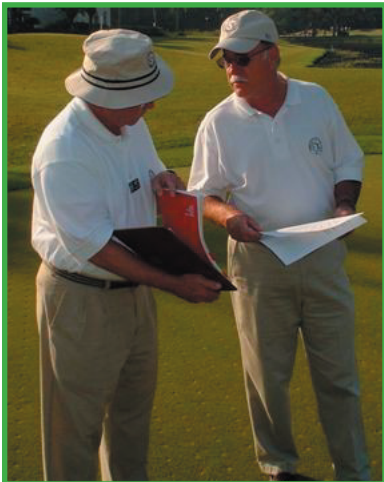


# Ratings & Rulings

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## Course Rating Captains Meeting



FSGA and FWSGA Course Rating Team Captains met on April 21-22 at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club, site of this year's Eastern National Calibration, for their annual meeting. The meeting consisted of an agenda of Q&A of various current topics from team captains. In addition, captains participated in an on-course calibration comparing rating values to the USGA Master Rating and the top rated FSGA team at the Eastern National Calibration.

The meeting's success grows each year as we bring all teams together for discussions, calibrations and camaraderie. We continue to raise the level of consistency and accuracy of our course ratings with new ideas and lively discussion. All team captains did a tremendous job participating to make this meeting the best so far. We thank you all for your efforts and participation!

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## FJT Season Wraps Up

The Florida Junior Tour (FJT) concludes its second season this month with the final event at the Legacy Golf Club in Bradenton. The 13-15 age division will be competing for the last title of the 2004-2005 season. This year has been such a success, we are already looking forward to next season.

More than 600 juniors signed up for membership for the 2004-2005 season compared to 480 in the 2003-2004 season. This season was expanded to 13 events and each event featured a full field of competitive juniors! This season also included the first 54-hole event of the Tour at Celebration Golf Club in March. This event had both age divisions competing over three days.

Next season, 13 tournaments are scheduled including some new venues such as Rio Pinar, Lake Jovita and University of Florida. Membership and entries for next season will be accepted after May 22. New this year, when juniors sign up for an FJT membership, they also become FSGA junior members for only \$25. These juniors are our future! We hope during the summer months to see many of the FJT juniors competing in the State Championships.

The FSGA Pro Shop has expanded to include FJT merchandise. We now carry FJT logo items including Ahead short sleeve windshirts and golf shirts. Visit the FSGA Pro Shop to see what we have to offer.

All of this could not have been possible without the help and support of our outstanding Committee Members. Thank you for your time and dedication and we hope to see all of you this summer and next season!



# GIMMIES

## Membership Numbers

Currently, more than 2,750 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](http://www.fsga.org). In addition, over 800 clubs have joined as 2005 FSGA Member Clubs. We are well on our way of reaching our goal of 900 clubs. Encourage your club to join today!

## Tournament Administration Workshops

The Tournament 101's were a great success. More than 60 individuals attended one of the six workshops to freshen up their knowledge on volunteering. We received very positive feedback and even gained several new volunteers from the seminars.

## 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. The season is as follows:

**Dec. 5 - 6 - Falcons Fire Golf Club**

**Jan. 9 - 10 - The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes**

**Jan. 23 - 24 - Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club**

**Feb. 6 - 7 - Ballantrae Golf & Yacht Club**

**Feb. 20 - 21 - Baytree National Golf Links**

**March 6 - 7 - Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club**

**March 20 - 21 - Golden Hills Golf & Turf Club**

**April 3 - 4 - Miromar Lakes Golf Club**

# USGA Qualifiers Get Underway

The Championship season is in full swing and that means USGA Qualifiers are right around the corner! First on the schedule, the FSGA Tournament Department with the help of Tournament Chairmen and Committee Members will conduct 17 local qualifiers for the US Open Championship. Florida continues to conduct the most qualifiers in the country. More than 9,000 entries were received for the 105th Championship. The FSGA will also conduct one of the 14 sectional qualifiers at Old Memorial Golf Club in Tampa on June 7. In all, the FSGA will conduct 41 qualifying events for USGA Championships in 2005.



