Jimmy Jones Jr.
Wins 98th Amateur Championship
Each year the FSGA holds two Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championships, one in South Florida and another in North Florida. The South Championship was held at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, while the North was played at Plantation Bay Golf & Country Club in Ormond Beach.

In the South, Stephen Anderson, of Hobe Sound, and R J Nakashian, of Palm Beach, opened with a 60 (-12) to jump out to a three-stroke lead. Nakashian and Anderson claimed the lead with impressive play, including nine birdies and an eagle. Teams of Ben Finley and Mike Stiber II, and George Fitzgerald and Donald Sayet finished tied for second place with a round of 63 (-9). The highlight of round one came from Sayet who shot a 65 on his own ball, which was three under his age.

Sunday morning came and the team from Pembroke Pines, Ben Finley and Mike Stiber II, came ready to chase the lead. The duo fired a strong 65 (-7) but could not climb in front of Anderson and Nakashian. The round one leaders shot a 65 on Sunday to seize the win with a tournament total 125. The duo of Fitzgerald and Sayet fell from second place with a round of 78. Nakashian and Anderson were in competition mode this weekend after recently returning from the U.S. Four-Ball where they advanced to match play.

In the North, Michael Downing and Jason Counsil, of Inverness, opened with 65 (-7), good enough for a one stroke lead over duo Jimmy Jones Sr. and Gordon Marshall, defending Mid-Amateur Four-Ball South Champions. On Sunday morning, the lead quickly changed. First round leaders, Downing and Counsil, fell to a tied for sixth place finish due to a second round score of 72, tournament total 137. Coming from behind, Tim Hume, of Crystal River, and Kelly Gosse, of Ocala, fired the low score of the day to grab first place honors. The duo of Gosse and Hume posted rounds of 71-63 for a tournament total 134 and a one shot victory. Jones and Marshall stayed in second place over both days of the tournament with scores of 66-69--135. See fsga.org for full results.
Richard Donegan, of Okeechobee started day one with a bang by posting the course record, ten-under par 62! Donegan led the field by five strokes after round one with Drew Cooke in second place. T J Shuart, 2014 Public Links Champion, lingered close by tied for third place with Devin Suri, Kevin Reilly, and Jessel Mohammed who all shot 68. Donegan held onto the lead during round two after shooting a two-under par 70. Joe Alfieri, 2015 Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Champion, moved up the leaderboard to third place with a five-under par, 67. Devin Suri, of Saint Augustine finished the second round two strokes behind Donegan, in second place, with a two-day tournament total 134. Shuart fell to fourth place after a round two score of 71.

Sunday’s final round was a fight between Alfieri, of Lutz and Donegan. After the front-nine Alfieri was only two strokes behind Donegan who still remained in the lead. Alfieri opened with a three-under par, 33 while Donegan posted an even par 36. Playing hard, Donegan posted two birdies on holes 10 and 12 to finish his final round one-under par, 71. Alfieri fired three birdies on the back-nine and stood on 18 tee box one stroke behind Donegan. Alfieri missed his birdie putt on 18 to force a playoff and Donegan was crowned champion. With rounds of 62-70-71—203, Donegan seized a victory and an exemption into the State Amateur. Alfieri finished one stroke behind in second place (70-67-67—204) and Devin Suri moved down to third place after a round three score of 73, tournament total 207. Donegan, who plays golf for the University of Florida, earned his first FSGA win at the Amateur Public Links Championship.

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down under the mangrove canopy, disturbing scarcely a branch, where it gives the impression that it grew out of the very forest it calls home. Its 401 guest rooms, casitas and suites lie nestled in a tropical forest surrounded by the calm, ever-present waters of lush lagoons, with some private suites stretching out to a pristine white beach.

THE RESIDENCES
For those who wish to make Mayakoba part of their permanent lifestyle, Mayakoba Residences offers an incredible roster of properties, each with an individual vision for guests to experience. Choose from a lagoon or ocean-front location starting in the upper $800s.

THE COURSE
El Camaleón Golf Club, home of the PGA Tour’s OHL Classic at Mayakoba, is a compelling resort layout, strong enough for Tour players, but kind enough for the casual player as well.

Like its namesake, the course changes colors on each nine, from the first hole crossing a cenote (a fresh water sinkhole), while weaving through jungle vegetation, then running along mangrove forests to beachfront dunes and back again. Elegant bridges separate holes while gondolas underneath transfer guests to their rooms.

The ninth green ends the front nine alongside a spectacular cenote. Then it’s on to the 10th, where Fred Funk ended the first OHL Classic after an eight-hole playoff with a birdie on the water-laden, par-3.

The multiplex ecosystem makes any round a natural experience as flocks of colorful birds mimic galleries for the players. It culminates in a comfortable clubhouse behind the 18th green, which has a compelling offering of its own: world-renowned chef Enrique Olvera, who has culinary samplings that have brought international acclaim.

A 7,024 yard par 72 course, El Camaleón offers a day filled with exhilarating play.

THE TOURNAMENT
The OHL Classic at Mayakoba remains Mexico’s only PGA Tour event and is regarded as one of the finest on the PGA Tour by professionals and spectators, alike. The tournament has brought to Mexico some of the world’s best golfers since its inception in 2007.

With a purse of $6.2 million dollars, the OHL Classic boasts the largest amount of prize money of any golf tournament in Latin America and is the only professional event in the Latin American region that offers its champion an invitation to the Masters.

