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Barbaron, Inc. sweetens the pot at the Seven Rivers GCSA's 2001 Envirotron Classic held April 23rd at World Woods by raising their Champions Sponsorship to \$13,500.

From left: Terry Lagree, Glenn Oberlander, Stuart Bozeman and Ron Kitchen, Jr. Photo by Joel Jackson.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------|---|-----------|--|----------|--|
| July 9  | Calusa GCSA chapter meeting, Foxfire GC   | July 19   | North Florida chapter meeting, Ocean Hammock               | Aug. 23  | Calusa chapter meeting, Punta Gorda CC                                   |
| July 12 | GCSAA/CFGCSA Regional Seminars, two half day programs, Crowne Plaza, Orlando (See page 6) | July 19   | Ridge GCSA Annual Meeting, Champions Gate GC               | Aug. 24  | Treasure Coast chapter meeting, Vero Beach CC                            |
| July 14 | PBGCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC  | July 23   | West Coast GCSA meeting/ election, Cypress Run             | Sept. 6  | CFGCSA/GCSAA Regional Seminar, Crowne Plaza Resort Orlando (see page 6)  |
| July 16 | Everglades chapter annual meeting, Tiburon  | July 25   | Treasure Coast Annual Meeting/Election, John's Island Club | Sept. 15 | GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting, Kansas                                  |
| July 17 | Suncoast chapter meeting, The Preserve at Tara  | Aug. 5    | Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress GC (Sunday)                   | Sept. 29 | FGCSA Superintendent Tournament, Southern Dunes                          |
| July 18 | Palm Beach annual meeting and election, Polo Trace  | Aug. 6    | South Florida GCSA chapter meeting, Emerald Hills GC       | Oct. 1   | Treasure Coast GCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, The Medalist Club, Hobe Sound |
| July 19 | South Florida GCSA Annual Meeting/Election Riviera CC                                     | Aug 13-15 | FTGA Conference & Show, U of F campus, Gainesville         | Oct. 8   | Bud Quandt Research Tournament, Pasadena Y&CC                            |
|         |   | Aug. 21   | Suncoast chapter meeting, Jacaranda West                   |          |  |



## President's Message by Cary Lewis, CGCS

As I close out my term as President of the FGCSA, I can't help but think how really lucky I am. After 22 years as a Golf Course Superintendent, I don't know of many professions that would have allowed me the opportunity to achieve so many life long goals.

1. Meeting and gaining the friendships of some of the greatest people on earth, people who my Dad once called "Salt of the Earth", the real people.
2. Given the opportunity to have a hand in the development of some of the greatest places in our country, the golf courses.
3. Working with some of the finest young people around, assisting some of them to learn the art of Greenskeeping and knowing you have made a difference in their lives.

4. Getting involved in the many environmental programs that teach us all the real human value of our landscape and the environment we live in.

5. Getting the daily lesson from Mother Nature, that we have only begun to scratch the surface of knowledge needed to understand our plants, soils and the environment around us.

6. Having the pleasure of witnessing some of the many wonderful sunsets and sunrises on the golf course.

7. Knowing that we are making a daily contribution to the enjoyment of the game of golf to our membership and guests.

8. And maybe the most important thing of all; allowing me the opportunity to develop into the person I am today.

Do yourself a favor, get involved and make a difference. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President it has been great honor.



*Cary Lewis, CGCS*

### **CROWFOOT OPEN TO BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY THIS YEAR**

The 25th Anniversary Crowfoot Open will be played on Sunday, August 5th at Grand Cypress. In response to many requests, the Central Florida chapter has arranged for all the festivities to be completed over the weekend.

The cocktail reception will be on Saturday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. pool side at the Villas of Grand Cypress. Dress is casual. Sunday morning breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start on the North/South and East Courses scheduled for 8:00 a.m. The weekend will conclude with luncheon and prizes after golf.

Practice rounds will be available from August 3-4th at a rate of \$40.00 for superintendents and \$60.00 for commercial members. Lodging may be obtained from the Grand Cypress Villas (\$150.00/night) at 1-800-835-7377.

