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Dr. John Cisar, Turf Coordinator for the University of Florida (center) receives a check for his Ultra Dwarf research project from the PBGCSA Future of Golf host superintendent, Steve Pearson (left), and Chip Fowkes, Palm Beach president.

The Palm Beach chapter has made a two year commitment to an annual donation of \$7,500 to this project from the proceeds of their Future of Golf tournament. See page 6 for details.

Photo by Joel Jackson.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6 SFGCSA chapter meeting, CC of Coral Springs
- July 7 Treasure Coast annual meeting, Stuart Y&CC
- July 12 Central Florida GCSA meeting, Lake Nona GC
- July 12 West Coast GCSA meeting, Countryside CC
- July 12 Coastal Plains GCSA Golf Classic, Golden Eagle GC, Tallahassee
- July 15 Everglades GCSA Annual Meeting, Quail West CC
- July 16 - 18 North Florida Transition Tournament, Jekyll Island

- July 22 FGCSA/GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Protecting Natural Resources on the Golf Course," Dr. Charles Peacock, Orangebrook CC
- July 30 PBGCSA chapter meeting, Bear Lakes CC
- July 31 - Aug 2 Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress
- Aug. 6 West Coast GCSA Pro/Supt. event, Lansbrook GC
- Aug. 9 - 13 FTGA Conference and Show, University of Florida, Gainesville
- Aug. 17 Palm Beach chapter meeting, Broken Sound GC

- Sept. 13 Blue Pearl Tournament, Medalist GC, Hobe Sound
- Sept. 21 GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Human Resource Management," Dr. Bree Hayes, Orlando
- Sept. 30 West Coast GCSA chapter meeting, Hunters Green CC
- Oct. 2 FGCSA Golf Championship Southern Dunes GC
- Oct. 8 SFGCSA Tournament for Missing & Abused Children, Colony West GC
- Oct. 11 Bud Quandt Tournament, Pasadena Y&CC





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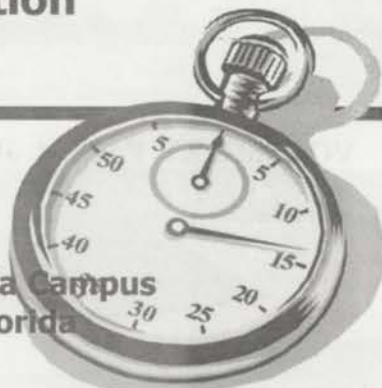
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newsletter printed as follows: Jan/Feb,  
March/April, May/June, July/August,  
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### Superintendent Educational Sessions at FTGA Conference

The superintendent education portion of the  
FTGA program has been completed and in-  
cludes two GCSAA/Etonic seminars for  
CEU or PDU credit - one by GCSAA Sec-  
retary/Treasurer Tommy Witt, CGCS, on  
"Communicating with your Employer" and  
the other by Ms. Lisa Micunek on "Enhanc-  
ing the Professional Image of the Golf  
Course Superintendent". Concurrent ses-  
sions include a presentation by Brad  
Kocher from Pinehurst on the preparations  
for the 1999 U. S. Open and two panel dis-  
cussions - one on continuing evolution of  
management techniques and information on  
the new ultradwarf greens and the other on  
labor issues facing Florida golf courses.  
There will, of course, be other sessions of  
general interest including one by Dr. Joe  
Vargas on "Chemical Phobia."

## What's Up D.O.C.? by Joel Jackson

### 1. Government Relations

Each Chapter should meet and discuss the organophosphate and carbamate products most important to turf their management operations. Let legislators and chemical manufacturers know your needs and what's most important. FQPA compromises will have to be made. Products and uses will be lost. Which products can you sacrifice?

The recent Nitrate Symposium held by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the Seven Springs area on May 1st is just a precursor of what can be expected in the future. Begin to examine and modify your fertilization programs to follow the Nitrate Bill BMP's promulgated by Drs. Cisar and Snyder.

