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Nick Dennis, FTGA President addresses the crowd at the Envirotron dedication on the University of Florida campus. See page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 7 2nd Annual Lake City CC Endowment Tournament, Riverwood GC, Port Charlotte
- Jan. 10 Central Florida Research Golf Tournament, Interlachen
- Jan. 10 Palm Beach GCSA chapter meeting, Old Trail GC
- Jan. 13 West Coast chapter meeting, Buckhorn Springs G&CC
- Jan. 13 Assistant Superintendents Day, Palm Beach Junior College

- Jan. 15 FGCSA Board Meeting, Marriott Courtyard Motel, Orlando. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. All FGCSA members are invited to attend.
- Jan. 18 Southwest Florida Turfgrass Management Seminar, Ramada Inn, Ft. Myers

Jan. South Florida GCSA chapter meeting, Doral GC, Fort Lauderdale

Jan. 31 GCSAA International - Feb. 7 Conference & Show, Dallas, Texas

| Feb. 4 | FGCSA Reception, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
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| Feb. 17 | Everglades chapter meeting, Royal Palm GC, Naples |
| March 5 | Tampa Bay Horticultural Trade Show, Tampa Convention Center |
| March 8 | USGA Green Section Conference, Palm Beach Gardens Marriott |
| March 10 | USGA Green Section Conference, Orlando |

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President's Message by Paul Crawford

I hope everyone had a happy Holiday Season. Golf in Florida is at its peak this time of year and the tourists are among us playing some of the greatest maintained courses in the world, thanks to the hard work of our members.

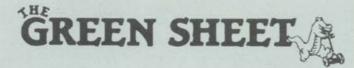
I would like to congratulate the FTGA and the University of Florida as well as the other supporting organizations, on the official opening of the Envirotron. Dedication was on November 19th. The 3,100 square foot stateof-the-art facility is equipped with student housing and all the latest in lab and teaching facilities. With the help of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents and private organizations, the FTGA was able to raise \$350,000. In turn the State of Florida Capital Facilities



Paul Crawford

Trust contributed the matching funds to the project. Congratulations to all involved! Again, the hard work has paid off nicely.

The FGCSA Board of Directos will be meeting prior to the Dallas Convention and will be taking a position on the proposed new bylaws, as we did last year. I have been in contact with Randy Nchols and Gary Griggs and feel that we are in a much better position this



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year to accept some of the new bylaws. Thanks go to the new GCSAA Board which has taken the time to explain them to us through the chapter representative meeting in Lawrence. This is much more effective than the last minute "shove it down your throat" process used by others. You should be receiving a letter very shortly (if you have not already) on the position the FGCSA has taken on the proposed bylaws. It is the Board's feeling to state a position prior to the conference so we can vote on the bylaws on their merit without politics involved.

I hope as many of you as possible can make the GCSAA Dallas show. If your club does not let you attend the show, you and your club are missing out. The amount of information received from the education, trade show, and discussions with other superintendents is well worth the trip. For those of you who are going, make sure to mark February 4th on your calendar for the FGCSA reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Make plans to attend prior to going to dinner that evening. Marie Roberts is working hard on this and it should be another great time.

Finally, thank you to W.W.Googe Trucking for being the latest company on our rebate program with .25¢ per ton of any material ordered. Guys, support the guys that support us.

SEE YOU IN DALLAS!!!

DALLAS RECEPTION

The FGCSA is sponsoring a reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas on Friday night, February 4th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All FGCSA superintendents and their guests are invited to attend for cocktails and hors-doeuvres. This event has proven to be very popular with our members and we know you will not want to miss it.

We are pleased to announce that this year we have gathered the support of several Florida companies who are co-sponsoring the event. We certainly appreciate their support and look forward to seeing all of them at the reception.

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Dedication ceremonies for the opening of the Envirotron were held on November 19,1993 on the campus of the University of Florida in Gainesville. Over 200 people attended the dedication to celebrate the opening of the \$700,000 one-of-a-kind turfgrass research facility. Following the ceremony, the Envirotron facility was open for a tour.

