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Matt Taylor, center, of the Bonita Bay East GC in Naples, receives the 1999 GCSAA Environmental Stewardship Award for the Private Club Division during the 199 GCSAA Conference and Show.

See page 7 for additional coverage of the Show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar. 1 | Ridge Invitational Tournament, Grasslands | Mar. 23 | Suncoast Scramble, Misty Creek G&CC | May 14, | FGCSA seminar, Naples Beach Hotel, noon - 5:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 2 | Core Class, St. Augustine Technical Center, 1:00 pm | Mar. 24 | West Coast chapter meeting, Summerfield GC | May 15 | Poa Annua Golf Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel |
| Mar. 4 | Ornamental & Turf Course, St. Augustine Technical Center | Mar. 24 | Central Florida meeting, Halifax Plantation | May 16 | G. C. Horn Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel |
| Mar. 10 | Everglades GCSA chapter meeting/outing, EverBlades Arena, 4:00 p.m.meeting, 7:30 game | Apr. 12 | North Florida Mike Richards Memorial Tournament | May 17 - 20 | Aquatic Weed Control, Aquatic Plant Culture Short Course, Fort Lauderdale |
| Mar. 11 | SFGCSA Exposition, UF IFAS, Fort Lauderdale | Apr. 19 | Envirotron Tournament, World Woods GC | May 18 | Suncoast chapter meeting, Sara Bay, Sarasota |
| Mar. 17 | Treasure Coast meeting, Indian River Plantation | Apr. 20 | Suncoast chapter meeting, Pelican Point GC, Venice | June 5 | PBGCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC |
| Mar. 18 | Overseed Field Day, UF, Gainesville campus | Apr. 21 | Everglades Spring Seminar, LaPlaya, Vanderbilt Beach | July 31 - Aug 2 | Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress |
| | | Apr. 27 | USGA Green Section Conference, Orlando Marriott | Aug. 9 - 13 | FTGA Conference and Show, University of Florida, Gainesville campus |
| | | Apr. 29 | USGA Green Section Conference, Palm Beach Marriott | | |

USGA Conferences

Green Section Regional Conferences were established in the 1970's as a way to reach golf course superintendents, course officials, club managers, golf professionals and other industry personnel with pertinent information about golf course maintenance and management issues. A few years later, with the involvement of the USGA Regional Affairs staff, these educational conferences now reflect a broader perspective and include important facets of the golf industry as well as other USGA activities.

The USGA has announced the dates for the two Green Section Conferences to be held in Florida this year. The first Conference will be held at the Orlando Airport Marriott on Tuesday, April 27th and the second will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott on Thursday, April 29th.

This year's program offers something for everyone and includes: "Identifying Ecosystems on the Golf Course" by Tom Stone, NaturGolf; "Monitoring Nitrate Leaching in a Golf Course Treated with Reclaimed Water" and "NTEP Project Update" by Dr. John Cisar; "Florida Employment Law: Looking to the Future" by Stuart Charlson, West Coast Employers Association; and "Getting Started: Creating an Environmental Plan" by Joellen Zeh, Audubon International.

The all-day program will also include discussions by the following USGA speakers: "Member Guest or US Open: Preparing Your Course for a Championship" by Chris Hartwiger; "Understand it Before You Buy It: Sorting Out the Mystical, Magical, and Microbial," by Matt Nelson; "A Walk on the Wild Side: USGA Grants Programs" by Kim Erusha; and "USGA Research Update: Putting Green Construction Projects" by John Foy.

IN ORLANDO ONLY: "The Man Who Almost Killed Arnie and Jack" by Peter Kessler, The Golf Channel.

CEU's will be available for GCSAA, pesticide license, PGA, and CMA. Program brochures will be mailed by mid-March. For more information, contact Shelly Foy, (561) 546-2620.

"Experience the Connection" presented by the Florida Turfgrass Association In conjunction with the University of Florida



The FTGA is gearing up for a great week in Gainesville where they will host the 47th Annual Conference and Show. This year's venue will be different than others presented in past years. Challenged to meet the needs of the Florida Turf Professional, quality education, stimulating activities and a 'better than ever' tradeshow has been scheduled for August 9-12, 1999 when attendees will 'Experience the Connection' of the Turf Industry and the University of Florida.

