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FSGA Rating Team Wins National Competition

Congratulations to **Ron Audi, Don Glaser, Brian Robideau** and **Carl Schlanger** who represented the **FSGA** at the **USGA Eastern Calibration** in Tampa and earned top honors! The Calibration featured 19 men's teams from the Eastern US and several international teams. The FSGA team rated number one in the overall team grade, scoring 98.5 out of 100. The team had an overall quiz grade of 99 and an on-course rating grade of 98. They averaged a 100 on the team quiz and a 98 on the individual quiz securing first place.

The Eastern Calibration is one of three USGA Calibrations across the country. The two-day sessions consist of an on-course rating calibration as well as a team and individual exam. Teams are rated on their on-course calibration against USGA Master Course Raters, comprised of members of the USGA Course Rating Committee.

Congratulations to Ron, Don, Brian and Carl!



The USGA Eastern Calibration at Tampa Palms Country Club.

Junior Coordinators Meet in Orlando

Junior Coordinators from across the state met in Orlando on March 19, 2005 for the 7th annual **Florida Junior Golf Conference** at **ChampionsGate Golf Resort**. More than 40 coordinators representing 30 junior programs in the state met to exchange information and learn about the new programs available to their organizations. All in attendance received information on fundraising, FSGA junior scholarships, Rules of Amateur Status for Juniors, Rules of Golf, and much more.

Fundraising was a popular topic during the open forum session and many great ideas were discussed to improve fundraising. State Representative Susan Goldstein and Jim Kiely spoke in regard to the Florida License Plate Junior Golf Grant and guided everyone through the grant application process and provided some tips on filling out the forms. It was also announced that after the first application deadline, five state junior programs were approved to receive full funding. Next, Mike Cooper and Laura Orlen gave an update on The First Tee programs and handed out entry forms to the Wal-Mart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. Peter Ripa, from the AJGA, had a short presentation called Navigating Junior Golf, which he also presented after the conference to parents and junior golfers. Another popular topic was having the FSGA "recognize" junior programs that meet a certain criteria. All recognized programs will be awarded an FSGA Recognized Junior Program logo which can be displayed on their website, entry forms and scoreboard. They may also be listed separately on the FSGA website and earn exemptions into FSGA events. The FSGA is currently working on the criteria that junior programs must meet to be recognized.

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.



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Membership Numbers

Currently, more than 2,230 individuals have signed up for FSGA membership. We ask that all volunteers join the FSGA and support your State Golf Association. Renew your membership today at www.fsga.org. This was a record year for the Florida Junior Tour. More than 560 juniors have signed up for membership. That is almost 80 more than last year. In addition, over 780 clubs have signed up as 2005 FSGA Member Clubs. Our goal is to reach 900 so encourage your club to join today.

Rules of Golf Workshops

More than 300 golfers of all levels attended one of the 13 Rules of Golf Seminars across the state. Thank you to all the Committee Members who attended and brought interested volunteers. Make sure to attend next year since the Decision Book will feature some changes.

Handicap Certification Seminars

We are continuously adding Handicap Certification Seminars to the schedule to get all GHIN clubs authorized to use the GHIN Handicap System. If you play at a GHIN club, please check with your club staff to see if you have a certified Handicap Chairman. Right now, one seminar remains but check the website for more being added.

May 3, 2005 - Hunters Green CC - Tampa

2005 Competitions Get Started

The FSGA Tournament Department is busy getting ready for the 2005 Championship season. The season has gotten off to a great start with the **Senior Championship at Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club** on April 12-14. More than 350 entries were received for the Championship. This year, we instituted qualifiers for the Championship, and we thank our Tournament Chairmen and Committee Members who have helped with the five qualifiers.

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. We thank the following Tournament Chairmen for their hard work and time this season.

Charlie Bedford
Mike Craven
Duane D'Alessandro
Tom Dudley
Bob Forward
John Ives
Pep McPhillips

Mallory Privett
Jim Shupe
Skip Small
Pete Sniezko
Randy Walford
Johnny Williams

Tournament 101 Workshops

The Tournament Administration Workshops are in full swing and four remain in April for you to sign up. Learn what it takes to be a Tournament Official and the ins and outs of running a successful Championship. These workshops are complimentary and run from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. They are open to the public and recommended for all FSGA Tournament Volunteers. Please invite fellow friends who may be interested in volunteering with the FSGA. Coffee is served at 8:15!

Remaining Tournament Administration Workshops

April 5, 2005 - PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens

April 7, 2005 - Deerwood CC, Jacksonville

April 19, 2005 - Hunters Green CC, Tampa

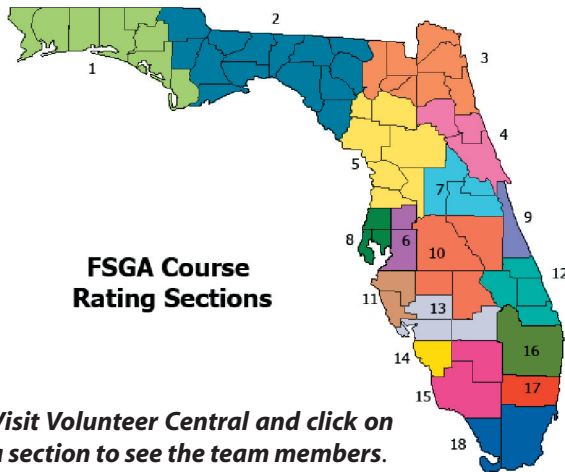
April 21, 2005 - Fort Walton Beach GC, Fort Walton Beach

2005-2006 Winter Series

The 2005-2006 Winter Series is already scheduled! Like this season, there will be eight events, five individual and three four-ball events. Sites include such great courses as Falcons Fire, Ballentrae, Lake Jovita and Baytree National. Events begin December 2005 and continue through April 2006. Visit www.fsga.org for the 2005-2006 Winter Series schedule.

