

THE GREEN SHEET



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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 Central Florida meeting, Baytree National, Melbourne
- May 11 North Florida chapter meeting, Hidden Hills CC
- May 11 West Coast chapter meeting, USF, Tampa
- May 13 Palm Beach GCSA chapter meeting, Addison Reserve
- May 15 FGCSA/GCSAA Etonic seminar, "Financial Management", Naples Beach Hotel
- May 16 Poa Golf Tournament, Audubon GC. 8:30 a.m.
- May 17 G. C. Horn Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel GC
- May 26 Suncoast GCSA annual meeting/election of officers, Sara Bay GC
- May 30 Treasure Coast Blue Pearl Tournament, Loblolly Pines
- June 8 West Coast chapter meeting, Seven Springs GC
- June 9 FGCSA Pesticide Workshop, Palm Beach Extension Center
- June 10 FGCSA Pesticide Workshop, Osceola County Ext. Center
- June 13 Palm Beach GCSA Future of Golf, Emerald Dunes GC



L-R Andy Burmester, Tom Crawford, John VanVranken, Tom Hilferty, Mack Baugh, Troy Smith and Stan Bokoski were this year's **Suncoast Scramble Committee**. The March 31st event raised \$14,000 which goes to support the FGCSA, FTGA, and Manatee and Sarasota County Junior Golf Programs. The four-man Scramble teams are made up of a club official, the club pro, the superintendent and a local supplier.

- June 15 South Florida chapter meeting, Deering Bay GC
- June 23 Suncoast chapter meeting, Pelican Point GC, Venice
- June 30 Treasure Coast seminar, Spanish on the Golf Course, PGA Reserve GC
- July 10 - 12 North Florida Transition Tournament, Jekyll Island
- July 13 Coastal Plains Classic, Golden Eagle CC
- July 22 - 23 UF/IFAS Turfgrass Field Days, Gainesville campus

- July 24/5 IFAS/Industry Retreat
- July 28 Suncoast bus outing, Golden Ocala GC
- Aug. 2 FGCSA Etonic-sponsored seminar, "Computers in Golf Maintenance", Bay Hill Club
- Aug. 3 Crowoot Open, Bay Hill Club
- Aug. 9 Club Mgrs/Superintendent Conf., Registry Hotel, Naples
- Sept 16 - 19 FTGA Conference & Show, Tampa Convention Center

President's Message by Joseph Ondo, CGCS

Spring of 1998 is about a month old as I write this message and I am sure happy and relieved to see some warmer and drier weather. After experiencing 30 inches of rain at Winter Pines since the 10th of December with no sunshine at times, it feels good to tell your Irrigation Tech that there's a sprinkler not turning and there is a dry spot on a green or fairway.

I would like to apologize for not being able to attend some of the various chapter meetings and fund raisers. El Nino has not been kind to some of our greens. We have rebuilt three so far and patched up some others. We may be looking to do one or two more. As we get into transition time again, hopefully the bermudagrass and Mother Nature will cooperate with us.

Joel Jackson, our Director of Communications, has begun traveling to several chapters keeping members informed on the Food Quality Protection Act and other issues affecting our jobs and workplace.

Geoff Coggan, FGCSA Education Chairman, and Steve Farrington, Dow AgroSciences, have scheduled four pesticide applicator workshops around the state. Check the Upcoming Events calendar on the front page for the date in your area.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. John Cisar who was named the IFAS Turf Coordinator for the University of Florida. I know everyone is interested in what John's plans are for the turf program in the future. The Everglades Chapter has another great weekend lined up for the Poa Annua Classic in May. If you



Joe Ondo, CGCS

have never been, please come to Naples and play a little golf, get some good education, and watch the sunset at the Beach Club for a few days.

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Deadline next issue: June 15.

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Robert A. Davis

**Friday, May 15, 1998
Naples Beach Hotel
1:00 p. m.**

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1998 Poa Weekend Set for May 15-17

The Everglades GCSA will host the 1998 Poa Annu Golf Classic on May 15-17 at the Naples Beach Hotel. As President Mike Mongoven says, "Come celebrate the end of El Nino" with your fellow superintendents at the Poa!