Entry fee for the tournament is set at \$100 which includes the reception on Saturday evening. Registration forms are available from the FGCSA office or from Central Florida GCSA board members.

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## What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

FGCSA Website is up and running: The FGCSA site can be accessed at <http://www.floridagcsa.com>. The site contains basic information about the FGCSA plus contact information for all the chapters. There is a current Calendar of Events to help you keep track of meetings, events and education seminars for CEUs. We will have excerpts from the Florida Green and the Green Sheet as well the latest news from the D.O.C. on government relations issues. So log on and check us out. Please let us know how we can improve the site to make it as useful to you as possible.

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### 1. Government Relations: Water:

Recent rainfall has held up the water management districts from invoking Phase 3 Water Restrictions. Oddly enough superintendents wish they would go to Phase 3. Why? Because in an agreement with the South Florida Water Management District, superintendents can water 6 days a week (non daylight times only), but at least it provides more flexibility in managing your turf under stress. Meanwhile, as we stay in Phase 2, superintendents are still faced with the twice per week watering mandate. Since the districts are willing to work with us on a % reduction for Phase 3, hopefully progress can be made to retrofit Phase two as well to provide a little more common sense and business survival options into the rules. As I understand the current % reductions used by So. Fla WMD are: Phase 1 = 15%; Phase 2 = 30% and Phase 3 = 45%. It would be great if all the districts could adopt these numbers uniformly, since managing turfgrass doesn't change due to a dotted line on a map.

The temptation by some clubs to "cheat" on the restriction rules should be channeled into bringing more public pressure on the

districts to allow more flexibility in watering schedules while still observing the percentage cutbacks over normal usage I'd sure hate to read about some golf club being fined tens of thousands of dollars for not following the law.

If you have questions, input or want to help your chapter or golf club get involved on water restrictions issues I suggest you contact these lead persons who have been working with the various districts:

\* St. Johns. WMD:

John Kopack, CFGCSA (407) 444-4991

\*South Florida WMD:

Randy Bushway, PBGCSA (561)392-7991

\*Southwest Florida. WMD:

Stuart Bozeman, Seven Rivers GCSA (352-795-6665 and Steve Durand, Everglades GCSA (941) 597-1719.

Water Survey. On June 1st, I sent a Water Survey to all chapters to be handed out at monthly meetings, filled out and returned to me to have a file of data that we can use to take our facts real world needs to the water management districts. There was a copier problem with the first draft. I will send out a new survey ASAP. Please fill them out and return them by September 1st. If you don't get one locally, email or call me and I'll send you one directly.

**FGCSA BMP Committee:** The FGCSA has formed a BMP Committee headed up by Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG. The Committee's purpose is to review the current UF/IFAS BMP Manual for Florida Golf Courses to produce a manual that will not only be useful for superintendents but also for state and local legislators and regulators as they venture in writing local ordinances that may or may not supersede state laws governing the use of pesticides and fertilizers. These local initiatives are springing up across the U.S.A. and can create a hodgepodge of rules that will produce more red tape. The committee now consists of: Geoff Coggan, John Lamrsh, Matt Taylor, John Foy and Todd Lowe of the USGA, Dr. Brian Unruh of U. of Fla., and Mike Thomas of Fla Department of Environmental Protection, and myself.

Arsenic: The newspapers had a field day with President Bush's comment about re-

vising the acceptable arsenic levels in drinking water. However, arsenic will be the next hot topic for us. The state of Florida's Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs (FDOACS) is sitting on a study done in Dade County. Dr. Dennis Howard of DOAC told me they want to sit down with industry to discuss the situation. This could get ugly. Especially for older courses who used to spray MSMA wall to wall in the old days. Dr. Howard said there were some red flags in the samples taken in the South Florida study.

You may wish to consider having independent soil and water samples taken to establish the current levels of arsenic on your property. Whatever the state mandates may affect your future turf programs.

