

Senior Men's Interclub

Founded in 1996 as the Men's Senior Interclub Series (MSIS)

The Senior Men's Interclub (SMI) is a consortium of senior golfers from 14 clubs in the Jacksonville, Florida area. We conduct a monthly competition pitting eight-man teams against each other to determine an annual champion. Over the years more than 1,287 men have played in the Interclub; 529 are still on the active roster.

Our league was formed in 1996 by John Brady, a retired Navy pilot and avid golfer. For several years, John was stationed in England where the Stableford format is very popular. After settling in Florida, John envisioned a series of Stableford competitions (USGA Rule 32.1b). Tragically, John Brady died in 1997 as the result of an accident while playing golf at the Country Club of Orange Park. Driving his cart on a bridge over a marsh, John spotted a golf ball in the marsh. Attempting to retrieve the ball, he fell out of the cart and suffered a fatal spinal cord injury. *Quae nocent, saepe docent.*

Monthly tournaments are generally held on a Monday with the host club providing lunch while the scores are tallied at the end of play. Each four-man grouping consists of players from four different clubs who are picked at random without regard to their individual handicaps. Initially, six clubs agreed to participate and the MSIS (later renamed SMI) became a reality in 1997. So far 19 clubs have participated and 14 clubs are still active members. The following is a chronologically ordered list of our member clubs:

- Deer Creek Country Club (1997)
- Hidden Hills Country Club (1997)
- Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club (1997-2017)
- Marsh Creek Country Club (1997)
- Country Club of Orange Park (1997)
- Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club (1997)
- Jacksonville Golf & Country Club (1999)
- Ponte Vedra Golf & Country Club at Sawgrass (1999-2014) formerly Oak Bridge Country Club
- Windsor Parke Golf Club (1999-2003)
- Eagle Harbor Golf Club (2000)
- The Club at Osprey Cove (2000)
- Marsh Landing Country Club (2004)
- The Palencia Club (2005-2007, 2018)
- St. Johns Golf & Country Club (2005-2016)
- San Jose Country Club (2005)
- Sawgrass Country Club (2005)
- World Golf Village (2005)
- Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (2011-2011)
- The Amelia Island Club at Long Point (2014)

Handicapping and Scoring Operations

We prefer the Stableford format because it promotes a faster pace of play: the player is asked to "pick up" when he can no longer score a point and has reached his maximum equitable stroke control (ESC) limit. On the other hand, the Stableford format imposes a heavy burden on the Committee in charge of each competition since USGA Rule 33-5 specifies it must apply the handicap recorded on the score card and determine the result of each hole and the overall result or points total. Thus, at the end of the day 112 scorecards reach the scorer's table within a span of 20 minutes or so due to our shotgun start. In the beginning, this operation could take two hours or so to fulfill. The following is a year-by-year list of technical achievements that have trimmed the time it takes to determine the day's winners.

- Jul 2002: Introduced Excel/VBA-based applications for hole-by-hole scoring before the monthly awards ceremony
- Jul 2006: Introduced a comprehensive database to track handicaps and performance...it now contains 19,079 scoring records and related data.
- Nov 2011: Introduced an electronic scoreboard to speed up the end-of-day scoring operation. The system projects individual and team scores on a widescreen HDTV with immediate feedback on personal feats such as aces, eagles, most points, and least strokes.
- Sep 2013: Introduced a keyless data entry system using an OMR scanner. The scoring operation now takes a fraction of the time spent previously so prizes are generally awarded before lunch is over.

List of All-time Record Holders

All-time Individual Records	
Least strokes in a round	67 -- Bob Wildner MP at San Jose on 7/7/2014 John Grams EH at Fleming Island on 9/15/2014 68 -- Wayne Clifton OB at Jacksonville on 3/3/2004 69 -- Four players tied
Most points in a round	55 -- Bruce MacDonald QH at Osprey Cove on 5/09/2016 54 -- Don Lerch EH at King & Bear on 1/13/2003 Ralph Crandall MC at Osprey Cove on 3/16/2015 Ray Mantle QH at Sawgrass on 7/18/2016
Most rounds	140 -- Odie Skeen MC 137 -- Wib Finch JG 134 -- Dave Spring MC
Most holes-in-one in career	2 -- Leedom Kettell SG on 01/23/12 and 07/18/11
Most eagles in career	5 -- Wib Finch JG from 05/19/08 to 06/17/13
Most birdies in a round	8 -- Wildner, Bob MP on 07/07/14 Simpson, Mike HH on 10/21/09

All-time Team Records	
Least strokes in a round	619 -- Jacksonville at St. Johns on 10/6/2008 645 -- Eagle Harbor at Slammer & Squire on 6/9/2014 650 -- Marsh Landing at Marsh Landing on 5/9/2011
Most points in a round	337 -- Osprey Cove at Osprey Cove on 9/18/2006 332 -- Long Point at Osprey Cove on 3/6/2017 330 -- Eagle Harbor at Osprey Cove on 3/6/2017

In 2001, the league created a season-ending tournament to recognize the club scoring the most points on the season. The first John Brady Cup tournament was held on the King & Bear golf course at the World Golf Village with Mia Brady, John's widow, presenting the cup to the winning team from Windsor Parke Golf Club. In 2013, the Brady Cup was replaced by the Barney Poston Cup in recognition of Barney's ten years of service as the league "czar." The following is a year-by-year list of member clubs which have held the Brady or Poston Cup:

- 2001: Windsor Parke Golf Club
- 2002: Eagle Harbor Golf Club
- 2003: Marsh Creek Country Club
- 2004: Oakbridge Country Club, later styled as Ponte Vedra Golf & Country Club at Sawgrass
- 2005: Jacksonville Golf & Country Club
- 2006: Osprey Cove Golf Club
- 2007: Jacksonville Golf & Country Club
- 2008: Jacksonville Golf & Country Club
- 2009: Hidden Hills Country Club
- 2010: St. Johns Golf & Country Club
- 2011: Jacksonville Golf & Country Club
- 2012: Deer Creek Country Club
- 2013: World Golf Village
- 2014: Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club
- 2015: Hidden Hills Country Club
- 2016: Country Club of Orange Park
- 2017: Hidden Hills Country Club

As an unincorporated, voluntary association, the governance of our league has been vested since 2006 in a Council of Representatives, one from each member club. The Council meets semiannually in June and December and appoints several individuals to manage our day-to-day operations with league rules posted on our website at jaxsi.org.

Tournament Chairman

- 1996: John Brady, Orange Park
- 1997: Toby Riley, Magnolia Point
- 2004: Barney Poston, Hidden Hills
- 2013: Ray Mantle, Queen's Harbour
- 2015: Bill Basney, San Jose
- 2016: Allen Witham, Hidden Hills

Scheduling Chairman

- 2004: Roy Gulick, Magnolia Point
- 2009: Tony DeMarco, Osprey Cove
- 2013: Bill Basney, San Jose

Secretary

- 2013: Bruce MacDonald, Queen's Harbour
- 2016: Ray Mantle, Queen's Harbour

Treasurer

- 2004: Barney Poston, Hidden Hills
- 2013: Dave Noble, Deer Creek
- 2016: Bruce MacDonald, Queen's Harbour

Conduct Committee Chairman

- 2012: Dave Spring, Marsh Creek

Handicapping Chairman

- 2002: Barney Poston, Hidden Hills
- 2013: Allen Witham, Hidden Hills

Webmaster

- 2002: Barney Poston, Hidden Hills

Technical Advisor and Newsletter Writer

- 2010: Jack Garrity, Eagle Harbor