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Palm Beach GCSA team defended its title as FGCSA Golf Champs at Southern Dunes GC.

(Left to right) PBGCSA team members: Front Row: Steve Bernard and Mark Henderson Back Row: Terry Kennelly, Tyler Warner and Jeff Klontz.

See page 7 for related story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Everglades chapter meeting, Quail West G&CC
- Nov. 7 Central Florida chapter meeting, St. Cloud GC
- Nov. 13 Suncoast chapter meeting, El Conquistador GC
- Nov. 15 WCGCSA/GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Irrigation Water", Renaissance Vinoy Resort St. Petersburg (see page 4)
- Nov. 15 SFGCSA chapter meeting, Pine Island Ridge

- Dec. 2 Suncoast chapter Christmas Party, Eagles Club
- Dec. 7 Treasure Coast Christmas Party, Eagle Trace GC
- Dec. 7 Palm Beach GCSA Christmas Party, Emerald Dunes GC
- Dec. 8 SFGCSA Christmas Party, Orangebrook CC
- Dec. 13 Everglades Christmas Party, Shadow Wood GC
- Jan. 7 - 10 North Carolina Turfgrass Charlotte, NC

FTGA Regional Turf Conferences:

- Jan. 9 Tampa
- Jan. 10 Mid-Florida (Orlando)
- Jan. 22 Southeast (Lake Worth)
- Jan. 23 Southwest (Fort Myers)
- Jan. 30 North Florida (Jacksonville)
- Jan. 31 Gulf Coast (Milton)
- Jan. 18 Sunshine Conference, Fort Lauderdale (see article on page 5)
- Feb. 4 - 10 GCSAA Conference & Show, Orlando Convention Center
- Feb. 7 Florida Reception, The Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando

President's Message Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

One of my personal goals as President is to visit each chapter in the State, offering a perspective of the function that the State Association performs and to determine how best we can serve you the membership.

My first chapter visit, though, will be one that will live with me forever. The North Florida meeting was to be my first stop and I had traveled up to Amelia Island Plantation notes in hand to address my peers for the first time outside of my local chapter. The events that unfolded that morning of September 11th were to cast a huge shadow over the meeting and our concerns over water usage, pesticide restrictions and budgets paled by comparison.

Whilst it was a pleasure to meet the officers and members of the North

Florida Chapter and to hear the presentation and subsequent discussion led by John Foy it was a long and somber ride home.

Later that month I attended the Central Florida meeting at the Faldo Institute. Joel and I were both on hand to discuss the issues and offer information to those in attendance. From there I traveled down to Naples to attend a meeting of the Everglades Chapter at the invitation of their President, Matt Taylor. I have to believe the very good turnout was not due entirely to the fact that I was the guest speaker, but for the opportunity to play at one of the finest courses in the state in Colliers Reserve. I would like to thank Glenn Klauk, Scott Welder and Matt Taylor for the opportunity they afforded me and I look forward to visiting the remaining 9 chapters later this year and next.

All FGCSA members will be receiving a letter from me discuss-



Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

ing the value and importance of completing the Golf Course Economic Impact Survey that is being conducted by the University of Florida. Whether you or your club are a member of any of the local, state, or national associations relating to the golf industry, this survey will benefit you in the long term, so please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire.

In closing I ask all of you to be vigilant and to see to it that fertilizers, pesticides and other potentially hazardous materials are secured and monitored.

Also, take time to remember those who have been affected by this recent tragedy and those that are stepping forward to protect our freedom.

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

1. FGCSA Website:

Don't forget to visit our FGCSA Website: www.floridagcsa.com - for the latest news and upcoming events or to contact the association. Submit your news of meetings and events to me so I can post them. Any new information is posted Tuesdays and Saturdays.

2. Government Relations:

Water (1): Hillsborough County attempted to tack on an additional 5% reduction in irrigation demand on courses in the county. Commissioners claimed they were acting in response to continued public outcry over the "apparent" over use of water by area golf courses. Other than unfounded complaints the county could not answer SWFWMD's continued questions of proof of violations. Don Cox of the Cheval CC also got his club involved in asking questions. Since they had no facts to back up their proposed actions, the county has backed off for the time being. They say they want to form a coalition of big water users to discuss water issues. Somebody please tell them that golf courses used less than 5% of the water in Hillsborough County. But we'd love to sit at the table at least in order to educate them and evidently defend ourselves.