Previously played opposite the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship, in 2013 the tournament moved to a new fall date in the expanded FedEx Cup schedule. The 2015 OHL Classic will be held at El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba November 9-15.

MORE OPTIONS
What else is there in Riviera Maya for the golfer? There are several stunning resorts dotting Riviera Maya’s pristine beaches, including many with wonderful golf experiences.

One such gem is IBEROSTAR Playa Paraíso, a property with five all-inclusive hotels as well as the Dye-designed Playa Paraíso Golf Club.

Carved out of the ancient Mayan jungle, Playa Paraíso Golf Club has many of the traits of a typical Dye design—narrow fairways, deep bunkers, extreme vertical movement and nontraditional hazards such as a rock riverbed.

The course, which previously hosted the “Big Break Mexico,” is as inviting and challenging as anyone would want.

With two preeminent golf courses and a bounty of luxurious places to stay, the
Riviera Maya is a destination not to be missed by any golfer. Learn more about Mayakoba and El Camaleón Golf Club at mayakoba.com. Learn more about the OHL Classic at ohlclassic.com.
Women’s Amateur Championship

The Championship began with 36 holes of individual stroke play before the field was cut to the top 32 players that would advance to match play. August Kim, of Saint Augustine, earned medalist honors after two impressive rounds of 68. 2014 defending champion, Emily Rymer, tied Ayaka Nakayama in second place with a two-round total of 141. Meghan Stasi, 2010 and 2012 Women’s Amateur Champion, posted consistent rounds of 71-71—142 to finish in fourth place. The Round of 32 matches began on Monday morning and the remaining 16 matches were played in the afternoon.

The excitement began during the Quarterfinal Matches on Tuesday morning when Emily Rymer holed out her approach shot from 100 yards on hole 18 to extend her match against Samantha Marks. Rymer moved on to the Semifinals after a birdie on the 19th hole.

Tuesday afternoon the four semifinalists teed it up to determine who would be in the Final match. Alyssa Lamoureux faced Tara Connelly in the first match. Lamoureux advanced to the Finals with a 4 and 3 victory. In the second match, Emily Rymer and Kimberly Benedict fought hard. After Benedict birdied three holes on the front nine she made the turn two-up. Emily came back winning four holes on the back nine and got the match back to one-up heading into the 18th hole. Benedict birdied the last hole forcing the match to continue. On the 20th hole Rymer won the match with a par over Benedict’s bogey.

Emily Rymer, of Orlando, and Alyssa Lamoureux, of Seminole, went head-to-head in the Finals. Lamoureux started out strong with two back-to-back birdies on holes two and three for an early two-up lead. Rymer fought back, winning holes five and six to get the match back to even. Rymer finished the front-nine with a birdie on hole eight and a one-up lead heading into the back-nine. The match lasted another seven holes and Rymer did not lose one hole. On the 15th hole Rymer and Lamoureux both stuck their shots to 12 and 10 feet respectively. Rymer sunk her putt for birdie leaving Lamoureux with her putt to stay alive. She sunk her birdie on top of Rymer’s and extended the match to the 16th hole where Rymer sealed her win with a two-putt par. After playing a total of 126 holes over the course of the Championship, Emily defended her title with a 4 and 2 victory. Taffy Brower was the last player to win the Women’s Amateur Championship back-to-back years in 2002 and 2003. See fsga.org for full results.
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54 Seniors & 24 Super-Seniors arrived at Lago Mar Country Club, in Plantation on June 14th to begin vying for the Senior & Super-Senior Match Play Crowns. By Thursday afternoon, just one would remain standing in each division.

In the Senior Division, Rick Woulfe, of Fort Lauderdale would use some local knowledge and capture medalist honors in the Senior Division after rounds of 69-73--142. 32 players would finish at 155 (+13) to advance to Tuesday’s Round of 32 Match Play.

After winning four matches each the finals were set. K C Fox would take on Pete Williams and it proved to be a great match. Both players came out of the gate firing, Williams would take the 1st with a birdie, and the 3rd with a par, to get 2 up early. Fox answered immediately making an eagle 3, on the par 5, 4th and a birdie on the 5th to bring the match all-square through 5. The reachable par 4, 6th would see both players drive the green and push the hole with birdies. A pair of birdies again at 7 resulted in another halve. The pair would both birdie the par-5, 10th still standing all-square. After Williams failed to convert his birdie attempt on the 12th, Fox would take advantage and make his, to move 1-up. Another birdie on 13, moved Fox to 2-up. Both players would go flag hunting on 14, and hit their shots inside 5 feet and converted for birdie. Williams would make his only mistake of the day on the 15th, missing the green and failing to get up and down for par, to fall 3-down. On 16, Williams missed his 15 foot birdie putt, tapping in for par, to watch Fox two-putt for his par, clinching it 3 & 2.

In the Super-Senior Division, Jerry Young, of New Port Richey would card consecutive rounds of 72, to lead qualifying in the Super-Senior Division by one stroke over defending Champion, Larry Vander Bie, of Brooksville. 16 Super-Seniors would finish at 158 (+14) or better to advance to Tuesday’s Round of 16.

