



Ratings & Rulings

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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

The screenshot shows the Florida State Golf Association website. The main heading is "Volunteer Appreciation Days". Below the heading, there is a paragraph: "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." Below this paragraph is a button labeled "Click Here To Sign Up!". A large red arrow points from the right side of the page towards this button. To the right of the arrow, the text "Click here to sign-up" is written. The left sidebar contains a menu with items like "About Volunteers", "Volunteer Policies", "Rules Workshops", "Appreciation Days", "Club Delegates", "Volunteer of the Year", "Certified Officials", "Rules Certification", and "Volunteer Central". There is also a box titled "HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER" with a "CLICK HERE!" link. The main content area lists the dates and locations for the 2010 appreciation days.

Click here to sign-up

Location

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
 TPC Sawgrass – Dye Course, Ponte Vedra
 Weston Hills CC – Tour Course, Weston

Date

October 6th
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 October 13th
 October 20th
 October 24th
 October 27th
 October 28th
 November 8th

Time

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

Did I do the right thing?

“Can you give me some help with a ruling that happened to me?” was the question from the other end of the telephone.

“Sure, what happened?” was my reply.

His story went something like this.

I was driving the cart down the right side of the fairway in the rough looking for my tee ball when my fellow competitor in the passenger seat suddenly yelled “stop!” As soon as he blurted out the command, I realized that I had just driven over something and my instinct was that it was my own ball. My fear turned to reality as I got out peering down at my ball embedded in the ground with my personal marking on the ball staring back up at me.

Not knowing what to do, I asked my fellow competitor if he could lend some support on the proper procedure. Neither of us knew.

I thought that if I did what I thought was right; I would steer clear of any penalties. That thought in mind, I lifted the ball, without cleaning it, and put it back as near as possible to where I thought it was originally. And then I was on my way again.

“How many penalty strokes did you add to your score?” was my next question.

“None” he said, “it was an accident!”

Now this certainly sounded like an honest gentleman and other than his driving skills, both off the tee and behind the wheel of a golf cart, I probably would enjoy playing a round of golf with him. I might also be able to save him from being disqualified!

A couple of different Rules came into play with this incident. First, when the caller ran over his ball lying through the green while driving the golf cart, he incurred a one stroke penalty under Rule 18-2a, “Ball at Rest Moved by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment,” and was required to replace it. Secondly, since neither the lie of the ball nor its position was known, he was required to drop the ball (see analogous Decision 20-3b/5).

Since he placed the ball instead of dropping it, his problems were compounded as his one stroke penalty turned into the general penalty of two strokes in stroke play. Further, since he did not add the two penalty strokes to his score when he returned his scorecard, he ultimately signed for a score lower than actually taken and was disqualified under Rule 6-6d, “Scoring in Stroke Play”

I commend him on his honesty and resolve to do what is right. However, knowing and following the Rules of Golf can assist you in avoiding unnecessary penalties and help you to enjoy this great game of golf even more.

Jack Pultorak

Director of Rules & Competition



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: **Belleair CC, Innisbrook, Wyndemere CC, 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
- Pairing requests can be emailed to jmagaditsch@fsga.org, if you would like to play with your friends.
- 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 18th 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.
- 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,

On a typical course rating, a team is likely to encounter 2-3 holes per tee that fall into the transition zone yardage for either the bogey or scratch golfer. As this is one of the more subjective parts of the Course Rating System, there are definitely some helpful hints that can make the process easier. The first is to see if an effective playing length correction has been made prior to reaching the green, which can influence whether or not transition is used at all, or how much it would affect the application of the transition zone concept. For example, if a hole was 375 yards for men, but the hole is 40 feet downhill, it is likely that the downhill nature of the hole will effectively shorten the hole to less than 370 yards, and thus the bogey male golfer would be able to reach the center of the green every time.

A second thing to look at is what is directly in front of the green, such as a bunker or steep rise. In the case where the player cannot carry the bunker or lands the ball short of the steep rise, it is unlikely that they will get on the green at all. In fact, a bunker in front of the green may cause a forced lay-up adjustment in lieu of using the transition zone procedure.



A third thing to remember is that on a multiple shot transition hole, the extra yards of transition do not have to be made up entirely on the approach shot. So a hole that is 10 yards into transition can be reached with an extra 5 yards on both the tee shot and approach shot. I've noticed a few teams standing out at the end of the normal tee shot distance (say 250 [210] yards for the scratch golfer) and make their determination purely on the chances of the player reaching the center of the green from only that spot, and not considering the player may occasionally be up to 10 yards further forward on the tee shot.

