

# Ratings & Rulings

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## 45 Junior Coordinators Meet In Orlando

Forty-five junior coordinators representing junior programs from across the state met at ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando on Saturday, March 22 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Florida State Junior Conference. The conference offered an opportunity for junior coordinators to exchange information and share ideas on junior golf in Florida.

Les Brown, FSGA Junior Golf Director, gave a brief introduction and then the conference jumped right into break-out sessions. Each participant went to each of the four break-out sessions. These topics included: Revenue led by **Tom Keedy**, Websites led by **Patrick Melton**, Tournaments headed by **Tom Storey** and Skills, Training, Etiquette, Rules led by **Taffie Brisley**. These sessions allowed coordinators to discuss openly examples of these topics in their own programs.

A general group discussion followed the break-out sessions with many key speakers. To begin, **Jim Foy** of Foy Insurance in New Hampshire stressed the need for insurance in junior golf programs. **Suzi Goldstein** of the Florida Sports Foundation spoke next

on the junior golf license. She discussed how programs can request money generated from the plates and when the money is distributed. Currently, approximately 60,000 junior license plates have been sold! **Renny Roker** from Teens on the Green then updated everyone on his program which is in all 50 states and 37 countries. Next, **Leilani Bagby** from the USGA Grants Foundation spoke on how programs can separate themselves from other programs to be awarded grants. Lastly, **Mike Cooper** of the Southeast First Tee provided insight on why established junior programs form an alliance with the First Tee program.

The day closed with a discussion of how more than 140 junior programs in the state can survive with the competition of outside factors and programs. Ideas were exchanged about developing a certi-

fication process by the FSGA to assist in the grant process and gaining credibility. Also, creating a point standing for juniors and an FSGA junior tournament schedule was discussed and will be further examined.

In all, the day was a success with many programs present and ideas shared to make Florida junior programs succeed.

*Tom Keedy, FSGA Board Member, leads a break-out session at the 2003 Junior Conference.*



## FSGA Staff & Volunteers Busy With 2003 Calendar

That time of year is here once again! FSGA Tournaments are about to kick into high gear.

This year, the FSGA Calendar consists of 20 Championships and 70 qualifying events, both FSGA and USGA. We are proud to say that the FSGA runs more U.S. Open local qualifying events than any other state with 17. Also, we administer one U.S. Open sectional qualifier out of only 12 in the country. We couldn't run these events without the help of the more than 300 volunteers across the state that donate their time and energy

to the FSGA.

The schedule begins with the Northwest Club Challenge on April 5-6 at Eglin Air Force Base in Niceville. **Les Brown**, FSGA Tournament Director, will work with a crew of five, including volunteers **Pete Sniezko**, **Anthony Capano**, **Bill Giese**, **John Kranak** and **Bill Missildine**. These volunteers will help with course marking, starting and scoring.

The Senior State Championship plays at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach on April 14-16. The Senior

Championship is full with a field of 156 players competing for the title. To date, volunteers helping at the Senior Championship include **Ted Burfield**, **Arthur Buckley**, **Pep McPhillips**, **Skip Small**, **Karen Korf**, **Malcolm Sims**, **Dean Blankenship**, **Edward Zimmerman** and **Norma Diehl**.

2003 promises to be a great year! The tournament schedule is packed and with our outstanding volunteers, what could be better!

## GIMMIES

### Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership for 2003 yet? If not, log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) and renew right there! The year has already gotten off to a terrific start and we hope to continue our membership drive!

### FWSGA

The FWSGA will be moving into the FSGA office this month. This move will better the communication and coordination between us and the FWSGA. We look forward to sharing an office with them.

### Media Day

The FSGA and The Bay Hill Club hosted a Media Day in preparation for the 2003 State Amateur. Media from around the state enjoyed a day of golf, lunch and a discussion with Bay Hill's Director of Golf Jim Deaton and FSGA Executive Director Jim Demick. The media was given information on The Bay Hill Club as well as important facts on the history of the Florida State Amateur Championship.

### Winter Series

The eight Winter Series events are now finished for the year. They were a great success and had more than 400 competitors. The Winter Series events, open to amateurs ages 40 and over, consisted of four individual events and four four-ball events. The 2003-2004 Winter Series schedule will be released soon.

### Your Club & The GHIN System

Join the largest handicap system in the world, the GHIN system. It is the most accurate and reliable handicap system around. Talk to your golf professional and let us help you get the GHIN system in your club. If you are influential in getting a club to join the GHIN system, you will receive a new Burton Golf Bag with the FSGA logo embroidered on the pocket. This is our way of thanking you for your efforts and support of the FSGA.

