

- One way of donating to the JAGA scholarships is through a personal trust. Dick and Becky Kocerha of Queen's Harbour have established a Charitable Trust at the Community Foundation of North Florida for the benefit of the program.

USGA qualifiers

Three JAGA member clubs have USGA qualifiers coming this year:

Open: May 15, Sawgrass.

U.S. Junior Boys: June 18, St. Johns G&CC.

Senior Men's Amateur: July 23, Amelia Island Club (Long Point.)

Men's Mid-Amateur: Aug. 13, San Jose.

Qualifying sites for these and other events can be found at fsga.org.

Other items of note

- Orange Park's new owner is Tony Price, whose family has owned courses in Ohio.
- Cathy Harbin once ran the World Golf Village courses and then moved to an executive role with ClubCorp, and now she's a course owner. She's at a course in Pine Ridge, Tex.
- Former Sawgrass pro Greg Lecker is now on the staff at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md. That's the home club of former President Barack Obama and, the day that Lecker visited, Obama was on the course with baseball Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr.
- A Jacksonville course that was designed but never built may come back in the news. It was to be built on the big landfill on Sunbeam Road, which runs on Jacksonville's Southside from San Jose Blvd. to Philips Hwy. It was planned about 15 years ago but the developer's money ran out, and has sat vacant since. A new developer wants to build homes on the site, but some of the principals in the past effort are putting up a challenge. It was to be nine holes with a par three that would go from the top of the big hill to the bottom.

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