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### Florida Superintendents Share Ultradwarf Facts in Dallas

Bob Randquist, CGCS (left) talked about his TifEagle grow in. Matt Taylor (right) shared his Champion experiences at two clubs. Mark Black, CGCS (center) was the moderator for the Southern Grasses Forum at the GCSAA Convention in Dallas.

See page 7 for other GCSAA Convention Highlights.

March 7 - 8	UF/IFAS Field Day, Gainesville campus	
Mar. 12	Ridge Invitational, Grasslands G&CC	
Mar. 13	Asst Supt. Meeting, Treasure Coast GCSA Indian River Community College, St. Lucie West	
Mar. 14	Central Florida meeting, LPGA International GC	
Mar. 19	West Coast chapter meeting, Belleair CC	
Mar. 20	Suncoast Scramble, Misty Creek CC, Sarasota	

Mar. 20 Treasure Coast chapter meeting, Gator Trace CC

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 28	Everglades chapter outing, Everblades arena	April	West Coast chapter meeting, Heritage Harbor
Mar. 21	Calusa chapter seminar, Edison Community College, Offers CEU's and PDU's.	April 18	Everglades Ninth Annual Spring Symposium, Naples Beach Hotel (see page 2)
Mar. 22	SFGCSA Expo and UF Field Day, Fort Lauderdale	April 23	Envirotron Tournament, World Woods GC
April 2	Central Florida Danny Burgess Tournament, Windermere CC	April 24	Suncoast chapter meeting, Sara Bay CC,
April 9	North Florida GCSA Mike Richards Memorial Tournament, Jacksonville G&CC	May 18	FGCSA seminar, "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees", Tom Maloney, Cornell University. Naples
April 11	USGA Green Section Conference, Palm Beach		Beach Hotel. 8:00 a.m.
Apr.	Calusa chapter meeting, Shell Point, Fort Myers	May 19 - 20	Poa Tournament, Saturday. G. C. Horn Tournament, Sunday. Naples Beach Hotel

## President's Message by Cary Lewis, CGCS

What a year we are experiencing with the weather here in our great state. Ole Mother Nature is sure challenging us on a daily basis these days. With the Winter of 2001 giving us some of the coldest temperatures in recent years and then followed by the last several weeks of above normal temperatures. Add the severe drought conditions, with no end in sight!

Our ability to maintain our turfgrasses in the condition that our golfers have learned to expect seems to be challenged daily. Throw in labor shortages and tightening budgets to the mix and, in my opinion, we are in for another challenging year. I know what you are thinking, tell me something I don't know and so what's new! We deal with these kind of things daily and the typical Golf Course Superintendent learns very early in their career not to worry about the things they can't control.

So, just maybe we should focus on the things we can control. We can control our reaction and our attitudes toward the almost daily challenges that come our way. We can control what we do and what we are going to do, to better serve ourselves, our clubs and our profession.

Your involvement in the current issues that we are facing can and will make a big difference. We must learn to not be reactive but rather be proactive towards these current issues we are facing. This is best accomplished through your involvement in your Local, State and National Chapters.

As with most things the power is in the numbers and if we don't work as a team with our fellow Turfgrass Associations and Industry Partners we will not be nearly as effective in solving these challenges. Your attendance alone is a big step in helping us stay proactive. There are many people working very hard to assist us in our daily operations. But never forget, if you, the Golf Course Superintendent, keep your head in the sand and only come out to react over a pressing issue, we as a association will not be effective and we will all lose.

So how about it, maybe the next time you get a notice of a meeting or seminar in your area, you will make the time to attend. Not only will you learn something, your attendance will keep this industry strong, growing and healthy.

Help us all out - please get involved!



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Deadline next issue: April 15.



Cary Lewis, CGCS South Florida and Everglades Chapters Sponsor Programs

The South Florida GCSA will host the 14th Annual Exposition at the University of Florida IFAS Station in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, March 22nd. This all day event is the major fundraiser for the upkeep and maintenance of the FGCSA research green and turf plots at the site. The Exposition features equipment demonstrations and booth displays along with a full day of educational programs.

The Everglades GCSA will hold their 9th Annual Spring Symposium on Wednesday, April 18th at the Naples Beach Hotel. The all day program begins at 8:00 a.m. with a pre-registration fee of \$110.00. PDU's and CEU's for pesticide credits available.