Water (2): Polk County Commission Symposium on Growth and Water Resource Management - I made a 20 minute presentation to an audience of 50-60 people. Most of the attendees were county and city officials and staff. I was able to show the group that in Polk County Recreational/Aesthetic use of water is only 3% of the total consumed in the county so be sure to put golf course use in perspective when talking about conservation measures in the future. FTGA President Alan Puckett also attended and we had lunch with two of the commissioners after the program. Alan also sits on the Polk County Water Advisory Board and has brought new understanding to the county on golf course practices.

Nemacur registration - Susan Jennings of

the US EPA office called the other day looking to verify or clarify some information she heard in DC. Some sources were telling her that the only use of Nemacur we cared about was for greens only. I said that was not the case; we still need the ability to treat tees and fairways as needed. I reiterated that greens are the primary concern, but we cannot forsake other key turf areas on the course. Jennings is the Risk manager for fenamifos and has been in that position for only a couple of months. I was concerned that all the information we gave back in January was lost, she said no, just buried in the files!!! As I backtracked to make sure she had our message, she said all I was saying was the word she got, but she just wanted to make sure about the Nemacur and greens only comment. Final decision will probably come down in December.

FGCSA BMP Committee: Will meet again on Friday, October 26th just prior to the FGCSA Fall Board Meeting at Bay Hill in Orlando. The group will discuss how to format the information we are gathering to fit into the IFAS BMP Manual. We hope to have Dr. Unruh attend the meeting.

3. Allied Associations:

The Florida Golf Economic Impact Study is on schedule as the survey questionnaire is being made ready for distribution. The study headed up by UF/IFAS Ag Economic professors John Haydu and Alan Hodges will attempt to define the total impact of the golf industry to Florida's economy. This information is a vital tool when discussing state budget cuts in research, water restrictions, and local ordinances on chemical and fertilizer use to name just a few items close to us. It will also be valuable for new course development and expansion of existing facilities. FGCSA President Geoff Coggan is urging all superintendents to be on the look out for the survey and to promote the completion of the survey by his or her club. The study is being funded by the FTGA with the backing of WCI Communities. The FGCSA, Everglades GCSA and Florida Golf Alliance have made donations to the project and other groups are being encouraged to do so as well. This study benefits everyone in golf.

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(Left to right) Dr. Alan Hodges, Roy Bates, Ron Garl, Dr. John Haydu, Mike Fiddelke

The Golf Economic Impact Study being conducted by the FTGA and sponsored by WCI Communities, Inc. got off to a good start with a \$2,500 donation by the Florida Golf Alliance. Subsequently, the FGCSA and Everglades GCSA have donated \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively to the project. Individual chapters and other golf related businesses are encouraged to contribute to the study by sending donations to the FTGA.

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4. Education:

The West Coast GCSA will host a GCSAA Regional Seminar on Irrigation Water Quality to be held at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg on Thursday, November 15, 2001. The instructor is Dr. David Kopec from the University of Arizona. Call 800-472-7878 for registration information. (See below for more details).

5. Media Relations:

I am working on an interview with a University of Florida Journalism major. She is the daughter of a local golf figure, and she wants to do a positive story about golf courses and the environment. I told her that would be easy to do since golf courses are beneficial in many ways the public never hears about. Just another way to educate the public about the facts. I have steered her to do research on the work by Cisar, Snyder (George and Ray), Miller, Trenholm and Sartain for facts on runoff and leaching. I'll keep you posted.

Golfdom magazine won top honors in the Ag/Hort division at the Folio Publications Awards session this year. People like the sometimes edgy style of the magazine. I was happy to see Pat Jones respond in his column to his tough positions with regard to GCSAA. I thought he explained his views well. Having worked at Disney with its squeaky clean and wholesome image, you are bound to see some flaws being so close to the operation. Not every person and every decision is going to be perfect. However, the overall mission and the majority of the staff are Grade A. So it is with every group. I'm happy to be part of Golfdom's editorial team. Feel free to send me topic ideas that will help tell about the critical issues facing superintendents.

