



Jacksonville Area Golf Association

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Women's Amateur

Ramya Meenakshisundaram, a student at Atlantic Coast High, won the First Coast Women's Amateur at Long Point.



2018 Officers JAGA's new leadership: (from left) Don Gilmore, Golf Club of Amelia, president; Jeff Adams, TPC Sawgrass, Vice President/Tournaments; Larry Stark, Jacksonville Beach, Secretary; Randy Nader, Sawgrass, VP/Administration; and Kevin Glynn, PGA, Treasurer.



JAGA Awards The 2016 JAGA Award winners were (from left) Ray Gottschalk of Sawgrass, Director of the Year; Joel Lamp of the First Coast Amateur, Community Service Award; Rocky Staples of San Jose, Club Executive of the Year; Gary Murfitt of Hyde Park, Professional of the Year; and Bob Streightiff of Queen's Harbour, Earl Kelly Long Time Service Award. The 2017 winners will be presented at the February 28, 2018 banquet and are listed on page 3.



Banquet

UNF benefactor John Hayt (center) was given the Deane Beman Award at the annual banquet, held at Timuquana. The award is given annually to a person or organization which has made significant contributions to golf in this area. UNF Golf Coach Scott Schroeder (left) introduced Hayt and JAGA Director Duke Butler III (right) represented Beman.



Men's Amateur

U Minn Woon of St. Johns G&CC won the 56th Jacksonville Amateur at Jacksonville G&CC.

JAGA's Mission Statement

The Jacksonville Area Golf Association promotes and conserves the true spirit of the game of golf in the greater Jacksonville area for the continued enjoyment of those who love and play it.

From The President



Fred Seely

It has been a solid year for your association, and all of us should look forward to JAGA's future. Here's a summary of 2017:

- We did the basics well with our officers leading the way. Jeff Adams and his Tournament Committee gave us a full slate of attractive events at attractive sites. Ron Jerin arranged excellent Board meeting locations. Randy Nader kept things in order as secretary and Kevin Glynn took over as treasurer and provided solid financial expertise.
- Our website continued to improve, thanks to Executive Secretary Barney Poston and webmaster Arch Copeland.

- We maintained our membership at 38 clubs, about 95 percent of clubs in our area.
- The annual Jacksonville Golf Banquet drew a record 235 as we honored UNF benefactor John Hayt with the Deane Beman Award and heard guest speaker Laura Baugh. The banquet makes a move in 2018. It has been at Timuquana for the first five years but the committee has accepted an invitation from the World Golf Village, as the honoree this year is Joe Barrow, recently retired as head of The First Tee whose offices are at the WGV. Timuquana has done a great job and has been a major reason the banquet attendance has grown each year.
- The Scholarship Trust tournament took a big step and, thanks to the leadership of past president Adair Roberts, raised over \$17,000. The continuing community support, and the diligent work of Bob Streightiff, Ken Hicks and their committees, is the reason JAGA scholarships are so prized.
- We inaugurated an exciting event, the First Coast Amateur, which drew a great field of 77 men from around the country playing at scratch.
- Our growing blast email list allowed us to send our "News and Notes" feature to almost 1,000 local golfers.
- Three very good leaders stepped aside and we're fortunate to have the bench strength to replace them. Past president Bob Streightiff chaired the Men's Amateur for over a decade; he'll still be around, but Jeff Adams and John Milton will take over. We also have had two vice presidents step aside in the past two years, but both Ron Jerin and Billy Drake say they'll be back soon. Good people who served us well.
- We are very fortunate that Don Gilmore chose not to relocate to North Carolina, and has accepted the challenge to lead JAGA. We're in good hands.
- Members benefited more than the prestige of being part of JAGA. Our tournaments and Board meetings put upwards of \$100,000 back into the clubs.
- We moved closer to having a tournament management system and it should be in place by the Spring Four-Ball, our opening team event in March. We have received a \$10,000 grant, over four years, to pay the annual fee for the system so we will be able to make registration for meetings and tournaments much easier: soup to nuts, if you will, sign-up to results. It also will make our email system and tournament site activities much more efficient.
- JAGA is a non-profit organization but it has moved past being able to efficiently work with volunteers only. We have been able to fund a part-time position to train under Executive Secretary Barney Poston.
- Overall, JAGA is in very good shape. The association continues to be a good value for its member clubs and I think I can speak for everyone involved when I say that it's an honor to serve golf in our community.

**Fred Seely, Timuquana
President
December 31, 2017**

2018 Banquet to be Held at the World Golf Hall of Fame



Joe Barrow

The annual Celebration of Golf banquet was started by JAGA to bring together the golf community and to recognize those who have excelled over the past year. This year's banquet will be February 28 at the World Golf Hall of Fame.

