beach)	Wednesday, 9/7/2011
TPC Prestancia (Sarasota)	Monday, 9/19/2011
Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club (Vero Beach)	Friday, 9/23/2011
West Bay Golf Club (Estero)	Thursday, 10/13/2011
Weston Hills Country Club (Weston)	Friday, 11/8/2011

Click [here](#) to sign up for a Handicap Seminar.

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.

Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!

<i>Richard</i>	<i>Babcock</i>	<i>Punta Gorda</i>	<i>6/1</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>Givens</i>	<i>Palm Harbor</i>	<i>6/1</i>
<i>J William</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Punta Gorda</i>	<i>6/2</i>
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Stafford</i>	<i>The Villages</i>	<i>6/2</i>
<i>Michael</i>	<i>Dawes</i>	<i>Jacksonville</i>	<i>6/3</i>
<i>Charles</i>	<i>Schmitz</i>	<i>Fort Myers</i>	<i>6/3</i>
<i>Steven</i>	<i>Mounce</i>	<i>Kissimmee</i>	<i>6/4</i>
<i>Jimmy</i>	<i>Ernest</i>	<i>Fleming Island</i>	<i>6/6</i>
<i>Frank</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Land O' Lakes</i>	<i>6/6</i>
<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Judelson</i>	<i>West Palm Beach</i>	<i>6/7</i>
<i>Owen</i>	<i>Dolan</i>	<i>Lady Lake</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>Tom</i>	<i>Dudley</i>	<i>Jacksonville</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>Eric</i>	<i>Eiffert</i>	<i>Sarasota</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>P. Douglas</i>	<i>Powell</i>	<i>Palm City</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>Doug</i>	<i>Puvogel</i>	<i>Orlando</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Whisler</i>	<i>Punta Gorda</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>Albert</i>	<i>Rodriguez</i>	<i>Boynton Beach</i>	<i>6/11</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Duckworth</i>	<i>Fort Pierce</i>	<i>6/12</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Sholtis</i>	<i>Osprey</i>	<i>6/12</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Palm Beach Gardens</i>	<i>6/12</i>
<i>Luanne</i>	<i>Byers Zabytko</i>	<i>Port St. Lucie</i>	<i>6/15</i>
<i>Mike</i>	<i>Cunningham</i>	<i>Mountville</i>	<i>6/15</i>
<i>Eugene</i>	<i>Fiamma</i>	<i>Boca Raton</i>	<i>6/15</i>
<i>Benjamin</i>	<i>Romanasky</i>	<i>The Villages</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Dave</i>	<i>Bengtson</i>	<i>Elkton</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Jamie</i>	<i>Hornburg</i>	<i>Niceville</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>George</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Monticello</i>	<i>6/21</i>
<i>Bob</i>	<i>Gelineau</i>	<i>Bradenton</i>	<i>6/21</i>
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Sun City Center</i>	<i>6/22</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Broslovsky</i>	<i>Miromar Lakes</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Kenneth</i>	<i>Hagamann</i>	<i>Pompano Beach</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Don</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Terry</i>	<i>O'Reilly</i>	<i>Palm Harbor</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Harrigan</i>	<i>Boynton Beach</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>Hauger</i>	<i>Port Saint Lucie</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>George</i>	<i>Schlueter</i>	<i>Naples</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Sue</i>	<i>Strobl</i>	<i>Dunnellon</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>Broberg</i>	<i>Sun City Center</i>	<i>6/28</i>
<i>Cookman</i>	<i>Boyd</i>	<i>Naples</i>	<i>6/29</i>
<i>Joe</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>Palm Beach Gardens</i>	<i>6/29</i>
<i>Robb</i>	<i>Dillinger</i>	<i>Lehigh Acres</i>	<i>6/30</i>
<i>Ray</i>	<i>Parsons</i>	<i>Sun City Center</i>	<i>6/30</i>

Welcome to the Family

Please welcome our new volunteers. Thanks again for all that you do for the Florida State Golf Association!

Woodrow Gatehouse – Ocala - Tournaments

John Magee – The Villages - Tournaments

Danny Foland – The Villages - Tournaments

Al McCausland – Aventura - Tournaments

Brian Tribby – Gainesville - Tournaments

Fred Gross – Shalimar - Tournaments

Jack “Skip” Everitt – Tournaments

Gary Bennett – Lantana – Course Rating

Recruit your Friends

We always welcome new Committee Members to join the FSGA family. Please talk to your friends and see if they are interested in coming along with you to volunteer at an event. If so, please call or email Tracy with their name and contact information.



Al McCausland

The following events are currently in need of additional volunteers.

Amateur Public Links Championship-

Orlando | MetroWest Golf Club | 6/10/2011 - 6/12/2011

Boys Junior Championship

Vero Beach | Quail Valley Golf Club | 7/6/2011 - 7/8/2011

Please go to [Volunteer Central](#) to sign up.