The 3,100 square foot state-of-the-art research field laboratory is designed to study and develop new technology on the relationship of turfgrass with all biological, environmental, and cultural factors affecting turf. The facility includes a research lab, growth chambers, environmentally-controlled greenhouses and a soils lab. The Envirotron's most distinctive feature is the rhizotron, a hoist system that lifts 24 individual glass-walled research plots out of the ground so researchers can get a better look at root systems. The Envirotron facility is also equipped with student housing which will allow recruitment of top turf scholars. Scholarships will be provided through the Dr. G. C. Horn Endowment.

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GCSAA SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Steve Mona has been named Executive Director/CEO for the GCSAA. Mona, of Marietta, Georgia, has been the executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association since 1983. GCSAA President Randy Nichols, CGCS, noted that "Steve Mona's experience has given him the kind of knowledge and perspective essential in guiding GCSAA to its next level of development. The fact that his background has been focused within the world of golf associations is clearly a big plus for us. He brings to our top executive's position an established familiarity with the game's key organizations, an outstanding record as a leader, and the attitude of a genuine "people person."

The Board of Directors also announced that Julian Arrendondo has been named chief financial officer. He was formerly vice president and CFO of Midwest Titan Construction Co. in Olathe, Kansas.

Joseph Baidy, CGCS, has been nominated for the presidency of the GCSAA. The 1994 election is scheduled for Monday, February 7th during the annual meeting. Nominees for GCSAA vice-president are Gary T. Grigg, CGCS and Bruce Williams, CGCS. Three candidates for director will also be decided on at this annual meeting.

Fifteen by-law amendments will be voted on. The FGCSA Board is meeting to evaluate each amendment separately and will be presenting a position statement to all members prior to the Conference.

Educational Opportunities



1994 USGA GREEN SECTION

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

DATES: Tuesday, March 8, 1994 Palm Beach Gardens Marriott

> Thursday, March 10, 1994 Orlando Marriott

PROGRAM:

| 8:00 | REGISTRATION - Coffee and Danish |
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| 8:45 | WELCOMING REMARKS |
| | Roger Harvie, USGA Regional Affairs |
| | John Foy, Director, USGA Green Section |
| 8:50 | MANAGEMENT OF HIGH SAND ROOT ZONE GREENS |
| | Chuck Gast, USGA Agronomist |
| 9:20 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH - WHAT WE'VE |
| | LEARNED |
| | Jim Snow, National Director, USGA Green Section |
| 10:05 | BREAK |
| 10:20 | SOIL SAMPLES - HOW TO TAKE THEM AND |
| | HOW TO READ THEM |
| | Speaker TBA |
| 10:50 | LABOR LAW UPDATE & EMPLOYEE |
| | MOTIVATION TIPS |
| | Whit Collins, West Coast Employers Association |
| 12:15 | LUNCH |
| 1:30 | SAFE HANDLING OF PESTICIDES |
| | Speaker TBA |
| 2:30 | PROS & CONS OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT |
| | William Kern, Pinellas County Extension Office |
| 3:00 | FEATURED SPEAKER |
| | Jerry Pate, PGA Tour Professional |
| 3:45 | Questions and Answers |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |
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Questions on the conference should be directed to John Foy, USGA Green Section at 407-546-2620.

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Reservation forms will be mailed out at the end of January. Luncheon and registration fees are as follows:

If paid before February 25: \$45 for USGA Member Clubs; \$55 for others If paid after February 25:

\$55 for USGA Member Club; \$65 for others

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Everglades GCSA and the University of Florida IFAS Deparment is sponsoring a seminar to be held on January 18, 1994, at the Ramada Inn in Fort Myers. The seminar will run from 8:15 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Registration fee is \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door.

This seminar was very successful last year and the same format has been retained. Program speakers will share new research and information for utilization in the Southwest Florida area.

Speakers include Dr. Bob McGovern, "Diagnosing Plant Problems"; Dr. Monica Elliott, "Bermudagrass Disease Update"; Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis, "Nematode Management and General Nematology,"; and Dr. Jerry Sartain, "Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management".

