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Junior Coordinators Meet in Orlando

Junior Coordinators from across the state met in Orlando on March 27 for the 7th annual **Florida Junior Golf Conference** at **ChampionsGate Golf Club**.

More than 30 coordinators met to exchange information and learn about the new programs available to their organizations. The day began with a presentation from Suzi Goldstein about the Florida Junior Golf License Plate. She stated that sales of the license plates are good and that money will be ready to be distributed to junior programs in the state by the end of the summer. Next, Alice Collins, of YMCA of West Central Florida and First Tee of Lakeland, spoke about how her organization obtained a \$100,000 grant from the USGA. Dr. TJ Dorsey, of Orlando Minority Youth Golf Association, spoke on identifying and retaining minorities in junior golf. He stated that programs must be passionate about what they are doing and need to show support and direction to the juniors. Judy Christman, of the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association, spoke on 30 years of the organization and how far it has come. The day concluded with Alexis Sieg, from the LPGA, talking on how programs can use other sports to teach golf skills.



Dr. Dorsey speaks at the Junior Conference.

In all, the day was a great success and everyone left feeling they learned more about other programs in the state and how they can use their program to their fullest potential.

FJT Proves to be a Success

The Florida Junior Tour (FJT) kicked off last month at the **Ritz-Carlton Golf Club** in Orlando with a full field of 78 juniors vying for the first title.

The event went off without a hitch. The juniors played a wonderful course and enjoyed a BBQ and putting contest. In all, we received positive feedback about the Tour from both the players and their parents.

Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers who made this first FJT event such a success: **Taffie Brisley, Joan Cobb, Bruce Flower, John and Carolyn Ingram, Tom Keedy, Pep and Pat McPhillips.**



Carolyn Ingram and Pat McPhillips in the scoring area.

Carolyn Ingram and FWPGA Executive Director Kelly Tarala.



FSGA President Tracy Allen at the awards presentation.



Joan Cobb helping at registration.



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Membership Numbers

Currently, we have 2,346 individuals signed up for membership. We ask that all volunteers join the FSGA and support your State Golf Association. Renew your membership today at www.fsga.org. More than 400 juniors have signed up for the Florida Junior Tour. When juniors sign up for membership, they receive a bag tag, hat and player's badge. Tell your local juniors about this great new tour! Also, over 670 clubs have signed up as 2004 FSGA Member Clubs. Encourage your club to join the FSGA!

Rules of Golf Workshops

More than 400 golfers of all levels attended the 14 Rules of Golf Seminars across the state. Since this year featured some Rules changes, attendees learned the new Rules as well as brushed up on their old Rules knowledge.

Handicap Seminars ADDED

There are still a few Handicap Seminars for you or someone at your club to attend. The Handicap Seminars are intended to better educate more golfers to the USGA Handicap System and to certify a Handicap Chairman at every club. You can register at www.fsga.org or call the FSGA at (813) 632-3742. The following seminars remain:

April 19 - Don Shula's Golf & Hotel Resort, Miami Lakes

April 21 - Fort Walton Beach GC, Fort Walton Beach

May 4 - Golden Ocala CC, Ocala

May 5 - Timuquana CC, Jacksonville

New Dates

June 23 - River Hills CC, Valrico

September 8 - The Villages Hacienda G & CC, The Villages

2004 Competitions Start

The FSGA Tournament Department is busy getting ready for the upcoming tournament season. The 2004 schedule kicks off at the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club in Boca Raton with the Senior Championship. There is a full field of 156 players with a waiting list of more than 40!

In addition to the 21 State Championships, the FSGA will conduct 41 qualifying events for USGA National Championships. We couldn't do that without the help of our Tournament Chairmen and volunteers. The FSGA staff sends the Tournament Chairmen everything they need to run a successful event. Then, the Tournament Chairmen execute the event with the help of volunteers. We thank the following Tournament Chairmen for their hard work and time this season.

Charlie Bedford
Mike Craven
Dune D'Alessandro
Tom Dudley
Bruce Flower
John Ives
Pep McPhillips
Mallory Privett
Jim Shupe
Skip Small
Pete Sniezko
Tom Storey
Randy Walford
Johnny Williams



Tournament Chairmen packets get ready to be mailed to all Tournament Chairmen.

Dachisen Places 2nd in Gasparilla

FSGA Tournament Director Peter Dachisen placed second in the 49th Gasparilla Invitation in Tampa after he lost on the second playoff hole. Dachisen, who won the tournament in 2002, was leading by one stroke going into the final day and finished the event shooting a 69-70-72--211.

After the final round, Dachisen found himself in a three-way playoff with Jack Hall and Richard Kerper. Hall was eliminated after the first playoff hole and on the second playoff hole, Dachisen hit the ball over the back of the par 3 13th green while Kerper was short of the green but chipped within 3 feet of the hole to make par. Dachisen's putt rolled past the hole thus resulting in a victory for Kerper.

In the final round, Dachisen lost a stroke on the ninth green after he called a penalty on himself because his ball fell out of his hand, landed and moved his coin that was marking the position of the ball. He replaced the coin and golf ball to its original position but since he moved his ball at rest he incurred a one stroke penalty. No one else saw what happened but Peter knew the right thing to do. The FSGA staff is very proud of Peter for his hard work on and off the course!