The weekend begins Friday morning with an 8:00 a.m. FGCSA Board Meeting to which all superintendents are invited. At 1:00 p.m., the FGCSA has selected a GCSAA Etonic-sponsored seminar on Financial Management given by Robert Davis who is a certified financial planner. This comprehensive workshop will cover the fundamentals of personal financial management that you need to feel confident with your personal finances. The seminar offers .35 CEU's toward GCSAA Certification. Remember, you do not have to be playing in the golf tournaments in order to attend the seminar.

At 6:00 p.m. on Friday night, the Luau returns to the lawn of the Naples Beach Hotel. Dinner will be roast whole suckling pig and Mahi Mahi as well as other delicacies. Dancing will follow.

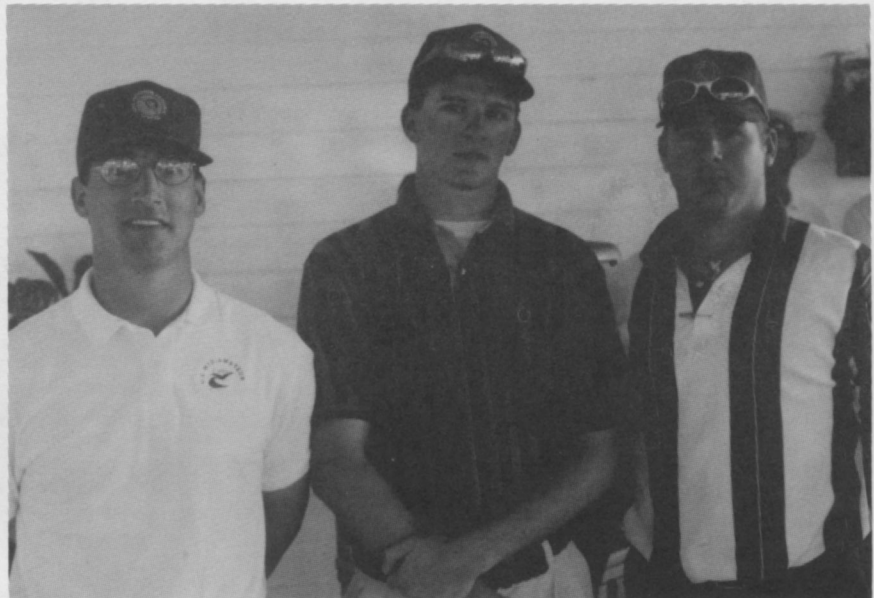
Due to construction on the Naples Beach Hotel golf course, the Poa Annu Golf Classic will be played on Saturday at the Audubon Country Club. Buses will depart the Naples Beach Hotel at 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. in time for the 8:30 a.m. start. Tournament will be Stableford/GCSAA scoring. Lunch will be served.

Saturday night means Jazz on the Lawn from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

The weekend concludes with the G. C. Horn Tournament at the Nles Beach Hotel GC on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. The format will be adjusted due to construction. Over six holes, two-man teams will battle each other to win two holes outright. If neither team has won in six holes, there will be a shoot-out of either putting or chipping to determine the winner.



The last luau at the Naples Beach Club was a great event. Don't miss out on the good food this year on **FRIDAY**, May 15th.



Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship winners are: Michael Fricault, Tom McDonald and Seth Spires

The Sixth Annual Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament was held at Jacksonville G&CC on April 16th. This North Florida GCSA event enables the chapter to sponsor a \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,500 scholarships.

Winner of the Mike Richards scholarship was Michael Fricault, student at the University of Florida. Two students attending the Lake City Turf Equipment Management program are this year's Allan MacCurrach Scholarship recipients. Tom McDonald and Seth Spires are both Florida natives who will be seeking turf equipment manager positions upon graduation.

11th Annual SFGCSA Exposition Draws Over 300 Attendees

Just when the South Florida Board of Directors was about ready to give up on the concept of the Exposition, the crowd came! This year's Expo was the biggest ever - when not combined with the UF Field Day - in terms of attendees, sponsorships, and dollars raised. The chapter raised over \$20,000 for turfgrass research!