Speakers include John Foy "Observations from the state"; Tom Burrows, "Interpreting Soil Reports"; Tom Missimer, Ph.D. "Where will our water come from?"; Col. Sam Sifers, "Physiological Bermuda Responses to Drought Stress"; Dr. Roy Cooper, "Nematodes"; Jim Turner "Wetting Agents" and Dr. Shoumo Matra.

Contact Matt Taylor, Education Chairman, at 941-261-4987 for more information.

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

#### 1. Honors and Awards

I'm a glutton for good news in today's atmosphere of negative headlines, so it gives me great pleasure to shine the Green Sheet's spotlight on some or our peers who are out there doing good things. Congratulations to Central Florida GCSA Superintendents Mike Rowe, Sandridge GC (IGM) (Chapter Winner) and John Kopack, The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes, (Merit Winner) for being recognized as Environmental Stewards in the Public Course Division at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Dallas.

Golfweek's Superintendent News conducted a Superintendent of the Year promotion this year and nearly 10% of the national nominations came from Florida. Criteria for selection by the magazine's judging panel included education and professional development, tournament preparation, dealing with challenge, labor relations, undertaking major projects and community involvement. Club members, PGA professionals, green chairmen and general managers were among those who submitted the names. Interestingly, one-third of those nominators were PGA pros, which suggests that many superintendents do have excellent working relationships with the pro shop. While no one in this "sweet fifteen" made the final cut this year, we doff our caps in recognition that they are number one at their respective clubs.

Tom Alex, Grand Cypress Resort; Clifton, The Craig Villages: Eddie Daigle, Osceola Municipal GC; Tom Diggins, Kissimmee Bay GC; Steve Ehrbar, Old Marsh CC; Gary Fischer, Sherbrooke CC; Neil Gordie, Seven Springs G&CC; Dick Gray, Jupiter Hills Club; Paul Haines, Highlands South GC-Innisbrook; Fred Klauk, TPC at Sawgrass; Scott Knee. Floridian GC: John Lammrish, CGCS, LPGA International; Dick Shaffer, Diamond Hill CC; Barry Shuman, Timacuan CC; and Matthew Tacilauskas, Turtle Bay GC. Our Florida Green magazine had to settle for Runner Up honors after being nudged out by one point in the judging for the Best Overall spot in GCSAA's 2001 Newsletter Editor's contest in Dallas by The Carolinas Green magazine. That ends a seven year winning streak that began in 1994.

#### 2. Government Relations:

Water Issues - We sent a letter to SWFWMD under President Cary Lewis' signature requesting that the proposed revised language for water restrictions address water resource conservation in terms of percentage reductions of existing consumptive use permits rather than arbitrary days of the week. They have indicative a willingness to discuss this approach. This would give turf managers the ability to properly manage their properties and demonstrate actual water use savings. A draft of this letter has been sent to every chapter.

SWFWMD is hosting a Water Summit on April 5, 2001. At the suggestion from Stuart Bozeman of the Seven Rivers GCSA, the FGCSA is planning to have a booth at the summit in cooperation with the irrigation industry to demonstrate computerized systems and turf management practices to educate legislators and regulators in attendance. Chapters in the SWFWMD region will be asked to send an officer or board member to help man the booth and be available for questions.

The focus of GCSAA's Greens and Grassroots Government Relations forum in Dallas was on water issues and it is apparent that we need to pro-actively manage this issue and not wait until unrealistic restrictions are imposed out of lack of knowledge. I urge chapters in the various Water Management Districts to meet and then contact regulators about how they work together to manage the drought conditions.

FQPA Issues: Nemacur - The Ground Water Study proposed by the Bayer Corp. with the help of Florida's DEP has met acceptance and encouragement from EPA. The final draft is being finished and soon Bayer and Fla DEP will be in the field looking for six golf courses to participate in the study. Pete Coody, from Bayer will be my guest at the Florida Golf Course Owners meeting in March to discuss the study and water issues with owners.