CEUs have been applied for through the Florida Department of Agriculture and the GCSAA. The Ramada Inn is located at 12635 South Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers. Take I-75 to exit 21, then west on Daniels Road to U.S. 41 North. The Ramada Inn is located on U.S. 41 and Cleveland Avenue. Registration forms are available through the Collier County Cooperative Extension Service, Naples.



Low Gross Team of Mike Swanson, Bob Yount, Randy Mosely, and Cary Lewis at Pasadena Yacht and Country Club

2nd Annual "Bud Quandt" Turfgrass Research Golf Tournament Pasadena Yacht & CC Monday, October 25, 1993

by Chip Lewison, West Coast chapter president

It has been said that "Hard Work is its own virture." I believe in that statement. I've seen hard work pay off many times over for people and situations. It definitely paid off for the 30th Annual Bud Quandt Research Tournament at Pasadena Y&CC.

The hard work probably started about 30 years ago for this event when Charles "Bud" Quandt started the event. Think of the time and effort he put into it for 28 of those years. The last two years Scott Mason and his staff have picked up the pace. Their efforts show their desire to keep the tradition going.

The participation of our sponsors shows their interest in our profession and the well being of the entire industry. A special thanks to all our Plantinum and Patron Sponsors. Hard work and special effort were put forth by GregPlotner who has headed the tournament for the past three years. His efforts have grossed over \$56,000 and netted over \$30,000. Congratulations are definitely in order for him and his committee.

Low Gross was won by the team of Bob Yount, Mike Swanson, Cary Lewis, and Randy Mosley with a 57. Low Net was won by the team of Cook and Cook, Harding and Sligh with a 60.



FGCSA Superintendents attend GCSAA Regional Seminar

GCSAA REGIONAL SEMINAR

The FGCSA sponsored a GCSAA Regional Seminar at the Omni hotel in West Palm Beach on November 10th. Dr. Bree Hayes, one of the GCSAA's most popular instructors, presented the seminar entitled "Personnel Functions of the Golf Course Superintendent" to 45 FGCSA members. This is the fourth year in a row that the FGCSA has sponsored a successful Regional Seminar. David Court, FGCSA Education Chairman, is already planning for next year's seminar.

JOB INFORMATION:

Caloosa G&CC, a private 300 member equity club, is seeking a superintendent with a degree in Agronomy or the equivalent and a minimum of 3 years experience. Submit resumes to Donald Bird, 2105 West View Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

Frenchmen's Creek GC. Superintendent needed.Contact Mike Gilbert, 13495 Tournament Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

Coral Ridge CC. Superintendent needed. Send resumes to John Coolahan, 3801 Bayview Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308.

Pine Tree GC. Superintendent needed. Send resumes to Roger Omlie, General Manager, 10600 Pine Tree Lane, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

Hollybrook CC is seeking an assistant golf course superintendent. Contact Jim Goins at 305-433-1725.

LCCC graduate seeking Assistant position. Kevin Dobson, 4220 S. Kirkman Rd. #1204, Orlando, FL 32811. 407-296-0912.

SIXTH ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA RESEARCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Stuart Leventhal, CGCS, and the Interlachen Country Club in Winter Park are again hosting the Central Florida Research Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, January 10, 1994.

The format is a two-man team scramble. The teams will consist of a golf course superintendent and an official from his club.

Mike Goldie, our lobbyist, will discuss upcoming issues pertaining to our industry at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with the golf tournament set to begin at noon. Entry fee is \$150.00 per team.

Contact the FTGA at 407-898-6721 for an entry form. If you cannot stay to play golf, you may attend the luncheon and meeting for \$25.00 per person.

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ADDITIONS TO 1994 FGCSA MEMBERSHIP LIST

The 1994 FGCSA Membership Directory has been mailed to all Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. If you have not received your copy, please call the office. We sincerely appreciate the overwhelming support given to our directory by our affiliate members and urge all superintendents to support those who advertise in the Directory.

We hope all Chapter Secretaries will continue to send in the names and addresses of all superintendents and assistants who have joined their chapter since the Directory was printed. This is the only way we can keep an accurate record of our current roster. The following is a list of members whose dues were not received in time to be included in the 1994 Directory. Total FGCSA membership now stands at 814 members.

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