

# TEE IT UP

January 2021



Welcome to the New Year! We hope 2021 continues to provide LASJGC with many positive golf experiences.

Reminder: Each LASJGC member must create a profile by Tuesday, January 19 to access your Ghin handicap information and to post scores. Go to [www.Ghin.com](http://www.Ghin.com) and click on Create Profile and follow the instructions.

Welcome to our newest members: Susan Cannon and Judy Willoughby. Please look for them on our regular play days and make them feel welcome. Contact information for both is available on the Membership Directory tab of our website. [www.LASJGC.com](http://www.LASJGC.com)

It has become necessary to clarify how Tournament Play is to be managed.

We continue to have excellent participation for the Thursday Tournaments. Thanks to Lorie Burningham for devising such fun and varied games to play. Please remember it is required that each player must play the ball completely from tee to green for Thursday Tournament play. If you choose to pick up your ball because you have reached your maximum Ghin score, you may do that, and your Ghin score can be posted. BUT, by not finishing the ball to the hole, you must DISQUALIFY yourself from the Tournament game, unless that hole will not be counted in the Tournament game score. If this happens, please make a note on the scorecard that you have disqualified yourself from the game. Remember, for the game score, all strokes are counted, even if they exceed your maximum Ghin score.

For Thursday Tournaments, our Handicap Chair will post scores on the Ghin site. For Tuesday play, each golfer is responsible to post their own score on the Ghin site.

Handicaps are used when determining winners of our Thursday tournaments. To maintain a fair and accurate handicap, all members must post every score, each time a 9 hole or 18 hole round of golf is played. This must be done at St Johns Golf Club, during LASGC play, or during individual play, as well as any other golf club that the member has played.

It has been noted that a number of our members are consistently not posting scores on Tuesdays. By not posting scores, members are altering their handicap, sometimes higher, sometimes lower. Either way, it affects the player's net score, which affects the ability to determine a tournament winner on Thursdays. This is ultimately unfair to our members. As stated in our Constitution, our objective is to familiarize members with the rules, etiquette and good sportsmanship of the game. It is expected that all members will understand and follow our Constitution.

Mark your calendars for the LASJGC Member–Member Tournament to be held March 18. According to our Constitution players must have 8 weekly play day scores posted to qualify to enter the tournament. There is plenty of time left to get those rounds in if you have not already met the requirement. Remember to begin thinking of who you wish to pair with for the tournament.

The club will be sponsoring the Superbowl Scramble to be held on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> with starting times beginning at 8:30am and final tee time no later than 12:00pm. Hors D'oeuvres will be served immediately following play while you watch scores get posted and measure up your game against the rest of the field. This will be a four person scramble, open to all golfers. Men under 70 will play the white tees. Men 70 and over will have the option of playing from the green tee markers. All ladies will play from the red tee markers. The cost will be \$60 per player for nonmembers, and \$50 per player for St. Johns Golf Club members. You may choose your starting time based on availability. Call the Pro Shop for additional information.

Interclub Tournaments continue to be on hold due to the pandemic restrictions. Recently St Johns Golf and Country Club announced the cancellation of the Bridges Invitational which had been scheduled for March 1. The possibility of a Virtual Bridges Scramble is being considered and information on this will be shared as it is available.

It has been announced that the 2021 Jacksonville Summer Team match play series will go on! The season will officially open on Tuesday, June 2, 2021! The last scheduled play day of our season on May 27 will be Match Play as a review of the format and practice for Summer Team. Some clubs are still closed to outside play; hopefully by June all will be open. Anita Kommnick has volunteered to be captain of the LASJGC Team with Janis Croft serving as co-captain. More information and opportunity to sign up will be coming later this spring.

So far this year several nominations for our Purple Garter Award have been submitted. Don't forget to continue be aware of notable events that qualify for the award. Submit them to President Jane Veling. Award will be made at the end of year meeting.

Member Spotlight is a new idea and a way to get acquainted with our membership. A member's name will be selected randomly. The selected member will be asked to complete a questionnaire to aid in creating basic biographical information. The member will be "Spotlighted" in our newsletter and on our bulletin board, so others may learn a little more about them. Hopefully, everyone will get involved!! Patti Lamy is our first Spotlighted Member.

Patti Lamy



Patti Lamy began her golfing experience by playing with her husband a few times. She did not score well and told her husband she would never golf. For her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday she received golf clubs and lessons.....that was 29 years ago! Since then, many golf memories have been added to her life's album – the favorite one being when she scored a Hole in One at the Shores Golf Club.

Patti also enjoys swimming, bicycling, kayaking and cross-country skiing. Her favorite book read recently is What the Robin Knows by Jon Young. Her favorite place to be in the summer is at her cottage on a lake in Maine.

Patti spent her career as an elementary music specialist for 25 years. She also had an interest in a nursing, but she is a musician at heart with piano and voice as majors in college. She loves to sew and is happy to say she even made her own wedding gown.

Congratulations to the staff at St. Johns Golf Club who racked up some awards given by the North Florida PGA Chapter. Below is a list of the chapter awards and winners:

- Gary Vanover (Foot Joy) - Sales Professional of Year
- John Brooks (Red Numbers Golf) - Amateur of Year
- **Anthony Baur** (St. Johns Golf Club) - Superintendent of Year
- Todd Bork (San Jose Country Club) – Private Merchandiser of the Year
- **Wes Tucker** (St. Johns Golf Club) – Public Merchandiser of the Year
- Brian Riddle (TPC Sawgrass) – Resort Merchandiser of the Year
- Aaron Russel (Sawgrass Country Club) – Assistant Professional of Year
- Brad Smith (Bent Creek Golf Club) - Deacon Palmer Award
- **Wes Tucker** (St. Johns Golf Club) - Patriot Award
- Kimberly Lawlor (Palm Valley Golf Club) - Youth Development
- Jordan Dempsey (TPC Learning Center) - Player Development
- Hayes Farley (San Jose Country Club) - Teacher of Year
- Brian Riddle (TPC Sawgrass) - Professional Development
- **Tommy Aycock** (St. Johns Golf Club) - Bill Strausbaugh
- **Wes Tucker** (St. Johns Golf Club) - PGA Professional of the Year

**Pro Tip- How to increase distance with your driver** from Bea Mauricio, Assistant Golf Professional

There is one thing that every golfer wants more of... DISTANCE!

Learning how to increase the distance on your driver not only makes you look good in front of your playing partners, but it also makes the game a whole lot easier.

Getting extra distance with your driver will put you in a better position to reach the green in regulation and also use more lofted clubs.

To be able to hit it long and straight it is important to follow four principles in your setup:

1. **Ball Height.** Your primary goal when using the driver is to hit up on the golf ball and teeing the ball higher will encourage an upward strike.
2. **Wide Stance.** The driver is your longest club in the bag and to be able to increase your speed you need to make sure you have a solid stance to maintain balance. To ensure your body has a solid base, set up with a wider stance.
3. **Forward ball position.** In order to maximize distance, you must strike up on the ball. Place the ball on the inside of the forward foot to help insure your clubhead bottoms out earlier in the swing and you can hit the ball on the upswing.
4. **Spine Angle.** At setup your upper body should be slightly tilted away from the target. This means for the right-handed player, their left shoulder should be slightly higher than their right shoulder at address.