The final would belong to the defending champion, after both players made all pars through 5, Vander Bie would convert back to back birdies on 6 & 7. A rare mistake by Young on the 9th would give Vander Bie a 3-up lead at the turn. Par would again prove to be good enough for Vander Bie on 12, to move to 4-up. On the par-3 14th, Vander Bie would make his 3rd birdie of the match, to close 5 & 4 and capture the Super-Senior Amateur Match Play crown for the second straight year. See fsga.org for full results.
Jimmy Jones headed into the final round of the Championship in second place, one stroke behind Cristobal Del Solar, of Tallahassee. The two players faced off in the same pairing, which made for an exciting final round. Jones birdied holes three and four but could not jump ahead of Del Solar who birdied holes four and five to move to 12 under-par. Cristobal faltered with two double-bogeys on holes six and eight, pushing him back to eight-under par. Jones remained steady on the front-nine, which propelled him into first place at eleven-under par, three ahead of Del Solar going into the back-nine.

Del Solar, who loves competition, fought back with three straight birdies on holes 10 through 12. Jones struggled with two bogeys on holes 10 and 12. Cristobal picked up one more stroke after a birdie on hole 14 and was three-up with three holes to play. After two disappointing bogeys on holes 16 and 17, Del Solar walked to the 18th hole at 10-under par. He was one stroke ahead of Jones, which was exactly how the day started. Jones hit his second shot on number 18 into the green-side bunker. He nearly made his bunker shot, leaving himself with a tap in birdie. Del Solar pitched his third shot to the fringe and had to make his next shot to clinch victory. Cristobal missed his chip shot and made a four-foot putt for par forcing a playoff.

Number 18 served as the first playoff hole where both players birdied to move on to number 10. Jones hit the par four in regulation leaving him a 30 foot birdie putt. Del Solar flew his second shot to the fringe at the back of the green and putted down to eight-feet. Jones nearly made his long putt, marked his ball and waited for Cristobal to putt for par. Del Solar missed his putt and Jones sunk his par putt to win the 98th Amateur Championship!

Chandler Blanchet finished alone in third place at four-under par after rounds of 69-72-70-73—284. Michael DeMorat and Ryan Orr tied for fourth place at three-under par, 285. The top fifteen plus ties receive an exemption into next year’s Florida State Amateur Championship. Started in 1914, the FSGA State Amateur is the oldest continuous sporting event in the state as well as the largest amateur event in Florida. Past Amateur champions include Bob Murphy, Jerry Pate, and PGA Tour players David Peoples, Chris Couch, and Barry Cheesman.

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The FSGA’s Summer Mixed Team Championship visited Mission Inn Resort & Club on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. Teams competed on the Las Colinas course Saturday, before finishing on the storied El Campeon course on Sunday. Alexa & Kevin Hammer, of Boynton Beach, captured their 3rd FSGA Mixed Championship and first victory at the Summer Mixed Team after capturing the Mixed Shoot-Out Championships in both 2010 & 2012. The father-daughter duo proved to play nearly flawless golf over 36 holes at Mission Inn Resort & Club, making just one bogey, combined with 12 birdies en route to a 5 stroke victory (65-68--133 -11)). Charlotte Daughan and her husband Ben took runner-up honors after posting rounds of 69-69.

The Forward Division also saw a dominating performance. The husband-wife team of KC & Tama Caladabaugh, of Ponte Vedra Beach, posted consecutive 68’s to beat out the teams of Beth Sholar & Tom Keedy, and Bruce & Mary Tappmeyer by 7 strokes. See fsga.org for full results.
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The Championship was played on the Hills Course, for the Girls 13-15 and 16-18, and consisted of 54 holes of individual stroke play. This is the 54th year for the Girls' Junior Championship and the second consecutive year the event is being hosted by LPGA International. Both defending Champions are in the field this year, Mary Janiga previous 16-18 Division winner and Morgan Baxendale past 13-15 Division Champion. Baxendale is competing in the 16-18 Division this year alongside Mary Janiga. After a nearly three hour rain delay in the final round, three Champions were victorious!

In the 16-18 Division, Sophie Liu started the tournament hot after a first round one-under par 71. Liu, of Melbourne, led the field by two strokes over Emma Albrecht who posted a first round score of 73. Ella Woods heads into round two in third place at two-over par, 74. Round two was a repeat of day one for Sophie, who consistently shot another 71 to finish with a two-round total of 142. Morgan Baxendale made a jump up the leaderboard from tied for fourth place to second place after posting a second round two-under par, 70. Baxendale, who was Champion of the Girls’ Junior 13-15 Division in 2014, has momentum leading into the final round only three strokes behind Liu. Roanne Tomlinson follows Baxendale closely after shooting a 71 in round two finishing in third place, one stroke from Baxendale and four shots from the lead. Defending Champion, Mary Janiga, came back from a rough first round with a second round score of 71 going into the final round tied for seventh. See fsga.org for full results.
Sophie Liu never let the lead slip away from her the entire tournament and she sealed her victory with a two-under par, 70 in the final round. Sophie was the only player to shoot three rounds under-par (71-71-70), finishing at four-under par, 212, to win by nine strokes. Morgan Baxendale remained in second place after shooting a 76 in the final round and was followed by Roanne Tomlinson in third place with a tournament total 224. Mary Janiga finished tied for fourth with Ella Woods and Emma Albrecht who posted a tournament total 225. Sophie won a Florida Junior Tour event in May of this year at Eagle Creek Golf Club, but this is her first FSGA Championship victory.