6. Florida Green:

Janlark Communications has hired a graphics designer to help with the four magazines it produces. Since we are one of those clients, we had the benefit of a new pair of eyes looking at our 10-15 year old layout. While the cover remains a unique feature, the interior has undergone some simple

changes to freshen up the look of the magazine. The work on the Fall Issue came at the eleventh hour, so you can expect a few more new wrinkles in the Winter 2002 issue. After a Central Florida flavor in 2001 the magazine's cover schedule for 2002 shifts southward as follows:

Winter 2002: County Club of Florida, Village of Golf, Jeff Klontz, GCS "Irrigation Management"

Spring 2002: Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, Lee VanValkenburg, CGCS "Summer Stress on Greens"

Summer 2002: Quail West G&CC, Naples, Mark Black, CGCS Maint Standards/Long Range Planning

Fall 2002: Boca Lago CC, Boca Raton, David Court, CGCS "Green Speed Management"

WCGCSA Hosts Final GCSAA Seminar for 2001

West Coast GCSA offers the final GCSAA Regional Seminar to be held in Florida in 2001 on November 15th at the Renaissance Vinoy in St. Petersburg.

Dr. David Kopec of the University of Arizona returns to Florida to teach the all day seminar titled Irrigation Water Quality. The five components of irrigation water quality (salt content, sodium hazard, residual sodium carbonate, pH and toxic ion content) are discussed in relation to their impacts on turf performance and soil properties. Interpreting a water test report is emphasized. Sound management strategies to cope with poor quality irrigation water while providing acceptable turf and protecting soil are presented. Learn how to develop management strategies to cope with less than optimum quality irrigation water. This seminar is considered an intermediate-level program; the recommended prerequisite is an introductory soil science course or seminar.

Registration form for this seminar is available from the GCSAA website or by calling their office at 1-800-472-7878.

17th Annual SFGCSA Tournament a Resounding Success

For the last 16 years, the S.F.G.C.S.A. has sponsored a golf tournament to benefit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children/Florida Branch (NCMEC/FL). The tournaments have raised over \$140,000 to support local Florida programs. After the October 5th event, the total donation now exceeds \$155,000 with the tremendous success of the 17th Annual Tournament held at Colony West CC in Tamarac, Florida.

"Twenty years ago, the Center began its work out of tragic circumstances, the abduction and murder of Adam Walsh. Today we are part of a national network of nonprofit centers helping thousands of children and their families every year," stated Nancy A. McBride, NCMEC Director of Prevention Education. "We are proud to be associated with the S.F.G.C.S.A. and grateful to the community for their ongoing support of our mission: to help find missing children, and to prevent child victimization."

The S.F.G.C.S.A. is one of our charter supporters and partners," said Reve Walsh, co-founder and Board member of NCMEC. "The children in Florida have access to child safety information and programs, and their parents have access to an efficient and effective response team if their child is missing. This would not be possible without the continued loyal support of the S.F.G.C.S.A."

Players in the tournament enjoyed a day of golf that culminated in an awards presentation. The S.F.G.C.S.A. was presented an award for 17 years of outstanding support from Mike Christiansen, a NCMEC Board member and Trustee, and the Chairman of the FL Branch Advisory Board.

Colony West Country Club was also presented an award for hosting the tournament for the past five years. Thanks to Event Chairman Billy Entwistle, Jr., host superintendent Dale Kueehner, and all the S.F.G.C.S.A. Board Members who worked on this event again this year.

Tallahassee Report by Mike Goldie

Reapportionment is defined by Webster's dictionary as a "new appointment - to divide and share out according to a plan." The key word is a "plan". Every ten years following a new census the United States and the Florida Constitution require the Florida Legislature to reapportion the state and federal legislative districts to reflect the new census information.

What effect would this have on the golf industry in Florida? First we must look at what exists today. Districts like Senate District 29 -- Senator Rossin, a Democrat. This district takes the high population of Palm Beach county, ie. democratic, and a large low-density area of Republicans all across the state to Collier County. We could see the opposite taking place with a Republican controlled Legislature. The Florida east coast has been a Democratic stronghold but with reapportionment we could see a shift of power to a Republican west coast.