It is now co-sponsored by the Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA.

This year's honoree will be Joe Barrow of Timuquana, recently retired as president of The First Tee, and he will receive the Deane Beman Award, named for the former commissioner of the PGA Tour. Beman himself was the first recipient and other previous winners were Herb Peyton of the Gate Companies and UNF benefactor John Hayt.

The award is a stunning bowl donated by Clayton Bromberg of Underwood Jewelers. It is on permanent display in the Ponte Vedra pro shop.

Information is at jaxareagolf.org.

Scholarship Trust

JAGA's scholarship program dates back over 50 years and well over 200 students have attended college with the association's assistance.

There currently are 26 students receiving \$1,000 per semester (\$2,000 per year.) Funds come from club and individual donations. The trust manages about \$630,000.

Applicants must be associated with a JAGA member club, either as members or employees. Information is at the JAGA website and all applications must go through a member club's director. The deadline is March 31.

Bob Streightiff of Queen's Harbour chairs the Scholarship Trust. Members are Randy Nader, Sawgrass; Steve Booma, Plantation; Jon Thompson, Timuquana; Allen Witham, Hidden Hills; Bunky Johnson, Mayport; and Ken Hicks, Deerwood.

Hicks also chairs the Scholarship Committee which includes Nader, Thompson, Witham and Johnson.

Current JAGA Scholars

Student Name	Sponsor	College
Kelly Barrett	Timuquana	Florida Gulf Coast
Connor Battreall	Marsh Landing	UNF
Hannah Berman	Sawgrass	Jacksonville
Lauren Brychell	First Tee	Belmont Abbey
Madison Caldwell	Sawgrass	Florida Atlantic
Elizabeth Conkey	Orange Park	Georgia Tech
Rajai Cousley	First Tee	Benedict
Kevin Elis-Sanchez	Timuquana	Central Florida
Haley Geeser	Orange Park	FSU
Tyler Harless	Orange Park	Florida
Eric Havixbeck	Hidden Hills	LaGrange
Sarah Herb	Windsor Parke	Tiffen
Daniel Huffington	Julington Creek	FSU
Justin Hutzler	North Hampton	Jacksonville
Emily Kirk	Eagle Harbor	FSU
Kelsey Lecker	Sawgrass	Florida
Sydney Legeer	Hyde Park	Alabama
Alyson Lozano	Orange Park	Florida Gulf Coast
Sierra Maquire	Marsh Creek	FSU
Hanks Massey	Sawgrass	Florida
Hannah Phillips	Windsor Parke	FSU
Austin Philo	Sawgrass	FSU
Emily Root	Deerwood	Naval Academy
Anthony Scolapio	Ponte Vedra	LaGrange
Ranchel Spinks	Orange Park	St. Johns River
Travis Trace	Hidden Hills	UNF
Courtney Welch	Timuquana	St. Johns River

Member Clubs

Amelia Island Club	Mayport
Amelia National	NAS Jax
Amelia River	North Hampton
Atlantic Beach	Orange Park
Blue Cypress	Pablo Creek
Champions Club	Plantation
Deercreek	Palatka
Deerwood	Ponte Vedra Inn
Fernandina Beach	and Club
Fleming Island	Queen's Harbour
Omni Amelia Island	St. Johns County
Plantation	St. Johns G&CC
Hidden Hills	San Jose
Hyde Park	Sawgrass
Jacksonville Beach	Slammer & Squire
Jacksonville G&CC	South Hampton
King & Bear	Suwannee
Magnolia Point	Timuquana
Marsh Creek	TPC Sawgrass
Marsh Landing	Windsor Parke

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Annual JAGA Awards

The 2016 winners' photo is on page 1. These are the 2017 recipients who will be recognized February 28 at the 6th annual Jacksonville Golf Banquet:

Director of the Year: Jeff Adams, TPC Sawgrass

Jeff was recognized for his work as the association's Vice President/Tournaments.

Club Executive of the Year: Bob Sykora, Queen's Harbour

Always ready to assist JAGA, Bob has hosted the Amateur Championship and several Board meetings.

Professional of the Year: Bruce Mohler, Ponte Vedra

In addition to longtime support of JAGA, Bruce is serving as the Northern Chapter's chairman for the Jacksonville Golf Banquet.

Community Service Award: Tama Caldabaugh, Plantation, and Sheila Brocki, Mayport

Tama and Sheila were the guiding forces in the First Coast Women's Amateur, which serves as the JAGA Women's Amateur.

Earl Kelly Long Time Service Award: Russ Hamilton, NAS (in memoriam)

Russ was a hard worker who coordinated tournaments and meetings. He passed away in 2017.

