



# Ratings & Rulings

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A Publication for FSGA Volunteers

## Volunteer Appreciation Days Now Available

We honor and thank our volunteers annually through FSGA Volunteer Appreciation Days - a day of golf and socialization with other volunteers and FSGA staff and board members.

To enter please go to our website, [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org)

Click here to sign-up

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. The main heading is "Volunteer Appreciation Days". Below it, there is a "Click Here To Signup!" button. A red arrow points from the text "Click here to sign-up" to this button. The page lists several appreciation days with their dates, locations, and times.



### Location

- Avila G & CC, Tampa
- Golden Ocala, Ocala
- CC of Orlando, Orlando
- The Club at Admirals Cove – West, Jupiter
- Ritz-Carlton Members GC, Bradenton
- Sandestin Resort – Raven Course, Destin
- Verandah Club, Fort Myers
- Weston Hills CC – Tour Course, Weston

### Date

- September 21<sup>st</sup>
- October 6<sup>th</sup>
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- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- October 20<sup>th</sup>
- October 24<sup>th</sup>
- October 27<sup>th</sup>
- November 8<sup>th</sup>

### Time

- 8:30 am shotgun start – 1:00 pm lunch
- 9:00 am shotgun start – 1:30 pm lunch
- 8:30 am shotgun start – 1:00 pm lunch
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- 8:30 am shotgun start – 1:00 pm lunch
- 8:00 am-8:50 am tee times – 1:00 lunch
- 8:30 am shotgun start – 1:00 pm lunch
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# *Recent Rulings on the Course*

## **One Club-Length or Two?**

Many times I have been asked this very simple question for which there is not a simple answer.

“Do you drop it within one club-length when there is no penalty and within two club-lengths when there is?”

The answer to this question is the same answer to many questions on the Rules of Golf; it depends.

I believe the best way to answer this question is to answer the two club-length side of the question first. If you are dropping a ball within two club-lengths of a spot, than you are operating under a penalty situation. It may be under one of the options of the Water Hazard Rule (Rule 26) or the Unplayable Ball Rule (Rule 28). Whichever it is, if you are dropping it within two club-lengths of a reference point, you are paying the piper one-penalty stroke.

On the other side of the question is “when you are operating under a non-penalty situation, do you drop it within one club-length of a reference point?” And once again, the answer is that it depends on the situation.

For instance, if you are taking relief for a non-penalty situation from a puddle of casual water or ground under repair (Rule 25-1), a cart path (Rule 24-2b) or a wrong putting green (Rule 25-3) when your ball lay either through the green or in a hazard (and even sometimes on the teeing ground), you will be dropping within one club-length of a reference point.

If you are taking relief without penalty for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark through the green (Rule 25-2), you will not be dropping within one club-length; rather you will be dropping as near as possible to a spot.

This weird and wacky code of Rules has many strange twists and turns. Sometimes you are dropping nowhere near where your ball lies such as back where you last played (Rule 20-5 for Rules 26-1a, 27-1 or 28a). Yet other times it may be as near as possible to an imaginary line (Rule 26-1b, 24-2b(ii)(b), 25-1b(ii)(b) or 28b. And don't forget the three already mentioned above: within two club-lengths, one club-length and as near as possible to a spot.

No wonder they need people like us to help them on the golf course!

*Jack Pultorak*

Director of Rules & Competition



*Volunteers:*

*This is your newsletter, please send me any information that you find interesting! Whether it's your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, an interesting ruling, or a helpful course rating tip, please e-mail me at [jmagaditsch@fsga.org](mailto:jmagaditsch@fsga.org)*

# One-Day Net Season

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

The one-day net events are designed for golfers of all skill levels. Other golf associations across the United States have been very successful in running one-day net 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. We have included some of the premiere courses in the state: **TPC Prestancia, Innisbrook, Eagle Creek, Sara Bay** and many more!

### **Entry Fee**

- Includes: Cart, golf, range balls and prizes.
- Prices range from \$40-\$95.

### **Format**

- 18 holes of individual net stroke play within flights
- Players will play to 100% of their course handicap
- Shotgun start

### **Flights and Tees Played**

- "Under 50" Flight - Approximately 6,500 yards
- "50-64" Flight - Approximately 6,200 yards
- "65 and Over" Flight - Approximately 6,000 yards

### **Entries, Tee Times, Results and Details**

- All entries must be received through the FSGA website
- Groupings and hole assignments will be posted approximately 3 days before the event
- Results will be posted through the FSGA website

### **Prizes**

- \$10 per man (from the entry fee) is in the gift certificate pot
- Ties will be broken by scorecard playoff. First by comparing the back nine, if still tied, then the last 6 holes on the course, then the last three, then the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and finally by a coin flip.
- 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**

- Male, amateur golfers
- 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 2010 handicap online for \$30 at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org).
- First time players without an established GHIN handicap will be eligible to compete, but not for prizes.



**Innisbrook – Island Course**

# Course Rating Update

Hello Course Raters,

As you might be aware, there are quite a number of courses requesting ratings after renovating their courses. Preferably these ratings are scheduled after the course has opened for play, but more often than not, the club wants the rating to appear on their new scorecards. Thus the course is rated when it is growing in. This fact disturbs me because, does the club want an accurate rating or do they want “a number” for their scorecard? The latter seems to be the answer for most clubs. Lately, it seems as though I am constantly selling the benefits of waiting until the course is ready to play before rating, which stacks the odds in our favor for an accurate measurement and rating. If the club is unwilling to wait,



regrettably we have to rate the course at the time they wish to have it rated. Given that the state of Florida has two competing golf associations, we have to try and educate our member clubs to what the best course of action would be, and when that doesn't work, give them what they want. We don't want to lose a member club to GAF because we didn't give the club a rating. If you have any questions on how to handle this situation, please feel free to give me a call.