**2. Education:** The 8th Annual Harrell's Turf Academy just wrapped up and it was another good one. This year saw the addition of the ornamental industry to the event. It will now be known as the Turf and Ornamental Academy in the future. In addition, since Harrell's is expanding into Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, the T&O Academy will alternate each year between a Florida location and a SE out of state location to meet the needs of those customers. We wish the Harrell's organization great success as they expand.

A special highlight of the two day event this year was keynote speaker, Tony Dungy, head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Coach Dungy was besieged for autographs and photo opportunities, which he handled with style and grace. On his speech on success, I made these notes to share for those who couldn't be there:

Tony Dungy on Success: "Definition: Favorable or desired outcome. If the end result is your only focus, you will miss out on having fun and enjoying the little things in life we experience along the way. Enjoy each day of the journey. Success is achieved by uncommon people. If not, then everyone would be successful.

There are two basic ways to achieve success. (1) Is to have special talents and skills like Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods, and (2) for regular people like you and me who

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The Spring 2001 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Cary Lewis at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2001 at the Naples Beach Hotel.

All officers were present. All chapters except Coastal Plains and Seven Rivers were represented. Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Steve Pearson, Research Committee Chairman; John Stach and Samatha Kreisch, Calusa chapter; Brian Singleton and Joe Pantaleo, South Florida chapter; Craig Weyandt, Treasure Coast chapter; Steve Durand, Everglades chapter. Guests included Mike Goldie, FGCSA lobbyist; John Foy and Todd Lowe, USGA.

Brian Singleton, President of the South Florida chapter presented President Cary Lewis with a check for \$27,000 to be used for maintenance of the FGCSA Research Green in Fort Lauderdale. This \$27,000 represents the proceeds from the SFGCSA Exposition held in March.

Eric Joy, President of the West Coast chapter presented a check for \$1,000 to be deposited in the Research Account.

The minutes of the Winter 2001 board meeting were approved.

Mike Goldie gave an update from the recently completed Florida legislative session. He also discussed the beginning stages of the mole cricket biological control project that is to go through IFAS if all the problems can be worked out. He reported that Charles Bronson is the new Commissioner of Agriculture and noted that redistricting will be a topic to be discussed at the next session that begins in January.

Geoff Coggan gave a report on funding of Mike's position with regard to the FTGA and the FGCSA. It is expected that the FTGA will announce it is no longer in a position to continue funding a lobbyist. Geoff asked for a show of hands to see if the board favors funding a lobbyist. The majority of the board agreed that we should continue even if the FTGA is unable to co-op with us. Geoff presented a proposal from another lobbying firm in Tallahassee, Littlejohn Mann and Associates to give the board a comparison of firms and costs involved. It was noted that Mike Goldie's proposal offered a lower rate for legislative representation. David Court suggested that we

continue interviewing other firms and asked how can we better utilize a lobbyist. It is difficult to see what work has been done on our behalf when most of the bills discussed by the legislature do not always have an impact on the turf industry. After a discussion, Cary Lewis announced that the Executive Committee would proceed with negotiations for a new contract with Mike Goldie if the FTGA formally announces they are discontinuing his services. Cary will bring the matter up for a final vote at the next board meeting in August.

**WEB PAGE:** Darren Davis announced that Gary Grigg has offered to sponsor an updated web page with Joel Jackson providing the update material. This would again be done at no charge to the FGCSA. The question was raised as to who owns the FGCSA domain name. Darren will research this and bring an answer to the August Board meeting. Since there would be no charge to the FGCSA, it was decided to give Gary the opportunity to sponsor the page.

**LCCC RECRUITING:** Cary Lewis announced that after some discussion with the officers, the FGCSA should not be endorsing one school's curriculum over another's given the fact that so many schools in Florida are offering golf maintenance courses. It is the board's position that we do not want to see the Florida community colleges coming up with an overabundance of programs for assistant superintendents that would flood the market. All agreed that there is still a need for programs for mechanics and technicians that could be offered by community colleges. Cary again urged all External Vice Presidents to get involved with the community colleges in their area to lend support to their mechanics programs.

