

JAGA NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION DOCUMENT

<u>Overview</u>

JAGA was established in 1954 as an umbrella organization to promote golf and golfrelated activities at clubs throughout North Florida. JAGA is to local golf what the Florida State Golf Association is to golf in Florida and the United States Golf Association is to golf in the U.S.

JAGA is a volunteer organization whose membership is comprised of golf clubs and courses. It has approximately 40 member clubs. Each club is represented by up to four directors who are identified by the club or current directors or individuals who express interest in becoming one. There are more than 100 names on the JAGA directors' list. JAGA directors meet a minimum of six times per year to conduct business and further the JAGA mission.

JAGA's mission is:

- 1. To promote interest and participation in the game of golf.
- 2. To arrange competitive tournaments, and to act as a coordinator for tournament schedules in the area.
- 3. To promote unity among member clubs in accordance with U.S.G.A. standards and recommendations.
- 4. To encourage and promote junior golf.
- 5. To process the nomination and selection of candidates for scholarship awards and to ensure the recipients maintain proper academic and moral standards during their term of study.

JAGA's website is: <u>www.jaxareagolf.org</u>.

JAGA's mailing address is: 830-13 A1A North, Box 158, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Primary Functions of the Organization

- Conducts and/or supports up to 12 area amateur championships throughout the year, including male and female events for men, women, seniors, and juniors.
- Manages a college scholarship program (JAGA Charitable Trust) that can maintain financial aid for up to about 30 deserving students every year (\$1,000 per semester per student). Since 1974, the Trust has generated \$1.8 million for approximately 375 students.
- Assists member clubs in disseminating information and news.
- Interfaces and coordinates with other area golf organizations the Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA, North Florida Junior Golf Foundation, First Coast Women's Amateur, North Florida Superintendents Association, Jacksonville Women's Golf Association, Ladies Amateur Golf Association, The First Tee of North Florida, and Moore-Myers Children's Fund.
- Co-sponsors the annual "Celebration of Golf" banquet with the Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA, historically held in February.
- Maintains a shared schedule of tournaments with clubs and other golf associations.

2023 Officers

President - John Milton (Jax Beach GC) Vice President/Administration - John Tancredi (Marsh Landing CC) Vice President /Tournaments - Jeff Johnstone (Sawgrass CC) Secretary - Vincent Celestino (Marsh Creek CC) Treasurer - Billy Walker (Cimarrone GC)



(from left) Walker, Celestino, Milton, Tancredi , Johnstone,

<u>Other Key Non-Elected Positions</u> Immediate Past President - Jeff Adams (Sawgrass CC) Assistant Treasurer/Meetings - Jack Morehead (NAS Jax) Assistant Treasurer/Dues - Vince Celestino (Marsh Creek CC) BlueGolf Administrator - Jennifer Borocz (Northern Chapter, PGA) Chairman/Charitable Trust - Wayne St. Clair (Jacksonville G&CC) Executive Secretary & Historian - Barney Poston (Hidden Hills GC) New Director/Member Club Recruitment - Ken Hicks (Deerwood CC) and Fred Seely (Timuquana CC) Webmaster - Arch Copeland (Deercreek CC)

Website / www.jaxareagolf.org

The JAGA website features seven tabs at the top of the home page (see image below). The following are a few areas you are encouraged to get familiar with (applicable tab in parentheses).

- Archives/Past Results ("Tournaments")
- Archives/Releases & "News" ("News")
- Directors Duties ("Documents")
- Directors List ("Directories")
- JAGA Constitution & By-Laws ("Documents" > "Legal Documents")
- JAGA History ("About Us" > "The JAGA Story")
- Scholarship Fund History ("Scholarships")
- Tournament Information & Sign-Up ("Tournaments")

To sign up for JAGA meetings, go to "Meetings" in the green "JAGA Links" box (see below).

To access the Director's list, new directors should contact a fellow director from their club or JAGA webmaster Arch Copeland to request the password.



Meetings

- Jan, Feb. March, April, May, June, Sept, Oct, Nov. Dec. (2022, proposed schedule)
- Rotate around North Florida to JAGA Member Clubs
- Meeting, Lunch and/or Golf
- Meeting/Lunch/Golf = \$75 (unless otherwise announced); Meeting/Lunch only = \$20-25; Meeting only = \$0
- Starting time, 10 a.m. (unless otherwise announced)
- Sign up on the JAGA homepage under "JAGA Links" ("Meetings" in green box)
- Meeting attendance is not mandatory but strongly encouraged whenever possible.

New Director - Things To Do To Get Started

Ken Hicks (JAGA director, Deerwood CC) oversees New Director Orientation (<u>kenner849@gmail.com</u>)/ 904-687-4612). He will get you started. Here are a few things to know in the meantime.

- Get familiar with the JAGA website...www.jaxareagolf.org....a password is required to access the JAGA directors contact list. New directors should contact a fellow director from their club or JAGA webmaster Arch Copeland to request the password
- Sign up for JAGA emails (Go to: Homepage > Subscribe to JAGA Email (in blue box)
- Submit contact information (name, club, cell phone, email) and photo to Arch Copeland for JAGA Directors list.

