



Fourteen Rules of Golf Workshops Scheduled Statewide

The FSGA is offering Rules of Golf workshops across the state, open to all interested individuals. Due to last year's overwhelming response, the number of seminars has increased from 10 to 14. The one day seminars include indoor classroom instruction with state of the art video presentation, as well as outdoor hands-on sessions covering the rules of golf. All workshops are instructed by FSGA staff members with assistance from tournament volunteers **Charlie Bedford, Tom Dudley, Bruce Flower, Bob Forward, John Ives and Mallory Privett.**

Committee members are admitted for \$15 while other interested individuals pay \$30 to attend. Golf professionals pay \$50 and earn seven PGA continuing education points for attending. Admission also includes a luncheon buffet.

2003 Rules of Golf Schedule

January 14	Lago Mar Country Club, Plantation
January 15	PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens
January 24	The Forest Country Club, Fort Myers
February 6	On Top of the World Golf Course, Ocala
February 13	Hunter's Green Country Club, Tampa
February 18	Timuquana Country Club, Jacksonville
February 19	Grand Haven Golf Club, Palm Coast
February 21	PGA Golf Club, Port Saint Lucie
February 27	The Country Club at Heathrow, Heathrow
March 4	Fort Walton Beach Municipal GC, Fort Walton Beach
March 6	Capital City Club, Tallahassee
March 13	The Bay Hill Club, Orlando
March 19	Laurel Oak Country Club, Sarasota

Forward, Robideau Volunteers-of-the-Year

Bob Forward of Avon Park was awarded the 2002 Tournament Volunteer-of-the-Year and **Brian Robideau** of Palm Beach Gardens received the Course Rating Volunteer-of-the-Year award at the FSGA Annual Dinner, held in November.

Bob Forward began volunteering two years ago after scoring a 92 on the USGA Rules Exam. While he has been a PGA Professional for the past seven years, he now plays on the Senior Tour of the Southeast PGA Chapter and in the Highlands County Inter-Club. He is the General Manager and Head Golf Professional at Lake Wales Country Club.

Brian Robideau has been the Course Rating Captain for Palm Beach County for the past three years. His section is one of the busiest counties in the state with an average of 20 ratings a year. This spring, he was one of four FSGA course rating captains attending the USGA East Coast Calibration Seminar. Competing against 24 teams from the eastern U.S., Brian and his team received the highest scores for first place. He is a member of PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens.

Does Your Club Use The GHIN Handicap System?

They should! Convince them to switch and win a free Burton golf bag.

For those of you not familiar with the GHIN Handicap System, GHIN (Golf Handicap & Information Network) is the handicap service endorsed and serviced by the USGA and FSGA. It is the most advanced, reliable, and widely used system in the country. GHIN is networked with clubs across the country, enabling you to post scores at any GHIN club you play. By using GHIN, you and your club are supporting the FSGA.

As FSGA volunteers and supporters, you know first hand the services that we provide to promote, protect, and preserve golf throughout the state. We are asking you to talk to your club's golf pros, general manager, and club members and encourage them to support their state golf association by using the GHIN handicap service. In return, they will have received the most advanced and widely used system in the country.

Need more information on GHIN? Give Aaron Skoviera a call at 813.632.3742, extension 34.

New Golf Bag Promotion

If you are influential in getting a club to join the GHIN system, you will receive a new Burton Golf Bag with the FSGA logo embroidered on the pocket. This is our way of thanking you for your efforts and support of the FSGA.

Measuring greens... the right way!