**PERFORMANCE REVIEW:** Darren Davis presented a copy of an Employee Performance Review that he would like to use for the FGCSA. After a discussion and the addition of a line for Goals and Objectives, the

Review will be prepared by the four officers for both of the FGCSA employees.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** David Court presented the FGCSA Financial Statements for the second quarter of the fiscal year. Statements were approved. David then went over the proposed budget for fiscal year 2001-2002. The completed budget will be submitted at the next meeting.

**UBIT:** The FGCSA has received a letter from the IRS removing all further interest and penalty from our Unrelated Business Income Tax from the year ending June 30, 1999. The return for June 30, 2000 was filed on time and the tax has been paid.

**FLORIDA GREEN:** Joel Jackson presented a proposed budget for the Florida Green showing expenses and income for the past two years. Joel noted that the declining page count for the magazine is a result of lower advertising support. He noted that declining advertising is a trend with the other major turfgrass magazines including Golf Course Management. He also noted the additional number of turfgrass magazines that are now available in Florida. It is apparent that, if this trend continues, the future may mean expenses will be greater than income for the Florida Green. The policy of the magazine has been to maintain a 50-50 ratio of advertising to editorial content. Joel asked all External Vice Presidents to encourage all the representatives who call on their golf courses to consider advertising in the Florida Green.

**D.O.C.:** Joel Jackson gave a report of his activities during the past 3 months. These included the Water Summit in Tampa where he was joined by 4 other area superintendents in lending support to a % reduction in water use permits.

Joel then discussed the education for the upcoming FTGA Conference. The FGCSA will sponsor a GCSAA Leadership Series seminar, "Mastering your Communication Skills" given by past GCSAA president Bruce Williams. The date for the program will be Monday, August 13th.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** The Membership Directory has been mailed to all members and to advertisers. Marie

Roberts reported receiving many requests for copies of the FGCSA mailing list. We have been granting these requests only from Membership Directory advertisers. If a person is not an advertiser they have been required to send a \$150 check which would cover a business card sized ad in order to receive the list. After a discussion, the board decided that these persons should instead be required to pay \$300 which would allow them a copy of the current Membership Directory plus the succeeding year's book with their ad.

**AWARDS:** Jim Goins announced that he has received a nomination for the 2001 Distinguished Service Award from two separate chapters. He also announced that three chapters have made nominations for the Presidents Award for Lifetime Service. All of these nominations will be reviewed by the FGCSA officers immediately following the board meeting and recipients will be finalized at that time.

**BY LAWS:** Mark Henderson presented the By Law amendment that was presented at the last board meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to change the wording for the Life Member category to reflect the intent that the nominee must be a 25 year member of an FGCSA local chapter in order to be a Life Member. The board felt that the addition of the phrase "of an FGCSA local chapter" will prevent any confusion and more clearly indicates the intent of the amendment. The second sentence was left as written, "A member with less than 25 years may become a Life Member at the discretion of the Board."

The amendment to the Honorary Member classifications was approved as written. Both By Law changes were approved as amended. These two new Membership Classifications will be added to the FGCSA By Laws on June 30, 2001. All chapters will be asked to submit a list of their members who would fit into this category. The Board of Directors will approve or reject these memberships at regularly scheduled board meetings.

**EDUCATION:** Greg Pheneger reported that the seminar "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees" has been well received and will have a good attendance on Friday

morning, May 18th. Thanks to the Everglades chapter for promoting the seminar in the Poa registration form.

Eric Joy announced the GCSAA Regional Seminar Schedule for Florida for the next fiscal year. Dates include July in Central Florida, September in Central Florida and November in the West Coast area. Greg Pheneger once again asked all chapters to coordinate their selections and dates with the FGCSA Education Committee.

**BMP:** Geoff Coggan announced his committee to review the current issue of the Florida Best Management Practices. He will present a report at August meeting.

