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NEW MEMBERS

The South Florida PGA would like to welcome the following new members to the Section:

Charles Beurmann, PGA	A-8	Pine Tree Golf Club
Michael Bove, PGA	A-8	Boca West Club
Marty Caifano, PGA	A-8	Woodmont Country Club
Michael Carper, PGA	A-8	Grande Oaks Golf Club
Daniel Heaslip, PGA	A-1	Windstar on Naples Bay
Renee Trudeau, PGA	A-6	Riviera Country Club
Oliver Gendron, PGA	A-8	Royal Poinciana Golf Club
Bryan Murphy, PGA	A-8	Olde Hickory Golf & CC
Erik Zinn, PGA	A-1	Sombrero Country Club

NEW APPRENTICES

The South Florida PGA would like to welcome the following new apprentices to the Section:

Joshua Fritz	B-8	Trump International GC
Andrew Sikula IV	B-8	PGA Golf Club
Cory Titensor	B-8	The Sanctuary Golf Club
Nick Maietta	B-8	Vasari Country Club
Anthony Gerschick	B-8	The Colony Golf & CC
George Mann III	B-8	Naples National Golf Club
Anthony Gattuna	B-8	Westminster Golf Club
Eric Kaufman	B-8	Cedar Hammock Golf & CC
Luke Sniegowski	B-8	River Greens Golf Course
Brian Dietlein	B-8	Woodfield Country Club
Jon Kunick	B-8	PGA Golf Club
Daniel Reilly	B-8	Monarch Country Club
Dean Fry	B-8	Tiburón Golf Club
George Twyman	B-8	Key West Golf Club

APPRENTICE LEVELS

Charles Beurmann, PGA	A-8
Michael Bove, PGA	A-8
Jordan Boyle	B-8
Marty Caifano, PGA	A-1
Michael Carper, PGA	A-8
Matthew Corey	B-8
Brian Dietlein	B-8
Joseph Fries	B-8
Anthony Gattuna	B-8
Oliver Gendron, PGA	A-8
Anthony Gerschick	B-8
Daniel Heaslip, PGA	A-1
Jordan Hobbs	B-8
Patricia Kuehner	B-8
Jon Kunick	B-8
Nick Maietta	B-8
James Mason	B-9
Frank Mitchell	B-8
Michael Motley	B-8
Lara Pavloff	B-8
Daniel Reilly	B-8
Timothy Richards	B-13
Christopher Stanko	B-8
Renee Trudeau, PGA	A-6
Erik Zinn, PGA	A-1

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

Congratulations to PGA members **Rick Durham, Bill Andre and George Nichols**, who were elected to the Quarter Century Club of the PGA of America, an elite group of members who have served the PGA with honor and pride for 25 years.

HALF CENTURY CLUB

Congratulations to PGA members **Ken Burnette, Louis Thibeault, Dick Lancioni, and Bobby Benson**, who was elected to the Half Century Club of the PGA of America, an elite group of members who have served the PGA with honor and pride for 50 years.

SFPGA SENDS ITS CONDOLENCES

PGA member **Art Berry** passed away November 17, 2011 at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife **Yvonne Berry**. **Richard "Dick" Masterson** also passed away November 8th at the age of



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85; and is survived by wife **Jerry Masterson**. The South Florida PGA sends its condolences to these families. With deepest sympathy we also announce the passing of PGA Professional **Steve Mullen**, who was the Director of Instruction at Fort Lauderdale Country Club. There will be a celebration of his life on Tuesday, December 6th at 2:00 PM at Fort Lauderdale Country Club. All PGA Professionals are welcome to attend this event. For further details or questions please contact the club at (954) 587-4700.

FOR SALE

PGA Professional Scott Dietrich is selling a JC Video swing analysis system. Anyone interested can contact Scott at 561-301-1280 or e-mail tsdpga@bellsouth.net.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2012 TRAVEL PRO AM TO WHISTLING STRAITS

June 3rd – 7th, 2012 the South Florida PGA will take twenty teams to Whistling Straits in Kohler, WI to play in the 2012 Travel Pro-Am. Three rounds of golf will be played during the week on the Irish Course, River Course, and the Straits Course, host site of the 2010 PGA Championship, 2015 PGA Championship and 2020 Ryder Cup. Teams consist of three amateurs and one professional. Cost per amateur is \$2,250 (double occupancy) and all professionals are FREE. To download an entry form with complete details [CLICK HERE](#).