Highlights featured this year include:

- * *Technical training by FTGA supporting Vendors*
- * *Industry Concurrent Sessions, GCSAA Seminars*
- * *Outdoor Equipment Demonstrations*
- * *University of Florida Tour*
- * *Sod Growers Field Day and Cook-out*
- * *Awards Dinner in the exclusive 'Touchdown Terrace'*
- * *and . . . special keynote message by University of Florida President Dr. Lombardi*

Watch for more details and mark your calendars for August 9-12, 1999. Don't Miss It !!

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What's Up D.O.C.

by Joel Jackson

1. GCSAA Conference and Show

On Wednesday, February 10th, during the opening ceremonies of GCSAA's 70th International Conference and Show in Orlando, Dan Jones, CGCS, was one of three superintendents recognized for their service to the industry. President George Renault III, CGCS presented Dan with his plaque signifying GCSAA's recognition of Dan's hard work and sacrifice on behalf of the Florida GCSA. Dan's 95 year old mother was in the audience to see him receive the award. Dan also paid tribute to his wife, Irene, for her help and support through 42 years of marriage.

Also on Wednesday earlier in the day, Central Florida superintendents Tom Alex of Grand Cypress; John Lammerish of Orange Lake; and Tom Schlick, CGCS of Marriott hosted the GCSAA Field Seminar. Assisting Dr. Phil Busey of the University of Florida as bus captains and tour guides were superintendents Don McCommon; Jim Schleutker and yours truly. The "Turf Tour" also stopped by Disney's Wide World of Sports for a visit of sports turf operations.

Earlier in the week Gary Grigg, CGCS, MG of the Poinciana Golf Club in Naples taught two one day seminars on Golf Course Construction Management and Grow-In. Gary also gave the invocation for the Opening Session; supervised the election of officers at the Annual Meeting; and served on the welcoming committee with other past presidents to welcome 127 new first time exhibitors at the Trade Show.

On Friday at the Golf, Government and Environment General Session, Matt Taylor was named winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award in the Private Club division. GCSAA and the sponsoring companies recognized Matt and Bonita Bay East for their work in wildlife habitat enhancement and preservation.

Meanwhile, Friday and Saturday morning's early bird Innovative Superintendent Ses-

sions found Florida Superintendents Mark Black of Quail West CC and Kevin Downing of Willoughby GC making presentations on Training and Written Standards for Course Conditions.

Later on Saturday, The Florida Green was honored with its selection of Best Overall in its category for the 5th year in a row in the GCSAA Newsletter Editors Contest.

Many thanks to Paul Crawford for his contribution to the FGCSA as Business Manager for the Florida Green for the past five years. Paul has also served as Chairman for the FGCSA Reception at the GCSAA Conference and Show. Paul is stepping down this year and Mike Perham, CGCS will assume the duties of Business Manager. Thanks again, Paul, for helping to make the magazine strong and the receptions memorable.

2. Government Relations

A. The GCSAA Greens and Grassroots Forum in Orlando yielded little new information on the FQPA Implementation process except to alert pesticide users to the inescapable fact that there will be losses of some pesticide uses by the end of 1999.

Allen James, Executive Director of RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) encourages all product users to keep the pressure on Congress to alert them to the real world consequences of banning the whole class of organophosphate and carbamate insecticides. WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN and SENATORS TODAY!

B. I will be attending an FQPA "Experts" Workshop in Tampa on March 3rd to learn strategies from other organizations and will pass along the ideas and recommendations to your chapter representatives. Each External Vice President was given a registration form to this workshop if you have an interest in attending. Registration fee is \$125.

3. Allied Associations

A. Florida Turfgrass Association: Don Benham, Director of Public Relations for the FTGA is putting together a fund raising

presentation with the help of IFAS Administration and faculty to take to the grass roots golfers. The first phase will focus on private club members and will provide a simple yet effective way for golfers to participate. The presentation will be fine tuned before test audiences until it is perfected. Stay tuned for more details.

B. Florida Golf Alliance: A Golf Impact Study update was presented to the Florida Golf Alliance Board during the recent GCSAA conference. Dr. Joe Cronin, in charge of the survey, is asking for help in following up on the surveys mailed out. I have volunteered my time to make calls to clubs stressing that they participate in order to help make the survey more valid in its numbers.