**POA:** Dale Walters announced the program for the 2001 Poa weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel. Jazz on the Green has been canceled for Saturday evening.

**CROWFOOT:** This year's Crowfoot will be held at Grand Cypress on Sunday, August 5th. Registration forms will be in the mail soon. The annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, August 4th.

**RESEARCH:** Steve Pearson discussed the annual review of Gary Pederson, turf technician at the Fort Lauderdale research green. Gary works 30 hours per week through the FGCSA and 10 hours per week through the University of Florida. Steve worked with Dr. John Cisar and Steve Kuhn to review Gary's performance and decided to offer a 4 - 5% increase this year. The increase will be effective at the start of the fiscal year (July 1st).

Steve reported on the proposals that the FTGA has approved for funding this year:

Dr. William Crow, "Comparative Pathogenicity of Several Plant-Parasitic Nematodes to Turfgrass". \$9,600. 2 year study (\$4600 1st year, 4600 2nd year).

Drs. Cisar and Snyder, "Documenting the Florida Yard Concept for Reducing Nutrient Runoff and Leaching." \$11,500.

Drs. Unruh, Cisar, Trenholm and Quesenberry, "Breeding Bermudagrasses for Florida." \$20,000

Drs. Sartain, Miller, and Shaddox, "Enhancement of Water Use Efficiency in Sand Soils used in Golf Greens and Fairways." \$30,247.

Minutes of the FTGA Awards Committee Conference Call are included with these minutes. Lists of the funded and unfunded proposals are also included with these minutes. If any chapter would like to see the full proposals for possible direct funding by chapters or submission to the GCSAA for co-funding, please call Steve.

Steve then discussed a proposed Turfgrass Economic Impact Survey brought to the FTGA board by Roy Bates, WCI. Total funding for the proposal is \$48,300. (Details of the funding for this project were sketchy at the time of the board meeting. A copy of the Proposal is included.)

John Foy then described some of the projects being funded by the USGA. These include research to find a substitute for methyl bromide due to the fact that all production of methyl bromide must be stopped by 2003. Currently there is a 25% reduction per year until 2003.

John also reported on a \$3,000 Regional Grant going to Dr. Unruh and Dr. Monica Elliott for their ongoing projects for organic nitrogen for control of nematodes

Craig Weyandt then discussed a program by Dr. Brian Unruh on the Clean Water Act: Indian River Lagoon. He is looking to put collecting devices on 6 - 8 golf courses in the Treasure Coast chapter area to study non-point pollution. Please contact Dr. Unruh if you are interested.

Joel reported no response from the Nema-cur study. They are looking for golf courses to use as part of the study.

**FTGA CONFERENCE:** Joel reported the dates for the FTGA Conference in Gainesville this August and urged all chapters to support the Conference.

**GCSAA:** Cary discussed the GCSAA's request for support of their 75th Anniversary Brick Program. A motion was made and approved that the Florida GCSA will buy one brick in the chapter's name. Sev-



Continuation of Spring Minutes....

eral local Florida chapters have already bought a brick. Joel discussed the Commemorative Issue of the Golf Course Management. A motion was made and approved for the FGCSA to purchase a full page ad in the issue for a cost of \$600.

**RECEPTION:** The GCSAA Conference will be in Orlando in February. The board was asked if, due to the excessive cost of the host hotels, would a majority like to see the Florida Reception held in another less expensive site. After a discussion, it was decided to continue to hold the Florida Reception in one of the host hotels for the convenience of the attendees. The Dallas reception's \$13,000 excess revenue will be used for the Orlando reception. Michael Perham will begin solicitations for the reception in the fall.

**SURVEY:** The surveys were sent to all Class A and B members in early March. Anyone needing an extra copy of the survey should call the FGCSA office.

After a show of hands, Cary Lewis suggested that our Annual board meeting be held on Friday, August 3rd at Grand Cypress in conjunction with the Crowfoot

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Dinner for all board members followed.

