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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 10 GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Personal Stress Management," Omni Hotel, Orlando
- Nov. 11 Golf Course Expo, Conference for Public Access
- 12 Golf Facilities, Orlando Convention Center
- Nov. 10 Landscape Maintenance Assn. 1994 Equipment
- 12 Show & Conference, Palm Beach Airport Hilton
- Nov. 16 Palm Beach chapter meeting with Southeast Florida
Mechanics Association, The Falls CC
- Nov. 16 Central Florida chapter meeting, Timacuan CC
- Dec. 3 South Florida GCSA Christmas cruise
- Dec. 6 Georgia Turfgrass Association Conference & Show,
- 8 Atlanta, Georgia
- Dec. 13 Central Florida chapter meeting, Green Valley GC
- Dec. 16 Palm Beach chapter Christmas party, Highland Beach
- Jan. 10 IFAS seminar, Sheraton Harbor Hotel, Ft. Myers
- Jan. 12 Palm Beach chapter meeting/Audubon Workshop,
Banyan GC
- Jan. 19 PBGCSA Assistants Day, Palm Beach Comm College
- Feb. 20 66th Annual GCSAA Conference and Show,
- 27 Moscone Center, San Francisco
- Mar. 10 Everglades chapter Regional Seminar, Dr. Joe Duich,
Penn State University, featured speaker
- Mar. 16 South Florida Expo/U of F Field Day, Ft. Lauderdale
- Apr. 4 USGA Conference, Marriott, Palm Beach Gardens
- Apr. 6 USGA Conference, Marriott Airport, Orlando
- Apr. 24 3rd Annual Envirotron Tournament, World Woods



Chuck Rogers CGCS, FTGA President, cuts the ribbon for the opening of the 1994 Florida Turfgrass Association Showroom. Joining him are FTGA Board Members from left, Roy Bates, Bill Rayside, Todd Himelberger and John Luper.

The FTGA sponsored another successful Conference and Show, this time at the Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale. Chuck Rogers CGCS, superintendent at Saddlebrook Resort, was elected FTGA President at the Awards Luncheon on Monday, September 19th. Mike Swanson received the coveted Wreath of Grass Award. Mike has been an active FTGA member for the past 20 years and currently serves as editor of the Florida Turf Digest.

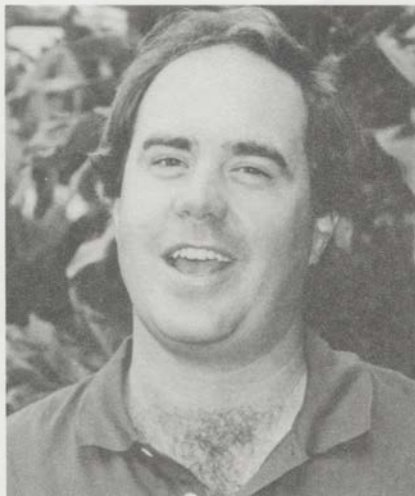
The FTGA announced the completion of its long anticipated turfgrass survey. Conducted by the University of Florida, the survey will provide a detailed analysis of the economic impact the turfgrass industry has on Florida. Questions about the survey should be directed to the FTGA office.

The FGCSA again took the spotlight in turfgrass research donations. See page 7 for more details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Scott Bell

How naive I must be! I actually thought that when a state government department had its funding or budget cut, I figured that the department would have to get by with what it was given, similar to the way that many of us have to do when financial pressures exert themselves. Unfortunately I was dead wrong because it appears to me that in government, "budget cutting" actually means "find another source."

This year, the Florida Freshwater Fish and Game Commission had its funding cut due to "budget cuts". At the same time, they have seen hunting and fishing license revenue decline. These factors have sent the Florida Freshwater Fish and Game Commission (FF&G) scrambling to



Scott Bell

secure money to make up for its \$4.6 million shortfall.