4. Media Relations

If you have seen the new Golfdom magazine, which premiered at the GCSAA Trade Show, you may have seen my mug in there. With the FGCSA Board's approval, I am writing a regular column for them. The monthly magazine will have an initial circulation of 30,000 and will go primarily to decision makers in golf course design, management and maintenance. It seemed like a great way to keep putting superintendent views on the front burner to those we work with in the golf industry. Golfdom is focusing on easy to read articles that provide solutions to problems.

There's no lack of information resources for superintendents as Golfweek magazine also debuted Superintendent News at the trade show. This bi-weekly publication is also dedicated to providing timely and relevant information to superintendents. Editor/writers Brad Klein and Jim Achenbach have both recently penned articles in Golfweek that support the undervalued position of superintendents. Mark Jarrell used to write a quarterly column for Golfweek. Now we have an entire publication dedicated to our specialty. Times they are a'changing.

Both publications promise to have an "attitude" and call the shots as they see them. As long as they are accurate and fair, they will be a welcome addition to our library.

The Winter 1999 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Michael Perham, CGCS, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29th at Bay Hill Club in Orlando.

All officers were in attendance. All chapters except Seven Rivers were represented. Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Steve Pearson, Research Committee Chairman; Dale Kuehner, GCSAA Voting Delegate; Greg Pheneger - Treasure Coast chapter; John Van Vranken - Suncoast chapter; Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; and Past Presidents Kevin Downing and Dick Blake. Others attending were Mike Goldie, FGCSA lobbyist and Dr. John Cisar, UF Fort Lauderdale.

Valent U.S.A. presented a check for \$6,000 to the FGCSA Research Fund.

Peter Blum of Valent U.S.A. presented a check for \$6,000 to the FGCSA Research Fund. This money was raised through the Valent USA Right Course Program which has donated a total of \$47,250 to the FGCSA over the past three years.

LOBBYIST: Mike Goldie discussed the transition team in the Florida legislature. He believes that the House will be pro-business with special mention of Ken Pruitt, House Appropriations Committee who should be friendly to turf needs. He also noted that the golf course tournaments held last year for fundraising for the political parties were very successful and will be held again this year. He will be looking for club support, probably in terms of four-somes donated as prizes.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT - Cary Lewis went over the Financial Statements for the second quarter of the fiscal year 1998-1999 and presented the minutes from the Fall 1998 board meeting. Both were approved. He then discussed our appeal to the IRS on the Unrelated Business Tax problem which is still pending.

The question of an audit was again discussed. The option of foregoing an official audit in favor of a procedural audit that would concentrate on proper business practices was discussed. A motion was made to do a procedural business audit as long as the cost remains within the amount included in this year's

budget. The motion was approved.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - Joel Jackson reported on his activities since the Fall board meeting which included the Ag Institute, Ag Council, and FAC. He gave an update on the FQPA and discussed his travel plans for the next quarter.

The Board voted to continue to pay his health insurance at the new rate through the end of this fiscal year. Mike Perham noted that the D.O.C. position was created with a one year probation period. Now that the year is up, the board voted to make it a permanent position with expenses to be included in the annual budget. Joel asked about the possibility of obtaining a business credit card. After a discussion, a motion was made to obtain a credit card for Joel with a \$1,000 limit. The motion was approved. (NOTE: After the meeting, it was decided to raise the limit to \$3,000 and get a second card for Marie to use.)

SURVEY: Joel Jackson noted that response has not been as good as expected so the board discussed giving superintendents another month's extension to return the completed survey. It was suggested that all chapters be notified of the response from their members with a request that the local chapter board contact their superintendents with a reminder to get the survey completed and sent in. Extra surveys are available from the FGCSA office.

FLORIDA GREEN: Joel reported that Mike Perham had volunteered to serve as Business Manager for the Florida Green now that Paul Crawford has indicated his desire to retire.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Marie Roberts reported that all directories have been mailed to members and advertisers. Advertising revenue was up slightly over last year and exceeded budget projections. Extra Directories are available through the FGCSA office.

