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Tournament Chairmen Run Successful Qualifiers

Smack in the middle of our jam packed tournament schedule, we have USGA qualifiers and our State Amateur qualifiers! That's ok because we have wonderful tournament chairmen and volunteers across the state who help with all these events.

A big thank you goes out to the following men who volunteered as tournament chairmen for the U.S. Open Qualifiers: **Bruce Flower, Johnny Williams, Mallory Privett, Charlie Bedford, Mike Liga, Tom Dudley, Tom Storey, Skip Small, Pep McPhillips, John Ives and Pete Sniezko.** Tom Storey experienced his first U.S. Open Qualifier at Disney's Magnolia Course. Also, thank you to all the tournament volunteers who assisted the chairmen to make the qualifiers so successful.

These gentlemen also deserve a big thank you for their help as tournament chairmen for the State Amateur qualifiers: **Mike Craven, Randy Walford, Pete Sniezko, Mallory Privett, Skip Small, John Ives, Johnny Williams, Jim Shupe and Tom Storey.** Mike Craven and Pete Sniezko did an excellent job in conducting their first State Amateur qualifier. They could not have done it without the help of the tournament volunteers.

The FSGA staff was busy making sure the Tournament Chairmen had everything they needed to run a successful event including scoreboards, scorecards, parings and other items necessary to run the event.

The FSGA conducts more USGA qualifying events than any other association in the country and we could not have done it without our fantastic volunteers!



Boxes fill with tournament information to send to Tournament Chairmen who run the U.S. Open and FSGA Amateur Qualifiers.



Club Delegates

We have recruited more than 65 Club Delegates across the state! If you are a Club Delegate, please go to the Volunteer Central page on www.fsga.org and update your club's committee chairpersons. If you are interested in being a Club Delegate, please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742 or abartell@fsga.org. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered as the Club Delegate for your club.

FSGA & Sponsorships

The FSGA is seeking corporations to become sponsors of the association. If your company is interested in forming a relationship with the FSGA or you know a company we should contact please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742.

Dachisen Makes Open Sectional

All of us at the office are extremely proud of FSGA Tournament Director Peter Dachisen who played in the U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier at Lake Nona Golf Club. After qualifying at Hunter's Green in Tampa, Peter advanced to the Sectional where he finished two-over par 146.

Five Advance to U.S. Open

Congratulations to the following men who advanced to the U.S. Open through the sectional at Lake Nona: Maarten Lafeber, of Holland, Matt Seppanen, of Orlando, Alan Morin, of Royal Palm Beach, Grant Waite, of New Zealand and Doug Dunakey, of Port Charlotte.

Father's Day

Check out the Golf Shop on www.fsga.org and buy something special for your father. There are great gift ideas including Cutter & Buck golf shirts, Ashworth sweater vests, Sunderland windshirts and much, much more! As a volunteer, you receive a 20% committee person discount.

Late to the Tee!

On Monday, May 12 in a U.S. Open local qualifier at Hunter's Green Country Club in Tampa, the first group of the day off the #1 tee was scheduled to play at 8:00 am. The group happened to be a twosome.

At 8:00 am, **Jim Marshall**, FSGA Committeeman and starter for this event, announced the first group at their designated time. One small problem, only one of the two players was present and ready to play! Reacting quickly to the situation, the Committee had arranged for a player in the following group to play with what could have been the lone competitor.

The lone individual present struck his tee shot at the appointed time as the Committee noticed the now late fellow competitor streaking toward the tee to avoid a late penalty. He arrived just after the first player had struck his tee shot and just in time to play in his proper order. Thinking he had made it

in time, he was upset when he was informed that he needed to add a two stroke penalty to his score for the first hole as prescribed by the Note in effect for Rule 6-3.

Decision 6-3a/2 in the Decisions on the Rules of Golf deals with this problem specifically since this is not the first time it has happened. The Decision states that "All competitors in a group must be present and ready to play at the time laid down by the Committee."

The late competitor went on to shoot a 73 and missed moving on to the next stage of qualifying for the U.S. Open Championship but learned a valuable lesson.

Remember, know and play by the Rules of Golf. Use the index or the table of contents to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation to help you to enjoy the game of golf.