Major sponsors Hector, Pifer, and Diamond Turf combined with equipment demonstrators Kilpatrick Turf and Florida Coast Equipment to squeeze their portion of the day's program to one fast-paced hour. That left time for the booths to show their wares, the turf plots to be explored and the educational seminars to finish out the activities for the sun-filled day.

Once again, the South Florida GCSA would like to thank Dr. Monica Elliott and her staff for organizing the Exposition.



Dr. Monica Elliott, U of F, FLREC and Billy Entwistle, Jr., South Florida GCSA, celebrate another successful Expo



L-R Ridge Committee: Ray Cuzzone, Jeff Brown, Steve McGinnis, Steve Ciardullo, Alan Puckett, Roy Wilshire, and Chris Bower.

Seventh Annual Ridge Invitational

The Seventh Annual Ridge Invitational was held at the beautiful Grasslands GC in Lakeland which has been the host for this fundraiser since its inception in 1992. Host Roy Wilshire had the course in excellent condition.

Proceeds from the Invitational go to the FTGA, FGCSA and local Polk County charities. This year the raffle ticket sales were donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for victims of the tornadoes that hit Central Florida. The Ridge donated \$1,000 to the Red Cross.

Jim Torba of the University of South Florida Golf Course in Tampa won low gross honors and, as usual, the Ridge took the chapter championship!

Food Quality Protection Act Update

Some progress, but no victory yet, in the FQPA battle. Here's the latest news.

From the GCSAA Briefax dated April 9, 1998:

"Vice President Gore Issues Directive on FQPA"

"...I'm requesting that the EPA Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture work together to ensure that implementation of the paramount public health goals of the new law is informed by a sound regulatory approach.

...EPA and USGA should provide an initial report to me on implementation of this memorandum within fourteen (14) days..."

In response to letters, calls and visits to the White House and Congress from those affected by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), Vice President Al Gore yesterday issued a directive to EPA and USDA on proper implementation of the law.

The four-page memorandum to USDA Secretary Dan Glickman and EPA Administrator Carol Browner outlines a series of implementation principles. "In summary the principles require decisions based on science, communication and public input. Many of the principles address specific problems the regulated industry has been experiencing in trying to work with the EPA."

Communicate, disclose and explain. The directive says decisions should be transparent to affected constituencies and that the agency communicate in a manner that facilitates informed review.

Discretion. The directive reminds the EPA that it has discretion in applying elements of the law such as the 10X safety factor and addressing risks to children.

Transition. EPA is told to allow for transition, respond appropriately to emergency pest management problems, and be open to using a variety of approaches for reducing risk. The agency will be held to its word that pesticide registration cancellations will not affect this growing season.

Consultation. EPA and USDA are directed to establish a mechanism for getting advice and information from affected user groups, lawmakers, government agencies and the public.

"Announcement of the directive is an encouraging sign" reports RISE. "We are also encouraged about the Administration's call for broad stakeholder participation."

Don't stop those letters and calls! We're not out of the woods yet. Tell lawmakers that the situation warrants their continued attention. GCSAA will also continue to work with RISE and our industry allies to ensure representation of the golf course superintendents as specialty pesticide users in the implementation of FQPA.



Danny Burgess Memorial Tournament

At the fourth Annual Danny Burgess Memorial Tournament held at Windemere CC, Central Florida chapter president, Geoff Coggan, right, presented a \$1,500 scholarship check to Walter Wells, 3rd year student at Lake City CC. The scholarship award is made each year in the memory of Danny Burgess, the former superintendent at Windemere CC who died in a boating accident in 1994.

Mark your calendar now for:

**May 30 Treasure Coast Blue Pearl
Tournament, Loblobby Pines GC**

**June 13 Palm Beach GCSA Future of Golf
Tournament, Emerald Dunes GC**

Government In The Dark Still Sheds Lots of Light

The Everglades Chapter had a different kind of educational session for their February evening meeting at Stonebridge Country Club. Mike Mongoven enlisted the aid of Mike Goldie, our Legislative Consultant, to ask several state and local law makers to attend the meeting. The agenda included an afternoon tour of Colliers Reserve by the legislators with host Tim Hiers followed by a question and answer program and dinner at Stonebridge CC.