Moe Gallant

FSGA Staff

Volunteer Trivia: Doug Findlay



- 1. What year did you start volunteering for the FSGA?**
May 17, 2002 at the US Open Local Qualifier at Harbour Ridge CC in Palm City with Mallory and Boo Privett, George Andre, Marty Connelly, Harry Kaminer, Tom Moore, Carl Schlanger and Bob Sommers!
- 2. If you could be one person for a day, who would it be?**
In all modesty, and finding it difficult to improve on perfection, I enjoy being ME every day!
- 3. What is your lowest round of golf?**
65 in 1972....still have the scorecard
- 4. What state are you originally from?**
The Province of Ontario. I started working in the golf business in 1973 as the Tournament Assistant with the Ontario GA in Toronto...for \$72/week!
- 5. Who is your favorite PGA Tour player?**
Arnold is the King
- 6. What is your favorite food?**
Anything, when someone else picks up the check!
- 7. What is your favorite movie?**
The original "Beverly Hills Cop" was hilarious
- 8. What is your favorite golf course?**
I've been fortunate to have played both Augusta and Pine Valley, but I like Cypress Point and Crystal Downs (in Mich.) more.
- 9. What is your favorite TV show of all time?**
Perry Mason...he would have been a great Rules Official
- 10. What do you do when you are not volunteering?**
2011 is my 38th year working full time in the golf business...so I can afford to be an FSGA volunteer!!

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Volunteer News

When did you become a volunteer with the FSGA???

The FSGA would greatly appreciate if each of you would please share your anniversary date with us. Please email your name and anniversary date (month/year) to Tracy – tracy@fsga.org. There are a lot of you who have been part of this family for many years and we want to acknowledge your commitment.

Father's Day

Don't forget Dad on Sunday, June 19th! Check out the new items available in the FSGA Store. Start your shopping [here](#). You will find great gift ideas such as an FSGA logoed golf bag, golf shirts, tee shirt, umbrellas and more....

Volunteer Service Credit Forms

Don't forget to record your volunteer service days on the [Volunteer Service Credit Form](#). You can earn FSGA merchandise for your volunteer days. Please mail your completed form to Tracy to receive your goodies.

Volunteer Profiles

If you have not already done so...please take a minute to create or update your volunteer profile in Volunteer Central. We encourage you to keep this information current as it is a useful tool for tournament chairmen as well as the FSGA staff.

Florida Rules of Golf Group

FROGG meetings have been postponed until September. Please contact Scrib Kelly scribkelly@aol.com if you are interested in information regarding the Florida Rules of Golf Group.

FSGA Store

Please take a minute to visit the [FSGA Store](#). We are continuing to add new merchandise to the store. We have recently added an FSGA carry golf bag, tee shirts and FootJoy windshirts. Coming soon...assorted headcovers.



The FSGA family has recently lost a long time friend and volunteer. **Colin Simpson** passed away on May 26th at his home in West Palm Beach. He was a very active volunteer for the FSGA as well as the Palm Beach County Golf

Association. He will be deeply missed by all of his friends at the FSGA.

Best of Luck to Mark Woodroffe....

Mark officially left the FSGA staff at the end of May to pursue his career in law by attending Law School at Boston College. Mark will be missed by the entire staff as someone who kept us constantly entertained.



Tracy's Tidbits

Since joining the family back in January, I have focused most of my attention on gaining new volunteers and getting to know the existing volunteers. The FSGA has had over 50 people inquire about the opportunity to become a volunteer since January! I am happy to report over 32 of them have been presented with an FSGA name tag, shirt, and cap!

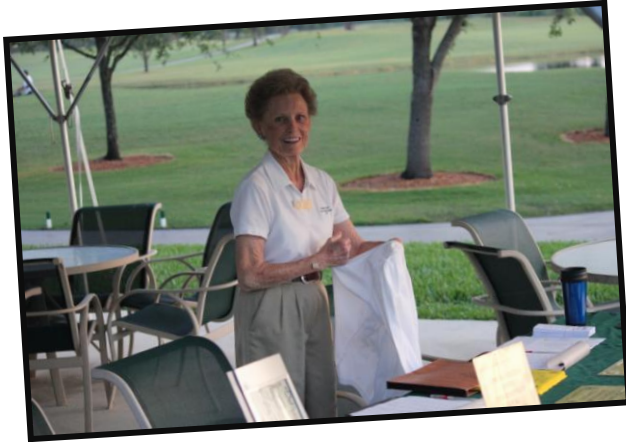
Most importantly, I would like to thank all of the committee members who welcomed each of them during their "ride along" day. Thank you...thank you...thank you!!

PLEASE do not hesitate to call or email me if you need anything. I am here for you...the volunteers. I look forward to meeting more of you as the year goes on.

Thank you,
Tracy

SAY CHEESE!!!





*Thank you
for all you
do for the
FSGA!*