Huize (Nancy) Lian, of Lake Mary, stayed in first place all three rounds clenching her win with an even-par final round. Huize shot a first round one-under par, 71, followed by an even par, 72, in the second round. She held onto her lead of three strokes over Sophie Guo heading into the final round. Alyssa Lamoureux, last year’s Junior Match Play 13-15 Division Champion, sat in third place four strokes away from first with a two-round total of 143. Lian was the only girl in her division to finish under par with a tournament total 215, one-under par. She remained steady all three rounds never shooting above even-par with rounds of 71-72-72. Alyssa Lamoureux moved up from third place after an impressive final round of one-under par, 71, for a tournament total 218. Ramya Meenakshisundaram finished in third place after finishing strong in the final round with a 71, tournament total 219.

Izzy Pellot, of Apopka, captured the 12 and Under Division with two impressive rounds of 34 for a tournament total 68. After her win, Pellot stated that “a lot of practice rounds were worth it” and when asked what the best part of her game was she answered confidently, “pretty much everything”. The top three finishers played very consistently at the Jones Course. Sisters, Victoria and Caroline Hwang took second and third place respectively. Victoria fired rounds of 35-35—70 to come in second place by two strokes over Caroline who shot 36-36—72. Juliana Camargo, of Windermere, posted rounds of 37-36 to finish fourth with a tournament total 73. The 15 girls’ played the front nine on Monday and the second nine on Tuesday.

See fsga.org for full results.
Upcoming Florida Junior Tour Events

August 22-23 - Kingsway Country Club, Lake Suzy (13-15)
August 22-23 - Sandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach (16-18)
September 19-20 - Crandon Park Golf Course, Key Biscayne (16-18)
September 26-27 - PGA Village – St. Lucie Trail Golf Club, Port St. Lucie (13-15)
October 3-4 - The Country Club of Naples, Naples (16-18)
October 10-11 - Rocky Bayou Country Club, Niceville (16-18 & 13-15)
October 17-18 - Bent Pine Golf Club, Vero Beach (13-15)
December 5-6 - Timacuan Golf & Country Club, Lake Mary (16-18)
December 12-13 - Tour Championship – Walt Disney World – Lake Buena Vista (16-18 & 13-15)
Boys’ Junior Championship

The 61st Boys’ Junior Championship came to Black Diamond Ranch in Lecanto, FL. Play for the first two rounds was conducted on the Quarry Course and the Highlands/Ranch Course. Following two rounds, the field was cut to the low 50 players and ties in the 16-18 Division and the low 20 players and ties in the 13-15 Division. The final round was played on the famed Quarry Course.

The final round of the 13-15 Division began with Manual Girona in a commanding 4 stroke lead over Eugene Hong. A birdie on the first for Girona would extend that lead to 5 as he moved to -9 for the event. However, Girona was unable to carry momentum forward from the first 37 holes of the Championship and quickly faltered, making 5 bogeys on the outward 9, and 3 more coming in to post a final round 79. Playing alongside Girona, Alberto Martinez would quickly jump out to the lead, making 3 birdies on the front 9 and turning at -6 for the Championship. Fellow competitor Eugene Hong, would lurk for a while. After Hong birdied the par 5, 14th and Martinez made par, the lead was only one. Martinez would then convert birdies on 15 & 17 to walk to the 18th tee with a 3 stroke lead and the Championship locked up. Brandon Mancheno, of Jacksonville, posted a tournament low 66 (-6) in the final round to take 3rd place honors at 2 under-par for the Championship.

The 16-18 Division provided fireworks and lots of lead changes on the final day. Leader Bryce Burke, would bogey the first hole, while Phillip Knowles made birdie in the group ahead to share the lead. As the front 9 went on, Knowles would move to -6 for the tournament after a birdie on 7 and a two-stroke lead at the time. After a bogey on 9 by Knowles, and a birdie by Anton Serafini, of Lake Mary, both players would turn to the back nine at -5 and tied for the lead, while Austin Hitt, of Longwood was lurking just behind at -4. Serafini would falter down the stretch to finish T5. Knowles would make back to back bogeys on 11 and 12, but bounce back with a birdie on 14 to get back to -4. Knowles failed to convert birdie opportunities on the final four holes, and would finish 3rd. Michael Mattiace, of Jacksonville made the biggest charge, after a bogey on 12, he was -1 for the tournament and all but out of it, however once he stepped into the Quarry, it was game on. Mattiace would birdie 4 of his last 5 holes to post -5 and be the leader in the clubhouse with two groups on the golf course. Austin Hitt, who hung around the lead all day, finally took a share of the lead on the 13th with a birdie to get to -4. When he birdied the par 5, 14th to get to -5, he was the new solo leader. Once Hitt found the middle of the fairway on 18, he knew Mattiace had just made birdie ahead to tie him at -5. Hitt’s second shot was just off the putting surface about 40 feet from the hole. A delicate chip slid just below the hole, leaving Hitt an uphill 4 foot birdie attempt for the win that he would drain and capture the 16-18 Age Division title. See fsga.org for full results.
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If you have any questions or would like to receive any additional information please contact Tracy Dachisen at 813-868-5816 or tracy@fsga.org.
## Women’s Stroke Play Championship

The Women’s Amateur Stroke Play Championship headed to Grand Cypress Golf Club’s North & South Courses, July 10-12. In the first round, Hannah Leiner, of Pompano Beach would make a statement, converting 6 birdies and making just 1 lone bogey to post an opening 67 (-5) to jump out to a 2 stroke lead over Abbey Carlson, of Lake Mary, who opened with 69. Tara Connelly, of Palm Beach Gardens, the 2015 FSGA Women’s Mid-Amateur Champion, opened with 70 (-2) and Charlotte Daughan, of Orlando, opened with 71 (-1) but provided the day’s highlight, holing a 6 iron on the par 3, 8th, her 3rd career hole-in-one.