Hitting the Wrong Ball

contributed by Tom Storey

This incident happened at a recent NCAA Tournament at Indigo Lakes Golf Club where Fairways 17 and 18 are parallel and the driving range is next to 18. Granted, there are dozens of balls along the edge of 18.

Player A drives from the 17 tee, using a Titleist ball marked with a green stripe. She pushes her ball right into 18 fairway. Player B, a few minutes later, tees off from 18 tee, using a Titleist ball with three green marks on the ball.

Player A reached the area first and finds what she believes is her ball among the balls in the 18 fairway, a Titleist with green marking. She hits the ball onto the 17 green. Player B waits until Player A has hit her shot to look for her ball. She finds a Titleist with green marking and assumes it is her ball. She hits the ball toward the 18 green.

Player A putts out and prepares to tee off at 18. She realizes at that point, the ball is not hers. She retreats and searches for her ball in the 18 fairway. When she did not find her ball, she dropped a ball at the point where she presumes her ball was, and completes 17 and 18. Meanwhile, player B putts out and walks off the 18 green.

When player A completes 18, she tells her coach what she had done and shows the wrong ball she had played at 17. Player B, standing nearby, claims the ball, and shows A the ball she had played on 18, the ball Player A had hit off the tee on 17.

Both players were disqualified.

Why were they disqualified and what could the players have done differently?

Both players were disqualified for hitting a wrong ball and not correcting the mistake.

Player A had made an attempt to correct her mistake, but when she could not find her ball in the fairway, she must treat it as a lost ball and return to the tee to hit another ball. When she dropped a ball in the fairway, she hit from the wrong place and committed a serious breach, and the result was disqualification.

Player B was disqualified the instant she walked off the 18 green. If player B had realized her mistake before leaving the 18 green, she could have corrected her mistake by returning to the 18 tee to hit a correct ball. Since player A had hit her ball, B's original ball was lost.

If you have a Rules Story you would like to share with others in the R&R, please email Alyson Bartell at abartell@fsga.org.

Test Your Knowledge with the Course Rating Quiz

Here are some “brain teaser” exercises to be answered “off-course.” Email your answers to khagamann@fsga.org. We’ll let you know how well you scored and try to answer any other questions you may have encountered in your course rating assignments around our state.

(First question is a “repeat” from the last R&R; **this time a correct answer is offered!**)

1. On a 415 [340] yard hole, fairway width is 35 yards except for the last 70 yards in front of the green, where it narrows to 18 yards. Rough height is 3 1/4” cool season grass; carry to the fairway is 150 [75] yards; rise and drop is 4 feet around more than half of the green. **Green Target** rating is **5 for scratch** and **3 for bogey**.

Recoverability and Rough rating is:

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|----|---|--|----|
| a. | 6 | | 0 |
| b. | 6 | | +1 |
| c. | 6 | | +2 |
| d. | 6 | | +3 |
| e. | 7 | | +2 |

2. An adjustment for **obstacle squeeze (Q)** is needed when:

- The tee shot must be hit between trees 16 yards apart 90 yards from the tee.
- Water is 14 yards left and 19 yards right of the center of a fairway landing zone.
- OB is 19 yards left and is 14 yards right of the center of a fairway landing zone.
- All of the above.
- None of the above.

3. Half of the bogey landing zone on a short par-4 hole has significantly awkward stance problems; the rest of the fairway has only minor stance problems. The green sits 10 feet above the scratch landing zone and 20 feet above the bogey landing zone; less than half the green surface is visible from either landing zone. **Topography** rating is:

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|----|---|--|----|
| a. | 3 | | +1 |
| b. | 3 | | +2 |
| c. | 4 | | +1 |
| d. | 4 | | +2 |
| e. | 4 | | +3 |

4. A short, stocky course rater always takes 33-inch steps (instead of 36 inches) and considers each step to be a full yard when trying to **pace off distances**. He [she] will tend to determine ratings that are **too high** for which of the following **obstacles**?

- Fairway.
- Trees.
- Lateral water hazard.
- All of the above.
- None of the above.