FSGA President **Tracy Allen** starts at last year's US Open Sectional.

# FSGA Conducts Regional Chrysler Club Championship

The FSGA is partnering with Chrysler to host the regional Chrysler Club Championship in the state to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and American Junior Golf Association.

The FSGA is conducting the regional Chrysler Club Championship for Club Champions across the state at Black Diamond Ranch's Quarry Course on September 24, 2005. The top four

women and men from the Florida regional will win the opportunity to play at the Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort during the Chrysler

Championship. The best man and woman from Innisbrook will then have the opportunity to play with professional golfers and celebrities at the 2006 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Please help spread the word about this great opportunity and email Alyson Bartell your Club Champion's information. We will then call or send an invitation to the Club Champion about this great opportunity.

Visit [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) for more information on the Chrysler Club Championship and how your club can get involved.



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# Handicap Certification Seminars

In our efforts to certify all GHIN clubs in the state, more Handicap Certification Seminars are being added to the schedule. Please tell your club staff about these worthwhile seminars because the USGA is mandating that all clubs be certified by the year 2006. Visit [www.fsga.org](http://www.fsga.org) to see if your club is certified. These seminars include:

- May 3, 2005 - Hunters Green CC, Tampa
- May 4, 2005 - Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club, Ocala
- May 11, 2005 - Regatta Bay G & CC, Destin
- May 17, 2005 - Mission Valley CC, Laurel
- May 18, 2005 - Fiddlesticks CC, Fort Myers
- June 1, 2005 - Lake Wales CC, Lake Wales
- June 14, 2005 - Victoria Hills GC, DeLand
- June 17, 2005 - Panther Woods CC, Fort Pierce

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## Florida Certified Handicap Chairperson Roster

The following people are certified handicap chairs in the state of Florida. Certification is required by the USGA for each club in accordance with the USGA Handicap System Manual.

[Click here to view a schedule of upcoming certification seminars and to sign up online!](#)

CLUB	NAME	DATE	TYPE
Addison Reserve Country Club	Chris Hayes	6/14/2004	USGA Certified
Admiral's Cove Golf Club East	Bobby Pollitt	2/25/2005	FSGA Certified
Admiral's Cove Golf Club East	Thomas Powers	2/25/2005	FSGA Certified
Admiral's Cove Golf Club East	Vince Forte	2/25/2005	FSGA Certified
Admiral's Cove Golf Club West	Marvin Walters	8/3/2004	USGA Certified
Amelia Island Plantation	Harold garrett	6/23/2004	FSGA Certified
Apollo Beach Golf Club	Tom Doozen	3/18/2005	FSGA Certified
Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	Don Waters	3/16/2004	FSGA Certified
Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	Bob Decheske	3/16/2004	FSGA Certified
Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	Ernie Hewitt	3/16/2004	FSGA Certified
Arrowhead Golf Club	Sam Zeiders	3/28/2005	FSGA Certified
Atlantis Country Club	Dan Larkin	2/19/2004	FSGA Certified
Atlantis Country Club	Todd Leckrone	2/19/2004	FSGA Certified

## Captains Meeting (con't)

From this meeting, we will now bring all team members together at various regional seminars. Meeting dates and locations are:

- May 10 - NW Florida Meeting, Regatta Bay Golf & CC
- May 24 - SE Florida Meeting, Bear Lakes CC
- May 26 - SW Florida Meeting, Fiddlesticks CC
- June 1 - West Central Florida Meeting, Hunters Green CC
- June 2 - NE Florida Meeting, Spruce Creek CC

Brian Robideau, FSGA Course Rating Committee Member, gave a great presentation of the "Breakmaster", digital green reader from Exelys, as well as the science behind its use. Brian's presentation is now in an article that will soon appear in our Green Section/Newsletter. See more pictures on the back page.