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PGA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

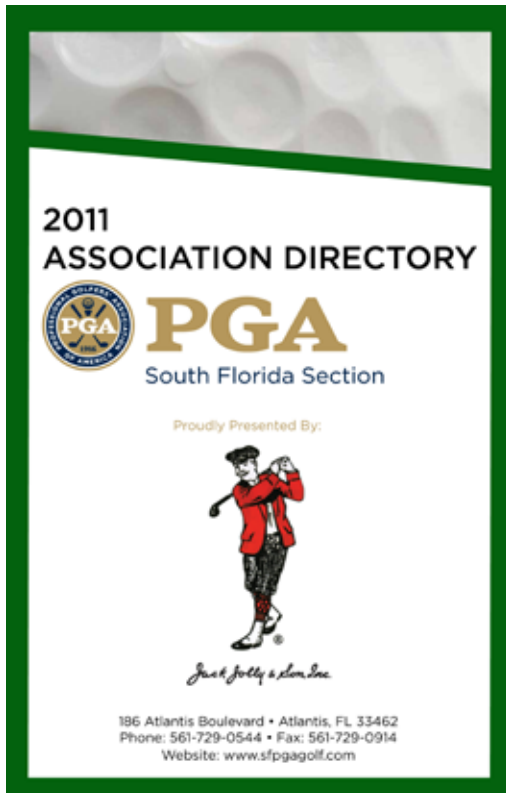
The Junior Tour is looking for volunteers to assist with pace of play/

quote of the month

“For most amateurs, the best wood in the bag is the pencil.”

Chi Chi Rodriguez
professional golfer

rules for our final event of the 2011 season Saturday, December 3rd at Jonathan's Landing GC at Old Trail. For more information or to volunteer contact Meredith Schechter at mschechter@pgahq.com or call 561-729-0544.



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Also, enjoy 30% off all KitchenAid countertop appliances, cookware and kitchen accessories at Shop-KitchenAid.com. Enter the promotional code **PGA30** at checkout.

Here's what other PGA Professionals are saying about the VIPLINK program:

Jeff Raimer, PGA
Director of Golf
West Bay Club

*"I had been working to get a washer & dryer in our cart barn for about two years. We have a centralized washer & dryer area for the entire club, our needs always seemed to get taken care of last. My idea was to have our own washer & dryer had its own issues, electricity, water, drainage etc. Once we were able to figure out those obstacles, we had a clear path to bring in our own. At almost the exact time this happened, the PGA of America worked out a sponsorship agreement for our VIPLink program with Kitchen-Aid etc. I immediately went online, found the washer & dryer I needed to handle out wash loads each day and purchased them online. **The savings from this program equaled approx \$500.00 between both washer & dryer**, it was an amazing program that was very tangible for my club to see the value and dollar savings I brought to them through my Association.*

*Since then, I have purchased for my kitchen stainless steel appliances that **saved me over \$900.00** on the refrigerator alone. We were able to purchased a dishwasher with the refrigerator and it still costs less than I would have*

purchased the same refrigerator for at a large appliance store. The savings are large and worth your time to visit the web site."

This program in my humble opinion is a fantastic deal for our PGA Association members that you can really save your club and your family hundreds of dollars in purchases.

These are the types of programs that we as PGA professionals can take to our Boards, GM's and/or owners and show them a monetary difference and savings because they employ a PGA professional. I urge each of you to check this sponsor program first before you price shop so you can see firsthand exactly how much money you will be saving."

