

# Ratings & Rulings

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## Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available

**V**olunteers can now sign up for tournaments online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org). Don't forget to go to Volunteer Central where you can sign up for FSGA, USGA and FJT events.

This year, the tournament schedule has increased to 21 State Championships and 40 USGA Qualifying events. New this year is the Junior-Senior Championship which will be played at Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte on April 24-25. To be eligible, one player must be over 55 years of age and the other between 25-54 years of age. This is sure to be a fun event so sign up early to volunteer or even play!



FSGA President **Tracy Allen** and **John Harrigan** at the first event at Madison Green.

The 87th State Amateur Championship will consist of 13 qualifiers across the state so please sign up to help in your area. These qualifiers are

one day events with the State Amateur Championship at The Club at TwinEagles in Naples. We are very excited to be host to the Southeast Challenge Matches in October 16-17, also at TwinEagles. The Southeast Challenge is a biennial invitational event that matches teams from Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Each state selects eight mid-amateurs and four seniors to play in this Ryder Cup format event.

The 2003-2004 Winter Series events have received great support from you, the volunteers! They have all gone off without a hitch and we have received great feedback from the players. Keep up the good work!



**Mallory Privett** helps with scoring at the Winter Series event at the Links at Madison Green.

## Junior Tour Gains Interest

**T**he Florida Junior Tour (FJT) is off to a great start. The season will begin on March 13 with the first event at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club in Orlando and we have already received more than 100 entries! In addition, juniors are signing up for membership like crazy! To date, over 160 juniors have signed up for FJT membership. With the \$20 membership fee, they get a player's badge, Tour hat and personalized FJT bag tag.

The FJT is a series of Florida based events that will offer highly competitive and affordable competitions for juniors ages 13-18. There will be two age divisions, boys 13-15, girls 13-15 and boys 16-18 and girls 16-18. Tournaments will consist of 36 holes conducted over 2 days with an entry fee of \$95. Scholarship entry will be available to junior golfers unable to afford the entry fee.

Junior golfers and parents can access everything they need to know about the FJT on the Tour's website, [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org). Please spread the word and tell your golf professional about this Tour.

Volunteers will also be needed for the FJT and may sign up through Volunteer Central on the FSGA website. These events will begin at Noon on Saturday and will have early tee-times on Sunday.

Thank you for your support and let's make this Tour a success!



# GIMMIES

## Membership Numbers

As of February, we have 1,764 individuals signed up for membership. Renew yours today at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org). Also, 374 clubs have signed up as 2004 FSGA Member Clubs. Encourage your club to join the FSGA!

## Junior Conference

The 7th annual Florida Junior Golf Conference is set for ChampionsGate Golf Club in Orlando on March 27, 2004. If you know of a junior golf program in your area, contact them to make sure they are present at this worthwhile seminar. Please contact [juniorgolf@fsga.org](mailto:juniorgolf@fsga.org) for more information.

## Tournament 101

More than 70 volunteers attended the six Volunteer Workshops across the state. These workshops were beneficial for all volunteers as they covered all the basics of being an FSGA volunteer.

## USGA/PGA Rules Seminar

Congratulations to the following Tournament Chairman and Staff who attended the USGA/PGA Rules Seminar: Mike Craven, Tom Dudley, Bruce Flower, John Ives, Mallory Privett, Jack Pultorak, Skip Small and Tom Zaras.

## Winter Series

The 2003-2004 Winter Series events are receiving record numbers of entries. The first four events have been sold out! Events continue through April so sign up today!

# Junior Tour Seeks Sponsorships

The Florida Junior Tour (FJT) begins next month with its first event at the Ritz-Carlton in Orlando. The Tour offers highly competitive and affordable competitions for juniors in Florida.

There are many opportunities to get involved with the FJT. The FSGA is seeking sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$3,500. Below are the different levels available. Please review the sponsorship information and contact Les Brown in the office or [lbrown@fsga.org](mailto:lbrown@fsga.org) for further information. We look forward to working with you and/or your company.

<b>Title Sponsorship Package</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Player's BBQ</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Trophies and Awards</b>	<b>\$450</b>
<b>Player Gifts</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Refreshments and Snacks</b>	<b>\$250 per day</b>
<b>Driving Range</b>	<b>\$250 per day</b>
<b>Scoreboard</b>	<b>\$200 per day</b>
<b>Other Supporting Members</b>	<b>\$100</b>

As the title sponsor of a Florida Junior Tour event, your company will receive prime logo placement on all marketing items not already produced for that event (if applicable) and the event title.

Example: Ritz-Carlton Golf Club presented by (your company)

For all sponsors, your presence with logos and/or advertisements will be included on the following:

- o Florida Junior Tour website, [www.floridajuniortour.org](http://www.floridajuniortour.org)
- o Scoreboard of all eight events
- o Event program at all competitions
- o FJT player information sheets

All sponsorships greater than \$1,000 will include larger logo placements (12" x 18") on the scoreboard as well as more predominate logos on other marketing pieces.

# It Pays To Know The Rules Of Golf

At the second Winter Series event at Victoria Hills Golf Club, there was an interesting ruling.