EDUCATION: Geoff Coggan has not finalized a speaker for the Poa seminar. The date will be Friday afternoon, May 14th at the Naples Beach Hotel. If anyone has an idea for this seminar, please contact Geoff immediately.

Because the FTGA is scheduled for August this year, we will probably scrap the FGCSA educational seminar during the Crowfoot weekend. Joel Jackson is working on the education for the FTGA Conference.

There are no GCSAA Regional Seminars scheduled for Florida in 1999 at this time. If any chapter decides to host a Regional Seminar, please inform Geoff of the date and topic.

The Etonic Leadership Program will continue for another year. There are only a few spots left for these seminars so if any chapter is thinking about sponsoring one of these, you need to call the GCSAA immediately to reserve your spot. They are a very economical vehicle for this type of seminar.

POA: Darren Davis announced that this year's Poa would be held at the Naples Beach Hotel on the weekend of May 14 - 16th. The Poa Tournament will be held on Saturday with the G. C. Horn Tournament on Sunday.

GOLF: Joe Ondo reported that Florida will be fielding two teams in the GCSAA Tournament.

The Crowfoot Committee has decided to hold this year's tournament at Grand Cypress on August 2nd.

RESEARCH: Steve Pearson distributed a list of current turfgrass research projects that are ongoing at the University of Florida. The projects are funded by vendors, state funds, private individuals, the FTGA and other associations. Steve then reviewed grant procedures. The University of Florida Turfgrass Advisory Working Group reviews each proposal, ranks them, and submits all proposals to the FTGA Awards Committee. The board discussed the feasibility of some type of short summary of projects to be made available to interested FGCSA

members. Dr. Cisar will look into getting this done by the University.

Dr. J. H. Frank's project on Biological Control of Mole Crickets was discussed. We are in the second year of a three year study that is being funded entirely by the FGCSA. The first payment was made in 1997 but, to date, we have not received an invoice for the second or third year. The original payment schedule called for a payment of \$5,500 in November of 1998 and the final payment of \$4,000 due on November 1, 1999. The board decided that we should not send a check until an invoice is received from the University.

Steve Pearson then discussed the salary for Marcus Prevatte who is the technician at the UF Fort Lauderdale research center. The FGCSA pays him \$17.50 per hour for 30 hours each week. He was originally hired in 1990 and his last raise was received in 1994. After a discussion, a motion was made to give Marcus a one-time \$2,000 performance bonus. The motion was approved. Steve and/or Kevin Downing will make some sort of presentation, probably at the SFGCSA Exposition in March.

FUND RAISING: Steve Pearson reported that he is not aware of any new rebate programs. His Palm Beach chapter is currently planning their fundraising tournament which will be held at Steve's club this year (The Falls CC). The chapter is looking for one major sponsor this year to see if that generates more interest. Steve also noted that Don Benham will be working with fundraising for the FTGA.

IFAS: Dr. John Cisar discussed the new positions that are open at the University. There are 7 new positions open of which 4 are in turf. He also discussed the March 18th Overseeding Field Day in Gainesville and the March 11th SFGCSA Expo in Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Cisar reminded all External Vice Presidents that IFAS researchers are good sources for speaker at your chapter meetings and are always eager to be invited.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Joel gave a report on pesticide/chemical restrictions and notification as discussed with the Florida legislators in January.

GCSAA: Dale Kuehner, FGCSA Voting Delegate, read the list of candidates for this year's election and announced that they are all highly qualified candidates. He urged the board to consider supporting Tommy Witt for Secretary/Treasurer and Mark Woodward as the new Director. Dale spoke on the need for good business-practice minded individuals to serve as strong leaders on the board so that they would be able to hold their own with the GCSAA staff. He feels that the above candidates are very qualified to do this. As usual, there will be a caucus immediately preceding the election. If anyone has another opinion on the candidates, please contact Dale immediately.

FGCSA RECEPTION: Paul Crawford's report indicated that he has raised just over \$70,000 from suppliers who wish to sponsor the reception. In addition to these funds, there is also a \$6,000 surplus left over from last year's California reception which is included in this year's budget.