Course Rating Expands On Web

All FSGA Committee Members should check out the Volunteer Central page of the website to see the new Course Rating Section. Once there, you can view all FSGA and FWPGA course rating teams and contacts. In addition, teams can see course ratings in progress as well as statistics on each team. This is going to improve the communication between the course rating teams and staff members.



Upcoming Course Rating Meetings

A Captains and Co-Captains meeting is planned for April 21-22, 2005 at Tampa Palms Country Club. The meeting will review the year as well look forward to what is ahead. The USGA Eastern Calibration will also be discussed. If you are a Captain and have not yet RSVP'd for the meeting, please contact Ken Hagamann at (813) 632-3742.

The **Regional** meetings are in the planning process and are for all team members to attend. These meetings will be in May so please keep checking the website for a finalized schedule. These are very beneficial for the entire team.

New Volunteer Policy

The FSGA has instituted a new volunteer policy that we hope will generate more active volunteers. When we receive a volunteer inquiry, we ask that they complete a Committee Member form and join the FSGA. Then, once those steps are completed, we will coordinate a day for them to come out and observe at an event or course rating. After we receive positive feedback, we will send the uniforms, manuals, etc. If you know of any interested individuals, please email abartell@fsga.org or call the FSGA at 813-632-3742. Please welcome the following new volunteers:

Dennis Grage
Peter Roche
Guy Moran
Richard Haverly
Jim Gunning

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Winter Series

The 2004-2005 Winter Series events wrapped up in early April. This year, more than 600 competitors played in the eights events. All the individual events had so many entrants we increased the field to 84! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Winter Series events a success.

Earpieces Available

As the season gets started, make sure you have your very own earpiece. You can purchase an earpiece for only \$10 through the FSGA. Email abartell@fsga.org or call the FSGA office at (813) 632-3742.

FSGA Pro Shop

The FSGA Pro Shop is stocked with your favorite golf goods! Get geared up for the season with Committee Member shirts and hats. We even have straw and sun protective hats. The Pro Shop also has golf bags, head covers, tumblers and much more. Committee Members receive 20% off so visit www.fsga.org to place your order.

Volunteer Central

If you have not yet signed up for tournaments, please do so at www.fsga.org. Also, please visit the Volunteer Central section of the website and complete your Volunteer Profile. By doing so, it will help us know what your interests are and where to better utilize you.

Volunteer Spotlight

Brian Robideau

The FSGA is extremely proud to have Brian Robideau as a Course Rating Captain. Recently, Brian and team members, Ron Audi, Don Glaser and Carl Schlanger scored the highest marks to win the USGA Eastern Calibration.

Brian graduated from Manhattan College, and moved to Connecticut to work for the engineering firm Pratt and Whitney. There, he worked with the development of jet engineering which later moved him to his current home, Palm Beach. After 37 years, Brian retired from Pratt and Whitney and then had the time to get involved with the FSGA.

In 2000, Brian was introduced to Course Rating from friends Mallory Privett and Jack Guthrie. He learned a lot from Mallory and became a regular member of the course rating team. Brian expanded off Mallory's work to develop an Excel workbook to provide a more accurate and precise rating. A majority of course raters across the state are now using the program. Brian is now Captain of Section 16 where the team rates more than 20 courses a year. Brian also serves on the FSGA Board of Directors. "Course Rating gives me the opportunity to do something for golf. It is an interesting task, to figure it out and make sense of the numbers." The USGA Calibration last month was the fourth one Brian has been invited to attend. He has also attended many state and regional course rating and handicap seminars.

When he is not rating golf courses, Brian enjoys playing golf as often as three times a week at his club, PGA National. At PGA, he has served on the Advisory Board, Handicap Committee and Grievance Committee. Brian also keeps busy consulting to various companies.

Brian enjoys all that he does for golf. He says, "Whatever I'm doing, I do believe in having fun." We hope Brian continues to have fun for a long, long time!



Brian Robideau



The FSGA team at the 2002 Calibration.

Dachisen Wins Gasparilla

FSGA Tournament Director **Peter Dachisen** won the **50th Gasparilla Invitational** at **Palma Ceia G & CC** in Tampa. Peter shot a final round 70 to hold off **David Noll**, of Georgia, and win the tournament by one shot.

Peter recorded scores of 72-62-70 to finish with a 6-under par 204. His second round score of 62 was a tournament record and tied a course record! Peter birdied holes 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 en route to a 29 on the front side. He closed with an eagle on the par-5 18th hole to finish the record round. Peter won the tournament in 2002 and was runner-up last year.

Palma Ceia will host the **Boy's Junior Championship** in August.

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