Dylox Use in Florida - EPA has asked for user input on the real world uses of the organophosphate insecticide Dylox in Florida. I sent out EPA's questions to superintendents via Email and have received 13 responses so far. FYI, 10 people have not used the product in Florida and 3 have it as part of their rotating insect control program. If Dylox is a valuable product for you please let me know so I can pass along real world data to EPA. See separate list of questions from EPA. Email or Fax responses to me. (See Page six of this Green Sheet).

#### 3. Allied Associations:

**IFAS** Turfgrass Field Day Cosponsored by the Seven Rivers GCSA & the FTGA Spring Board meeting will take place March 7-9, 2001 in Gainesville. Research updates will be on the 7th and the Field tours on the 8th.

**GCSAA** kicked off the year-long 75th anniversary celebration in Dallas. Banners depicting the founding dates of the affiliated chapters were displayed at the convention center along with a multitude of historic displays ranging from antique turf equipment to association publications including The Green Sheet and The Florida Green.

#### 4. Public Relations:

I had two letters to the editor published recently, one in the Vero Beach Press Journal, which rebutted stereotypical claims of runoff pollution by golf courses and the other in Golfweek's Superintendent News agreeing with two opinion pieces that the other major golf industry association's are missing the chance to work with us on water and pesticide issues that will have an impact on their favorite topic - course conditions. The Winter 2001 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Cary Lewis at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26th at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando.

All officers except VP Geoff Coggan were present. Mr. Coggan was in England receiving his Master Greenskeeper designation. Calusa and Ridge GCSA were not represented.

Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Steve Pearson, Research Committee Chairman; John Morsut, Treasure Coast chapter; Kevin Downing, Joe Ondo and Dale Kuehner, FGCSA Past Presidents. Guests included Lucky Luchsinger, Westech Turf Equipment Technicians Association; Mr Rudy Johnson, and two associates who gave a presentation to the board on a Workmans Compensation Program/OSHA Compliance Program by Bridgefield Casualty and Summit Consulting, Inc. The program would offer rebates to golf courses participating in the program which can be purchased through local insurance agents.

The minutes of the Fall 2000 board meeting were approved.

WEB PAGE: A discussion was held regarding the neglected state of the Florida GCSA web page. Darren Davis and Joel will research the practicality of the FGCSA maintaining a useful web site and make some practical suggestions at the next board meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LCCC/UF: Kevin Downing discussed the potential problem of a great number of students graduating from the many Florida colleges who are now offering some type of program in turf maintenance. The students who are participating in the assistants/superintendent program would be difficult to absorb in the Florida market although there is still a need for qualified technicians and certainly mechanics. While all agreed with the thinking, the board was not willing to give complete and total support to Lake City and the University of Florida over all the programs currently being offered. It was questioned how the "position paper" would intercept an over abundance of graduates. Kevin maintains that it would give Lake City CC better leverage and an industry tie-in. It was suggested that the board send John Piersol a letter offering support should the need arise. It was also suggested that the External VP's contact their local community colleges on a one-to-one basis. Joel will follow up on this.

LCCC RECRUITING: Greg Tharp spoke on supporting technicians/mechanics program at local high schools to recruit students for these programs. Greg will ask John Piersol to send all External VP's a supply of brochures and/or video for their technical programs. It would then be the responsibility of the External VP to follow up on this at their local high schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: David Court presented the FGCSA Financial Statements for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Statements were approved. He noted that a proposed new budget would be submitted for approval at the next board meeting. It was noted that the Publications Account balance is getting low due to the payment of our UBIT for the past two years. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$25,000 from the Reserve Account to the Publications Operating Account.

UBIT: Rick Mills, the CPA in Kansas, sent a letter to the IRS asking that penalties and interest for the 1998-1999 fiscal year be dropped. The response from the IRS was negative. A motion was made to send another letter to the IRS and the state and to pay the interest but not the penalty as advised by the CPA. The motion was approved.

Rick Mills, Joel Jackson, Marie Roberts and Mike Perham will meet in Dallas to discuss ways of deferring more advertising costs to lower our potential future tax burden.

D.O.C.: Joel Jackson gave a report of his activities during the past 3 months. He spoke about Nemacur; potential problem regarding arsenic around some wash stations; new IPM program and groundwater studies. He also mentioned that the Best Management Practices handbook will begin with lawn care services first.