This year the reception will be by invitation only which will include all FGCSA superintendents and assistants, reception sponsors, University personnel and other V.I.P.'s. Attendance is expected to exceed 1,000 so there will be a security guard at the entrance for crowd control. Only those with FGCSA wristbands will be admitted. Those who do not have a wristband will need to register before entering. Board members are needed to serve on the registration table. Reception sponsors have asked that, due to the large donations they have made to sponsor this year's reception, suppliers who have not contributed to the reception be denied admittance. Paul agreed to this but also limited the number of tickets each paid sponsor was given. It is hoped that all of these things should keep attendance at a reasonable level.

Jim Goins, External V.P. from South Florida, read a letter by SFGCSA President Jim Walker indicating that the South Florida board is against raising this much money for a one night reception. The South Florida board feels that the sponsors donating to the reception will limit their donations to research because of the donations to the reception. They are re-

questing that the FGCSA board consider limiting the scope of any reception that is planned in the future. Mike Perham suggested that if there is a surplus from the funds for this year's reception, we could consider making a donation to the research fund. In that event, we would contact all the sponsors to let them know our intentions for the surplus funds. This will be discussed at the next board meeting. It was also suggested that we find out how other associations fund their hospitality suites.

NEW BUSINESS: Dick Blake, FGCSA Past President, urged all GCSAA members to make an individual contribution to the GCSAA Foundation. Small checks from individuals add up,

Kevin Downing presented a letter to GCSAA Board of Directors noting the proliferation of colleges, community colleges and technical programs that offer turf degrees. He is asking the GCSAA to address this concern by generating some effort in this area. Mike Perham suggested that the FGCSA support the letter and the board agreed to have Mike co-sign the letter to show our support.

Mike Perham announced that he would be unable to attend the GCSAA Convention this year and would need help from the other officers in performing his duties during the Convention.

The date for the Spring Board Meeting will be held on a Friday morning, May 14th at the Naples Beach Hotel.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

\$2,000 FGCSA Dependent Scholarship Available

The South Florida PGA is offering a \$2,000 Bobby Goodman Scholarship Grant for high school seniors or college entrants enrolled in freshman or sophomore classes of undergraduate studies whose parents or grandparents are employed in or retired from the golf industry. Applications are available from the FGCSA office. Deadline is July 1.

Local Chapters Schedule Golf Tournaments in March and April

1. Ridge Invitational:

The Eighth Annual Ridge Invitational will be held on Monday, March 1st, at Grasslands G&CC in Lakeland with Roy Wilshire serving as host.

2. Seven Rivers Envirotron Classic:

The Seven Rivers Chapter is proud to announce the 7th Annual Envirotron Golf Classic on April 19th. Barbaron, Inc. has again committed to being our Champion Sponsor. World Woods Golf Club will again be the host club and we THANK THEM BOTH for their generosity.

Entry forms are being mailed to each of the FGCSA Chapter Secretaries and to FTGA members. If you want an entry form mailed to you personally, call Stuart Bozeman at 352-795-6665. If you are interested in our Corporate Sponsorships, call Glenn Oberlander at 352-795-7017 for details.

3. Suncoast Scramble

The Suncoast chapter announces their Suncoast Scramble on Tuesday, March 23rd at Misty Creek G&CC. The format is a four man scratch scramble with entry limited to Suncoast GCSA members and club officials only. Entry forms are available from John Van Vranken, River Wilderness G&CC.

3. NF Mike Richards Tournament:

This year the North Florida chapter is hosting the Mike Richards Tournament on Monday, April 12, at Jacksonville G&CC with Greg Sharp as host superintendent. The Tournament was founded in 1993 to provide scholarships for deserving students majoring in turf management. Mike Richards worked for Tresca Industries and was very active in the North and Central Florida chapters. The tournament has grown to include memorial scholarships given in memory of Allan MacCurrach, PGA Tour agronomist.



Mark Atherholt (left) of Pro Greens Turf Services presents IFAS Turf Coordinator, Dr. John Cisar, with the keys to a totally refurbished FM-60 Deep Drill Aerifying Machine. Looking on from Pro Greens are (l-r) Pat Kearney and Tim Osley. The machine will be used on the Ft. Lauderdale research green and turf plots.

Two Local Chapters Feature UltraDwarf Education:

South Florida Expo Set for Thursday, March 11th

The South Florida GCSA will host the 12th Annual Turfgrass Exposition on Thursday, March 11, 1999, at the University of Florida Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center.