Regional Course Rating Calibration Seminars

As spring is upon us several regional Course Rating Calibration Seminars are now on the calendar.

Mallory Privett, FSGA Course Rating Committee Chair, and **Ken Hagamann**, FSGA Director of Course Rating, presented the first regional seminar at Regatta Bay Country Club on Monday, March 1. Participation was terrific with representation from **Neil McGillicuddy's** team, **Randy Walford's** team and **Eileen Fulton's** team. We all learned a great deal with excellent discussion, outdoor Q&A as well as an interesting team quiz.

The following Course Rating Calibration Seminars remain: Southeast Region at PGA National on Friday, March 26, Southwest Region on Friday, April 2 at The Oaks and the Central Florida Seminar at LPGA International on Thursday, April 29. These seminars are scheduled to begin at 9:00 am and end at 3:30 pm. We look forward to great attendance from all our course rating teams at these seminars.

New Course Rating Team

A new men's team is in the initial formation stage to serve Pinellas and Pasco Counties. **Mike Conigliaro** is the Captain of this team and many of you will meet Mike and his team at the April 2nd SW Region seminar.

Welcome New Volunteers

As the tournament season gets underway, we welcome new volunteers to the FSGA family. There has been a tremendous response for volunteers, and we greatly appreciate everyone and their time. Please welcome the following new volunteers:

William Allen
Chip Carpenter
Joan Cobb
Mickey Coffey
KE Conrad
Paul Heiler
Edward Hritzo
Bill Humes
Carolyn Ingram
John Ingram
Dan Meinert
Robert Perry
Dick Schauger
Albert Stutz
Richard Young
Victoria Wyder



*New Volunteer **Joan Cobb** helps spot a ball at the FJT event at the Ritz-Carlton GC in Orlando.*

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Winter Series

The 2003-2004 Winter Series events wrapped up in early April. This year, more than 500 competitors played in the seven events. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Winter Series events a success.

Club Delegates

The Club Delegate program is growing and proven to be successful. There are now more than 350 club delegates across the state representing their clubs. Club Delegates have been extremely active in keeping their clubs informed on FSGA and USGA happenings.

Earpieces Available

You can now purchase your very own earpiece to be used during FSGA events. The earpieces cost \$10 and are available by calling Alyson Bartell at the FSGA office, (813) 632-3742.

Service Credit Forms

Volunteers, don't forget to submit your volunteer service credit forms for FSGA logo merchandise. Please complete them and return to the FSGA office.

Uniform Reminder

The standard FSGA uniform includes khaki pants and a white FSGA logo shirt. Men are required to wear long pants for tournaments and may wear khaki shorts for course rating. Women committee members have the option of wearing khaki shorts for course rating and tournaments. All committee members should wear a name tag. Also, white FSGA logo caps may be worn. Straw hats are also permitted. Please contact Alyson Bartell for more information regarding volunteer uniforms.

Volunteer Spotlight

Taffie Brisley

Taffie Brisley was always around sports as a child but little did she know golf would become her passion.

Taffie, who is a twin, grew up in Virginia and stayed in state to attend Madison College. It was there that she played golf and became the fifth player on their golf team because they needed one more person to fill the team! Throughout college, she refereed volleyball and went on to be an elementary school physical education teacher.

Taffie and her husband, Joe, moved around the country and settled in Florida ten years ago when he was transferred to Venice. Taffie got involved in golf when their two children, Barbara and Pat, started playing. She would help run the tournaments and events they participated in. Since then, Taffie has really gotten involved with many different organizations including the FSGA and FWSGA.

When she first moved to the area, Taffie got involved with the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Program. She is now on the Board of that program and enjoys working with the juniors in the summer and winter golf programs they offer. Taffie is also on the Board of the FWSGA where she has served for the past eight years. She was President in 2002 and is now on the Executive Committee as Past President. In addition, Taffie is on the FWSGA Course Rating Team Section 6 where they rate approximately 30 courses a year. It was through the FWSGA that Taffie got involved with the FSGA and began learning the Rules of Golf and volunteering at the State High School Championships. Since, Taffie has attended six PGA/USGA Rules Seminars. Taffie is also Chairmen of the FWSGA Girls Junior Championship and serves on the USGA Girls Junior Committee. She is also the entry chairmen of the Women's Southern Golf Association and President of the Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association. She helped form the Executive Women's Golf Association in Sarasota. Taffie volunteers as a rules official at many collegiate and LPGA events. She enjoys the Rules aspect of the game saying, "It's nice to be a part of an event that is properly run." She likes to meet all the interesting people and sees the Rules of Golf as a challenge. She enjoys working with the juniors and teaching them the Rules as well as making sure they are moving in a timely manner. When she is not serving on one of these many committees, Taffie finds time to play golf at River Wilderness Country Club.

These organizations are lucky because Taffie plans on continuing to volunteer for a long time. She says, "Volunteers are hard to find, it is crucial to stay involved." Taffie thanks her husband for all his support saying, "I couldn't do it without his support."



Bill Missildine and Taffie at the 2002 captains meeting.



Taffie at the 2003 course rating captains meeting.



Taffie Brisley scoring at the 2003 Parent-Child Championship.

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