Colonel Larry Martin of FF&G proposed that a tax of \$.25 be applied to every round of golf played. Col. Martin attended both of our Audubon meetings that were held in August and, even after seeing all of the great things that Greg Plotner and Tim Hiers

have done, it appears that he still sees golf courses as dangers to the "environment". The language that he used in his proposal is vintage environmentalist scare tactics with no mention of the good things that the FGCSA and the FTGA have done to help benefit the environment. He now knows about the USGA/N. Y. Audubon program and its importance to the environment because he attended the meetings!

The goals of this proposal are as follows:

1. To increase FF&G revenue for support of current programs and program enhancement.
2. To support continuation of ongoing FF&G programs that offset the negative effects that golf course construction and maintenance has on Florida's fish and wildlife.
3. To develop new programs to actively improve fish and wildlife habitat on new and existing golf courses.
4. To develop programs to educate and inform golfers about fish and wildlife and their habitats on golf courses.

As you can see, many of the above goals are being pursued by the FGCSA on the broad scale and by many of our members on their own courses in their own communities. As an industry we have been actively seeking ways to improve fish and wildlife habi-

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tats; we have been educating golfers and the public about the good things that we do; and many of us would question his accusation that we are harming the fish and wildlife.

Col. Martin comments that "frequent uses of chemicals and fertilizers on golf courses throughout the country raise the concern for groundwater contamination and the effect of these elements within the watershed. An annual grants program of \$300,000 would be established to further study these effects and to seek out remedies."

First of all, I say look at the scientific evidence that the industry has generated over the past six year. Call Dr. Cisar in Ft. Lauderdale about the pesticide leaching study. Talk to Dr. Elliott about the nitrogen tests. Read the Cape Cod study and the reports from Ohio State about microbial degradation. Regarding the \$300,000 grant, I say, let the industry continue to raise the funds as we have in the past. The FGCSA has built and maintained a research green at the Ft. Lauderdale IFAS Center. The FTGA has raised \$1.2 million for research as well as building the Envirotron. The USGA is spending \$3.1 million on environmental research, some of that in Florida. The USGA/N.Y. Audubon Cooperative

Sanctuary Program has over 120 members at present in Florida alone.

In my opinion, this tax is an attempt to discriminate against the golfing segment of the population. Using the FF&G's rational, any development of any kind (homes, shopping malls, roads, schools, etc.) disturbs wildlife and should be taxed. We all know that the rational is weak and most of us would concur that as golf courses age, more and more wildlife inhabit these areas. We already have sales tax changed on everything from greens fees to cart fees to food in the clubhouse. This seems like double taxation. Usually golf courses pay high property taxes as well as sales tax on all supplies.

Hopefully, I have established that our industry does not need this tax because we have been progressive with our own research and awareness programs. If this tax passes, we will be having our customers pay for another government agency to oversee our business that is already regulated by FDEDP, EPA, FDACS, OSHAA, HRS and the water management districts! We have done some very good studies on pesticides and fertilizers and some of our members participated in groundwater testing programs that netted no negative results and they

were abandoned. In short, we have paid for some of the research that relates to the environmental impact on our own. Why be taxed to duplicate these studies? We already have plenty of government agencies to deal with. Why be taxed to support another?

Recently, I met with many of our allied associations to discuss this subject and we penned a letter to Dr. Alan Egbert, the head of the FF&G. We are in contact with our lobbyist, Mike Goldie, regarding this proposals movement within the legislature and the FGCSA will act as necessary. I will keep you informed if this proposal grows to a bill and we will coordinate our action accordingly. For now, call me if you have any ideas or questions. If you want to talk to Mike Goldie, he can be reached in Tallahassee at 904-681-9071.



1995 FGCSA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 1995 FGCSA Membership Directory is in the mail to all Class A and B superintendents. The Directory contains a listing of our 802 members by chapter plus other valuable information. Remember, it is your responsibility to inform the office of any change of address.

Membership Certificates and window decals are available from the FGCSA office at no charge. Just call the 800 number.

The Fall 1994 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Scott Bell at 2:00 p.m. at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale.

All officers were in attendance. All chapters except Central Florida chapter were represented.

Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Kevin Downing, Research Committee Chairman; John Gallagher, Public Relations Chairman; Mark Jarrell, Fund Raising Chairman; Chuck Rogers, incoming FTGA president; Mike Bailey, Palm Beach chapter president; Bob Klitz, South Florida chapter president; Garth Boline, West Coast chapter Vice President; Terry Wood, Everglades chapter secretary; John Foy, USGA; and Dr. Monica Elliott, U of F FLREC.

MILES SPECIALTY PRODUCTS: Scott Bell introduced Dr. Greg Pagano, Lee Bloomcamp, and Trey Turner from Miles Specialty Products who explained their worldwide rebate program. Dr. Pagano noted that there would be a total of \$27,000 coming back to Florida to help turfgrass research. These funds are made available from Miles with the cooperation of their local distributors. The

Miles Program nets \$27,000

following distributors announced rebates to the FGCSA Research Fund: \$1,500 from Jim Watson of Van Waters and Rogers; \$500 from Steve Jackson and Russ Mitchell of United Agriculture Products; \$4,200 from David Barnes of Ag Resources. Jack Harrell presented a check for \$5,000 which included matching funds from Harrells Inc.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Minutes of the Crowfoot board meeting were approved. Financial Statements for the first quarter of 1994-95 were reviewed and accepted. Total funds in all accounts amounted to \$178,000. Kevin Downing stated that he had done

a performance review on Marcus Prevatte and made a motion that he be given a 10% merit raise. He also asked that Marcus be made an honorary member of the FGCSA. Both motions were approved.

A poll was taken of all chapters present to update their donation schedule for the year. It was also noted that we have 802 paid members of the FGCSA as of this date.

RESEARCH: Kevin Downing led a discussion of DNA testing. He explained that Dr. Phil Busey had submitted a proposal to the FTGA in April 1994 to do DNA testing. The FTGA turned down the proposal and it was then submitted to us and reviewed at the Crowfoot Board Meeting. It has now been revised and Kevin announced that Dr. Busey had been invited to the meeting to explain his proposal.

Kevin then announced that the FGCSA had received a second proposal for DNA testing from Dr. Dudeck of the University of Florida, Gainesville campus. Due to the tremendous ramifications that such a study might lead to, it was decided to give both proposals a review. Each would be given 20 minutes to discuss their procedure and then a question and answer period would follow. No decision will be made today since this is a major undertaking and we should not make a rush decision.

Dr. Busey gave his proposal first. Dr. Nigel Harrison of the U of F FLREC assisted Dr. Busey in the lively question and answer period that followed his proposal. Questions concerning consumer protection, seedling variations, mutations, farm sampling, and others were answered by the researchers. Then Dr. Dudeck presented his proposal. He was assisted by Dr. Emino from the U of F Gainesville who would also be involved in the study. A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Terril Nell, Gainesville campus, then stated that it is possible to do DNA testing in the state of Florida. He pro-

posed developing a statewide research program with interchange of ideas. It is not necessary to duplicate efforts of skills. Paul Crawford noted that the FGCSA does not want to be involved in politics, we just want the research to do done.

In the interest of time, Kevin Downing asked the board to direct any other questions to him before October 7th when he will meet in Gainesville with all researchers. A combined proposal would be prepared by Dr. Nell. An FGCSA Research Committee Meeting will then be held in November to discuss the next step. Mark Jarrell noted that it was good to have Dr. Emino and Dr. Busey back in the bermudagrass field.

David Barnes then spoke on the Certification program that is meant to protect both the grower and the consumer. The object is to have a clean grass variety. The FTGA Certification Committee is working on a process that needs to be implemented and policed. He suggested that any board member who would like to serve on the committee should contact him.

John Foy suggested that both proposals should be reviewed by outside sources. A motion was made and approved. Kevin Downing will continue to follow up on the project.

PUBLICATIONS: Greg Plotner reported that Golf Ventures had renewed their yearly contract to be the sole advertiser in the Green Sheet.