State Senator Fred Dudley, who is running for Attorney General, was joined by State Representatives Joe Spratt; Burt Saunders; Mr. Steve St. Laurent for Representative Keith Arnold; Collier County Commissioner Tim Hancock and Lee County Commissioner John Albion on the legislative panel for the question and answer part of the program. Cynthia Kelly Smith from the GCSAA acted as moderator.

Spokespersons from leading golf organizations presented facts and posed questions to the lawmakers. FGCSA's Joe Ondo spoke about reuse water and asked the panel to look into the often inconsistent cost of "grey water" from course to course and county to county.

Ron Dodson of Audubon International urged the law makers to see golf courses as real positive land development projects and treat them in a less punitive manner when it comes to permitting. Make it

possible for people with smaller pocketbooks to still survive the permitting process to keep golf affordable for more people.

FTGA President David Barnes presented the case for equitable funding of turfgrass in the IFAS budget since the FTGA Economic Impact Survey has shown our industry is already equivalent or larger than other sector of Florida agriculture and horticulture. David wanted to know what else will it take to get more parity in funding.

Bill Baker of the Golf Course Owners Association talked about the impact of state and local legislation and tax assessments on smaller golf courses. He cited the Sarasota County Runoff Tax Assessment as an example of the type of uninformed law making that can put some courses out of business.

Bo White, President of the Club Managers Association, asked how the local governments might share the costs of education and day care for many of the bilingual work force which are now necessary due to the rapid growth in the area. The programs and costs are now being initiated and borne by individual clubs.

PGA Tour spokesman Carl Ogden talked about the new World Golf Hall of Fame and how much business and tourism it will generate.

Florida Golf Alliance President Ron Garl talked about the goals of the Alliance and the importance of bringing a consistent unified message to the lawmakers. He also told the lawmakers that the Alliance's first project will be to quantify the total economic impact of golf to the state's revenue.

It was obvious from comments from the lawmakers that they were

getting a lot of information about golf that they didn't know existed. To a man they praised the informal format of the gathering and suggested that these kinds of meetings continue.

Without a doubt the most enlightening exchanges occurred with the two County Commissioners Hancock and Albion. Not only did the commissioners have questions, they had some answers and suggestions. It made those in attendance aware that while we have usually aimed our energies at Tallahassee, we also need to work on those local relationships equally as well.

The sun might have set during the meeting, but there was a new dawn in government relations.

Seven Rivers Chapter Donates to Envirotron



L-R: Stuart Bozeman, Sec/Treasurer of the Seven Rivers chapter, presents FTGA President David Barnes a check for \$75,000 for the Envirotron.

The presentation was made on March 20th at the FTGA Board Meeting held in Gainesville. The funds are the proceeds resulting from the 1996 and 1997 Envirotron Classics. The funds were released now that several projects are underway at the Envirotron and on the Envirogreen.