## Club Delegates Spread The Word

**T**he Club Delegate Program is off to a great start, but we are still in need for more!

Currently, we have more than 50 Club Delegates representing their clubs across the state. The Club Delegate program was established to encourage better communication and coordination between the FSGA, USGA and our member clubs. The Club Delegate is the liaison between their club and the FSGA and asked to share information with fellow club members. It is our hope to make members more informed about what the association does and what benefits we offer to our members.

So far, the Club Delegates were asked to check if their club posted the large 2003 Competitions Calendar in a predominant

location. Many club delegates contacted us to tell that their club had not posted the calendar. We sent a few calendars directly to the delegates to ensure that they would be posted at the club.

In addition to posting materials and other tasks, the Club Delegates will be asked to help gather names of club committee members to update our records. From these examples, you can see there is not a lot of time involved in this program but we do need full participation to make it a successful program.

If you would like to be the Club Delegate for your club, please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742 or [abartell@fsga.org](mailto:abartell@fsga.org). We hope to form a relationship with every club in the state in the near future.

## Rules Workshops Prove Successful

**D**ue to last year's overwhelming response, the number of rules seminars increased this year from 10 to 14 across the state. From December - March, more than 450 players of all levels attended the seminars. The day consisted of indoor classroom instruction with state of the art instruction as well as outdoor hands on instruction. All workshops are instructed by FSGA staff members with the assistance of tournament volunteers.

Participants included golf professionals who earned seven PGA continuing education points for attending. Others who attended included volunteers, competitors and even beginners.

Thank you to the following gentlemen that helped with the rules seminars: **Mallory Privett, Bob Forward, Bruce Fowler and Skip Small.**

Be on the lookout for upcoming rules seminars in your area.



*FSGA Executive Director Jim Demick explains a rule during the outside session of a rules seminar at Hunters Green Country Club in Tampa in February.*

# Course Rating Corner with Marcia Morris

The USGA recently held its annual course rating exercise for golf associations all over the United States. They divide the country geographically into eastern and western sections and host a seminar in each section in the early part of the year.

We were invited to attend the seminar for the Eastern U.S. on March 10-11 in Pinehurst, North Carolina where the course raters were exposed to the notable Pinehurst #2 for the rating assignments. Representing the FSGA were Captains **Neil McGillicuddy**, Panhandle; **Ed Boyer**, Jacksonville area; **Bill Hermann**, Daytona Beach area and **Brian Robideau**, Palm Beach County.

The FSGA team was given the task of rating four holes on Pinehurst #2 as were the other 14 teams at the seminar. Following the rating, a test was given of very detailed rating questions which led to much discussion within the teams. A question and answer period and a discussion of the rating comparisons was held the next morning. The USGA "master raters" had rated the same holes and explained the values they derived. This discussion offered a great opportunity to network with other delegates and reach consensus for the values derived for the ratings. Just like the FSGA, the aim of the USGA is to promote consistency and accuracy in the ratings from around the country.

Another topic of discussion was that the USGA is working to develop a Pocket Rating System to benefit course raters in their on-course record keeping. The software utilizes a small Ipaq device, similar to the Palm Pilot. One of our team raters, Captain **Brian Robideau**, has been asked to join in the beta testing of this device and will report back to the USGA for their continued development of the system. When released, each association will have access to the software for those interested in utilizing it.

A big thank you goes out to the FSGA Captain Raters for their participation and good performance in this calibration. We welcome them to share any information learned with other course raters across the state. Without the services of more than 140 FSGA course raters, we could not provide the high level of service to our member clubs and all golfers in Florida.

## GIMMIES

### Volunteer Surveys

Check the website, [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org), for new Volunteer Surveys. Please fill out these surveys and help us learn more about you. Also, check out Volunteer Central where you can sign up for tournaments and see who else has registered for certain events.

### Ratings Seminars

In early April, three Course Rating Seminars were held across the state. Sites included The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, LPGA International in Daytona Beach and Lake Jovita Country Club in Dade City. **Charlie Bedford**, **Ed Boyer** and **Karen Korf** helped with these beneficial seminars.



