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## Club Delegates

We are still seeking more Club Delegates in the state to act as the liaison between their club, the FSGA and the USGA. A project that was recently asked of Club Delegates was to pass out scholarship information to the club professional, general manager, etc. This way, we can easily spread the word of the great scholarship program and how we distribute the money. If you know a deserving student, please contact the office or log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) for a scholarship application.

## Advertising with the FSGA

The FSGA newsletter, "Inside the FSGA," is now accepting advertisements. If your business is interested in advertising with the FSGA or you know of a business that would be a good match, please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742.

## U.S. Senior Open

FSGA's Executive Director **Jim Demick**, President **Mallory Privett** and Advisory Board Member **Charlie Bedford** were rules officials at the U.S. Senior Open at Iverness CC in Toledo, OH.

## FSGA Merchandise

Log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) and shop in the FSGA Pro Shop. There are some great items for all your golfing needs. Remember, all volunteers receive 20% off all merchandise.

## Golf Road Maps

The Golf Road Maps are now available online at [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) for only \$5.00 each! There are six different Road Maps for the different golfing areas. Order yours today!

# Tournament Day . . . Who's your best friend?

A beautiful morning and 150 acres of land to patrol, this should be easy enough since we have our best friend with us, our RADIO.

We sometimes take for granted this little black box but it may be the most important piece of equipment a committee has.

While quite simple to use, there are some basics that all of us need to be aware of when using a radio. When you first arrive and pick-up your radio remember, that you are responsible for this rather expensive piece of equipment.

The first thing to check is that your radio is working properly. Do this before you start out to the course and since the radio is designed as a two way communicating device be certain that yours is receiving as well as transmitting. If you have an earpiece make sure that it is working also before you head out.

Some earpieces have only one function, to receive, while others have a microphone attachment. Personal preference aside, we have found that those with a microphone tend to malfunction more frequently and your transmissions may not be heard. Whether or not you use an earpiece, make sure that your radio is turned on and keep it turned on all day. Volume can be kept low enough to not bother players but allow you to hear all the communications if you keep the radio with you at all times.

When you are on the course, we have found that the radios most of us use tend to work best if you are not driving a cart while trying to converse. If you are trying to hear or need to speak with someone, please stop your cart. Certain locations on a course tend to be dead areas where you may not hear or be able to transmit from or both. If you are assigned a specific part of the course, it would be a good idea to find out early in the day if you have a dead zone.

Now that we have an understanding about using the radio, what are we going to use it for?

## **"No, I'm not joking, what is the radio for?"**

Aside from allowing us to know where everyone is at a given time or who will be going in for a break and some food, the radio allows every committee member to listen to all conversations, whether or not they apply to your function at that specific time. Even if no one is calling you, pay attention to the information.

### **The basic items to use the radio for are:**

**Weather concerns** – the chairman will normally have radar up and will monitor it closely so unless you have a lightening strike nearby, stay off the radio and listen closely for instructions; we don't need every official talking about a cloud coming in.