*Gary Donat*

Director of Course Rating

## Recent News

**Dick Nelson** and his wife Barb recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 6, 2010. Congratulations!!!

**Bruce Pendleton**, a dedicated tournament volunteer in the Tampa Bay area recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, and he will be missed by all.

### **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 580 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.

## *Volunteer Central – Signing up for FJT & Winter Series Events*

The **Florida Junior Tour** will kick off the 2010-2011 season on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club. Volunteer sign-up is now available online under Volunteer Central. We need your help to continue conducting first-calls events for Florida's juniors. Please sign up to volunteer for the opportunity to watch Florida's future of golf.



Location	Date	Entries Close
Delray Dunes G & CC (13-15), Boynton Beach	September 11-12	August 4
Eagle Creek Golf & CC (16-18), Naples	September 18-19	August 11
Wyndemere CC (13-15), Naples	October 2-3	August 25
Sugarloaf Mountain G & TC (16-18), Clermont	October 16-17	September 8
World Woods GC (13-15), Brooksville	November 6-7	September 29
Mission Inn Resort (16-18), Howey-in-The-Hills	November 13-14	October 6
Lake Wales CC (13-15), Lake Wales	December 11-12	November 3
Old Corkscrew GC (16-18), Estero	December 11-12	November 3
Brooksville CC (16-18), Brooksville	January 8-9	December 1
Gainesville CC (13-15), Gainesville	January 15-16	December 8
Amelia National GC (16-18), Amelia Island	January 29-30	December 22
Viera East GC (13-15), Viera	February 12-13	January 5
Southwood GC (16-18), Tallahassee	February 26-27	January 20
LPGA International (13-15), Daytona Beach	March 5-6	January 26
TBA	March 12-13	February 2
Cypress Run GC (13-15), Tarpon Springs	March 19-20	February 9
Harmony Golf Preserve (16-18), Harmony	April 2-3	February 23
Rio Pinar CC (16-18), Orlando	April 16-17	March 9
Lemon Bay GC (13-15), Englewood	April 30-May 1	March 23
Ritz-Carlton Members GC (16-18), Bradenton	May 14-15	April 6
Innisbrook Resort & GC (Boys 16-18), Palm Harbor	May 28-30	April 20
Orange Co. Nat. (Boys 13-15 & Girls 13-18), Winter Garden	May 28-30	April 20
The Evergreen Club (13-15), Palm City	July 16-17	June 8

### 2010-2011 Winter Series

The **2010-2011 Winter Series** will begin in late November and volunteer sign up is now open online.

Location	Date	Entries Close
PGA Golf Club, Port Saint Lucie	November 29-30, 2010	November 17
Orange County National, Winter Garden	December 13-14, 2010	December 1
Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand	January 3-4, 2011	December 22
Waterlefe Golf & River Club, Bradenton	January 17-18, 2011	January 5
Santa Lucia River Club <b>**Four-Ball**</b> , Port St. Lucie	January 31-February 1, 2011	January 19
Hunters Green Country Club, Tampa	February 14-15, 2011	February 2
Verandah Club, Fort Myers	February 28-March 1, 2011	February 16
Southern Hills Plantation, Brooksville	March 14-15, 2011	March 2

# Happy Birthday to all of our Committee Members!



Thomas	Divona	West Palm Beach	8/1
Jack	Pultorak	Tampa	8/1
Joseph	Culleton	Lakeland	8/2
Vincent	Labella	Lutz	8/2
Maureen	Zajac	The Villages	8/2
Bob	McClure	Tampa	8/3
Boo	Privett	Palm Beach Gardens	8/4
Nancy	Becker	Naples	8/5
Ronald	Greenwald	Estero	8/5
Larry	Stewart	Trinity	8/5
Bryce	Voisin	Orlando	8/5
Robert	Chango	Tampa	8/7
Harlan	Chapin	Lady Lake	8/7
Ralph	Hoerner	The Villages	8/7
Larry	Van	Land O' Lakes	8/8
Thomas	Warren	Lady Lake	8/9
Cameron	White	Orlando	8/9
William	Fitzgerald	Jensen Beach	8/10
Fred	Theye	Palm City	8/11
Jackie	Nelson	Bayonet Point	8/13
Lee	Thiery-Koch	Miramar	8/13
Glenn	Osick	Lakeland	8/14
Will	Sprague	Tampa	8/14
Bill	O'Keefe	Lake Worth	8/15
Tom	Keedy	Lady Lake	8/16
Pat	Keenan	Palm Beach Gardens	8/16
Dick	Johnson	Bonita Springs	8/17
Jeff	Magaditsch	Riverview	8/17
Bill	McBroom	St Augustine	8/17
Lee	Habjan	Seminole	8/20
Ken	Stoner	Fort Myers	8/20
Royce	Zelnar	The Villages	8/20
Tom	Mahern	Venice	8/22
Thomas	Storey	Longwood	8/22
Marvin	Weinstein	Commerce Township	8/23
Tom	Nikoncyk	Winter Park	8/24
Robert	Powers	Naples	8/24
Rick	Greenleaf	Jupiter	8/25
David	Miller	Dover	8/28
Doug	Gillie	Palm Harbor	8/30

**Happy Birthday** to all 40 of our Committee Members born in the month of August! 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](mailto:jmagaditsch@fsga.org).