Harris Wins State Amateur Championship

Ty Harris of Tampa won the 85th State Amateur Championship after shooting 8-under par during the four day event at ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando. Taking the lead after day two, Harris never gave up his first place standing and out played 150 of the state’s top amateur golfers.

Nineteen years old and a sophomore at Georgia State University, Harris carded 71-65-70-74--280 to win four strokes ahead of runner up Michael Nealy, 33, of Boca Raton. Nealy finished with scores of 70-70-71-73--284. Harris’ second round 65 was the low score of the championship.

Past FSGA President Rick Woulfe, Fort Lauderdale, and Andy Purnell, Jacksonville, tied for third place at 285. Woulfe was tied for 12th on Saturday, but quickly moved up the leadboard after shooting 68 on Sunday.

Harris received a crystal vase and his name will be inscribed on the Clarence Camp Championship Trophy. He is added to a list of past winners that include professionals Bob Murphy, Doug Sanders, Gary Koch, David Peoples, and Jerry Pate.

Freeman and Sutton Take Four-Ball Title

Mike Freeman of Longwood and David Sutton of Maitland are the 2002 Florida State Four-Ball Champions. TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted the event. Competitors played the Stadium course on day one and the Valley Course for the final round.

Freeman and Sutton finished three shots ahead of the field, posting 67-67--134. This is Sutton’s second four-ball title of the year. He also won the 2002 Mid-Amateur Four-Ball North Championship with partner Edward Parnell of Maitland. 

Winter Park’s David Boesel and Jim Byington placed second with a 69-68--137. Two teams tied for third – Randy Briggs and Daniel Owen of Ocala (69-69--138) and Michael Erickson and Dennis Postlewait of Orlando (67-71--138).

The field consisted of 52 teams of which 11 were exempted into the event. The other 41 teams qualified at nine sites throughout the state. The Four-Ball Championship uses the four-ball stroke play format, in which competitors play as partners, each playing his own ball. The lower score of the partners’ is the score for the hole.

Results for State Am and Four-Ball listed on page 4 and at www.fsga.org.
2003 State Amateur Exemptions

The top 20 players on the Player-of-the-Year rankings as of December 31, 2002, will be exempt into the 2003 State Amateur Championship. The event will be played June 19-22, 2003, at The Bay Hill Club and Metrowest Country Club in Orlando.

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- Silverthorn Country Club
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Junior Equipment Drive A Success!

This spring, the FSGA collected donations for our Junior Equipment Drive. Twenty-one volunteers contacted 244 golf courses and country clubs. Andrew Crabtree, Manager of Junior Programs, distributed the equipment to a total of 30 junior golf programs throughout the state. The donations included: 8,025 clubs, 183 bags, 11,000 balls, 30 pairs of shoes, and 5 training aids.

Thank you to the volunteers and all of the individuals and clubs who supported the Equipment Drive!
The Florida State Mid-Amateur Four-Ball North Championship was won by Edward Parnell and David Sutton at Sugar Mill Country Club in New Smyrna Beach, while the Mid-Amateur Four-Ball South Championship was won by Lee Booker and Marc St. Martin at Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte.

Parnell and Sutton, both from Maitland, finished at 129 for the two days (67-62). Steve Carter of Jacksonville Beach and Andy Purnell of Jacksonville carded 64-66 and tied for second place with the Sarasota team of Len Lasinsky and Charles Walters who came in at 66-64. Walters and Lasinsky placed third at last year’s Mid-Am Four-Ball South with a 135.

The team of Booker, Naples, and St. Martin, Estero, won the South Championship by 6 strokes with a two-day total of 64-65—129. The team played well - leaving each other alone only six times throughout the 36 holes. Bill Griffith of Miami Shores and Marc Rosenbaum of Hollywood tied for second place with Frank Strafaci of Miami Beach and Rick Woulfe of Fort Lauderdale with total scores of 135.

Lee Booker, FSGA Volunteer Jim Shupe, and Marc St. Martin.

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140 - Team: 33: Nelson, Jeff, Sponder, Steve, 67-73
141 - Team: 35: Bays, Morgan, Novo, Josh, 67-74
141 - Team: 6: Gould, Chuck, Avric, Matt, 68-73
142 - Team: 27: Kenny, Edward, Melson, Paul, 70-72
144 - Team: 28: Dawson, Kent, O’Neil, Gordon, 68-76