Director's Diary

By Joel Jackson

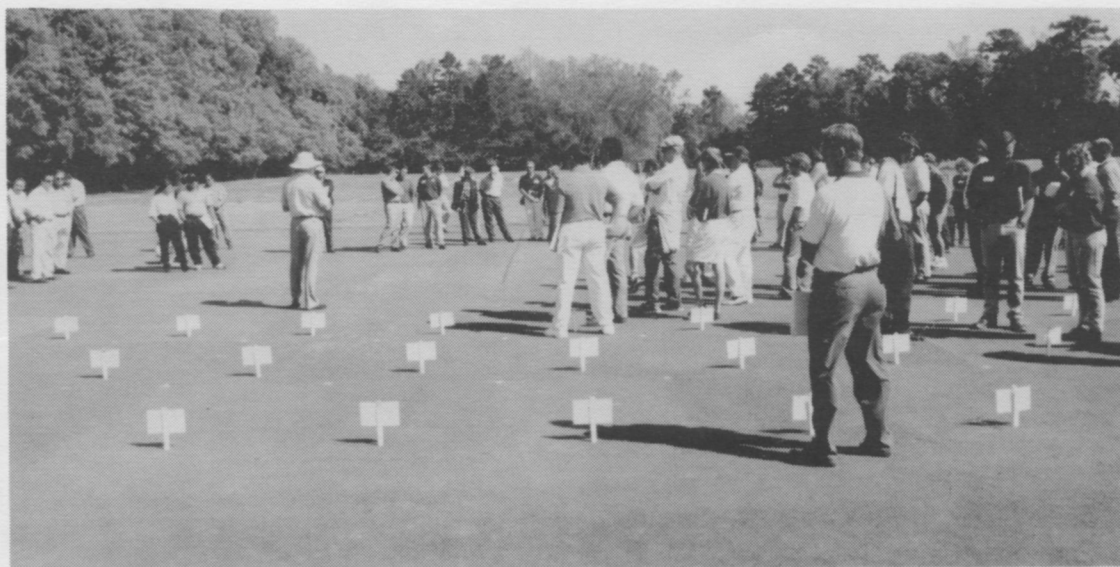
•Government Relations. The grass roots letter writing campaign for the Food Quality Protection Act has been a major focus the past month and continues as each chapter was sent a Congressional Contact Kit. It contained the latest information from the GCSAA on progress or lack of it with EPA in Washington and the addresses of all of Florida's senators and congressmen. On behalf of the FGCSA, I have written two sets of letters to all Representatives and Senators detailing the need for EPA to be responsive to real data and real risk. In the second round of letters I also wrote the Vice President as suggested by the GCSAA. Each chapter needs to follow up with the materials provided and send letters to President Clinton, Vice President Gore and both Florida Senators and your Congressional District Representative. This issue will not go away and we must voice our concern now or risk losing the use of some of our most effective insecticides and fungicides. Write those letters now! See the GCSAA report on the FQPA in this Green Sheet.

•Chapter Relations. In my late-February, March and April travels, I will have covered seven chapter sponsored events since my last report including the Ridge Invitational, South Florida Turf Expo, IFAS Mini-Field Day (Seven Rivers), Suncoast Scramble, Mike Richards Memorial Tournament (North Florida), Danny Burgess Memorial Tournament (Central Florida) and the Envirotron Classic (Seven Rivers). Facts and photos will appear in the Green Sheet and/or the Florida Green. I hope to be able to share ideas and information gained from attending each event. One thing that really stands out: While each chapter is unique in its identity and spirit, they are all bound together in one purpose. From Jacksonville to Sarasota I have witnessed the unwavering commitment to providing educational opportunities and fund raising for research, scholarships, and local charities. My hat is off to those chapter leaders who work so hard to make these annual events such a success.

•Allied Associations. I attended a two day FTGA Committee Day and

Board Meeting in Gainesville, March 19-20. In addition to serving on the Publicity Committee, I sat in on the Conference Committee with Paul Crawford and Mark Jarrell. Paul and I will be calling on you to help us with a portion of the concurrent education sessions. We will offer a series of Innovative Superintendent presentations on Friday, September 18th. We have also recommended an additional Etonic seminar on Friday afternoon to provide some topic variety for those wanting to earn GCSAA CEU's. Plan now to attend the FTGA Conference and Show, September 16-19.

The new Turf Coordinator's position continues to be defined with input from IFAS and industry. The University has asked the FTGA for financial support for the new position and the boards of both the FTGA and FGCSA will be discussing how that can be accomplished. Each chapter received an info packet containing the proposal and Dr. Cisar's letter to the IFAS faculty outlining organization and communication goals. Ask your chapter's External Vice President for more information.



IFAS Mini
Field Day
Overseeding
Trials

Dr. Al Dudeck (in the white hat) along with Dr. Sartain, took over 100 attendees on a tour of the turf plots in Gainesville. Various fertility and overseeding observations were explained. Later, attendees got to rate the plots for quality. The group then moved over to the Envirotron where Drs. Miller and Dunn explained projects underway such as nematode control product evaluations and phosphorous retention in USGA greens.

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