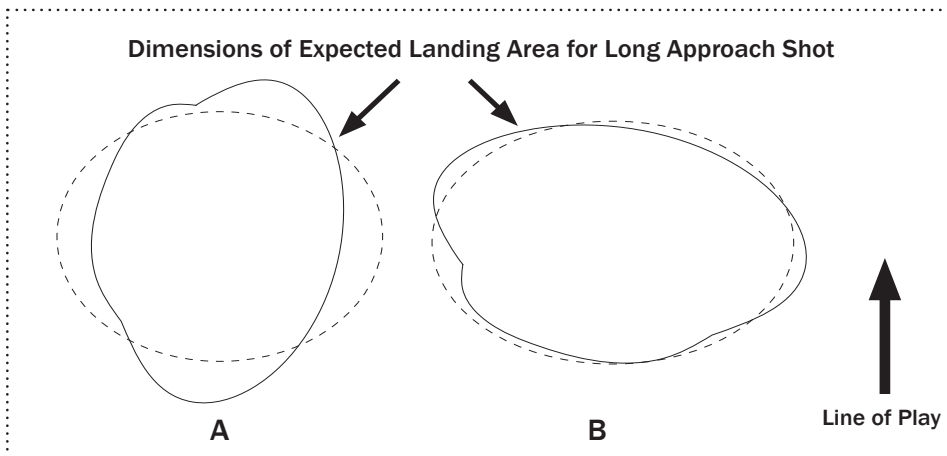
When measuring the size of the green, course raters are trying to determine how easy it is to hit the green, which generally depends on the surface area of the green. For purposes of rating the Green Target, you must know the effective diameter of the green. The effective diameter is the width of the green plus the depth of the green divided by two. Width and depth are determined regardless of the line of play. In other words, the direction of approach shots to the center of the green has no bearing on either the actual width or depth of the green (see sketch below).

Usually, this is a straightforward procedure, however some green shapes make determining the green depth or width difficult. Using their good judgement, course raters should determine what is the best representation of the green width and depth. Sometimes it is necessary to average the measurements of the green width or depth at more than one loca-

tion on the green. The team captain should make the final decision as to which measurements best represent the width and depth of the green. The team must be consistent in its procedure for measuring.

In the sketch below, examples A and B represent two greens of identical size and shape but placed at different angles to the line of play. The effective diameters of both greens are the same, however, as the dashed line marking the dimension of the expected landing areas reveals, a long approach shot will hit green A less often than green B. When the position of the green in relation to the line of play is such that the dimensions of the expected landing area significantly exceed the shape of the green, consider decreasing the effective diameter (moving one column to the right in the Green Target Table) or increasing the Green Target value by one.

Source: USGA Course Rating System Manual (2002-05)



Become an FSGA club delegate, help spread the good word!

This New Year brings many exciting changes at the FSGA. One addition is our new Club Delegate Program. Established to encourage better communication and coordination between the FSGA and our member clubs, we hope to make members more informed about what the association does and what benefits we offer to our members.

You're invited to help us get this program started by becoming the delegate for your club. We'll provide you all the necessary information and ask that you act as an advocate for the FSGA, sharing information with other club members. Because of the nature of the position, however, it's important you have access to eMail, and check it regularly.

It's our goal to have a relationship with each club in the state. If you'd like to help us meet that goal, please contact Alyson Bartell at 813.632.3742 or abartell@fsga.org.

GIMMES

Something to think about...

Golf has only three fundamentals:

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Play the course as you find it.
3. If you cannot do 1 or 2, then do what is "fair" under the Rules of Golf.

Remember, in golf the word "fair" means that when presented with the same or similar circumstances we treat everyone the same.

Don't forget...

The FSGA web site (www.fsga.org) is a great source of information on the association and our programs. You'll also find tournament schedules, descriptions and entry forms.

Be sure and check out Volunteer Central.

There, among other things, you can volunteer to help at tournaments and check to see how many events you've already participated in!

Let us all know...

Seen an unusual ruling at an event? It could be helpful to everyone. We'd like to highlight such rulings, so sent 'em in

Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year again to renew your FSGA membership. Membership forms are available online at www.fsga.org or by calling the office. Thank you for your support of the FSGA and we look forward to another fabulous year!



An anonymous volunteer keeps warm during the a Winter Series Individual Event at the Legacy Golf Club in Bradenton, January 13-14. In cold temperatures, Ed Craig birdied the last hole to win the gross title while Jim Tierney captured the overall net title. The field consisted of more than 50 players.

Remaining 2003 FSGA Winter Series Events

Event*	Entries Close	Event Date	Location
Four-Ball Event	January 27	February 10-11	Feather Sound CC, Clearwater
Four-Ball Event	February 24	March 10-11	Wentworth GC, Tarpon Springs
Individual Event	March 10	March 27-28	Victoria Hills Golf Club, DeLand
Individual Event	March 24	April 7-8	ChampionsGate Golf Resort, Orlando

Tournament Chairmen Meet to Plan, Review

On October 9 and 10, 2002, the tournament chairmen of the competitions department gathered at the Gainesville Country Club to review the 2002 season and exchange ideas for the upcoming and future seasons of the FSGA.