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Volunteer Directory **NEW**

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

Have you volunteered many hours for the FSGA? Don't forget to fill out a Volunteer Service Credit Form to receive merchandise. When completed with the form send it in to the office and you will receive FSGA merchandise for your volunteer hours.

Volunteer Central

Log on to www.fsga.org and check out Volunteer Central. There, you can sign up for events as well as see who else has signed up for certain events. Also, you are able to update your contact information. Please remember to update your information if you change addresses or phone numbers.

Volunteer Appreciation Days

Be on the look out for upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Days. We will announce them shortly so get ready to mark them down in your calendar.

Parent-Child Championship

The ever so popular Parent-Child Championship is right around the corner. The event is at the Walt Disney World Resort on August 2-3. Don't forget, grandparents may play with a grandchild. If you are interested in volunteering or playing, please sign-up online at www.fsga.org.

Club Membership

As of June 1, 730 golf clubs joined as FSGA Member Clubs. If your club is not a member, encourage them to join!

Volunteer Spotlight: Karen Korf

Karen Korf is the woman behind those beautiful scoreboards you see at FSGA events. The FSGA feels very fortunate to have Karen as a volunteer. Karen grew up in Alabama where she first got interested in golf. In 1979, she and her husband moved to Venice, Florida and have remained there ever since. Even though the FSGA does keep her on the road quite a bit, she still finds time to play golf a couple times a week at her club, Mission Valley.

Karen has been around the FSGA and FWSGA for a long time. Her commitment to the game has been incredible. Her husband, Cal, was the Executive Director when Karen began volunteering for the FSGA in 1987. Karen especially liked working on the scoreboards and practicing her calligraphy. She learned the art from a golf pro's wife and has run with it ever since. Karen works at all the major FSGA Championships as well as many junior events. In addition, she is the Board Secretary for the Women's Southern Golf Association and scores for some of their championships.

A past president for the FWSGA in 1990-1991, Karen is now on their Board and is a course rating captain. In addition, Karen sits on the FSGA course rating committee. She also serves as president of the Mission Valley Women's Golf Association. She is involved with the USGA as well, serving on the Women's Handicap Procedures Committee and acts as a USGA Southeast Coordinator.

As you can tell, Karen is a busy woman. She is involved in many committees and associations and commits herself fully to whatever she takes on. We greatly appreciate all her hard work and dedication to the FSGA and only hope her hand doesn't get tired of writing!



Karen Korf and the scoreboard at the Senior State Championship at Marsh Landing.

FSGA Entries Continue to Increase Championships Gain in Popularity

The 2003 tournament season is off to a great start with many tournaments playing with a full field.

The Senior Championship at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach had 156 competitors in the event. Prior to the tournament, more than 30 players were on the waiting list but we were able to get them all in! Dan Meinert, of Jacksonville, won the title with an impressive 212 three-day total.

The Club Team Championship at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine received rave reviews. The tournament consisted of 41 teams playing 18 holes each at the King & Bear and the Slammer & Squire courses. Eventual Champion, Ponte Vedra Inn & Club reclaimed the title after winning the inaugural Club Team Championship in 1941.

The Two-Man Shoot-Out at the PGA Golf Club comprised of 48 teams as Bob Ethridge and Steve Sponder won the overall gross title. The father and son team of Tom and Charles Hendrick claimed the overall net title.

Coming up, the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball North and South Championships are packed to capacity. The North, being played at Victoria Hills in DeLand has 52 teams while Doral will host the South Championship consisting of 54 teams as well.

In addition, the Junior Championship is

gaining popularity. The field has almost reached capacity of 180 juniors.

In addition to the FSGA Championships, there are the USGA qualifiers and FSGA Amateur qualifiers. With the 17 local U.S. Open qualifiers the FSGA administered, 1,230 players competed in hopes to make it to the sectional at Lake Nona. The field at Lake Nona in Orlando contains 86 players competing to advance to the U.S. Open. The State Amateur has 870 players competing in qualifying to make it to the Championship at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill.

The year could not be better for the FSGA and we thank you for your participation and hard work!



Bob Ethridge not only plays, he starts at a U.S. Open local qualifier.

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