This full-day show is the major fundraiser for the upkeep and maintenance of the FGCSA research green and turf plots at the site. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in anticipation of the 9:00 a.m. round table discussion featuring the four major ultradwarf developers and superintendents who are using ultradwarfs.

The equipment demonstrations and booth area will then be open from 10:00 a.m. through lunch. The afternoon education will be Dr. Will Hudson, University of Georgia, on "Subsurface Insecticide Treatment". Late registration forms are available from the FGCSA office.

Everglades Chapter Hosts Spring Seminar

Once again, the Everglades chapter has put together a program that is not to be missed at the Seventh Annual Everglades Spring Symposium. The all day event will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at La Playa on Vanderbilt Beach in Naples.

Featured speaker for the symposium is Dr. James Beard who will speak on Fertilization and Cultural practices of Ultra Dwarfs.

Other speakers include Stu Buck, "Correlation between tissue and soil test"; Gary Grigg, "Foliar Nutrition"; Dr. John Cisar, "Poor Water Quality Management & Research project Update"; Dr. Jerry Sartain, "Inorganic Soil Amendments," and John Foy speaking on "Observations Across the State of Florida".

Registration forms are available from the Everglades board of directors.

Florida Superintendents Serve as Active Hosts for GCSAA Convention & Show

FGCSA Reception Biggest By Far!

Paul Crawford, FGCSA Reception Chairman, pulled out all the stops for this year's FGCSA Reception. Attendance exceeded 1400 for the FGCSA February 12th reception at the Omni Rosen Hotel. The reception was presented by The Kilpatrick Companies as they celebrated 40 years of service to the turf industry. And celebrate they did as they accepted the challenges of the Dueling Pianos on center stage! The food was spectacular and the setting was perfect for this exciting event.

The FGCSA board of directors would like to thank the following sponsors who made the evening possible:

Platinum Sponsors: Rhone Poulenc, Golf Ventures, Toro Distributors of Florida, Harrell's Fertilizer/Pursell Polyon, Southern Golf Products, Club Car and the Florida Green.

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Florida Golf Courses Host 1999 GCSAA Golf Championship

Clear skies, warm temperatures and six great golf courses greeted over 700 players to the Tampa area for the 1999 GCSAA Golf Championship. Elino of 1998 which cut short the championship last year in Irvine, California, was long forgotten this year. The courses used were Copperhead, Island and Hawks Run at the Westin Innisbrook Resort, Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks Courses at World Woods Golf Club, and Southern Woods GC.

MidWest Association GCS #1 team defended its chapter gross team title with a 4 stroke win over Florida's #1 team. All Florida players scored well, but with 3 out of 4 scores counting each day could not quite catch Midwest #1. Scores for Florida superintendents were Buck Buckner 151, Jim Torba and Chris Cartin at 152, Joe Pantaleo at 153, and Joe Ondo at 156. All these players were in the top 20 scores.

Chandler Masters won the individual title with a 145 total and a 3 stroke win over defending champion Al Pondel. Chandler, playing out of Henderson, Nevada, shot a 71 the first day at Rolling Oaks course and followed with a 74 at the Copperhead course to win the Championship.

The GCSAA Championship in partnership with the Toro Company gets better each year. Tee prizes, breakfast each day, 19th hole receptions each day, victory banquet and golf are included in your entry fee. If you have never played, try it once to see if you don't agree with me that it is worth the money. Plan now to play in Mobile, Alabama in February next year.



(L-R): Joel Jackson, FGCSA's D.O.C.; Dr. Phil Busey, UF/IFAS; Jim Schleutker and Don McCommon, superintendents from Central Florida GCSA, acted as tour guides for the GCSAA Field Seminar.

One hundred sixty GCSAA Field Seminar students got to see un-overseeded Floradwarf greens(Orange Lake); multi-course resort operations and IFAS fairway grass test plots(Grand Cypress); a mega-golf practice facility(Faldo Golf Institute); Disney's town of Celebration and it's 3 hole mini-course for beginning and youth golfers and the Atlanta Braves spring training home(Disney's Wide World of Sports) as part of the full day turf tour of the SW Orlando area.

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