### GCSAA CHAPTER DELEGATES MEETING

Joel Jackson will be attending and covering GCSAA's 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 13-14th. Joel will be staying over until Sunday, Sept. 16th.

If any affiliated chapter will not be sending a delegate to the annual Chapter Delegates Meeting on September 15-16th, or if a delegate has to cancel at the last minute, Joel will be available to represent your chapter at the meeting. As you know, all Affiliated Chapters of the GCSAA must send a delegate to this meeting. If you need Joel to act as an alternate for your chapter, just call or fax GCSAA and give them Joel's name.

### CONDOLENCES

Leola Combest, wife of retired professor Ed Combest, passed away on June 7th. Many of our members who attended Lake City Community College during the past years, will remember Ed for his service to the Lake City Community College in the Turf Equipment Management Program.

The FGCSA offers our sincere condolences to Ed and his family.

### CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER SPONSORS GCSAA SEMINARS

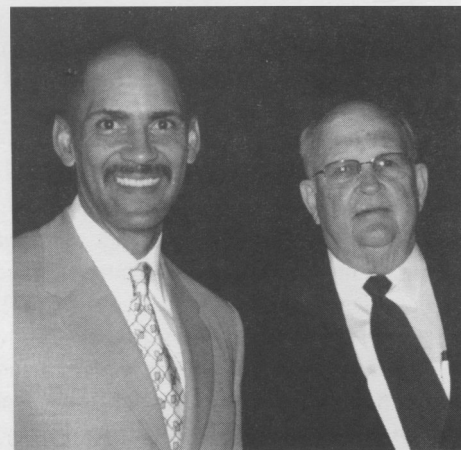
Once again, the Central Florida chapter will be sponsoring two GCSAA Regional Seminars in their area this year. Both seminars will be held in the Crown Plaza Resort in Orlando. Registration forms are available from the GCSAA office.

On July 12th, Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia will present two separate half day seminars each of which has been approved for .35 CEU's. You may sign up for one or the other or both seminars. Topics are "Managing Turfgrass Root Systems" which will include management practices used to enhance root growth during environmental and cultural stresses such as high and low temperatures, drought, compaction and shade. The role of nontraditional management practices will also be illustrated. The second part of the program is "Management of Localized Dry Spots and Water Repellent Soils" which deals with cultural practices that can be used for alleviating LDS caused by water repellent soils including fairy ring organisms.

On September 6th, Dr. David Kopec of the University of Arizona, and Dr. John Cisar, University of Florida, will team up to teach an all day seminar titled "Bermudagrass Maintenance". This .7 CEU seminar will cover all the aspects of Bermudagrass greens management in the south (from arid to subtropical climate factors). Topics will include the basics of soil mixes; challenges of poor quality irrigation; and a review of the oldest "tif" varieties to the radically different new ultradwarfs

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are willing to do uncommon things to succeed.-- like hard work,commitment and perseverance.Being successful is tough. You will have losses along the way. There has only been one undefeated NFL team to win the Super Bowl. Learn from your losses. Regroup and get back on track. There can be prices that are too high to be paid to win success, like compromising your integrity, ignoring your family responsibilities and sacrificing your morals-successful people are role models whether they like it or not.Remember a single success is just a snapshot in time. A short term reward. Look at ultimate success as a movie. What is the long term outcome when the whole story is told? If you are successful, you should give something back.



Buccaneers Head Coach Tony Dungy (left) was a popular keynote speaker at Harrell's Turf & Ornamental Academy held June 6-7th at the Innisbrook Resort. Jack Harrell, Sr.(right) reported a record attendance of 548 at the event. With Harrell's expansion in the Southeast, next year's Academy will be held out of state. Location to be announced. Photo by Joel Jackson.

### FGCSA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2001 FGCSA Superintendent Championship will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at Southern Dunes GC. Registration forms will be going out to all chapters in July. Please call your local External Vice President to be part of your chapter's team.