On the par 4 third hole, Player A was playing a 40 yard pitch shot up to an elevated green. One of his fellow competitors (Player B) walked into the bunker behind the green and stood still in the bunker. Player A was aware that Player B was standing in the back bunker and elected not to say anything. Player A played, and skulled his third shot over the green flying directly at player B. Player B moved because he believed he may be hit by the golf ball. The ball hit the lip of the bunker and bounced into Player B's footprints.

Player A wanted to know what his options were and thought he may have been entitled to his original line of play. Unfortunately, Player A should have asked Player B to move and rake his footprints. When he did not ask Player B to move his only option was to play the ball as it lies.

# Order Your FSGA Logo FootJoy Rain Gear

We are going to make another order for FSGA Logo Rain Gear by FootJoy on March 15. The first order was taken in October as many volunteers ordered the rain gear.

The DryJoys Tournament Pullover and Performance Rain Pants are perfect for changing weather conditions and the Spring showers that will soon be upon us.

The rain gear retails at \$175 but can be your for only \$89 each!

Please call the FSGA office at (813)632-3742 to order yours! Deadline for ordering is March 15, 2004.



# Rules Workshops Going Strong

The FSGA Staff is busy traveling the state conducting Rules of Golf workshops. In all, 14 seminars will be conducted by staff and volunteers. Some Rules changed this year so these seminars are a great opportunity to learn the new Rules as well as brush up on the old Rules. The first seminar at PGA National consisted of 50 individuals and the second at The Forest had over 60 attendees. Don't miss the deadline, sign up today!

- February 3 - Timuquana CC
- February 5 - CC of Heathrow
- February 6 - Hunters Green CC
- February 13 - Imperial GC
- February 24 - Don Shula's
- February 25 - PGA Golf Club
- March 2 - Ft. Walton Beach GC
- March 4 - Capital City CC
- March 11 - Celebration GC
- March 16 - Grand Haven GC
- March 17 - Laurel Oak CC



FSGA Tournament Director **Peter Dachisen** discusses a Rule during the outdoor session at The Forest CC in Ft. Myers.

# GIMMIES

## Handicap Seminars

The FSGA is administering 12 Handicap Seminars across the state to better educate more golfers to the USGA Handicap System and to certify a Handicap Chairman at every club. Please contact your golf professional and/or handicap chairman to make sure your club is represented. You can register at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) or call the FSGA at (813) 632-3742. The following seminars remain:

- February 24 - Bent Pine GC, Vero Beach
- March 16 - The Club at TwinEagles, Naples
- March 23 - Halifax Plantation GC, Ormond Beach
- March 24 - Baytree National Golf Links, Melbourne
- 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



Director of Course Rating **Andy Green** teaches the group at the Handicapping Seminar at University Park CC.



# Volunteer Spotlight

## Tom Storey

**T**om Storey hails from Washington, Indiana but has lived in many places in his lifetime. After graduating from Purdue University, he went to Wisconsin to work as an engineer and then the army for two years where he lived in four different cities. Then, Tom worked for Motorola in Chicago for one year then Zenith for 10 years. Tom made his way to Florida when Martin-Marietta transferred him to the Sunshine State and later worked with Emerson Electric. Later on, Tom owned his own electric manufacturing business from 1978-1991 before retiring.

Tom was first introduced to the FSGA through Abie Gordon back in 1996. He got involved with the Rules side of the game and began acting as a Rules Official after the appropriate training. Tom has attended and passed the USGA/PGA Rules test three times. He really enjoys working at the junior events especially the Junior Match Play Invitational where he can really get to know the kids. Tom also helps out with the high school events volunteering as an official and works with four colleges in particular in running their events.

The companionship the FSGA offers is what Tom really enjoys about the organization. The people he has met and the staff have really made his experience enjoyable.

In his spare time, Tom likes to play golf at least once a week. He and his wife, Norma enjoy traveling, eating out and spending time with their three children and seven grandchildren. Right now, he is trying to teach some of the grand kids to play golf!

Tom is also a Board member and we greatly appreciate his hard work and dedication to the FSGA and Florida golf.



**Tom Storey**

## USGA Course Rating Calibration

The USGA held its annual Eastern Course Rating Calibration January 26 & 27 at the PGA Education Center and PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie. In attendance from the FSGA / FWPGA were Mallory Privett, Ron Audi, Carl Schlanger, Brian Robideau, Jim Parr, Ken Hagamann, Andy Green, Pate Case, Tisha Vogell, Carolyn Ingram and Sharon Baerenklau.

The Course Rating Captains rated 4 holes on the PGA Dye course and then calibrated and compared their results to the USGA Master Raters. All Florida teams scored in the top tier of all golf associations. The FWPGA women finished second overall in the women's category and the FSGA men's Team 1 placed fourth overall in the men's category. As part of the overall national calibration, each team took a written exam both as a team and as individuals. The total of the on-course calibration, team exam and team average of individual scores comprise the grading method to establish the best team score.

The Captains also attended breakout sessions to discuss course rating issues such as USGA measuring techniques, new equipment - Clinometers (measuring elevation), rater retention, moral and methods to increase the speed and efficiency of ratings.

The FSGA/FWPGA will incorporate and add to the contents of this seminar in upcoming regional calibrations. Dates and times are coming soon!

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