Representative Alan Boyd of Florida is submitting a bill to Congress requiring EPA to use real science and not hyper-conservative models and assumptions in implementing the FQPA. See, all that letter writing does get results. On another front, In a recent court ruling, EPA took a hit on their "scientific" claims in regard to regulations concerning the Clean Air Act. They have appealed.

### 2. Allied Associations

The FTGA Conference and Show will be here before you know it. August 9-12. There will be a lot of education for superintendents, and the University of Florida location will get you up close and personal with the leaders of IFAS who do the research we are depending on. Help support the FTGA and the progress they are making with IFAS. Plan now to attend.

The University of Florida's "Florida First" conference on May 21st for all agriculture commodities was well attended by over 260 university and industry representatives. Mark Jarrell, Don Benham and I discussed golf turf issues with select IFAS administration and faculty members in a half day breakout session. The entire process is geared toward making IFAS more

effective and accountable to industry and the consumers.

### 3. Media Relations

Agriculture Institute of Florida: The FTGA has agreed to pick up my expenses for my participation with this association of agriculture communicators. The current AI newsletter is being revamped to assist key leaders in all commodity groups in dealing with communications, public relations and media issues affecting the agri-business industry. There will also be some questions on their next consumer survey that will probe the public's awareness of environmental risk with regard to pesticides.

Editorial Board Visit Results: The Tampa Tribune ran an editorial on June 1st calling for EPA to not ruin American farmers while trying to implement the FQPA. While we didn't get a mention for turfgrass due to the focus of the small family farmer, the points made in the editorial showed the need for EPA to use restraint and common sense. A goal we can all live with. Chip Fowkes of the Palm Beach Chapter was to do a similar editorial board with the Palm Beach Post.

I attended the 1999 Spring International Network of Golf Conference in May and made some new golf media contacts. I also was able to meet face to face with some of the golf writers I have been sending new releases to this past year. I also gave a report on the GCSAA at a panel discussion called, "Associations 2000." Jeff Bollig, GCSAA Public Relations guru asked if I could sub for him since he had a conflict.

### 4. Chapter Relations

I will be attending the UF/IFAS Summer Field Day, June 23rd, which will be held in Milton, FL this year as IFAS moves the field day sites around the state to be inclusive for all user groups. Chip Owens, a superintendent of the Gulf Coast GCSA has offered me complimentary accommodations at the Moors Golf Club and Lodge in Milton during my visit. We appreciate the hospitality and hope to find more ways to work together with the Gulf Coast GCSA in the future.

I will be covering the Coastal Plains Chapter's annual turf research fund raising event on July 12th in Tallahassee.

Craig Weyandt, President of the Treasure Coast Chapter has been in touch with Janet Satterlee of GCSAA Chapter Relations for ideas on improving attendance at monthly meetings. We will be sharing the ideas Janet sent to Craig with all the chapters

## 1999 Crowfoot Open to be Held at Grand Cypress

The 23rd Annual Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open will be held at Grand Cypress Golf Club in Orlando. The opening pool side cocktail party will be held on Sunday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Villas of Grand Cypress.

The banquet and entertainment follows at 7:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Presentation of the Larry Kamphaus Award will be made immediately following the banquet. This Award is given to a Central Florida member, superintendent or vendor, who exemplifies Larry Kamphaus' characteristics of longevity with the same employer, association involvement, strong family values, community service and mentoring of future vendors/superintendents.

Monday morning, August 2nd, begins with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. followed by an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Tom Alex, superintendent at Grand Cypress and Committee Chairman will serve as host as well as the Master of Ceremonies. Immediately following the golf, a cash bar and awards presentation will signify the end of the weekend's activities.

Lodging is available at the Villas of Grand Cypress (1-800-835-7377) at the Crowfoot rate of \$150.00 per bedroom.

Practice rounds will be available on July 31st and August 1st. The rate is \$30.00 for superintendents and \$55.00 for commercial members. Grand Cypress Golf Club is a spikeless facility. To obtain a registration form for this event, please call Lisa at the Grand Cypress golf maintenance office, 407-239-1948.