Florida Green: Paul Crawford noted that he is against raising our advertising rates this year. We are the cheapest game in town and we are making a profit on the magazine. As Business Manager he suggested that we stay the same for another year as a means of thanking our current advertisers for their loyalty. The motion was accepted.

Membership Directory: Marie Roberts reported that the 1995 Membership Directory is now at the printers. There are 802 members listed in the Directory and advertising revenue is approximately

the same as last year. The Directory should be ready to be mailed by the end of October.

EDUCATION: A report was given on the Crowfoot seminar. It was noted that the expenses for this seminar far exceeded the registration fees collected. Since our goal is to educate our members rather than make a profit, the financial statement was approved. Consideration will be given to moving the Crowfoot seminar to another day rather than Sunday to get better attendance.

The GCSAA Regional Seminar is coming up fast. It will be held on November 10th at the Omni Hotel in Orlando. Brochures are being mailed from the GCSAA this week. The FGCSA will do a follow up mailing to all Certified Superintendents about three weeks prior to the seminar. All External Vice Presidents are urged to publicize this seminar to their members at their next chapter meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: A letter from Big Bend chapter was distributed. The chapter has dissolved and the FGCSA is making an effort to have all their members convert to our new At Large Membership status.

FTGA: The North Florida chapter has donated \$2,000 to the Environtron to be used for equipment. Kim Shine requested that Alan Puckett follow up on this and let the NFGCSA know what piece of equipment is purchased.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: The Biodiversity Treaty is not dead. We need to have a networking system in place before it comes up before the legislators again. Scott Bell challenged all External Vice Presidents to set this up immediately.

An article by John Mica in the Wall Street Journal regarding risk assessment was discussed. It was suggested that we cultivate a relationship with this legislator to help us present our side of this important issue. Greg Plotner will check on getting a copy of all articles on

groundwater contamination to keep on file.

Scott Bell then presented a request from the Florida Fish and Game asking the FGCSA to get behind their 25¢/round proposal. After a discussion, it was decided that Scott Bell should let them know that we are not interested in backing the proposal as it is currently written.

GCSAA: Dale Kuehner reported on the GCSAA Chapter Relations meeting that will be held in Kansas this weekend. He noted that the GCSAA has sent a "wish list" of goals for the future of the GCSAA. These will be discussed at the meeting. Dale noted that some of these goals will not be acceptable by FGCSA members and he will let the GCSAA know our viewpoint on their recommendations. It was suggested that all chapters be sent a list of these "goals". It was noted that several chapters will have a representative at the meeting.

Dale also reported that the Voting Delegate Forms are due by October 1st. All chapters must submit these forms in order to vote in San Francisco.

Paul Crawford reported that the FGCSA Reception will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Friday night, February 24th. Requests for support have already been sent to our sponsors and we should expect another big turnout.

The FGCSA room block at the Hyatt has many spots available. All External Vice Presidents need to promote this at their next chapter meeting. The room block must be turned into the GCSAA office on November 1st.

CERTIFICATION: The GCSAA has a new sliding scale for eligibility requirements that will become effective next summer. They have also revised the requirements for recertification.

EMERGENCY PESTICIDE RESPONSE: Mike Bailey reported on the organizational meeting for this committee. The FGCSA will be working with chemical company representatives to put

together information for our members to use when faced with a situation that involves the media. The committee will come up with an informational brochure or a series of seminars.

SURVEY: Dale Kuehner distributed copies of suggested questions for this year's survey. 17 questions were removed from the last survey and 18 new questions were added. Paul Crawford suggested that a question be added to discuss how the Florida Green compares to other industry related magazines. Dale asked all External VPs to call him if they have any other questions they would like to see on the survey. Dale suggested that we use two separate surveys in the future, one that would deal with agronomic questions and maintenance procedures and another that would be concerned only with personnel questions.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Chip Fowkes noted that he would like to investigate a state credit union and retirement plan for Florida superintendents.

