

Owen Claims Florida State Amateur Championship

Ocala's Daniel Owen shot a final-round 70 to claim the 81st Florida State Amateur Championship at the Bay Hill Club. The 30-year old real estate salesman shot even par for the championship to edge Sarasota's Mark Boldin by one shot. Owen had finished sixth in last year's amateur and was runner-up in 1996.

Officials Doing Their Job

The pace-of-play at Bay Hill was excellent! The average time for three of the four rounds was under 4 hours. That's amazing when it is compared to last year's Amateur where pace-of-play was averaging about 5 hours a round.

Club's Mailing List

The third *Florida Golfer* magazine will be arriving in September, but to only about 55,000 golfers. When compared to the number of golfers in Florida, we are not reaching the majority. We are still actively pursuing club's mailing lists so their members can receive this first-class magazine. If your club's members are not receiving the magazine, find out why. This is a free magazine

Florida Cup Matches ♦ October 30-31 ♦ Laurel Oak CC

South defeated North, 10-6, in the rain-shortened inaugural Florida Cup Matches. After being tied following the Thursday morning four-ball matches, South took 6 of the 8 foursome matches to take a 10-6 lead. Friday's individual matches were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Using a Ryder Cup format, the winner of the Florida Cup Matches was determined by the number of points earned throughout the two days. The participants were invited based on their placement in the FSGA points standing's list.

Mid-Amateur Championship ♦ October 2-5 ♦ Interlachen CC

John Corzilius claimed his second championship of the year by defeating Wyatt Meyer, 3 and 2, at the Mid-Amateur Championship at Interlachen Country Club in Winter Park. The championship went extremely well, and Interlachen helped make the event special. The staff was very helpful, and the course was in beautiful shape. Special thanks to Jim Roberts, Bill Western, Bud Carlson, Cal Korf, Skip Small and Jim Callender for working the championship.

Senior Four-Ball ♦ September 13 - 14 ♦ Bear Lakes CC

Ron LeClair and Curt Madson defended their title at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach with a three-stroke victory over Bo Williams and Jack Veghte. Thanks to Mallory Privett, Bob Latimer and Jack Guthrie for assisting at the tournament.

Mid-Senior Championship ♦ September 5-7 ♦ Loblolly Pines CC

Kevin Davey won the Mid-Senior Championship on the first playoff hole at Loblolly Pines Country Club in Hobe Sound. Victor Lohman finished second. Thanks to Mallory Privett, Bob Latimer, Jack Guthrie, Tony Hebel, and Cal Korf for working the championship.

Rules Update: A ruling at the Mid-Senior Championship may be of interest. A competitor knocked his tee shot into a lateral water hazard. He hit another ball from the tee and sent it deep in the woods. He then played a provisional and sent in down the middle of the fairway. After getting off the tee, a fellow-competitor saw his first ball barely submerged in the water. The competitor felt he could play it, so he picked up his provisional and hit the first ball out of the water. The problem was that the ball in the water was no longer his ball in play. The competitor was assessed a one stroke penalty for moving a ball in play (picking up his provisional). Since the wrong ball he hit was in a hazard, he did not receive any penalty strokes. He ended up dropping his provisional ball back in the fairway and proceeded to hit his seventh shot.

Match Play Championship ♦ August 21-24 ♦ The Forest CC

John Corzilius claimed the Match Play Championship by beating Paul Piccolo, 2 and 1. Corzilius advanced by closing out his quarterfinal and semifinal opponents, 6 and 4. Piccolo advanced by winning his quarterfinal match on the 25th hole and his semifinal match, 1 up. Thanks to Don Williams, Bill Western and Stu Aites for working this great championship.

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Important Notes For Course Rating Captains

- ♦ Within a week of receiving a request, you should contact the club and let them know you have received their request. You should also give them an approximate time frame of when the service will be performed.
- ♦ When you send in your Form 1's, all information **must** be completed and totaled.
- ♦ Original copies of all paperwork, reports and measurements should be sent to the FSGA office. Clubs can have a copy, but all originals should be filed at the association. The paperwork is our responsibility, and leaving the paperwork for the clubs is not a good idea. If they lose it, we would have to re-rate the course again.

Course Rating Situations

We are still looking for any interesting course rating information. If there is something you would like to share, contact Chris Lowery at the FSGA office.

Ladies: A Reminder From Judy Comella

When rating a course, make sure you contact the golf professional to see which tees need to be rated. It is now common for ladies to play from multiple tees, so check and see if more than the red tees need to be rated.

Florida Golfer

The premier issue of the *Florida Golfer* is fast approaching. Beginning in early March, everyone will receive this great new magazine. We are excited about this new opportunity to promote amateur golf in our state.

Membership Numbers

The club membership for 1997 as of November 5 is 549. Since it is so late in the season, the number will not grow very much. With over 900 clubs in the state, we need to begin reaching those additional 380 clubs for next year. We need to keep growing as an association! We surpassed the 1996 total this year, so let's begin preparing to surpass the 1997 total next year.

Farewells

The FSGA is saddened, but proud, to announce that Jim Witherspoon and Michelle Berg have left their positions at the FSGA. Mr. Witherspoon has accepted a job with the Senior PGA Tour to work as one of their field staff representatives. Ms. Berg has decided to pursue other interests. Both will be missed, and we wish them the best of luck!

New Staff Addition

The FSGA is proud to announce the addition of a new staff member. Peggy Cork began on September 10 to replace Michelle Berg as bookkeeper. Ms. Cork came from a CPA firm in Sarasota.

Wanted

- ♦ We are always looking for new volunteers. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Eileen Forrester in course rating and/or Joe Naymick in tournaments.
- ♦ The Florida State Golf Association has started a grant program for youth golf education. This program will provide funds to teach the game of golf to young people who generally would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn the game. If anyone knows a recognized non-profit junior golf group who would possibly need additional funds, please contact Jim Demick.