*FSGA Captains (L-R) Bill Hermann, Brian Robideau, Neil McGillicuddy and Ed Boyer attend the USGA Course Rating Seminar in Pinehurst, N.C.*

## Test Your Knowledge with the Course Rating Quiz

- Which of the following is true?
  - Obstacles that exist only behind the green should always be adjusted -1.
  - If the distance between permanent markers exceeds 30 yards, separate obstacle ratings are required.
  - The golf course must be played by the rating team either before or after the rating.
  - All of the above.
  - None of the above.
- The Stimpmeter readings on a green that is tilted toward the front are 17 feet down the slope and 7 feet up the slope. Green surface reading is:

a.	5		
b.	6		
c.	7		
d.	7		+1
e.	8		+1
- The difficulty of a golf course for players with handicaps other than scratch is best described by:
  - A narrator from the club.
  - Par.
  - USGA Slope Rating.
  - USGA Course Rating.
  - Both USGA Course and Slope Ratings.
- On a 415 [340] yard hole, fairway width is 35 yards except for the last 70 yards in front of the green, where it narrows to 18 yards. Rough height is 3 1/4" cool season grass; carry to the fairway is 150 [75] yards; rise and drop is 4 feet around more than half of the green. Green Target rating is 4 | -2. Bunkers rating is:

a.	4		
b.	4		+1
c.	5		-1
d.	5		
e.	6		-1

# Volunteer Spotlight: Pep McPhillips

**P**ep McPhillips is one volunteer that has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Pep, a nickname given while living in Japan, moved around the world as a child. After graduating high school in Montgomery, Alabama, he attended The Citadel in South Carolina. Just like his father, Pep joined the Air Force and later retired and moved to Florida in 1992.

Pep always loved and played golf. He even had a brief stint turning pro but just couldn't compete with the young kids. He was just happy to finish an event but does claim to have won a Pro Am!

In Florida, he became the Director of the TC Jordan Professional Golf Tour, now known as the Hooters Tour. The events he organized were 4-day tournaments complete with pro-ams and



(L-R) Pep McPhillips, Glen Briggs, Brenda Davis and Mike Craven volunteer at a Winter Series event.

junior clinics. Pep had the chance to see some of the big names on the PGA TOUR grow up on the "mini tour." In 1997, Pep moved to Fort Walton Beach and met some other FSGA volunteers. He was so impressed with what they did, that he soon became a Tournament Chairman for the Pan-handle. In addition, he serves as a Rules Official, which he has previous experience in. This summer, Pep is looking forward to being the Tournament Chairmen for the U.S. Junior Qualifier in Fort Myers.

Pep and his wife Pat are now considered the FSGA roving volunteers. They drive their 36-foot motor home to tournaments around the state. They have spent a lot of time recently in the Central South portion of the state but plan on traveling all over the state soon. Pat also volunteers at tournaments and especially enjoys the scoring area. Since day one, Pep has been extremely impressed with the FSGA and how it runs. In the years he has been volunteering, he says, "it just gets better and better." As a Tournament Chairman, "The FSGA makes it very easy to do my job." Thanks Pep for all your hard work and dedication to the FSGA!

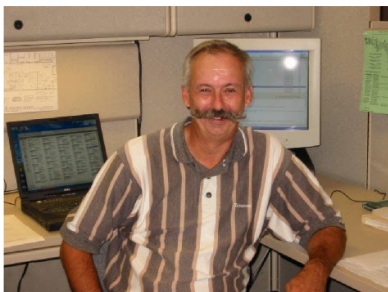
## Hagamann And Zaras Join FSGA

**P**lease welcome **Ken Hagamann** and **Tom Zaras** to the FSGA staff! Ken Hagamann joins the FSGA as the newest Director of Course Rating. He will be working closely with Marcia Morris, whom many of you may know. Ken will be responsible for Course Rating Sections 1-3 and 11-18.

Born and raised in Chicago, Ken moved to Washington D.C. in 1977 and worked as a tax manager for the newspaper company, Gannett. After 25 years in D.C., Ken moved to Pompano Beach.

Ken started volunteering for the FSGA after meeting FSGA president Mallory Privett. He first began volunteering on the Broward County course rating team. In addition, he helped at many tournaments as well as competed in a few events.

As you might expect, Ken enjoys spending his free time playing golf!



Ken Hagamann

Also, new to the FSGA staff is Tom Zaras. Tom joins the tournament department as the newest Tournament Director. Tom will assist the other Tournament Director in course setup, coordinating volunteers, rules decisions and much, much more!



Tom Zaras (L) and FSGA President Mallory Privett (R)

Tom was born and raised in Chicago and then moved to Miami in 1972. Tom played some professional golf and became a golf professional at Miami Springs G & CC. After Miami Springs, Tom became the Tournament Director at The Doral Golf Resort and Spa.

Tom has attended many rules workshops, including the USGA/PGA Tournament Procedures class and a 4-day USGA/PGA Rules Workshop.

Tom and his wife Susan have been married for 25 years and have four children and two grandchildren.

These two gentlemen are a great addition to the FSGA team!

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