Round 2, the field would begin to separate themselves. First round leader, Hannah Leiner would falter and fire 78, to post a two-round total of 145. Abbey Carlson, would use the opportunity to surge to the lead posting 70 and getting to 5-under par for the Championship. The ever steady Connelly would post another 70 to sit just one behind the lead.

As the leaders started their rounds on Sunday, we saw a quick 2 shot swing, a birdie on 1 by Connelly and bogey by Carlson, saw Connelly now with a one stroke lead. Carlson would birdie the second to get things back to even. Bogeys on 3 and 4 by Connelly saw Carlson back with a 2 stroke lead. A Carlson bogey on 6, followed by a Connelly birdie on 7 saw them come back to even. It would remain that way until Tara would falter and make bogey again on 12. The two would be tied again after Carlson bogeyed the par 5, 15th. Connelly then made bogey on her 3rd of 4 par 3’s on the 17th to fall one stroke behind. After the whole threesome found the fairway and green in regulation in similar positions on the par 4, 18th, Connelly was just inside her fellow competitors. Carlson would just miss her birdie putt and clean up for par. Tara would then watch Nancy Lian, hit her birdie putt on the similar line. After seeing two putts, Connelly made the up-hill 20 foot birdie putt to force extra holes.

The two players would first head to #10 and make pars, before returning to #18. Again, both players would make pars then head back to #10, where they would both par. Standing on 18 tee, both players hit good tee shots however, both would find themselves in greenside bunkers. Once both found the green in 3, Connelly had a 35 foot putt on the similar line that she made earlier to force the play-off and would drain the long winding putt. With her bunker shot inside of Connelly, Carlson had a par putt to force a 5th play-off hole, but failed to convert. See fsga.org for full results.
I had a recent inquiry where a player hit his tee shot left on a par three hole and then wedged it onto the green and finished up the hole. While proceeding to the next tee, he realized that the cart path to the left of the hole defined out of bounds. What had just happened?

He realized that his tee shot had come to rest out of bounds and that he must return to the spot where he last played that original ball. In this case, it was the teeing ground.

He re-teed a ball and hit it onto the green and two putted thinking his score was five; three strokes on the hole and two for the stroke and distance out of bounds penalty.

But what about the stroke he made at the ball that was out of bounds and those subsequent strokes with that ball?

Generally speaking, a player must hole out with the same ball he plays from the teeing ground. There are some exceptions such as a ball that is lost, out of bounds or lifted or when another ball has been substituted.

In order to find out what happened, we need to look at the definitions of Ball in Play and a Wrong Ball. Also, Rule 15 tells us about Substituted Balls and Wrong Balls. Specifically, section 15-3b addresses playing a wrong ball in stroke play.

• From the definition of Ball in Play, when the player made a stroke on the teeing ground, the ball was in play. It remained in play until it was lost, out of bounds or lifted. When it came to rest out of bounds, it was no longer the ball in play.
• From the definition of Wrong Ball, when the player made a stroke at a ball that was no longer in play, he played a wrong ball.
• From Rule 15-3b, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes for playing a wrong ball and must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the Rules. In this case, proceeding under the Rules required him to go back to the tee and play another ball; which he did.
• From Rule 15-3b, strokes played by a competitor with a wrong ball do not count in his score. In other words, disregard those strokes played with the ball from out of bounds and just add the two penalty strokes.

Regrettably, his score for the hole is seven after adding the two stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball and not five.

Remember, use the definitions, index or the table of contents to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation and follow the Rules of Golf to help yourself to enjoy the game of golf.
The 66th Four-Ball Championship at Streamsong Resort came to a close on July 12, but not before some fireworks on Sunday provided by the Champions William Wrigley and Jacob Huizinga.

Players battled through intense heat as temperatures rose into the upper 90’s on day one to post some excellent scores. Defending Champions Ryan Orr and Conor Richardson shared the lead with the teams of Tiger Godwin and Jimmy Morris, and brothers Brock and Grant Drogosch as each team shot a 63. The leaderboard became very cluttered as three more teams were just one shot back. Andy and Darin Green, Joseph and Lucas Trim, and Brian Keenan and Paul Royak each posted a 64.

Huizinga and Wrigley got off to an early start with an eagle on the drivable par-4 1st, and a birdie to follow on the par-5 2nd. The duo turned at 32, taking them to 11-under for the tournament. A 5 iron to reach the par-5 17th in two resulted in an eagle, providing just enough to get past the Trim brothers. Lucas and Joseph finished in 2nd place with a 64-64-128. 2015 Amateur Champion, Jimmy Jones, and former Boys’ Junior Champion, John Coultas, finished in third place as they turned in rounds of 66 and 64. Austin Hitt provided the shot of the tournament on Saturday when he made a hole-in-one on the par 4 13th hole measuring 293 yards. Austin used his 3-wood to accomplish one of golf’s rare feats. The top 5 finishers earned an exemption into the 67th Four-Ball Championship to be played at Orchid Island in Vero Beach. See fsga.org for full results.
John Jonas started the day with a four-stroke lead after two impressive rounds of 63-68 at his home course, Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville. The final round got off to a slow start for Jonas after following up two birdies with two bogeys on the front nine. In the same group, Ryan Carter chased close behind Jonas after two birdies and an eagle on the first four holes. Meanwhile, Philip Knowles, of Bradenton, continued his steady play and moved up the leaderboard. Knowles, who posted back-to-back rounds of 69 on Friday and Saturday, went into his final nine of the tournament at nine-under par after three birdies on the front-nine. Jonas finished the front-nine at thirteen-under par, four strokes ahead of Knowles and three strokes ahead of Carter.