2017 JAGA Tournaments

First Coast Amateur

JAGA's newest event drew a stellar field of 77, which included many college players, at Amelia National, and junior star Brandon Mancheno played all 54 holes without a bogey for 13-under 203 and a 6-shot victory. Tied for second were Jalen Ledger of UCF and Greyson Porter of FSU.

Men's Amateur

U Minn Woon's final round of 2-under 70 gave him a four-shot win at Jacksonville G&CC. Two tied for second: Graham Nichols and Jeff Golden. Tied for fourth were Osborn Theam, Mark Spencer and Davis Roche.

Women's Amateur

Ramya Meenakshisundaram's even-par 144 at The Amelia Island Club (Long Point) was good for a 4-shot win over Amelia Root in the First Coast Women's Championship. Christina Steffen was third at 151 and Courtney Cobb was fourth at 156.

Senior Women's

Tama Caldabaugh had 146 to win by 9 shots over Sarah Durst-Phillips at Long Point. The Senior was played concurrently with the First Coast Women's Amateur. Chris Hunt had 159 for third and Susie Fonde took fourth at 161.

Men's Senior

Bill Hardaker won by 5 with a 140 total at Deercreek with Mike Bodney second in the rain-shortened event. Reid Sheftall won Super Senior by 9 shots and Fred Crampton won Grand Senior. Jerry Brigance won Senior net, George Goldsmith took Super Senior net and Bob Richter won Grand Senior net.

Match Play

Sam Uhland, runner-up the year before, won this time with a 1 up decision over Devin Suri in the final at TPC Valley. McCullough Pickens beat John Felice to take third place. In the qualifier at the World Golf Village, A.J. Crouch and Jeffrey Collins led with 72s.

Boys Junior

Arden Brake was a four-stroke winner

2018 JAGA Tournament Schedule

First Coast Amateur	Jan. 13-15	Hidden Hills
Underwood Cup	Feb. 19-20	Timuquana
Jacksonville Golf Banquet	Feb. 28	World Golf Village
Spring Four-Ball	March 19	Marsh Landing
Senior Men's Amateur	April 16-18	Eagle Harbor
Match Play Qualifier	May 20	St. Johns G&CC
Match Play	June 1-3	TPC Valley
Women's Amateur	June 20-21	Timuquana
Women's Senior Amateur	June 20-21	Timuquana
Junior Boys and Girls	July 9-10	Eagle Harbor
Men's Amateur	July TBA	TBA
Billy Maxwell Claret Jug	September TBA	Hyde Park
Scholarship Trust	October TBA	Ponte Vedra
Club Team	November TBA	Timuquana

with 146 in the Greater Jacksonville Junior Championship, conducted by the North Florida Junior Golf Foundation. Next came Tyler Broadus and William Levinson. Age group winners were James Ballato, Andrew Davis, Chase Carroll and Tyler Mawhinney. The 36-hole event was played at Timuquana and Sawgrass.

Girls Junior

Olivia Whitten won by 14 strokes in the event, also at Timuquana and Sawgrass. Her total was 150 and tied for second were Julia Wallace and Kayleigh Baker. Marissa Cardenas was next. Daisy Adams won the other division.

Spring Four-Ball

Cary Splane and Jack Kegelmeyer were victorious at Marsh Landing with a gross 64. Gross flight winners were Stuart Smith-Wes Paxson Jr. and Ray Cabano-Fred Vines. Net winners were Gary Verble-Jarrod Barsamian, Mike Jay-Mark Kontny and Skip Lunsford-Tom Joseph.

Billy Maxwell Claret Jug

Played in honor of course owner Billy

Maxwell at Hyde Park, there were two divisions and winners were Bob Dickson-Peter Kuchar and Mike Shea-Jack White.

Fall Four-Ball

Randy Mertens and Jayson Judy teamed for a 67 to win gross honors at Hidden Hills, one better than Andre Green and James Bowery. Net winners were Ron Jerin and Ron Mullis.

Scholarship Trust

Over \$17,000 was raised for the JAGA Scholarship Trust in a scramble at Ponte Vedra's Ocean Course. The winning team consisted of Jerry Wood, Keith Kinsella, Bill Lassiter and Sidney Morris. Runners-up were Thomas Bozzuto, Rick Dunham, David Strohecker and Ryan Newton.

Club Team Championship

There were 22 clubs represented by 4-person teams at Timuquana and Deercreek took the trophy with a 124 total. Pro K.W. Godwin led the winners which included amateurs Arch Copeland, Lee Fields and Ken Prebola. One shot back was the King & Bear team of pro Jonathan Williams, Mike Stark, Henry Chambliss and Barnes Grey.