The Spring 1999 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Michael Perham, CGCS, at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 14th at the Naples Beach Hotel.

All officers except Vice President Darren Davis were in attendance. All chapters were represented except Coastal Plains, North Florida and Seven Rivers chapter,

Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Steve Pearson, Research Committee Chairman; Dale Kuehner, GCSAA Voting Delegate; John Van Vranken - Suncoast chapter; Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; John Gallagher, West Palm Beach chapter; Jim Walker - South Florida chapter president; Joe Boe - representing the now forming Calusa GCSA; and Past President Kevin Downing. Dr. John Cisar, University of Florida Fort Lauderdale was also in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cary Lewis gave a report from our C.P.A. firm describing the options available for a financial accounting system review. After a discussion it was suggested that we instruct the firm to do an Internal Control Evaluation which helps an organization ensure that its assets are safeguarded and procedures are in place to allow efficient operations. The evaluation would be performed on the FGCSA as well as the chapters. A knowledgeable person from each chapter would be required to fill out a check-list as sent by the CPA firm who would then develop recommendations that would have to be implemented by each chapter. Cost should be in the \$5,000 range, assuming all chapters respond in a timely manner. The motion to conduct an Internal Control Evaluation was made by Roy Wilshire, 2nd by Gary Grigg and approved.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** Cary Lewis went over the Financial Statements for the third quarter of the fiscal year 1998-99 and the minutes from the Winter 1999 board meeting. Both were approved.

**BUDGET:** Cary then discussed the worksheet for the 1999-2000 FGCSA Operating Budget. Line items that are not expected to change for the next year were filled in and Cary discussed the blanks to decide

on suitable figures. Mike Perham suggested that a meeting be held of the Executive Committee and as many Past Presidents as possible to discuss the duties and compensation for staffing the FGCSA. The meeting will be held in June and minutes will be sent to all board members prior to the Crowfoot meeting.

The reception line item was discussed. Some chapters were concerned that small vendors were excluded from the reception due to the high level of sponsorship. It was noted that prior to this year's reception in Orlando there was a lower category that was appropriate for the small vendor. This lower category will be offered for the New Orleans reception. It was decided that, once again, the line item will be balanced with expenses to equal income received from sponsors so that no dues money is spent on the reception.

A discussion was held as to how to balance the Operating Account budget — continue to rely on chapter donations or raise the dues to cover expenses. It was decided that if we use chapter donations, they should be on a voluntary basis only. It was also suggested that since we have not had a dues increase in several years and the services of the FGCSA have increased during that period, a dues increase could be justified. It was decided that, for this fiscal year, we will continue to balance the budget through chapter donations but expect to bring up the question of a future dues increase at the Winter board meeting. If approved, the dues increase would be effective at the beginning of the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Cary Lewis will finish the Budget Worksheet after the Executive Committee meeting in June and present the budget in final form to be voted on at the Crowfoot board meeting.

**IFAS:** Dr. John Cisar gave a recap of the positions available. They include a Pathologist, an Entomologist and the Director of the Fort Lauderdale station. He noted that the UF has sub-

mitted approximately \$1 million in grant requests to the FTGA. He noted that the next UF Field Day would be in Milton on June 23rd.

**D.O.C.:** Joel reported on the Nitrogen symposium, activities of the water management districts, and the Florida First program. He will continue to keep everyone informed with progress reports. Joel was complimented on his good communication level with the board members.

**SURVEY:** Joel suggested that we request actual dollar figures rather than ranges on our next survey. He also suggested that we get rid of some of the questions to try to get more participation. He noted that the answers to the educational questions as distributed to all chapter external vice presidents should benefit all chapters in planning their monthly programs. It was suggested that the report be put in an upcoming issue of the Florida Green.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Joel reported that he is getting very little (if any) response for the Hands-On section of the magazine. Please continue to talk this up at your monthly chapter meetings.