The final nine of the Championship came down to a race between Knowles and Jonas. Jonas came back from his two bogeys on holes seven and eight with two birdies on holes ten and eleven. After a bogey on number ten, Knowles fought back with four birdies, narrowing Jonas’ lead to two strokes. Philip, 2014 Amateur Match Play Champion, finished in second place with a score of 66, tournament total 204 (-12). Jonas completed round three at fourteen-under par, 202, to keep his strong grip on first place. Ryan Carter’s strong start faltered with a double bogey on hole nine and he finished the day with one birdie on the back nine for a three day total of 205 (-11) and a tied for third place finish. Joey Petronio played a steady final round with an eagle on the par five 15th hole and tied Carter in third place.

Winning the 69th Florida Open is John Jonas’ first FSGA Championship victory. Jonas is an amateur who plays college golf for the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Four amateurs finished in the top ten and Joey Petronio was the only professional to finish in the top three. Daniel Olsen, David Hronek, and Alan Morin tied for fifth place as professionals. See fsga.org for full results.
The juniors experienced wet course conditions, inclement weather and suspensions each day of the event. Southern Hills Plantation Club hosted the Boys’ 16-18 division while Carrollwood Country Club hosted the Boys’ 13-15 and Girls’ 13-18 divisions.

**Boys 16-18 Age Division**

Tyler Dierwechter, number eight seed, faced number 12 seed, Colin Kresl in the Semifinals. It was a match full of pars that resulted in Dierwechter advancing to the Finals after a 2 and 1 win. Manuel Girona, 19th seed, played Linus Lo, 10th seed, in a hard fought match. Girona was five down through six and played his way back to one down but could not overcome Lo. Lo advanced to the Finals with a 2 and 1 victory where he would go head-to-head with Dierwechter.

Dierwechter played strong on the front-nine in the Finals going four-up through five holes. After losing to Lo’s birdie on hole number seven, Tyler made the turn to the back nine three-up. Linus tried to fight off Dierwechter on the back nine but the duo halved every hole leading Tyler to a 3 and 2 win! Tyler, from Oldsmar, graduates high school this year with a Championship under his belt!
Boys 13-15 Age Division
After conquering his Round of 16 and Quarterfinal matches, number one seed, Tyler Wilkes, defeated number four seed, Dhruv Patel, 3 and 1 in the Semifinals. Wilkes is a member at Carrollwood Country Club and will have home team advantage in the Finals. Alex (Kyuhyeop) Lee, number seven seed, prevailed to the Semifinals where he fell to Joseph Pagdin, number six seed. Pagdin, who recently won his division at the Future Masters Golf Tournament, won his match 6 and 5 to advance to the Finals. Hometown boy, Tyler Wilkes, dominated the Championship. In the Final match between Wilkes and Pagdin, Wilkes played strong to a 3 and 1 victory to claim his first FSGA Championship!

Girls 13-18
The Semifinal Matches saw Ariel (Siqin) Yu and Sydney Shrader advance to the Finals. Ariel Yu snuck into the event the day before it began and won in a playoff to make it to match play as the 16th seed. She defeated Kelly Harris, number 12 seed, 2 and 1, to move forward. Sydney Shrader advanced to the finals for the second consecutive year after winning her match against Erika Smith 3 and 2.

Sydney Shrader entered the Finals seeking revenge. Last year, Shrader stood in the same spot but was defeated by Alyssa Lamoureux to finish runner-up. Fast forward a year and Shrader led the entire match against Ariel Yu. Yu seemed to run out of gas on the final nine holes and Shrader took advantage. She won holes 10, 12, and 13 en route to a 6 and 5 victory. Sydney, from Naples, is 17 years old and participates in many Florida Junior Tour events. This marks her first FSGA Championship win!

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The Parent-Child is the largest Florida State Golf Association administered event and the state’s largest Championship. Since 1997, the Walt Disney World Resort has hosted the Parent-Child Championship. In 2015, Grand Cypress was added to the rotation of courses played which also included Lake Buena Vista, Palm, and Oak Trail.

In the 31 and Older division, the father and son pair of Charles Kovaleski and Michael Kovaleski posted back-to-back rounds of 68 for a tournament total of six-under par 136 to win the Championship by an impressive five strokes. Tied for second place were the teams of Gary and Justin Onorati and 2014 Champions, Leonard II and Leonard III Schonfeld. The Onorati team had the highlight of the tournament with a hole-in-one on the par 3 17th hole! The 31 and Older division started the tournament at Lake Buena Vista and finished at Grand Cypress.