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141 - Team: 11: Pepin, Richard, Walt, Todd, 71-70
141 - Team: 18: Jones, Douglas, Martin, Todd, 71-70
142 - Team: 29: Corrilius, John, Lacher, Steve, 72-70
143 - Team: 17: Burns, Frank, Meeks, Jim, 72-71
143 - Team: 41: Obst, David, Well, James, 71-73
145 - Team: 19: Bauar, Tom, Isom, Greg, 72-73
147 - Team: 7: Ethridge, Bob, Pulley, Bob, 71-76
147 - Team: 36: Aubuchon, Kevin, Sluy, Kelley, 72-75
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150 - Team: 39: Onorati, Gary, Onorati, Peter, 72-78
153 - Team: 37: Vitate, Bruce, Westover, Robert, 72-81
154 - Team: 34: Macy, Kevin, Spelitz, Ted, 73-81
156 - Team: 30: Giallo, Carl, Granoff, Roy, 73-83

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144 - Team: 43: Escheverria, Sergio, Malins, Rick, 75-69
145 - Team: 8: Shillo, Bill, Wall, Lee, 74-71
146 - Team: 44: Walters, Mike, Shields, Doug, 74-72
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133 - Antichy, David, Jacksonville, Dodson, Steve, Jacksonville, 65-68
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137 - Bryan, Mitchell, Saint Augustine, O’Neal, Tim, Saint Augustine, 69-68
138 - Boesel, David, Winter Park, Byington, Jim, Winter Park, 69-68
139 - Bayliss, Rod, Lake Mary, Cook, Michael, Winter Park, 70-68
140 - Hinkle, Bob, Tallahassee, Sims, Bob, Tallahassee, 69-69
140 - Muldowney, Davis, Titusville, Spottis, Fred, Orlando, 69-70
141 - Davis, Glen, Windermere, Von Weller, Buich, Apopka, 71-69
143 - Burkhardt, Brooks, Saint Augustine, Burkhardt, Steven, Archer, 70-70
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147 - Kin, Stephen, Valrico, Sabapathy, Anand, Brandon, 74-73
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148 - Hanley, Alan, Longwood, Mullane, Terry, Longwood, 75-72
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152 - Randi Crooks, Tampa, Frank Saxon, Clearwater, 72-73
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153 - Edward Craig, Orlando, Edward Garver, Lutz, 72-81
153 - Michael McDonald, Odessa, Andrew Turker, Dunedin, 75-78
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Tom Mirus Gives Back To The Game

An FSGA Volunteer Profile

FSGA tournament volunteer Tom Mirus of Kissimmee has made a career out of the sport he most enjoys. Introduced to golf at age four, Mirus went on to become a PGA professional and has been involved in the game one way or another ever since.

Mirus played for Murray State University in Kentucky where he had a four-year golf scholarship. In 1975, he turned pro and entered the PGA apprentice program in Illinois. Talking to his dad two weeks into the program, he said, “I love this job. I get to be out on the course everyday and then I receive a paycheck for it at the end of the week!”

PGA Professional
Elected to membership in the PGA in 1980, he qualified for Life Membership in 2000 after 20 years of service. During that time, he owned and operated two courses before going to Poinciana Resort in Kissimmee as the Director of Golf. Currently, Mirus is a teaching professional at Kissimmee Golf Club and a senior instructor at the annual Tee to Green junior golf camp. He is also among the elite PGA members who are certified Playing Ability Test (PAT) Examiners. The PAT is a 36-hole event in which an individual must score no more than 15 strokes higher than twice the course rating and is the first step in becoming a PGA professional. Mirus conducts five to six PAT exams each year.

Edwin Watts Golf Amater Players Tour
In 1997, Mirus purchased an Amateur Players Tour (APT) franchise in Orlando. The tour provides competitive events to amateur golfers in central Florida. Orlando is one of nine cities in the country with APT tours. His franchise started with seven tournaments and 23 members and has expanded to 15 tournaments and 188 members. Between Mirus’ expertise in tournament administration and signing Edwin Watts Golf as a corporate sponsor in 1999, his franchise has become one of the fastest growing tours for amateur golfers.

Blind Golf Advocate
Mirus is also the Senior Rules Official at United States Blind Golf Association (USBGA) tournaments for blind and vision impaired golfers. In addition, he serves as the Director of Education and conducts seminars for fellow PGA professionals on teaching and coaching blind golfers. The USBGA adheres to the USGA “Rules of Golf” with the exception that the golfer’s club may be grounded in a hazard. Players also have a coach to align them in the direction of the shot and to give the correct distance. Their motto reads, “You don’t have to see it to tee it!”

With all of these accomplishments, it is difficult to believe that Mirus himself is legally blind. He was born with congenital cataracts and underwent twenty-three operations before his tenth birthday. Although the surgeries didn’t give him normal sight, they did pave the way for the technological advances that exist today for cataract patients. He is believed to be the only PGA member in America born legally blind.

