

# Jacksonville Area Golf Association 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

### **From the President**



It's been a wonderful experience to have served you for the past two years as president. Being part of the Jacksonville Area Golf Association has been a big part of my life and that won't stop just because my time has come to pass the gavel.

Randy Nader

Why is JAGA so fulfilling? Because it's at the center of Northeast Florida golf. It is not an association of people, but an association of clubs, so we all share common experiences that bring us together. A typical JAGA board meeting has 20-25 clubs represented; we learn from each other, and we take each other's information back to our own clubs.

JAGA gives, not only in the labor it takes to conduct the core business of tournaments and scholarships, but also financially: our member clubs are compensated for hosting our events. The annual \$175 membership fee can be very small compared to all the benefits a club gets.

The JAGA Scholarship Trust has provided college assistance to close to 400 students since it started in 1974. It's an honor to be a "JAGA Scholar", too. Our clubs have been great in helping keep the trust funded so we can continue this work.

Those who volunteer to represent their clubs as JAGA directors work hard. Conducting a championship takes a lot of effort — I handle the Men's Senior; believe me, I know — and directors are the first to step up and help. Plus, they reach into their clubs to find volunteers to assist, too.

My thanks to all who have served this year, whether to represent their club as a director or to volunteer time to assist the committees. I am especially proud that we were able to conduct business almost as always despite the pandemic... we had to cancel only one tournament and only one board meeting.

We move into 2021 in a good position. Jeff Adams will be a strong leader and our board is solid. Now, it's my turn to step down from the head table and join my fellow Sawgrass directors in the audience.

Thanks to all for great memories.

## **NEW OFFICERS**



The new leadership (from left): Adams, Walker, Tancredi, Helton, Stark.

JAGA elected its 2021 officers at the annual meeting in December at Marsh Landing. Outgoing President Randy Nader of Sawgrass will continue to serve on the Executive Committee:

### Jeff Adams – President

TPC Sawgrass...Retired, former director of the PGA Tour's Communications Department and former LPGA staff member...From Chappaqua, NY...University of Florida graduate...Resides in Ponte Vedra Beach.

#### John Tancredi – Vice President / Administration

Marsh Landing Country Club...Retired CEO of Searles Valley Minerals...Native of New York City...Graduate of Fordham University and earned post-graduate degrees from Iona College and Cornell University...Resides in Ponte Vedra Beach.

### Cary Helton - Vice President / Tournaments

San Jose Country Club...Retired CSX transportation executive...Native of Lubbock, Texas...University of Washington graduate...Resides in Jacksonville.

### Larry Stark – Secretary

Jax Beach Golf Club...Native of Virginia...Marshall University graduate...Retired CSX sales executive...Resides in Jacksonville.

### Bill Walker – Treasurer

Cimarrone Country Club...Native of Montreal, Canada...Graduate of McGill University...Former partner at KMPG...Resides in Ponte Vedra Beach.

### **ABOUT JAGA**

Established in 1954, JAGA celebrates its 68th year in 2021. It is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (4) corporation comprised of golf clubs in the Northeast Florida area. JAGA's mission is to promote golf and goodwill through tournaments and related events and activities.

It conducts 11 tournaments, including six championship events and five others that feature team formats.

JAGA manages a scholarship program that currently provides college funding for 28 area students. Since 1974, the program has generated approximately \$1.8 million in financial aid to approximately 375 students.

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## **Member Clubs**

Marsh Landing

Amelia Island Club Amelia National

Amelia River

Atlantic Beach

Brentwood

Cimarrone

Deercreek

Deerwood

Eagle Harbor

Fernandina Beach

Fleming Island

GC of South Hampton

Hammock Beach Resort

Hidden Hills

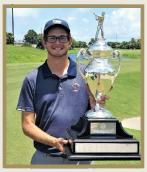
Hyde Park

Jacksonville G&CC Jax Beach GC Julington Creek

Magnolia Point

Marsh Creek

## NAS Jax Pablo Creek Palatka Palencia Plantation at Ponte Vedra Ponte Vedra Inn **Oueen's Harbour** San Jose Sawgrass St. Johns G&CC St. Johns GC Suwannee The First Tee The Yards Timuquana **TPC Sawgrass** Windsor Parke Windy Harbor World Golf Village



UNF's Cody Carroll won the Men's Amateur



2020 First Coast Women's Amateur champion Madison Hewlett accepts the Championship trophy from Emily Brown, who donated the trophy in the early 1990s.