The 19-30 division, saw mother and son pair of Lisa and Michael Jarrott fire fantastic rounds of 68-66 for an eight-under par 134 and five stroke victory. Johnny and Brandon Ward started out strong on Grand Cypress with a six-under par 66 and finished with a 73 on the Palm course to come in second place with a tournament total of 139. The shot of the day in this division occurred on hole number 15 at Grand Cypress when Jordan McDavid hit his mother, Maria’s, drive into the hole for a double-eagle!

The Palm Course hosted the 18 and Younger division first followed by Lake Buena Vista where the team of Chase and Chad Ibbotson were crowned winners with a rounds of 70-64 for a one-stroke victory, 134 tournament total.

After a one hole play-off, Jon and Nicholas Veneziano prevailed to win the 10-12 division with 54 stableford points. There was a three-way tie for first place after day two including the teams of David III and David IV Ragan and Tim and Max Haug. The division was played on the Oak Trail Course in stableford format. Mark and Sean Adamczyk stole first place in the 8-9 division at the Oak Trail Course by one point over Kevin and Griffin Henry with 55 points. The 6-7 division was won by one point as well, by Kevin and Sophia Dyer who finished with 53 points.

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Junior Florida Cup

After the first day of the Junior Florida Cup, the North Team held a solid four point lead securing 10 points to the South’s 6. As defending Champions, the North Team, was not going to let the cup out of sight. After the morning four-ball matches, the North finished two points ahead of the South team with 5 points versus 3 points. The teams of Philip Knowles/Spencer Alexander and Sachin Kumar/Kritsarin Oukosavanna brought the only two wins to the South Team. North Team’s Brandon Mancheno/Manuel Girona finished the four-ball matches strong with a 5&3 victory over the South Team of Yuki Fujii/Landon Weber. The afternoon Foursome Matches saw the same domination by the North Team. Despite Philip Knowles gaining his second win with teammate Sydney Shrader, the South Team could not catch the North. On the North Team Foursome victories came from Patrick Mills/Courtney Zeng, Colin Kresl/Kevin Slayden, Logan Membrino/Emily Uhland, Samuel Uhland/Dree Fausnaugh, and Calvin Sierota/Manuel Girona.

Singles matches took place on the final day, where the North Team continued their hot streak earning 9 points for a team total of 19 points. The South Team fought hard but fell to seven points after the singles matches for a team total of 13 points. The South started the day playing hard winning four out of five early matches. The North fired back by earning victories in six of the next seven matches. North Team’s Terese Romeo’s 3&2 win over Brittany Shin was the deciding match pushing the North Team to 16 points. None of the singles matches ended All Square and six matches finished on the 18th hole. The last match of the day ended on the 18th hole with North player, Kevin Slayden defeating David Morgan One Up.

The North Team defended their title with the same final as in 2014. One year ago the North Team regained the Cup from the South Team with a victory of 19-13, which was repeated in 2015. A highlight from the South Team came from Philip Knowles who won all three of his matches in his last Junior Florida Cup. Knowles played in the Junior Florida for four years and ended with a record of 10-1-1. Emily Uhland was the only player from the North Team to win all three of her matches. Both teams were supported by a Team Captain.

The North team was represented by: Mimi Chen, Dree Fausnaugh, Manuel Girona, Colin Kresl, Alyssa Lamoureux, Brandon Mancheno, Logan Membrino, Patrick Mills, Terese Romeo, Calvin Sierota, Kevin Slayden, Evan Sun, Emily Uhland, Samuel Uhland, Sully Zageman, and Courtney Zeng

The South featured: Spencer Alexander, Jonathon Cachon, Victoria Cangero, Yuki Fujii, Hallianne Hobson, Philip Knowles, Sachin Kumar, Amanda Leslie, David Morgan, Kritsarin Oukosavanna, Andrew Potter, Justin Shiao, Brittany Shin, Sydney Shrader, Landon Weber, and Ariel Yu

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Women’s Four-Ball Championship

The team of Nancy Vergara, of Key Biscayne, and Nicole Ferre, of Weston, battled through strong competition and a wet golf course to be crowned Women’s Four-Ball Champions at River Wilderness Golf & Country Club, in Parrish, August 1-2.

After a week of heavy rain it was a miracle that round one was able to begin and be completed on Saturday. Champions, Ferre and Vergara, stated that although the golf course conditions were wet, everyone had to play the same golf course and face the same challenges. The luck did not continue into Sunday’s round, round two, and due to unplayable course conditions after a rainstorm the Championship was cut to 18 holes. Round one scores would be used to determine the Women’s Four-Ball Champions!

The team of Nicole Ferre and Nancy Vergara did not let the wet golf course get in the way of shooting a six-under par 66 to capture the Championship division. Ferre and Vergara had experience playing as a team on the golf team at Barry University. The two friends stated that being teammates in college gave them “confidence due to knowing each other’s games”. Following close behind tied for second place, with a first round score of 68, were the teams of Megan Pollenz and Katie Veale, Madison Glennie and Haydyn Gibson, and Belinda George and Kelly Aylwin. Teammates Alison Reifers and Lynda Case finished in fifth place alone after a score of one-under par, 71.