# Turfgrass Odyssey

## August 13-15, 2001

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## FTGA CONFERENCE TO FEATURE OUT OF STATE EXPERTS AS WELL AS UF/IFAS TURF TEAM

Chances are your FTGA Conference and Show brochure has arrived in the mail by now. If not, give Jane Rea a call at 407-896-8079 and ask for one.

Dr. Bryan Unruh in his rookie year as Conference Chairman has lined up a great program. Out of state turf experts Dr. Milt Engelke from Texas A&M and Dr. Ronnie Duncan from Georgia join the UF/IFAS Turf Team to present topics of interest to everyone.

Come to Gainesville August 13 - 15 for some fellowship, golf, good eats and down to earth education. Of special interest to superintendents will be:

**Monday August 13th.** GCSAA Superintendent Leadership Seminar, Monday, Aug. 13th - Mastering Your Communications Skills presented by GCSAA Past President Bruce Williams, CGCS.

An all day Turf Equipment Technicians Program and the Florida State Pesticide License Exam can be taken on site. **Don't miss this opportunity to send your staff to Gainesville for these two programs.**

Six separate two hour workshops will be given on Monday featuring your favorite University of Florida personnel. And the University Field Plots as well as the University Laboratory Research Facilities will be available for tours all day.

The FTGA Golf Tournament will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Gainesville G&CC. The Toro Corn Boil starts at 6:00 p.m. on the Touchdown Terrace high above Florida Field

**Tuesday, August 14th.** Golf Concurrent Session featuring Dr. Milt Engelke on bentgrasses in Florida; Dr. Ronnie Duncan on Managing Seashore Paspalum; John Foy USGA Green Section on What's Happening Around the State; and Dr. Grady Miller on amendments and changes to USGA Spec Greens. The Turf Equipment Technicians Program continues and Research Reports will be given.

The Trade Show Grand Opening is at 2:30 p.m. and concludes with a great Show Reception from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. This is truly the high point of the Conference!

**Wednesday, August 15th.** General Concurrent Sessions featuring Water Management: State of Water in Florida by Peg McPherson, SFWMD; Conservation, Alternative Water, Poor Quality Water by Dr. Ronnie Duncan; Practical ways to cope with drought by Dr. Laurie Trenholm; Rethinking and Redesigning Irrigation Systems by Dr. Mike Dukes. Integrated Pest Management: Nematode Management by Dr. Billy Crow; FQPA & EPA updates by Mr. Richard Pont, EPA; Herbicide options for Paspalum by Dr. Bryan Unruh; Managing Signalgrass and Torpedograss in Turf by Dr. Barry Brecke; Life after Dursban and Diazinon, What's next? by Dr. Eileen A. Buss.

The Trade Show will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with lunch served in the Hall from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Room reservations may be made at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center for \$84.00/night.

Call FTGA office today at 800-882-6721 for registration forms. Make your plans now for you and your staff to attend -- this year promises to be the best yet.





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## PRESS RELEASE

Turf-Seed, Inc.  
 Hubbard, Oregon  
 May 24, 2001

### Freyermuth Joins Turf-Seed, Inc.

Greg Freyermuth has joined Turf-Seed, Inc. as a Southeast Sales Representative, according to Gordon Zielinski, CEO of Turf-Seed. Freyermuth will work with Florida distributor **GOLF VENTURES, INC.** to provide turfgrass seed to golf course superintendents and sports turf managers in Florida and other distributors in the remaining lower southeast states.

**GOLF VENTURES** congratulates Greg Freyermuth and looks forward to their continued association with Greg and Turf-Seed, Inc.

Freyermuth has been involved with the southern turfgrass industry since 1979 as both a superintendent and in industry-related sales. His former tenure as Florida Sales Manager for Sunbelt Seeds began in 1990 and lasted until fall of 2000. During that time period he worked closely with Sunbelt Seeds Florida distributor **GOLF VENTURES, INC.** as well. A Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg), Freyermuth currently serves on the board of the Florida Turfgrass Association.

### FTGA Conference & Show Returns to Gainesville August 13th - 15th

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