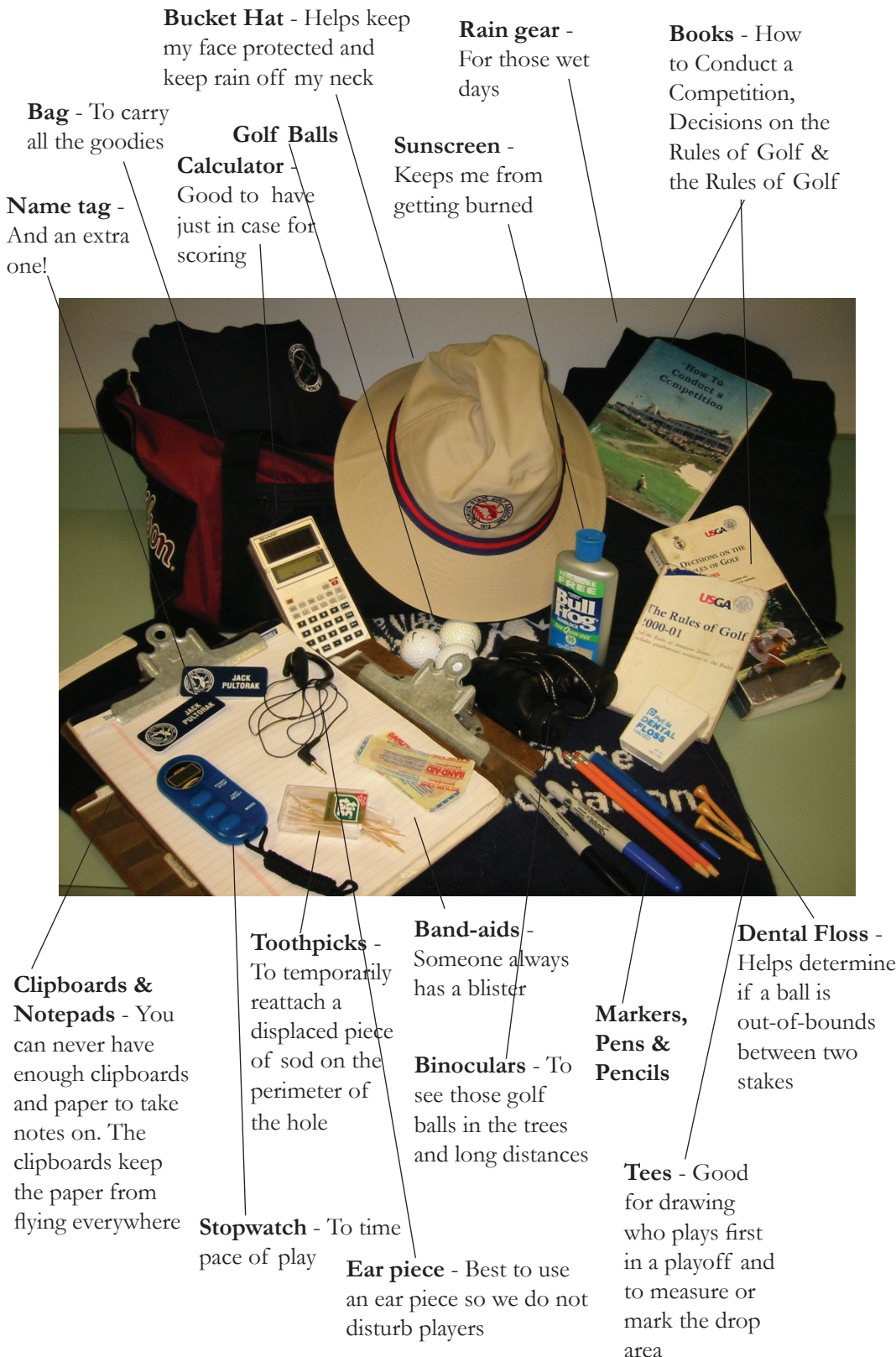
**Pace of play** – if a group is out of position, announce this and let the TC decide how to handle, if the group is not out of position there is no need to discuss. Also, let everyone know, if you witness a group that has a lost ball or is held up for a ruling (the 8:10 group had a lost ball on the 3rd hole). This will give other officials the information so they won't overreact if the group is slightly behind.

**Lead groups** – Knowing where they are is important for the scoring personnel.

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# Inside a Rules Official's Bag

Ever wonder what's in those crazy rules official's bags? They look real important carrying their bags around but what's inside them? A look inside Jack Pultorak's bag reveals what every rules official should carry.