**AWARDS:** Gary Grigg announced that he has received 4 nominations for the President's Awards for Lifetime Service. Palm Beach nominated Steve Pearson; Everglades nominated Dale Walters; South Florida nominated Al Ross and Ridge nominated Paul Hickman. Craig Weyandt asked that the board accept a late nomination from the Treasure Coast for Dave Hollar. A motion was made to approve all five nominations. The motion was approved. Gary announced that Past President Dale Kuehner had been nominated for the Distinguished Service Award.

**EDUCATION:** Geoff Coggan announced that pre-registration for the Poa seminar is strong at 40 attendees. The subject matter should prove interesting and most of the expenses will be covered by the registration fees. He noted that three GCSAA Regional Seminars are planned for Florida in the coming months - July, September and November. There will be no seminar at the Crowfoot this year but Joel Jackson announced a strong educa-

tional program for superintendents at the FTGA in Gainesville this year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Tom Crawford urged all chapters to use the new FGCSA Membership Form when sending their chapter dues invoices this month.

**POA:** Gary Grigg reported a good turnout for the tournament and the banquet.

**CROWFOOT:** Joe Ondo reported that the Crowfoot would be played at Grand Cypress on Mon, August 2nd.

**GOLF:** This year's GCSAA Tournament will be held in Mobile, Alabama. The Florida team will be composed of the winner of the Poa, the Crowfoot, and the FGCSA Championship. Joe Ondo announced that the FGCSA Golf Tournament will be played at Southern Dunes on the first Saturday in October (October 2nd). Host superintendent will be Bayne Caillavet with each chapter encouraged to have a five man team, with the top four players scores counting.

**RESEARCH:** Steve Pearson discussed the Light Intensity Study that was approved by the FTGA and is being funded by the Seven Rivers chapter through the proceeds of their Envirotron Tournament. If anyone would like to suggest any additions that would fit into the scope of the study, call Steve. Steve also reported on Dr. Cisar's proposed research program that would require renovating the turf plot area of the Fort Lauderdale site to do ultradwarf studies. This area is currently being maintained by the FGCSA so questions would arise as to the distribution of funds should the grant be accepted.

Steve also discussed the possibility of providing product evaluations not funded by manufacturers. This has been brought up many times before but no action has been taken on the proposal.

Steve announced that the FGCSA has hired Gary Pederson as an independent contractor to take over Marcus Prevatte's position in Fort Lauderdale. He thanked Bob Klitz and Bill McKee for interviewing and selecting Gary for the position and for their help in getting him started.

**FTGA/IFAS:** Don Benham, Public Relations Director for the FTGA announced that he is working on a funding project that is targeted at golfers. The University of Florida IFAS faculty has agreed to meet with the boards of several golf clubs in the vicinity to let them know what their research dollars would support. The goal is to get clubs to make an annual line item for turfgrass research.

**GCSAA:** Dale Kuehner announced that the next Chapter Delegates meeting will be held in Lawrence on September 10th-12th. Membership Standards will probably be one of the important issues of the meeting. If your chapter is not sending a representative, you **MUST** notify the GCSAA in writing that you are selecting someone else as your representative. If a chapter is not represented at two consecutive annual meetings, the chapter may lose their affiliation status. Dale announced that all chapters previously affiliated with the GCSAA have completed their re-affiliation qualifications.