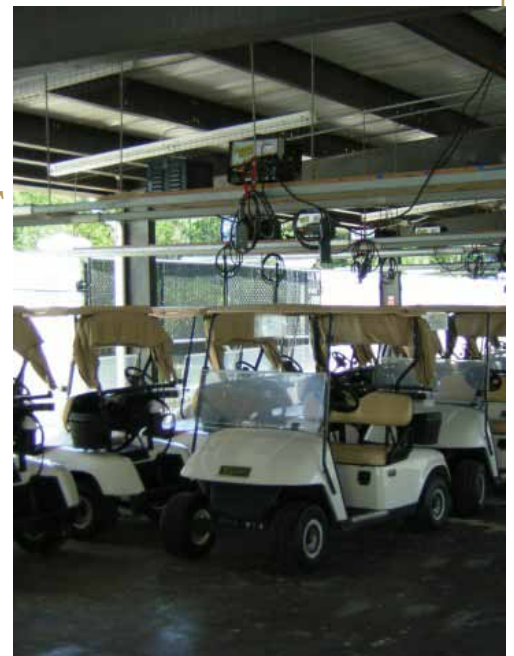
Bob Baldassari, PGA
Senior Director, Player Development
PGA of America

*"I recently purchased a dishwasher through this new KitchenAid program and it was outstanding! My wife had looked around and priced some different models and the info on the program was true, **we couldn't find a better price in the stores than what KitchenAid offered through VIPLINK.** And to top it all off, I actually disconnected my old dishwasher and then put the new one in! First time I've ever tried that but the directions were good and it was like playing 18-holes and using a yardage book and some course management!"*

Jeff B. Wilson, PGA:

*"While renovating my parents house, I used VIPLINK and purchased a Whirlpool Glass Canopy Hood. After researching various other appliance companies from Sears, Brandsmart to internet companies, etc... I found that **VIPLINK offered the BEST price from all other competitors** and saved me approximately 20%-25% from the other competitors..."*

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sfpga annual hall of fame and awards dinner

Don Law and other Award Winners Honored



The 2011 SFPGA Annual Awards & Hall of Fame dinner was a great success. Supported by Any Business Solutions and Charge Card Systems over 200 SFPGA Professionals, friends and family members came out to celebrate this year's award winners and Hall of Fame Inductees at the beautiful Parkland Golf & Country Club in Parkland, FL.

The night was facilitated by CBS 12's **Pat Murphy**. Eleven award winners were honored Tuesday, November 8, 2011, including the SFPGA Golf Professional of the Year, **Don Law** (pictured), and PGA member **Eric Wilson**, who won the Conrad Rehling Award. For details on the other Section award winners, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Both **Tom Wildenhaus** and **Bob Murphy** were inducted into the SFPGA Hall of Fame, joining 25 other distinguished individuals for their contributions and accomplishments.

Special thanks to our sponsors Any Business Solutions and Charge Card Systems, and to **Matt Wilson** at Parkland Golf & Country Club for a fantastic event.



PGA President Brian Peaper, and 2011 SFPGA Golf Professional of the Year, Don Law

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OTHER AWARD WINNERS

Golf Professional of the Year - **Don Law**
Teacher of the Year - **John Webster**
Bill Strausbaugh Award - **Chris Toulson**
Horton Smith Award - **Kevin Compare**
PGA President's Plaque Award - **Judy Alvarez**
Junior Golf Leader - **Bill Scott**
Assistant of the Year - **Jon Arthur**
Player of the Year - **Alan Morin**

Senior Player of the Year - **Mike san Filippo**
Merchandiser of the Year (Private) - **Cameron Wiebe**
Merchandiser of the Year (Public) - **Mike Dopsloff**
Merchandiser of the Year (Resort) - **Jim Feipel**
Salesperson of the Year - **Don Goering** (Titleist)



The South Florida PGA recognized and invited forward retired advisory board members Harry Tempkins, Jim Maitland, Craig Perna and Roger Woonton. Thank you Advisory Board members for your service!

Pictured (L to R): Warren Bottke, Mark VanDyck, Roger Woonton, Craig Perna, Jim Maitland, Harry Tempkins, Brian Peaper

habitat for humanity dedication this month

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Pictured on right: the entire group of PGA Professionals, Apprentices and Section staff that worked on the Habitat house the first working day!



BEFORE...

View more pictures of the transformation of the Habitat House on our Facebook page! Search South Florida PGA to find us or [CLICK HERE](#).



And... AFTER!

2011 teaching symposium



Justin Padjen , PGA Professional Eric Veilleux; Education Chairperson; Robert Allenby, and Darren May

The seminar kicked off with **Jerry Tucker**, a top 100 teacher and master Professional. Jerry focused on what he has learned over the years with a presentation titled "Things I Wish I Knew at 21". Following Jerry on Tuesday were **Ken MacDonald** and **Vicki Wyder** who discussed the benefits of physical fitness within your golf game.