Through this life challenge, Mirus continued teeing it up. Golf became his greatest passion, his lifelong companion, and his career focus. Mirus is living proof that “You don’t have to see it to tee it!”
**RUNION CLAIMS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Garrett Runion**, Windermere, played consistently through two rainy days at LPGA International in Daytona Beach to win the State Junior Championship. Finishing with a 70-71-141, 17-year-old Runion earns an exemption into the 2003 State Amateur that will be hosted by the Bay Hill Club in Orlando.

**Robert Gates** of Gainesville, the 2001 Junior Champion, carded 70-73-143 to end in a tie for second place with Miami’s **Greg Blackwell** who shot 74-69-143.

**Carl Santos** of Naples, **Johnny Del Prete** of Palm City and **Eric Cole** of Orlando tied for first in the Junior Division. Santos’s made a 45-foot putt to birdie the second play-off hole and win the championship. Del Prete placed second, while Cole took third.

Junior Division golfers Del Prete, 13, and **RC Hyatt**, 14, of New Port Richey had the lowest score rounds of the entire field. Del Prete shot 67 the first round, and Hyatt posted 67 on day two.

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3. Gates, Robert, Gainesville 70 73 143
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Patrick with Greg Norman at the U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier at Old Memorial Golf Club in June.

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When did you start working for the FSGA?
I started working for the FSGA in April of 2001.

FSGA Position and Responsibilities:
IT Manager. I'm the one who gets to come in at 2 a.m. when the website goes down. I am the first one to get complimented when something on the website is working, and the first one to get called when someone can't get their email. It is rough, but somebody has to do it.

How often do you get to play golf?
Since I started working here I play less and less. I don't know if I am just embarrassed or if I just don't have time anymore. I try to play once or twice a month.

What is your handicap?
The sky is the limit. I think I am trending towards a 148. Seriously, it is around a 23 I believe.

What is your golf background?
Working for the FSGA is it. They wouldn't let me near another organization.

Other interests/comments?
They don't call me "Web Boy" for nothing.

Wrong Putting Green

By Jack Pultorak
Director of Rules & Competitions

On the 12th hole, I pulled my second shot left of the fairway and my ball comes to rest on the putting green of the 16th hole. How should I proceed?

If I look up "wrong putting green" using the index or the table of contents in the Rule Book, it will lead me to Rule 25 and specifically section 25-3, which deals with a wrong putting green and how to proceed.

First, I need to find out what is a wrong putting green?
By definition, a "wrong putting green" is any putting green other than that of the hole being played. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Committee, this term includes a practice putting green or pitching green on the course.

Since I am playing the 12th hole, the putting green of the 16th hole would be a wrong putting green.

Next, I must determine if interference exists?
(Rule 25-3a) Interference by a wrong putting green occurs when a ball is on the wrong putting green. Interference to a player's stance or the area of his intended swing is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.

Since my ball lies on a wrong putting green, interference does exist.

Finally, I must take relief as prescribed if interference does exist?
(Rule 25-3b) If a player has interference by a wrong putting green, the player must take relief, without penalty as follows:
The nearest point of relief shall be determined which is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The player shall lift the ball and drop it within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief, on a part of the course which avoids interference (as defined) by the wrong putting green and is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

Since I have interference, I must take relief by dropping my ball without penalty within one club-length of my nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

Remember, use the 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.
Golf is an Outdoor Sport – Knock Off the Whining!

By Jim Demick
Executive Director

Well, as you know it’s been raining heavily in many parts of the state this summer and we have had to play in some very wet conditions. (See also- US Open, Bethpage). Often players ask “why don’t we play lift clean and place?” The answer is very simple – THE RULES OF GOLF DO NOT ALLOW LIFT CLEAN AND PLACE.

Yes, the PGA tour allows their players to pick up the golf ball whenever there is a light mist in the air but they are NOT following the Rules of Golf. The PGA Tour is owned by its members and for their own convenience they have made up their own rule. Quite frankly, they are a little spoiled. The USGA and the R&A have NEVER played the ball up and they NEVER will.

Like the USGA, the FSGA represents the Game of Golf and the Rules of Golf. There are very rare exceptions where we will use mark, lift, clean and replace (never in a USGA event) – but this is only when we would not be able to complete the event any other way. After all, the rules provide relief for embedded balls and casual water. In the last six years, in over 800 days of competition, we have used this provision on only four occasions.

Golf is an outdoor sport. And like life it’s not always fair and it’s not always fun. But we play by the rules. Be a supporter of the rules. Our membership represents the most knowledgeable and capable amateurs in Florida and we hope that you will support playing the ball down in all events that you play. After all – you guys are good and it’s to your advantage to play under tough conditions. Let the whiners worry about a little mud on their ball – they have already talked themselves out of playing well. Embrace difficult conditions – it’s to your advantage.