In the Middle Division, the team of Susie Fonde, of Jacksonville, and Mary Hanyak, of Wellington, won by two strokes after a score of one-over par, 73. Tied for second place were teams of Sisi Hedges and Debbie MookSang and Sandy Frambes and Amy Palladino. Teammates Mourine White and Marianne Meola were victorious in the Forward Division. White, of Naples, and Meola, of Estero, won by two strokes over the team of Kay Waltman and Peggy Butts who finished in second place with a score of 81. See fsga.org for full results.
Round of 64 matches kicked off Friday morning at Turtle Creek Club with the number one seed, Chandler Blanchet, in the first group to tee off. Blanchet conquered his first match 3 and 2, advancing to the Round of 16 matches. Defending Champion Philip Knowles would advance to face Blanchet in the Round of 16 matches after defeating the 33rd seed Justin Hulbert one-up. Number two seed, Austin Hitt, won his match against Tyler Cohen 2 and 1, to move forward to the afternoon matches. Michael Bakker, 49th seed, was the first match in of the day as a 6 and 4 victory over Michael Chipolone advanced him to the round of 32. Only one match in the morning needed extra holes to decide as 2013 Player of the Year Jon Veneziano bested Kevin Jorden in 19 holes.

Thirty-two players moved on to their second match of the day Friday afternoon. Philip Knowles moved closer to defending his title after winning his match against Blanchet 3 and 2. Bakker continued his great play by advancing to the Round of 16 with a 4 and 3 victory over Jalen Ledger. T J Shuart beat John Wegmann 1 up to advance to Saturday. Cristian DiMarco defeated Jace McCarron to move closer to the Finals. Veneziano advanced to the Round of 16 matches with a 4 & 3 win over Mike Riley. The highlight of the first day of matches came from Ernesto Marin who scored a hole-in-one on the par three, eighth hole.

On Saturday, the quest for Knowles to make three consecutive Championship matches would come to an end as Bakker defeated him 3 and 2. Bakker’s winning streak ended in the Quarterfinals after being defeated by Shuart on the 19th hole. Rohan Ramnath won his Round of 16 match against Edward Kenny and later conquered Derron Peyton 3 & 2 to move on to the Final Four. DiMarco continued advancing through the Round of 16 to the Semifinals after winning his match against Harrison Winger 4 & 2. The last player advancing to the Semifinals was Michael DeMorat who beat Tyler Dierwechter in the Quarterfinals.

The Semifinal Matches would begin Sunday with Shuart facing Ramnath. In the lower bracket DiMarco would square off against DeMorat. Ramnath had Shuart in an early hole after a birdie-birdie start, but Shuart would recover to get it back to a 1 up lead by Ramnath on the 17th tee. A birdie-birdie close for Shuart advanced him to the finals. In the other semifinal match, DeMorat had DiMarco on edge after winning the first four holes of the match. DiMarco was able to win the next two holes to cut the lead down to 2 up, but it proved to be insurmountable as DeMorat won 3 & 2.

The Championship match was marked by excellent play as three of the first holes were won with birdies. Shuart would take an early one up lead to the 9th hole. Two more birdies, as well as a few miscues from DeMorat would stretch the lead to four up through 14 holes – enough to make Shuart dormie. A birdie from DeMorat would stretch the match to the 16th hole, but a birdie there by Shuart would close the door on DeMorat, 4 & 2. See fsga.org for full results.
Fifty-four junior teams, comprised of three players per team, represented various junior golf programs from around the state in the Junior Team Championship at the Walt Disney World Golf Resort on August 8-9.

In the Boys 16-18 age division, The Junior Golf Association of Broward County was able to claim the title with a two stroke victory over the Eagle Junior Golf Club on the Palm Course. Broward County team member, Luke Ashworth, played incredibly well both days, firing back to back rounds of even par 72 to lead the team. The other two team members, Jonny Cachon and Anthony Wells, also shot even par rounds of 72 in the final round and helped the team finish at a stellar 2 over par (290) for the event.

The twelve teams competing in the Boys 13-15 age division on the Magnolia and Oak Trail courses provided the most drama throughout the event. Three teams, including Lakewood Ranch Golf Association, Greater Tampa Junior Golf Association, and Palm Beach County were tied with a tournament team total of 306 after 36-holes of stroke play and went into a sudden death playoff! The playoff only lasted one hole, as Lakewood Ranch player, Ryan Kinkead, hit a miraculous shot from the right rough to within three feet of the hole to make a birdie and take home the championship. Teammates Kyle Jarrett, and Max Coutsolioutos were ecstatic to see the putt roll in and both players contributed greatly to the team’s victory! It is important to note that this is the second year in a row in which Lakewood Ranch has gone home the champion in this division.

In the Girls 16-18 age division, capturing the title by two strokes with a tournament total 305 was the Emerald Coast Junior Golf Tour. The First Tee of Miami battled extremely hard on the Magnolia and Oak Trail courses, but Emerald Coast golfers Abigail Herrmann, Ailsa Clark, and Sarah Pabst played very consistently to narrowly beat The First Tee of Miami and the other thirteen teams competing in their division. Ailsa Clark rebounded nicely after posting an opening round 85 by knocking eleven shots off her score to lead the Emerald Coast team to victory with a 2 over par 74 on Sunday afternoon!

Of the nine teams playing in the Girls 13-15 age division on the Palm Course, it was the Greater Tampa Junior Golf Association that ended up being the team to beat! The team comprised of Alyssa Mercado, Julie Zhang, and Lillian Berry all played very fine rounds of golf to place three shots ahead of the Junior Golf Association of Broward County with a tournament total 302. Alyssa Mercado was zoned in during her final round, posting a 1 under par 71 for the Greater Tampa team. See fsga.org for full results.
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