If at all in doubt, as long as the player can reach the green some of the time, it is never a bad idea to just use the 50/50 concept of a player reaching the green. You always have the option moving up or down a point from the 50/50 transition value to account for a little more or less than a 50% chance of reaching the center of the green. Using a weighted average when it was obvious that the player would reach the green significantly more or less than 50% of the time is still an option as well, but if that decision is not obvious, a 50/50 transition would be appropriate.

We often hear the question about why a player needs to reach the center of the green instead of just the front of the green to count as "reaching the green". The main reason is that hole yardage is measured to the center of the green. This means the yardage rating is already based on the player being able to cover the entire yardage to the center of the green on all holes, so it would be inconsistent to say a player covered the full distance when they only reach the front of the green.

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-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 **Four-Ball** , 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!



Happy Birthday to all fifty of our Committee Members born in the month of September! 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.

Brian	Ross	Boca Raton	9/2
Lowell	Greer	Largo	9/2
Vern	Haley	Port St Lucie	9/2
Wendell	Hall	Clermont	9/3
James	Smith	Clermont	9/6
Darryl	Bishop	Clermont	9/7
Dennis	Wysocki	Ormond Beach	9/8
Bill	Hamilton	Sarasota	9/8
Jim	Dyer	Port Orange	9/9
Tom	Zaras	Wesley Chapel	9/10
Dean	Haylett	Orlando	9/10
Cheryl	Kinnebrew	Seminole	9/10
Usha	Kalkunte	Bonita Springs	9/10
Gerard	Peterson	Lauderhill	9/10
Mike	Maurer	Palm Coast	9/12
James	Fulwider	St. Augustine	9/12
Colin	Simpson	West Palm Beach	9/12
David	Brown	Orlando	9/13
Neil	Dufresne	The Villages	9/13
Patricia	McPhillips	Sumter	9/14
John	Penicnak	Palm City	9/14
Barbara	Hanna	Palm Beach Shores	9/15
Ruth	Henderson	Port St. Lucie	9/15
Jose	Novo	Miami	9/16
Vickie	Stafford	Palm Harbor	9/16
Chuck	Phillips	Bonita Springs	9/16
Jeff	Parsons	Orlando	9/17
Dyke	Farrow	Gainesville	9/19
Gene	Murray	The Villages	9/19
Tom	Caradine	Jacksonville	9/19
Alice	Blanco	The Villages	9/20
Claire	Dunn	Palm Beach Gardens	9/21
Ray	Hill	Dunnellon	9/22
Karen	Korf	Nokomis	9/22
Joyce	Chavella	Niceville	9/23
Lee	Kaplan	Ponte Vedra Beach	9/24
James	Green	Sun City Center	9/24
Kurt	Hoffmann	Sun City Center	9/24
Billy	Basta	Lakeland	9/25
Jim	Sweet	Clermont	9/25
Gregory	Gow	Esteros	9/26
Bill	Hermann	Port Orange	9/26
Sean	Lindsey	Brandon	9/27
Karen	Hale	Boynton Beach	9/27
Tom	Stewart	Ponte Vedra Beach	9/27
Vivian	Herklotz	University Park	9/29
Clark	Willey	Atlantic Beach	9/29
Pete	Snieszko	Crestview	9/29
Mary Ellen	Pollock	Clermont	9/29
James	Patton	Hobe Sound	9/29

Recent News

Ralph Hoerner and his wife **Dianne** recently celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary** with their friends and family, Congratulations!!!!

New GHIN Clubs

River Hall Country Club
Defuniak Springs Country Club
Seven Bridges @Spring Tree GC
Florida Gulf Coast University GC
Clearwater Country Club
St. Petersburg Country Club
Old Palm Golf Club
Bonita Bay Club
Boca Raton Municipal Golf Course
Osprey Point Golf Course
Lake Worth Golf Club
Bramble Ridge Golf Club
Longboat Key Club

Volunteers:

This is your newsletter, please send me any information that you find interesting! Whether it's your 50th wedding anniversary, an interesting ruling, or a helpful course rating tip, please e-mail me at jmagaditsch@fsga.org

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.