Joel then introduced Stuart Bozeman,

Seven Rivers GCSA chapter president, who spoke on his activities with the Water Conservation Task Force. He is serving on this committee at the request of SWFWMD to try to promote a more realistic approach to imposing water restrictions. He distributed handouts to explain what the Task Force is doing and suggest we work with them rather than react to them. He explained Consumptive Use Permits and the % reduction during emergency restrictions. A review of these CUP (minimal flows and levels) shows the level of restriction to be at 15%.

A letter is being drafted by Joel and Stuart to send to the SWFWMD (and to other WMD after some response has been received from the SWFWMD). Stuart then discussed a Water Conservation Summit that will be held in Tampa on April 5th. He stressed that this will be a chance to educate the public and give some input. He has contacted some representatives from the golf industry to set up displays at this Summit and asked that Joel attend the summit to help get the message out.

Joel then discussed the education for the upcoming FTGA Conference. He suggested a GCSAA Leadership Program should be tried again this year. Attendance has not been great in the past but we would try to set up a date that weould allow for more attendees. The best date for the program would seem to be on the Monday.

FLORIDA GREEN: Joel reported that the causes of the unusual color intensities in some images in the Fall issue have been reviewed and addressed for future issues. He also reported that we had to turn down an ad from NuCrane because it could be perceived to reflect a bad image of the golf course superintendent. He noted that the Carolinas Green received the GCSAA award for Best Overall in our category.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: The Membership Directory has been delayed due to problems with the printer responsible for the directory. It will be in the mail by the second week of February.

EDUCATION: Greg Pheneger presented some proposals for the upcoming Poa seminar. After some discussion it was decided that we will sponsor "How to Find and Hire the Best Employees" which will be a 1/2 day seminar presented by Tom Maloney of Cornell University. The seminar will be held on Friday morning, May 18th. The Everglades chapter has again offered to promote the seminar in their Poa brochure.

Eric Joy announced that he is planning to have the Florida GCSA sponsor at least one Regional Seminar this year, probably in mid-November in the Tampa area. The deadline for submitting our request to the GCSAA is March 1st.

POA: Dale Walters announced the program for the 2001 Poa weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel. The FGCSA board meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, May17th, with the seminar to be held on Friday morning. The luau will be Friday night and the Poa tournament will be held on Saturday morning. Jazz on the Green will be Saturday night. The G. C. Horn tournament will be Sunday.

Dale presented a \$4,000 check from the Everglades GCSA to the FGCSA.

CROWFOOT: This year's Crowfoot will be held at Grand Cypress. Date TBD.

GOLF: Joe Ondo reported on the tournament at Interlachen with the proceeds going to the FTGA. He also announced the Florida team for the GCSAA Championship in San Antonio. We will also have a second team competing in the event. MEMBERSHIP: John VanVranken asked that all chapters send state dues in and continue to send in their lists of new members to the FGCSA office so that we can reach our goal. All chapters were reminded that new Class A and B members must be GCSAA members.

RESEARCH: Steve Pearson suggested that we put another copy of the FTGA timeline grant in the next board meeting agenda to help educate everyone on the proper channels for research requests. He noted that he has received a call from the Calusa chapter wishing to donate \$225 to Dr. Datnoff's silicon project. The FTGA Grant Contributions now total \$213,000 with \$157,500 in funded grants.

Steve distributed a synopsis of water re-

strictions from all the Florida Water District's web sites. Copies are available from the FGCSA office.

Steve then asked all External Vice Presidents to start pushing for attendance at the upcoming FTGA Conference in Gainesville August 13th - 15th. Dr. Unruh will serve as chairman this year.

GCSAA: Dale Kuehner discussed this years group of candidates, all of whom are well qualified for their positions. As usual, the Florida **delegation** will caucus immediately preceeding the vote in Dallas.

Dale then discussed the PDI vote and the By Law changes that would be needed if the PDI is approved Dale took a poll of all External VP's present to get the correct number of votes for and against the PDI. Most chapters reported that all of their votes should go for approval of the PDI but Suncoast and Treasure Coast had some dissenters. Dale will contact the Ridge and Central Florida chapters to get their votes since they were not represented at the board meeting. All those superintendents wishing to vote outside the block will have to be submitted to Dale for validity before the vote in Dallas.