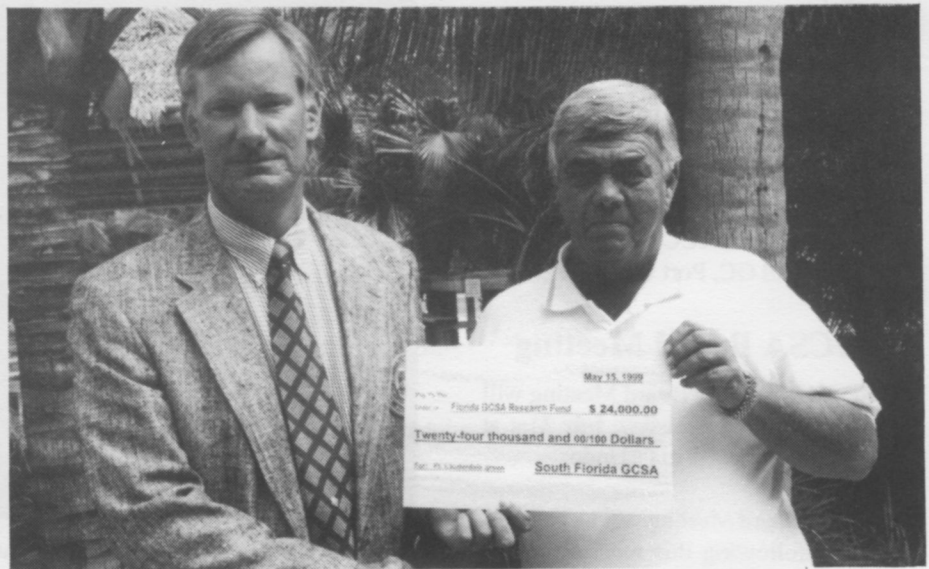
**RECEPTION:** Paul Crawford announced that the sponsors for this year's reception felt that their money was well spent and that they were the ones who requested that attendees be limited to superintendents and sponsors. Paul announced that the reception did go over budget somewhat but that the excess funds from last year's reception were used for the shortfall. Paul

also spoke on the operation of the Florida Green and suggested that it may be time to raise advertising rates. Paul was presented with an award for his tenure as Florida Green Business Manager.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mike Perham announced that the Palm Beach chapter has received a complaint that a PBGCSA superintendent had misrepresented facts on his resume when applying for and subsequently receiving a position as superintendent on a municipal golf course. Gary Grigg reported that this would be a violation of the GCSAA Code of Ethics and should be handled by the GCSAA if the superintendent is a member.

A question was raised about the three-year rotation of external vice presidents. A show of hands indicated that Central Florida, West Coast and Suncoast chapters will have new Externals at the next board meeting. Since three chapters were missing from the meeting, there may be even more new VP's.

Mike Perham announced that the Summer Board Meeting will be held at Grand Cypress on Saturday, July 31st. The meeting will begin with lunch at noon, the Summer meeting at 1:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting to begin at the conclusion of the Summer meeting, approximately 4:00 p.m. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Walker, South Florida president, (right) presented a check for \$24,000 to Mike Perham. The proceeds of this year's Expo are to be used by the FGCSA Research Fund in funding the technician position at the Fort Lauderdale site.



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## FGCSA Board Meeting

The FGCSA Summer Board Meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, July 31st at Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando.

The annual Board Meeting will be held immediately following this meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m. All those attending the Crowfoot weekend are invited to join us for the annual meeting.

## Everglades Chapter Scores Big with 1999 Poa

The 1999 Poa weekend was another winning event thanks to the Naples Beach Hotel, the hard work of the Everglades Board of Directors and Mother Nature for providing such a great setting with terrific weather.

The weekend began on Friday with the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting at 8:00 a.m. followed by a well attended seminar on Mole Cricket Management and the Value of Soil Testing. That night, the Watkins Lawn provided the setting for the exceptional Poa Annua Luau. This was when Mother Nature showed her full force by providing a great breeze and showcase Naples sunset for all to view.

The Poa Golf Classic was held on Saturday morning with Mark Hopkins again taking the top prize as low gross winner. The win assures Mark of another year's place on the Florida team for the GCSAA Championship. The team championship was won by the Everglades team of David Fry, Rick Tatum, Scott Hamm and Roy Bates.

Rounding out the weekend was the G. C. Horne Tournament that was played on Sunday at the Beach Club. This tournament has been coupled with the Poa since 1988 and is the major fundraiser for the G. C. Horne Endowment Fund. Funds raised from this event go to support the Envirotron on the University of Florida Gainesville campus.

Special recognition goes to the major sponsor of the Poa Golf Classic, Liquid Ag Systems, for their generosity. The Everglades Board of Directors would also like to thank all of our sponsors for making the Poa a financial success as well as a terrific weekend for all members to enjoy.