### 2020 JAGA Award Winners

Director of the Year: Randy Nader, *Sawgrass*. Professional of the Year: Tim Cooper, *Deerwood*.

Club Executive of the Year: C.W. Cook, Sawgrass.

**Community Service Award** Jared Rice, *PLAYERS*.

Earl and Eleanor Kelly Longtime Service Award George Halverson, Marsh Landing.

### 2020 Scholars

Seven have been chosen as JAGA Scholars starting with the 2020 Fall semester. The new recipients with

> the sponsoring club and college: Donald Branske

Timuquana, Florida Gateway College

Alex Caliel Jacksonville G&CC, Florida State Samuel Harrell

Jacksonville Beach, Millsaps Hannah Stevens

TPC Sawgrass, Flagler

**Apryl Parker** South Hampton, Eckerd

Lacey Tucker Atlantic Beach, Florida Southern

Elliott Wright Sawgrass, Central Florida According to Scholarship Committee

chairman Ken Hicks of Deerwood, there are 28 students receiving JAGA scholarships.

# Tournaments

The youth were served in the 2020 JAGA tournament schedule as a collegian won the men's title and a high school student took the women's.

The tournament schedule was almost completed despite the pandemic as JAGA officials rescheduled several events. The only cancellations were the Four-Ball at Marsh Creek due to heavy rains and the Scholarship Classic at Ponte Vedra, cancelled due to the pandemic and rescheduled to Feb. 22, 2021.

### Here's what happened:

### First Coast Amateur: The Conservatory

Cole Bradley of Purdue University won by a single shot with a 4-under 212. Cody Carroll and Nicholas Gabrelcik, both of UNF, were next. It was Bradley's second victory in the event.

### Underwood Cup: Timuquana.

The amateur team won the annual match against local pros, 16-8, and now lead the series 15-11-3.

### Men's Amateur: Jax Beach

Cody Carroll held on to win by one with Western Carolina University player Pierre Viallaneix next. Jacksonville's Toby Ragland was third.

### Women's Amateur: Jacksonville G&CC

High school student Madison Hewlett of Oldsmar won with a two-day total of 5-under 139. One shot back was another teenager, Bailey Shoemaker of Dade City. Tama Caldabaugh of Ponte Vedra won the Senior division and Helen Short of Jacksonville won Super Senior.

### Match Play: Queen's Harbour

Stetson graduate student Chris Willard edged Jacob Posze of Jacksonville, 2 and 1, in the final.

### Junior: Eagle Harbor

Conducted by the North Florida Junior Golf Foundation, the overall winners were Moses Compaan and Alexandra Gazzoli. Other division winners were Brett Maloy, Emmet Kuhlenkamp, Nancy Cox and Trevor Challice.

#### Men's Senior: St. Johns G&CC

Tim Cobb of St. Augustine won with 7-under 137 but the event produced what is believed to be the lowest score ever in a JAGA championship, a second-round 62 by Mike Vallencourt of Timuquana. He opened with 76 to fall one shot short of the title. The Super Senior champion was Gary Blackwell of Jacksonville and Super Senior went to Danny Daniels of Kingsland, GA.

### Club Team: Jacksonville G&CC

The host club's team of pro Ray Barr and amateurs Fermin Mendez, Bill Devine and Skip Lunsford won the event, which was conducted in partnership with the Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA.

### Family Championship: Jax Beach

The father-daughter team of Scott and Kaitlyn Schroeder played the last six holes in seven under par for a 9-under total to win by two shots over Charles and Bruce Kelnhofer. Bob and Melissa Gotfredson won the Couples Division in a card match over Hayes and Dawn Farley.