FUND RAISING: Ciba forms are due from each chapter External Vice President. Most chapters have responded with many more clubs signing up this year thanks to the work of all External Vice Presidents.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott Bell reported on the Golf Course Exposition that will be held in Orlando by Golf Course News. He has received an offer from them to supply us with a conference room for a board meeting at the Exposition. After a discussion, it was decided that Scott should turn them down.

A question was raised on the \$1,000 donation that we have budgeted to the Lake City Endowment Fund. Kevin will get an update on this Fund for our next board meeting.

Scott Bell announced that the next board meeting will be held in January in the Orlando area. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



1995 FGCSA RECEPTION AT MARRIOTT IN SAN FRANCISCO

All members of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association are cordially invited to attend our annual FGCSA reception at the GCSAA Conference and Show. This year the reception will be held on Friday evening, February 24th, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Marriott (Association Headquarters).

The Florida chapter has established a tradition of holding the most popular reception during the GCSAA Convention! Last year's event in Dallas was spectacular thanks to the support of all of our Florida suppliers who helped sponsor the reception. This year's reception will be even better! We have already gotten calls from sponsors who are eager to get involved with us and we sincerely appreciate all of those who have participated in the past.

If you are a Florida supplier who has not signed on to help sponsor this great event, please contact the FGCSA office as soon as possible. Don't be left out!

The Florida GCSA will be the host chapter for the 1996 GCSAA Conference and Show which will be held in Orlando. To encourage attendance at the '96 show, the Florida GCSA will have a booth at the Moscone Center in San Francisco from Thursday, February 23rd through Monday, February 27th. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to spend a few hours manning the booth. Please take this opportunity to show off our southern hospitality while helping your association promote our Florida golf courses. We hope all attendees will visit the booth and spend some time talking with your fellow superintendents.



66th INTERNATIONAL GOLF COURSE
CONFERENCE AND SHOW
February 20-27, 1995

SECOND ANNUAL GCSAA CHAPTER RELATIONS MEETING

Dale Kuehner, CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, Al Ross CGCS from South Florida chapter, Wayne Kappauf of Everglades chapter, Kevin Rotti of Central Florida chapter joined with representatives from more than 70 golf course superintendents association across North America to meet in Lawrence, Kansas, on September 25th and 26th to share their ideas and views. The meeting focused on continued improvement in ties between affiliated chapters and GCSAA, a key component of the association's strategic plan for 1994-95. Representatives participated in an open-forum discussion, giving GCSAA leadership input from the grassroots of the association.

"A new level of trust has been established from which we can build future successes," stated GCSAA President Joseph Baidy CGCS. Gary Grigg CGCS, Vice President of the GCSAA and Chairman of the Chapter Relations Planning Resource Group, added, "The board has set chapter relations as a priority. The chapter representatives were very responsive to the GCSAA chapter initiative and we now have some momentum."

The agenda also included a "State of the Association" address by Baidy, discussions on how to foster communications among chapters and a "Meet the Candidates" session, which gave chapter representatives the opportunity to hear from nominees on the official slate of candidates for the 1995 GCSAA election.

ADAM WALSH RESULTS

The 10th Annual Adam Walsh Golf Tournament sponsored by the SFGCSA was held on September 30th at The Clubs of Inverrary. The Tournament raised a record \$10,000! Committee members are Bill Entwistle, Jr., Dave Lottes, Bob Klitz CGCS, Bill McKee and Mark Richard CGCS.

For the third year in a row, the team of Joe Pantaleo, Kenny Kniaz and Emil Miller took low gross honors. Could they be looking for a 4-peat next year? The Palm Beach chapter team of Steve Pearson, Glen Klauk, Glen Landgraf and Karl Schmidt took second place gross.

The committee would like to thank Talbott Denny and his staff for all the extra work required to get the golf course in such fine shape despite the rainy weather which kept most courses in South Florida closed!

JOBS AVAILABLE

Superintendent. Golden Ocala GC. Contact Maryanne Moore or Jeff Austin at 904-629-6229.

Superintendent. Delaire GC. Send resume to Delaire Greens Committee, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33445.