Paul Crawford (right) accepts a memento of appreciation from FGCSA President, Mike Perham, CGCS, for his service to the association as the Business Manager of The Florida Green. Crawford is stepping down after a five year tour of duty and Perham will take his place to help oversee the magazine's operation.

## Future of Golf Tournament

The Palm Beach GCSA sponsored its 18th Annual Future of Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5th at the Falls CC. This year's event was by far the most financially successful thanks to the generosity of Ian Smith and The Falls CC for donating the use of their impressive facility. This most generous offer was the catalyst that led to a net profit of greater than \$27,000.

Steve Pearson, superintendent of The Falls CC, sparked the Committee to higher levels of fund raising which enabled them to secure a \$10,000 donation from Chipco GT/Helena/Golf Ventures as Platinum Sponsor of the event. Karl Schmidt, Committee Chairman, reported that both Hector Turf and Kilpatrick Turf had equipment stations on the golf course for their contribution as Diamond Sponsors. The Gold level of sponsorship saw contributions from Harrell's Fertilizer, Golf Agronomics, United Horticultural Supply, Novartis, Wyld West Annuals, Diamond Turf, Yamaha Golf Cars, Irrigation Services Group and Yamaha Golf Cars rounding out the field of big contributors.

In addition to Pearson and Schmidt, the Future of Golf Committee included David Court, Paul Crawford, Mark Henderson, Keith Longshore, Walt McMahon, Dan Miller, Dale Mitchell, and Peter Powell. These hard working members were responsible for obtaining more than 50 other turfgrass companies to support the Tournament by providing tee signs on the golf course.

An overflow field of 136 players also contributed to the financial success of the day not only with their entry fee but also with their generous response to the raffle and silent auction held immediately following the tournament. In addition to the great prizes, they were rewarded with a tremendous round of golf at a great facility and a top quality buffet.

The Palm Beach GCSA Board would like to thank The Falls CC and all of our sponsors for helping to raise such an impressive amount for turfgrass research and scholarships as well as for junior golf programs in the Palm Beach area.

## 4th Annual FGCSA Team Championship

Southern Dunes Golf Club will be the site for the 4th annual FGCSA Team Championship with Bayne Caillavet serving as host. Date is set for Saturday, October 2, 1999. West Coast chapter is the defending champion as they edged Treasure Coast chapter by one shot. Format remains the same at five superintendents on a team with the top four scores counting.

A traveling trophy was recently purchased so plan now on sending a team for chapter bragging rights. Entry forms will be sent out in July with prices and all other information. Reminder, you do not have to be on a team to participate. Individual entries are accepted.

Prizes for low gross and net will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The low gross superintendent also qualifies for the state team and has his entry paid to the GCSAA tournament which will be held in February, 2000, in Mobile. Let your chapter know if you are interested in playing.

## GCSAA Regional Seminar to be held on July 22nd

The first GCSAA Regional Seminar to be held in Florida for 1999 will be "Protecting Natural Resources on the Golf Course" on Thursday, July 22nd. Dr. Charles Peacock, formerly of the University of Florida and now with North Carolina State University, will be the speaker at the all-day seminar. Bob Klitz, CGCS, superintendent at Orangebrook CC in Hollywood will be the host site.

This seminar focuses on evaluating the golf course as part of the ecosystem, the inter-relationship between golf course and environment, and how to protect these natural resources. Participants incorporate strategies into the design and maintenance of the golf course and study the management principles that best protect natural resources.

.7 CEU's will be awarded to Certified Golf Course Superintendents and those seeking certification. For more information or to register, contact the GCSAA Service Center at 800-472-7878.



Steve Pearson, host superintendent, (far left) and Chip Fowkes, PBGCSA president (far right) accept a \$10,000 Platinum Sponsor check for the Future of Golf Tournament from Peter Farno of Chipco (center left) and Walt McMahon (center right) of Golf Ventures. See above for more details.





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**Dr. Charles Peacock returns to Florida to present the GCSAA Regional Seminar,  
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