Wednesday morning opened with an informative session on club fitting through instruction by **Darren May** and **Justin Padjen**. South Florida PGA Professional, **Jim McLean** followed Darren and Justin presentation by highlighting his teaching career

Rounding out the two-day symposium was a question and answer session with PGA Tour Professional, **Robert Allenby** and his instructor **Darren May**.

Thank you to all of our speakers and Director of Golf at The Bear's Club and SFPGA Education Chairperson, **Eric Veilleux** for arranging this symposium.

Over ninety South Florida PGA Professionals visited The Bear's Club October 4th and 5th for the 2011 South Florida PGA Bi-ennial Teaching Symposium. Presenters included PGA Professionals, **Jerry Tucker** and **Jim McLean**; Director of Physical Therapy at The Bear's Club, **Vicki Wyder**; Sports Conditioning Trainer, **Ken MacDonald**; Director of Instruction at The Bear's Club, **Darren May**; Director of PGA Tour & European Tour Operations for Trackman, **Justin Padjen**, and PGA Tour Professional **Robert Allenby**.



PGA Tour Professional Robert Allenby & instructor Darren May

PRO'S ON THE GO

PRO	TO	FROM
Jeffrey Greene, PGA	A8 – Boca Grove CC, Boca Raton	A-4 – Boca Greens CC, Boca Raton
Shane Warriner, PGA	unattached	A-1 – Biltmore G Crs, Coral Gables
	Unattached	A-1 – Grand G Crs, Coral Gables
Stuart Thomas, PGA	A-1 – Hideout Golf Club, Naples	A-8 – Hideout Golf Club, Naples
JD Murray, PGA	A-1 – TPC @ Treviso Bay, Naples	A-8 – Pelican's Nest GC, Bon Sprgs
Matthew Boyd, PGA	A-1 – The Tesoro Club, Port St. Lucie	A-8 – Broken Sound Club Crs, BR
Danny Boswell, PGA	A-13 – Arrowhead GC, Davie	unattached
Carter Murchison, PGA	unattached	A-4 – Harbour Ridge CC, Palm City
Marty Califano, PGA	A-1 – Woodmont CC, Tamarac	A-8 – Woodmont CC, Tamarac
Steven Jablonowski	A-9 – Multi-Facility Manager, Dade Cty	A-9 – Kentucky Section