JAGA DIRECTORS LIST

Name	¢ Email	Phone	\$ Club	Photo +
Adams, Jeff	j <u>effreytadams71@gmail.com</u>	904-607-6142	TPC Sawgrass	Pic
Andrews, Jim PP	j <u>amesrandrews@bellsouth.net</u>	904-607-7105	Ponte Vedra I&C	Pic
Arms, J.D.	j <u>armsg773@att.net</u>	904-287-4101	Julington Creek	Pic
Batchelder, Drake	drakebatchelder@icloud.com	904-806-4544	Marsh Creek	Pic

- Contact Arch Copeland to secure your JAGA name badge for meetings and events.
- Contact Jim Jonestone about purchasing a JAGA shirt and/or hat.

Scholarships / JAGA Charitable Trust

JAGA manages a scholarship program which can maintain financial aid for up about 30 deserving college students every year. Since 1974, the program has generated approximately \$1.8 million in financial aid to approximately 375 students. Each year between five and eight new scholarships are awarded for \$1,000 per semester. Complete program details are available under the "Scholarships" tab on the JAGA website.

Trust Officers:

Chairman - Wayne St. Clair (Jacksonville G&CC) Vice Chairman - Michael McKenny (Timuquana CC) Treasurer - Allen Witham (Hidden Hills GC) Trustee - Steve Booma (The Plantation) Scholarship Chair - Joe Grippi (Deerwood CC) Secretary - John Tancredi (Marsh Landing CC) Trustee - Ken Hicks Scholarship Classic - Susan Waite Scholarship Committee - Ron Smith



June 2022 Scholarship Award Winners

Director Expectations

JAGA Director duties are:

- 1) Be a liaison/promoter for JAGA, its tournaments and other activities to key club personnel (GM, head professional, superintendent, men's and women's golf committees) and golfers at their member club.
- 2) Attend as many Director meetings and be as active as possible.
- 3) Volunteer for tournaments and other activities.
- 4) Help the Scholarship committee recruit scholar candidates from their member club.
- 5) Coordinate or participate in at least one fund raiser annually at your member club to raise funds for the Charitable Trust.
- 6) Be willing to serve on committees or as an officer of JAGA, if approached to do so.

"Areas of Focus"

"Areas of Focus" was a new JAGA initiative in 2021. These are areas of need where we have designated "go-to directors" who commit to oversee and stay on top of a specific focus area on an ongoing basis. These functions increase the number of directors involved in JAGA's day-to-day matters and should reduce things from falling through the cracks, which is often the case with limited non-officer involvement. Up to 15 areas were identified such as dues collection, parliamentary matters, rules seminars, fundraising, speakers for meetings, club member and new director recruitment, new director orientation, ongoing website maintenance of all sections, and many more. A working chart of these assignments is available.

Miscellaneous

Director Email Blasts

- JAGA directors receive regular email blasts via MailChimp. These emails promote upcoming meetings, important announcements, tournament results and more.
- JAGA produces and distributes early each month "Northeast Florida Golf News", an email blast to more than 1,300 JAGA constituents. Fred Seely (Timuquana CC) edits "News". Directors are encouraged/expected to submit relevant news items from their clubs.
- <u>Be sure to sign up on the home page ("Subscribe to JAGA Email") to begin</u> receiving all of the above items.



Jacksonville Area Golf Association



NORTHEAST FLORIDA GOLF NEWS September 2021 By Fred Seely/JAGA

Tabitha & Jim Furyk Featured Guests at JAGA Meeting

Tabitha & Jim Furyk were the featured speakers at JAGA's Aug. 31 Directors' meeting at Sawgrass CC. The audience learned details about the inaugural Constellation Furyk & Friends presented by Circle K tournament that will debut at Timuquana CC Oct. 8-10. Furyk expects a stellar field for the PGA TOUR Champions event, with many fun fan activities and amenities planned. With eight tournaments to go, Furyk is second to **Bernhard Langer** on the Charles Schwab Cup points lists and in contention to become the first player to win both the FedExCup (2010) and Schwab Cup. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, volunteer opportunities, and more, **click here**.



To view past editions, go the JAGA website home page and click on the "NEWS" tab.

BlueGolf Tournament Platform

 JAGA uses the BlueGolf tournament platform to promote and organize its tournaments. Individual JAGA tournament websites may be found by selecting a tournament on the JAGA homepage ("Tournaments" tab, then "2023 Tournament Schedule"). Each BlueGolf tournament homepage contains basic tournament information, registration and leaderboard access, and much more. Jennifer Borocz is our BlueGolf Administrator. She assists tournament chairs and other JAGA directors with BlueGolf needs and issues.

SAMPLE BLUEGOLF TOURNAMENT HOME PAGE (PORTION)



THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO JAGA!

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