All agreed that the 2002 season was a success. We conducted 30 qualifying events for FSGA Championships and administered more USGA qualifying events than other association in the country. One in every six persons attempting to qualify for the United States Open tried in the state of Florida! The number of US Amateur qualifying sites will be increased to nine from eight and we'll administer an additional US Senior Amateur qualifier as well.

Many topics were discussed to find ways to improve our policies and administration of events including:

- The FSGA Pace of Play Policy will be modified to more accurately reflect the USGA Pace of Play Policy.
- The FSGA hard card will be reviewed in conjunction with the USGA to reflect any necessary changes.
- Cuts may be instituted at US Amateur and US Junior Amateur qualifying
- Improvements and updates to the Tournament Chairman Notebook

Also, to continue to grow and improve in the future, the tournament chairman agreed to improve the training and utilization as well as recognition of specific skills of all of the volunteers. We recognized that some individuals would like to expand their duties and increase their knowledge in various areas of tournament administration. While easier said than done, we agreed the first step in the process would be to poll all of the tourna-

ment volunteers to find out what duties they may have had in the past as well as which they would like to perform in the future. The results our survey would prove invaluable to the tournament chairman in assigning duties in the future as well as recognizing the individual skills of each of the Committeemen.

The staff of the FSGA will develop the survey to be distributed to all Committeemen before the end of January and ask for your help in completing and returning them to the FSGA office so that we may compile the results.

In summary, all in attendance agreed that all of the volunteers and staff do a great job in tournament administration and we need to continue to build on that foundation to grow and improve for the future of our association and for the good of the game.

New Staff Members Added

Three new employees bring fresh ideas to FSGA!

New to the FSGA staff are **Alyson Bartell**, **Debby Ferree** and **Jeff Angelo**. Debby is the new FSGA accountant, while Jeff and Alyson share duties in the marketing and membership department.

Alyson Bartell comes to the FSGA with a background in the golf industry, and membership management, in particular. Most recently, Alyson was a member relations director at a Clearwater country club, where she produced the communication materials for the club and coordinated all member events. Before moving to Florida one year ago, Alyson worked as membership director at Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis, the oldest private country club west of the Mississippi River. Although fairly new to Tampa, she and her husband, Matt, enjoy learning the area and meeting new people.

Jeff Angelo is a seasoned marketer and graphic designer who has been self-employed for the past five years. He brings

additional work experience as a newspaper reporter, credit union marketing director and bank branch manager to the FSGA. An avid golfer, Jeff recently persuaded his wife and three children to begin playing golf. The entire family now plays together whenever possible.

Born and raised in northern New Hampshire, Debby Ferree has a bachelor of science degree in accounting and business management. Since leaving the state, Debby married a Navy chief petty officer and has traveled the world. Together they have five children and a grandson. Debby's hobbies include cheering on the New England Patriots, collecting *Wizard of Oz* memorabilia and racing and showing race cars.



New staff members (left to right): Debby Ferree, Jeff Angelo, Alyson Bartell.

Volunteers Honored Statewide

With the completion of the 2002 Volunteer Appreciation Days, the FSGA put the finishing touches on another successful season.

Six Volunteer Appreciation Days were conducted statewide showing appreciation for the hundreds of volunteers who make the FSGA one of the most successful golf associations in the U.S. Course rating and competitions volunteers were invited to participate in a friendly round of golf followed by a luncheon. Certificates and gifts of appreciation were awarded to all in attendance.

Special FSGA logoed leather bags were awarded to all course rating captains and tournament chairman in recognition of their time and dedication to the game of

golf. Course rating captains recognized were **Bill Bremser, Neil McGillicuddy, Randy Walford, Ed Boyer, Charlie Caravati, Bill Hermann, Bob Kane, Art Carnevale, Jim Sweet, Don Eckerson, George Fenwick, Herb Funk, Ron Ashford, Criss Tausan, Carl Schlanger, Pat Finrock, Tom Herbert, Bob Paterson, Clyde Hobby, Brian Robideau, Andy Wasserman and Tony Blanc.**

Tournament chairmen cited were **Charlie Bedford, Mike Craven, Tom Dudley, Bruce Flower, John Ives, Mike Liga, Pep McPhillips, Mallory Privett, Jim Shupe, Skip Small, Tom Storey, Randy Walford and Johnny Williams.**



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