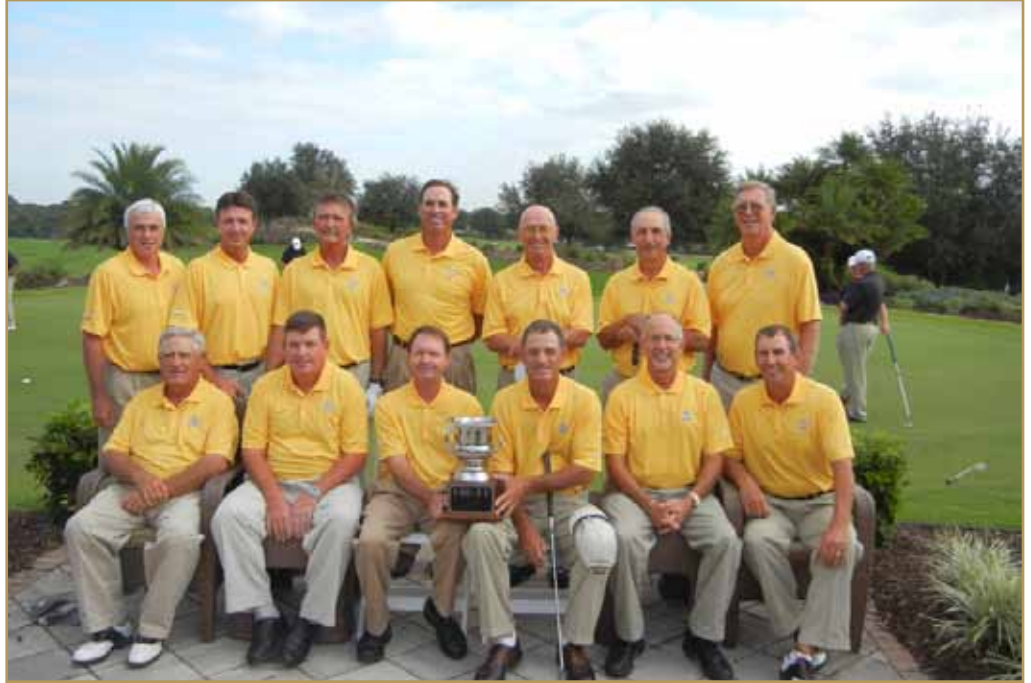
tournament news

Senior Challenge Cup

South Florida PGA pros remained unbeaten in the Senior Challenge Cup, winning for the sixth straight year over host North Florida PGA in matches played October 11 and 12th on two courses at the Reunion Resort.

After halving the first of a series of four nine-hole matches, 3-3 in a scramble on the front nine of the Watson course Thursday morning, South Florida won the next three rounds for a 19-11 victory. The SFPGA won the four-balls 5-1 on the back nine of the Watson Thursday afternoon, the foursomes Friday morning on the front nine of the Palmer course, 3-1 with two halves, and the singles by 7-5 Friday afternoon on the back nine of the Palmer.

Ken Martin of Wellington was the only SFPGA player to win in all four rounds. **Brad Rollinson** of Ponte Vedra Beach and **Bob Dickson** of Sarasota won every match for the NFPGA, including the first three as partners, then adding a pair of singles victories.



The South Florida PGA Senior Challenge Cup Team

Thanks to Adidas for providing this year's uniforms. For more details and results, please visit the website at sfpgagolf.com.

Florida State Senior Open



Mike SanFilippo; George Willard, PGA Head Golf Professional at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, and Keith Keister

Sunday), **Victor Leoni** of Miami (71), **Ed Sabo** of Tequesta (72) and defending champion **Gene Fieger** of Naples (74).

Keith Keister of Orlando was the low amateur with 70-74-79 — 223.

Mike San Filippo of Hobe Sound stormed out of the pack with a final round of eight under par 64 on October 16th to win the 35th annual Florida State Senior Open for a record equaling fourth time at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.



Down by three after the second round, San Filippo won by three, 203 to 206 over two-time former champion **John Calabria** of Naples, who closed with 68.

San Filippo's previous State Senior Open titles were in 2004 and 2007-08 as he matched the record of four victories held by the late **Bob Erickson** of Casselberry, who died July 7, 2010. Erickson won in 1978, 1981-82 and 1984.

San Filippo's total of eight birdies Sunday matched the four each he had Friday and Saturday. He made two bogeys Friday and one Saturday. **Jim Karr** of Jupiter, the second round leader, closed with three bogeys for 76-212."

Ed Humenik of Palm City was third on 70-210, followed at 211 by **Adam Adams** of Coconut Creek (69

Junior Tour #11 and #12 presented by The Honda Classic



The South Florida PGA Junior Tour presented by the Honda Classic hosted Event #12 at Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, FL.

Alex Lutz of Lighthouse Point claimed his 1st Overall Title of the season shooting 74-74 for a two-day score of 148. Coming in tied for 2nd with a score of 150 was Nicolas Cavero of Doral and Dominick Venari of Stuart.

Notable mention goes to James Rutherford of Boca Raton for getting an albatross. An albatross is the coveted 3 under par that few golfers ever achieve. Congratulations James!

In the Girls Overall division, Tess Huber of Port St. Lucie claimed her 1st title with a 71-78-149. Finishing 2nd with a score of 154, was Claudia De Antonio of Weston. Annie Dulman of Palm Beach Gardens finished in 3rd place with a 155.



Alex Lutz, Todd Leckrone, PGA Director of Golf and Tess Huber

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour is proudly presented by The Honda Classic & supported by Allianz Championship, Club Med Golf Academy, Don Law Golf Academy, Palm Beach County Sports Commission, The Men's Fun Group at Mirasol, Oakley and Titleist.

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour presented by the Honda Classic hosted Event #11 at Eastpointe CC in Palm Beach Gardens.