## GIMMIES

### New Volunteers

Please welcome the following new volunteers to the FSGA as tournament volunteers and/or course rating volunteers: **John Bilbrough, Thomas Grant, Jim Gunning, Frank Hult, Brian Kamm, Rick Moorbeck, Laura Orlen and William Reinhardt.**

### Course Rating Section 13

Welcome **Dale Strub** as the new Course Rating Captain of Section 13. Dale replaces **Tom Hebert** who will be missed.

### NCAA East Regional

The FSGA is responsible for the on-course set up and officiating of the NCAA Division I Women's East Regional Championship at the University of Florida Golf Course in Gainesville on May 5-7. Tournament Director **Les Brown** will be joined by **Pep and Pat McPhillips, John and Ann Ives and Dyke and Mabel Farrow.**

### Earpieces Available

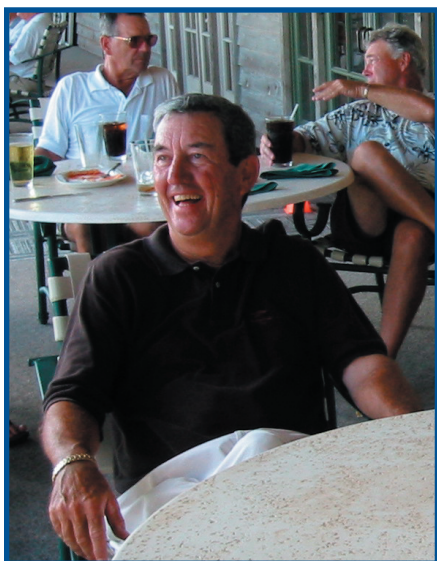
As the season gets started, make sure you have your very own earpiece. You can purchase an earpiece for only \$10 through the FSGA. Email [abartell@fsga.org](mailto:abartell@fsga.org) or call the FSGA office at (813) 632-3742.

### Volunteer Central

If you have not yet signed up for tournaments, please do so at [www.fsga.org](http://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

## Larry Flynn



**B**orn and raised in New Rochelle, New York, Larry stayed locally to graduate from Iona College. While working in the insurance field, Larry was transferred to Jacksonville in 1971 and later moved to Sarasota in 1983. After 32 years working in the insurance field, Larry still works 15-20 hours a week for Lloyd's of London Correspondent.

During high school, Larry was introduced to golf as a caddy at Winged Foot Golf Club. His love for the game grew from there. While living in Jacksonville, Larry was the founder and president of the Greater Jacksonville Junior Golf Association from 1974-1981. He was then president of the Jacksonville Area Golf Association in 1982. From 1983-1991, Larry served as Tournament Director of the Junior Golf Associations of Florida. Through his involvement with other associations and the fact that his two sons, Jay and Doug, played in FSGA and USGA tournaments, Larry became more familiar with the FSGA. As an FSGA Committee Member, Larry's energy is focused on competitions. For

2005, Larry is signed up to volunteer at ten events! "I truly love being involved in golf tournaments - whether playing or working," says Larry. As Larry is no longer as heavily involved in working with kids and with junior golf, "FSGA volunteering keeps him in touch with juniors." While with the FSGA, Larry also served on the Board from 1991-1995.

Larry is also quite involved with a variety of other golf programs including the Girls Sectional and Regional High School Championships as well as collegiate events. He also assists with local junior programs and tournaments. Larry maintains the website [www.mscgolf.org](http://www.mscgolf.org) which coordinates golf activities in Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. The website provides tournament dates and information for all amateur competitions in the area allowing golf professionals to work together not overscheduling events. After being involved with golf for 31 years, Larry says, "I have gotten much more from golf than I have ever given to it."

When not volunteering, Larry plays golf a few times a week at Lake Venice Golf Club. In his spare time, he enjoys music and is a volunteer usher at Van Wezel Performing Arts Center. Larry's family includes wife Dorothy, two sons and four grandchildren.

## Captains Meeting



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