RECEPTION: The reception in Dallas will be held on Thursday night, February 15th at the Hyatt Hotel. All members of the FGCSA Board who will be in Dallas are expected to attend the Pre-reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. We are pleased to report that all of last year's sponsors have signed up to support the reception again this year. Be sure to let them know how much we appreciate them.

SURVEY: The number of responses received from this year's survey questionnaire will exceed 300 which is a return of more than 40%. We are very pleased with this high percentage and will begin compiling results next week. Results should be ready by the end of February or early March.

BY LAWS: Mark Henderson presented options for classification and qualifications for retired and honorary members. Discussion included length of service as a superintendent and a preference for "Life Member" rather than "Retired". It was decided to add two new items to the FGCSA By Laws to allow for a Life Member status and an Honorary status. Under Article II Section 2 we will add a Class H and a Class L category to read as follows:

"Class H: The Executive Committee shall have the right to recognize individuals who have made special, valuable contribution to our profession by extending an Honorary (non-dues paying, non-voting) membership.

Class L: When a 25 year member retires as a Golf Course Superintendent, he becomes a life member. He shall have all the privileges of the FGCSA, except the right to hold office. He shall not pay annual dues. A member with less than 25 years may become a Life Member at the discretion of the Board of Directors. "

A motion was made to accept both of these By Law changes. The motion was approved. We will fulfill the obligations of amending the By Laws by presenting these changes to the membership in the March issue of the Green Sheet and then voting on the amendments at the May Meeting.

The above will serve as official notification to all Florida GCSA members of a proposed ByLaw change. The vote on this amendment to the FGCSA By Laws will be taken at the May 17th meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors. Please be sure to give your comments about this proposed amendment to your External Vice President before the Poa Board Meeting.

AWARDS: Jim Goins reminded all Externals to get their chapter's nominations for the Distinguished Service Award or Presidents Awards to him before the Poa.

NEW BUSINESS: Lucky Luchsinger, President of the Florida State Turf Technicians Association, explained the beginnings of this new association. It is an umbrella state technicians association modeled after the FGCSA which combines seven local chapters under one association. It includes Jacksonville, Orlando, Sarasota, Palm Beach, Stuart, and St. Petersburg with

#### Continuation of Board Minutes:

a representative from each area serving on the board. The focus of the association is to create an efficient, effective and ongoing training program. The association has produced their first state-wide newsletter and is planning to send representatives to the GCSAA Conference in Dallas to take part in the Technicians Forum.

Lucky then requested that the FGCSA make a contribution to the Turf Technicians to provide seed money for their association expenses. Mark Henderson made a motion to approve a \$1500 donation to the Turf Technicians. The motion was approved.

Cary Lewis suggested that our Spring board meeting be held on Thursday afternoon, May 17th to begin around 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. similar to our schedule last year. Dinner for all board members and spouses will be held that evening at the Naples Beach Hotel. This will allow board members to attend the seminar on Friday.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

## Florida Members Receive Recognition

Michael Rowe, Sandrige GC (IGM) in Vero Beach was one of 41 chapter winnters in GCSAA's Environmental Steward Awards for 2001. Rowe was sited for his progressive IPM practices, practical water conservation and proactive public outreach that highlights the course's environmental image at the fully certified Audubon Sanctuary course. John Kopack, superintendent at The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes was a Merit Winner in the Public Course Division.

Newly Certified Golf Course Superintendents include Alan Steichen, CGCS, Central Florida chapter, from Falcon's Fire GC in Kissimmee and Don Johnson, CGCS, At Large member from Garra de Leon GC in Costa Rica.

Congratulations to all of these Florida Superintendents on their accomplishments in the turf industry.



**Everglades GCSA Kicks off FGCSA Turf Research Donations** 

(l-r): FGCSA President Cary Lewis, CGCS, accepts a \$4,000 check from Everglades External Vice President Dale Walters, CGCS during the FGCSA Winter Board Meeting at Bay Hill Club.

## **USGA Conference: April 11**

The USGA will present only one Regional Conference in Florida this year and it will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott.