Ryan Lynch of Boynton Beach claimed his 1st Overall Title of the season shooting 72-75 for a two-day score of 147. Coming in tied for 2nd with a 148 was Dylan Koster and Payton Taylor, both of Vero Beach.

In the Girls Overall division, Eva Baraschi of Port St. Lucie claimed her 1st title with a 75-81-156. Finishing tied for 2nd with scores of 157, were Tess Huber of Port St. Lucie, and Juliana Herrera of Plantation.

Ty Strafaci of Davie claimed his 6th title of the year in the Boys 12-13 age division with 72-75-147 to win by 1. Coming in 2nd was Cole Sposato of Vero Beach with a 75-73-148. Finishing 3rd with a 73-78-151 was Andrew Kozan of Palm Beach Gardens.

In the Girls 12-13 age division, Zora Gittens claimed her 4th title in a row by shooting 81-76-157. Samantha Haubensstock of Weston came in 2nd with a 78-80-158. Finishing 3rd with a 81-82-163 was Story Shaw of West Palm Beach.

Pictured right: Chris Napieralski from Eastpointe CC Event #11, Ryan Lynch, and Eva Baraschi.



Rule Changes for 2012



SPGA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ANDREW MILLER

It is hard to believe that it has been four years since the last Rules of Golf revision. It seems like just yesterday the Rules were revised to allow a player to identify his ball in a hazard and the penalty for a player deflecting his ball in motion was reduced to just one stroke. Well, the USGA and R&A have been hard at work the past four years making revisions and modifying the Rules for better clarity. The latest revision has resulted in seven Rule modifications, seventeen new Decisions, 22 revised Decisions and 98 Decisions revised due to Rule changes. In this month's article, I will outline the major Rule changes and hope to add clarity to those changes by sharing a new or revised Decision associated with the Rule change.

One of the more significant changes to the Rules of Golf came from Rule 18-2b, Ball Moving After Address. The player is no longer penalized if his ball moves after he has addressed it when it is known or virtually certain that they did not cause the ball to move. I am sure we are all familiar with times a player has addressed his ball on the putting green only to have a gust of wind move the ball resulting in a penalty. In the latest revision, the player will no longer be penalized in this case. Decision 18-2b/7 states, "A player addresses his ball. Realizing that the ball is precariously balanced and may move, he steps away from the ball and starts again. This time he does not address the ball, but before he strikes the ball, it moves. What is the ruling? The player incurs a penalty stroke under Rule 18-2b and the ball must be replaced, unless it is known or virtually certain that something else (e.g., wind) caused the ball to move."

Another major Rule change came from exception 2 of Rule 13-4 which now permits a player at any time to

smooth sand or soil in a hazard, including before playing from the hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and the player does nothing to improve his lie, area of intended stance or swing or line of play. Decision 13-4/9 states, "A player's ball lies in a bunker and a rake has been left in another part of the bunker. Prior to making his stroke in the bunker, the player retrieves the rake. Having lifted the rake, the player smooths the footprints that he has just created, and some others in the process. What is the ruling? There is no penalty provided the smoothing was done for the sole purpose of caring for the course and nothing was done to breach Rule 13-2 in relation to the player's next stroke. If, however, a player is regularly creating and smoothing footprints close to his ball prior to making strokes from bunkers, it would be appropriate to question the player about the purpose of the smoothing. In such circumstances, the smoothing might be for the purpose of gaining knowledge of the condition of the bunker rather than being for the sole purpose of caring for the course. If so, the player would be in breach of Rule 13-4a for testing the condition of the hazard."

The next change is hardly a change at all. The reason I say that is because it will no longer be necessary to adopt the Note under Rule 6-3, Time of Starting and Groups, because the USGA and R&A have decided to incorporate that Note into the penalty statement. The new penalty statement which is essentially the old Note says, "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification." Decision 6-3a/2 says, "In a stroke-play competition, A, B and C were drawn by the Committee to play together starting at 9 am. A and B were present at the appointed time. C arrived at 9:02 am after A and B had played from the teeing ground, but just in time to play in the correct order. What is the ruling? As C arrived and was ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, he incurred a penalty of two strokes for failure to start at the time established by the Committee (Rule 6-3a). If C had arrived more than five minutes after his starting time, the penalty would be disqualification. In either case if the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances had prevented C from starting on time, there is no penalty. All competitors in a group must be present and ready to play at the time established by the Committee, in this case 9:00 am. The order of play is not relevant."