Superintendent. PGA GC at Reserve. Send resumes to Marty Kavanaugh, Senior Director of GCO, PGA Golf Properties, 100 Avenue of Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

Head mechanic and spray tech needed. Send resume to Eddie Snipes, Broken Sound Club, 407-997-7793.

Mechanic needed. Quail Ridge CC. Call David Demmery at 407-737-5100.

STOUFFER VINOY GC RECEIVES AWARD

Cary Lewis CGCS, superintendent at Stouffer Vinoy Resorts, is pleased to announce that the Stouffer Vinoy Golf Course received a Meritorious Award for Environmental Excellence. The FGCSA congratulates Cary for his efforts in illustrating the positive side of the turfgrass industry.

Environmental Excellence Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation of the natural environment of the greater Tampa Bay area. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Marine Research Institute, hosted the fourth annual awards program.

The scope of eligible applicants included projects in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Each entry was judged on its compatibility with the natural environment, improvement of environmental quality, conservation of natural resources, promotion of environmental awareness and innovation.

FGCSA SPONSORS ANNUAL REGIONAL SEMINAR

The FGCSA is hosting a GCSAA Regional Seminar on Personal Stress Management on Thursday, November 10th at the Omni Hotel in Orlando.

Dr. Bree Hayes, one of GCSAA's most popular instructors, will help you define types of stress, assess your level of stress and the effects of stress in your job and at home. Through a series of exercises you will learn to become familiar with the warning signs of stress and how to deal with it effectively. You will leave the seminar with the ability to use this knowledge during meetings with your club membership and while supervising your crew, dealing with salespeople and coping with situations in your personal life, too.

Attention Certified Superintendents

The all day seminar will award .7 CEU's to participants. All Certified Superintendents are reminded of the importance of keeping up with their Certification requirements.

The Omni Orlando Hotel at Centroplex is the seminar site. Registration fees are \$100 for GCSAA members and \$150 for non-GCSA members. The registration fee includes a group luncheon and take home reference materials. The seminar begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

The FGCSA sponsors only one GCSAA regional seminar each year. Do not miss out on this one! Coping with stress is an important requirement for Florida golf course superintendents!

To register, please call the GCSAA Education Dept. at 1-800-472-7878 or 913-832-4430. You may also fax your request to the GCSAA at 913-832-4420.

42nd ANNUAL FTGA CONFERENCE AND SHOW

The 42nd Annual FTGA Conference and Show got off to an exciting start on Sunday, September 18th, with a fishing tournament off the coast of Ft. Lauderdale and two golf tournaments. All participants met back at the University of Florida Research and Education Center later that night for the annual Toro corn boil.

Congratulations to Hal Richburg who won the low gross award at the FGCSA superintendent championship which was played at Deer Creek CC. His victory earned him the right to team up with Cary Stoffel and Dave Oliver in representing the FGCSA in the GCSAA tournament in San Francisco. The Central Florida GCSA team of Joe Ondo, Cary Stoffel, Hal Richburgh and Steve Wright won low gross. The Treasure Coast GCSA team of Dave Oliver, Jerry Yeomans, Kevin Downing and Jay Gratton took low net.

Monday morning was spent at the Concurrent Educational Sessions and then the attention turned to the Awards Luncheon. Once again, the FGCSA led the list of contributors to turfgrass research with the following donations:

\$4,000	Central Florida
\$5,000	Everglades
\$2,500	North Florida
\$7,000	Palm Beach
\$2,000	Ridge
\$7,000	South Florida
\$1,500	Suncoast
\$1,500	Treasure Coast
\$7,000	West Coast
\$10,000	FGCSA

When combined with the \$30,000 presented to the FTGA from the Seven Rivers chapter proceeds of their 2nd Annual Environon Tournament, Florida superintendents have raised a total of \$77,500 for the FTGA. Congratulations to all chapters for your continuing efforts in fundraising projects.



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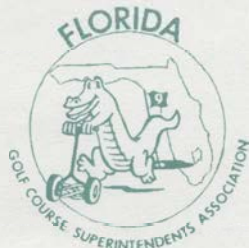
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