Speakers from the USGA will include updates from Roger Harvie, John Foy and Jim Snow. Jim Skorulski will speak on The Golfer's Role in Maintenance and Bob Vavrek will tackle "The Snow Bird's Dilemma: Why the Best Golf Course is the One I Left Behind". Dick Rugge Senior Technical Director, will speak on equipments issues. Jim Demick, the Florida State Golf Association Executive Director, will look at the year 2001.

Afternoon topics will include an update on the USGA Foundation and it's Programs which will include a discussion of the South Fork High School's Turf Program (SFHS is in the Treasure Coast area). Dr. Frank Rossi, Cornell, will speak on the Next Golf Environmental Crisis: Complacency and Dr. Bob Carrow, University of Georgia will speak on Sites with Poor Water Quality. A speaker from the SFWMD will also be featured.

To obtain a copy of the program, please call Shelly Foy at 561-546-2620. Recertification credits will be available and pesticide CEU's have been applied for. Preregistration fee is due by April 4th and is \$45.00 for members of USGA Clubs and \$55.00 for others. Registration at the door is \$55.00 and \$65.00.

## Lebanon Rebate Program

Lebanon Turf Products has announced a rebate program for local golf course superintendent associations. Lebanon will donate \$25 to the local association for each golf course that purchases three tons or more of Lebanon branded products from January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001. The brands covered are Country Club; IsoTek31; NX-PRO and Par Ex as well as PERK Stress Relief controlled release iron.

Superintendents may claim their donations by completing a form and sending proof of purchase to Lebanon's business office.

For further information contact a Lebanon representative or call their office at 1-800-233-0628.

# EPA Requesting Real World/User Input on the Use of Dylox in Florida

I received this information request from Mike McDavit of the U.S. EPA office in Washington, D.C. Mike is in charge of the Nemacur reassessment, and he recently came to Orlando and met with a panel of superintendents including Cary Lewis, Dave Court, Geoff Coggan and four other central Florida superintendents in an informal session on Nemacur. The Bayer Corp. says the EPA attitude has changed dramatically since then and working relationships have improved as stakeholder input has increased.

Now Mike is asking about Dylox, another organophosphate being reviewed under FQPA. I have heard of Dylox, but never used it myself. Please respond to Mike's questions below and Email or fax me and I will forward the responses to him. If Dylox is an important tool in your insect control program please let EPA know as they decide its fate in the reassessment process.

Mike's request: "Joel, I was wondering if you know of any users of the organophosphate, Dylox, in Florida. Dylox or trichlorfon is a Bayer product used as a broad spectrum, general use insecticide on turf. Our info indicates that a fair amount is used on golf courses nationally. If you find any users, please let me know. I am looking to verify our estimates for the following info:

1. How much (holes, acres, or pounds) and what part of a course is typically treated (green/tees, fairway, rough)?

2. Estimate for a reasonable daily maximum on a course (holes, acres, or pounds)?

3. Number of people involved in a treatment (two men - one mixer/loader and one applicator or does one man perform both functions?

4. Kind of equipment used (hand held, ground boom, irrigation equipment?

5. Whether contract applicators are used?

If you could find me a few users or lay your hands on this info I would really appreciate it. Thanks for the help, Mike."

Contact me by email: FLGrn@aol.com or Fax: (407) 248-1971

# **GCSAA Conference Election Highlights**

GCSAA members approved changes to the bylaws as proposed in the Professional Development Initiative during the association's annual meeting and election in Dallas. The approval of the PDI's recommended changes to the bylaws, which will provide new standards for Class A members and change the designation of Class B members to "Superintendent" members, will take effect July 1,2003. The vote, which required a two-thirds majority, was 5,800 to a 1,924.

Officers elected were Tommy Witt, CGCS from South Carolina as President; Mike Wallace, CGCS from Connecticut as Vice President; and Jon Maddern, CGCS from Michigan as Secretary/Treasurer. R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS from Montana remains on the board as Past President. Directors for 2001 include: Ken Mangum, CGCS, Georgia; Robert Maibusch, CGCS from Illinois; Tim O'Neill, CGCS from Connecticut, Mark Woodward, CGCS from Arizona; and Sean Hoolehan, CGCS from Oregon.

Once again, the Florida reception was the highlight of the GCSAA convention for Florida superintendents and sponsors The Hyatt Hotel provided the setting with plenty of food, drinks, and a good time for all.

We sincerely appreciate the support of all our sponsors.

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