The last major change is two-fold and comes from Rule 12-1. The rule was modified to allow a player to move sand when searching for his ball anywhere on the course when it believed to be covered by sand. If the ball is found, the lie must be recreated by replacing the sand. If the ball is moved during search, it must be replaced and the lie recreated. There is no penalty for moving the ball when touching or moving sand in the act of searching for it. Be-

rules cont.

fore the revision, a player was permitted to move sand while searching for his ball in a hazard only when it was believed to be covered by sand or loose impediments. The second change to Rule 12-1 states that a player is no longer exempt from penalty if he moves his ball while searching for it in a hazard believed to be covered by loose impediments. The player is still entitled to touch or move loose impediments in a hazard while searching for it, however if the player moves his ball during the search, he will now be penalized one-stroke under Rule 18-2a. If the ball is found, the loose impediments must be replaced. If the ball moves as a result of replacing the loose impediments, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

One of the more minor changes came in the form of the definition of Addressing the Ball. The definition was amended to say that a player has addressed the ball when, "he has grounded his club immediately in front of or immediately behind the ball, whether or not he has taken his stance. The result of this change is that a player will no longer have addressed his ball in a hazard.

A few other minor changes were made to Rule 1-2, the Note under Rule 19-1 and Note 3 under Rule 20-7c.

In closing I would just like to say that I do like a lot of the new Rule changes. For instance, the change to Rule 12-1 makes things more uniform. Before the change, if a player moved his ball while searching for it in a hazard believed to be covered by loose impediments, he was exempt from

penalty but if his ball moved while searching for it through the green, he was penalized one-stroke. Similarly, a player was permitted to move sand in a hazard while searching for his ball but was prevented from doing so in searching for his ball while it lie through the green. So, in this instance I was glad to see the Rule change because now the penalties and ability to search for the ball are the same no matter where the ball lies. On the contrary, it is going to take some time for me to warm up to the change made to Rule 18-2b. Don't get me wrong, it's a great change for the player, but as a Rules Official I am a little concerned on how I am supposed to determine if wind or gravity and not the player caused the ball to move. I prefer things to be more black and white and I think this change brings in too many shades of grey. Finally, in the updated definition of addressing the ball, the definition says, "immediately behind of or in front of." What does immediately mean? Is immediately a half inch? One inch? An inch and a half? See what I'm getting at? I know players that ground their club two inches behind the ball because they are scared if they get any closer they might accidentally move the ball. Is the new definition telling me that those people never address the ball? It should be interesting to see how the new Rule changes are interpreted and applied over this next year. The good news is we don't have to worry about any more new changes till 2015.

2012 junior tour schedule announced

Date	Event	Course
February 4th - 5th	Event # 1	Club Med at Sandpiper
March 17th - 18th	Event # 2	Miccosukee G&CC
April 21st-22nd	Event # 3	Indian Spring CC
May 5th-6th	Event # 4	Turtle Creek CC
May 19th-20th	Event # 5	Vineyards CC
June 12th-13th	Event # 6	Raptor Bay Golf Club
June 19th-20th	Jr PGA Championship	Boca Grove
June 27th-28th*	Event # 7	Mayacoo Lakes Country Club
July 12th-13th	Event # 8	Ocean Reef
July 24th-25th	Event # 9	Plantation Preserve
August 2nd-3rd	Event # 10	Breakers Rees Jones
August 11-12th*	Event # 11	Quail Valley
August 25th - 26th	Event # 12	Grey Oaks CC
September 15th-16th	Event # 13	Wycliffe Golf and CC
October 6th-7th	Event # 14	Hobe Sound CC
October 20th - 21st*	Event # 15	Old Marsh Golf Club
November 10th-11th	Event # 16	Fountains CC
December 1st - 2nd	Tour Championship	Santa Lucia River Club

*Boys Only 84 Player Field

Registration for membership will open January 10, 2012. More information will be announced as the season gets closer. Make sure to like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and download our mobile app for the most up-to-date information!