**Bucket Hat** - Helps keep my face protected and keep rain off my neck

**Rain gear** - For those wet days

**Books** - How to Conduct a Competition, Decisions on the Rules of Golf & the Rules of Golf

**Bag** - To carry all the goodies

**Golf Balls**  
**Calculator** - Good to have just in case for scoring

**Sunscreen** - Keeps me from getting burned

**Name tag** - And an extra one!

## Picture Gallery NEW

Log on to [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) and view pictures from the most recent tournaments. See pictures of the winners, competitors and volunteers.

## Volunteer Directory

As you get into Volunteer Central, you are able to access the **NEW** Volunteer Directory. In the volunteer directory, you can look up other volunteers and view their contact information. It is a great source if you need to contact a fellow volunteer.

## Volunteer Service Credit Forms

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer service credit forms. By doing so, you earn points for FSGA merchandise. Return your form to Alyson in the office.

## Volunteer Central

Do we have your most current information. Please log on to the website and visit volunteer central and update your volunteer profile so we have your most recent contact information.

## Club Memberships

As of July 1, 755 golf clubs joined as FSGA Member Clubs. If your club is not a member, encourage them to join! Also, 475 clubs in Florida are on the GHIN Handicap System. If you help get your club on GHIN, you receive a Burton golf bag.

## Correction

In last month's issue, it was stated that Karen Korf is a USGA Southeast Coordinator. She is not a SE Coordinator but Karen does serve on the FSGA State Course Rating Committee.

# Volunteer Spotlight: Charlie Caravati



Charlie Caravati starts at the Florida State Amateur.

Charlie Caravati is one volunteer that does not go unnoticed. Usually, one can spot Charlie on the tee, starting competitors in the latest tournament.

Charlie arrived in Daytona Beach, Florida in 1968 after growing up in Connecticut. College took him to Notre Dame and later a job with Arthur Anderson in Chicago as a CPA. As he has lived in Daytona for 25 years with his wife, Eileen, Charlie tries to play golf three times a week at Indigo Lakes Golf Club. I don't think many other people can claim this but Charlie has had 4 hole in ones! That is pretty remarkable.

In 1994, Charlie was introduced to the FSGA and course rating by Jon McCann and Bill Buchanan. Now in his third year of volunteering at tournaments, Charlie has been seen at quite a few events. Most of the time, Charlie is starting at the tee where he enjoys meeting the players. Charlie also enjoys learning the rules of the game and listening for the different rules questions at tournaments. As a Course Rating Captain for Section 5, Charlie's team won the 2002 USGA Calibration Seminar at Walt Disney World.

Charlie has many interests outside of golf including spending time with his 4 children and 1 grandchild. He still even works

part-time as a CPA. Living in a racing town, Charlie is a Goodwill Ambassador for the Daytona Speedway. He is also a member of the elite Checker Flag Committee which helps the Daytona Speedway with issues such as security and entertaining VIP's.

Charlie is a fine tournament volunteer as well as course rating captain. His involvement with the FSGA is a treat to everyone who meets him.

## All in the Family



(L-R) Justin and John Ives at the Junior State Championship.

Some of the past tournaments have featured many of our volunteers cheering on their family. For instance, at the Junior State Championship in Venice, John Ives was volunteering as his grandson, Justin competed. Justin, 14, competed in the junior division. In addition, the State Amateur featured Tommy Balderson, son of FSGA volunteer Tom Balderson, playing in the event. Tommy made the cut and finished with a 302 four-day total. It truly shows that golf is a game for all generations.

## Radio 101 . . . continued from page 2

**RULINGS** - unless we were simply helping to get a player off a cart path or take relief from a lateral hazard you should always inform the TC of the situation. If you are 99.9% sure, get on the air so we make certain to get it right, (we usually have a strong enough group of officials at each event that between us we will do the right thing). Even if you are certain, make sure to inform the TC and scoring officials as the player will most likely bring up the situation at the scoring table. Reviewing the ruling immediately on the air serves two purposes; we can learn from each other and head off a potential conflict at the scoring table when the officials there already have knowledge of the situation.

That's it for Radio 101 or preferably, **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BEST FRIEND.**

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