What this could mean is within water management districts you could see a change in policy between the South Florida Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District. You could see more "golf friendly" attitudes in Naples vs. Fort Lauderdale.

Again, the key word is the "plan". In 1992 the plan was controlled by the Democrats, in 2002 it will be controlled by the Republicans. It becomes more and more incumbent on us to know our legislative members and their attitudes relative to our industry. We must be ready to educate new members as to the economics and environmental value of golf to our state and to each legislative districts of our state.

Editor's Note: Mike Goldie is our political consultant on retainer in Tallahassee. He has represented FGCSA interests for over a decade providing essential contacts and information regarding pending legislation. If you have any questions about pending state or local laws please contact my office and I will pass them along to Mike.

You can also locate your state and federal legislators at www.mygovernment.com and fill in the state and zip code information to get phone numbers, addresses and email addresses of your representatives. Don't be hesitant about contacting them when pesticide, fertilizer and water issues concern you. They do respond to citizen input.

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Florida Turfgrass Assn. Announces Dates for 2002 Regional Turf Conferences

The Florida Turfgrass Association has announced its schedule for the 2002 Regional Turf Conferences:

- Jan. 9 Tampa
- Jan. 10 Mid-Florida (Orlando)
- Jan. 22 Southeast (Lake Worth)
- Jan. 23 Southwest (Fort Myers)
- Jan. 30 North Florida (Jacksonville)
- Jan. 31 Gulf Coast (Milton)

These popular all day conferences are designed to meet the educational needs of the entire turf industry. They offer CEU's for Restricted Pesticide License holders and have been very well received in past years. The FTGA is expecting over 1,500 at these conferences. Topics include irrigation practices, nematode management, turf insects, and safety and regulatory issues.

One of the newest programs will be held at the Mid-Florida Conference on January 10th where concurrent sessions will be held. One program will be concerned primarily with bermudagrass issues while the other will address those with an interest in St. Augustine grass.

Sponsors are being solicited to help with the costs of these Turf Conferences. Please call the FTGA office at 1-800-882-6721 if you would like to receive a Sponsorship Form.

In addition to these Conferences, the FTGA, in conjunction with Professional Lawn Care Association of America and the National Pest Management Association, will present a "Sunshine Conference" on January 18th in Fort Lauderdale. This joint venture will provide an excellent opportunity to interact with representatives from other areas of our industry, as well as lawn care, sports turf and golf course professionals from Dade and Broward counties.

Brochures describing details of the Conferences will be available from the FTGA office after December 1st. Be sure to mark your calendar for the date and location of the Conference in your area.

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Palm Beach Chapter Defends Golf Title as Joe Ondo has Close Finish

The Palm Beach chapter kept the FGCSA team trophy in the van until the tournament was over and put it back in the van after the tournament!

The Palm Beach team defended its team title by one stroke over the Central Florida team. Windy and rainy conditions for most of the day was the norm as seven chapter teams participated in the Sixth FGCSA Chapter Team Championship. Members on the winning team were Mark Henderson, Steve Bernard, Tyler Warner, Jeff Klontz and Terry Kennelly. In the net division the Ridge Chapter was a winner by two strokes over South Florida.

In the individual stroke play competition, Joe Ondo won Low Gross and a spot on the state team for the GCSAA tournament in St. Augustine, Florida. Joe was tied with Steve Bernard and Joe Pantaleo after regulation play at 75. In the sudden death playoff, Steve was eliminated on the first playoff hole while Joe and Joe went to the fourth playoff hole before it was decided. Joe Ondo will be joined on the state team by Bob Roessing, Poa Annua winner; Chris Cartin, Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open winner; and Mark Hopkins low average in two out of three events. Steve Bernard will be first alternate.

Low net was won by Chris Clark and second went to John Lamrsh. Special thanks to all the staff at Southern Dunes and to Superintendent Bayne Caillavet for hosting this event for the sixth time.

Hope to see you next year.

2002 FGCSA Membership Directory

The 2002 FGCSA Directory will be mailed to all FGCSA members in late November. Please call the office if your listing is incorrect.



2002 Florida Reception to be held Thursday, February 7th

The FGCSA will hold its annual GCSAA Reception on Thursday night, February 7th, at the Rosen Centre Hotel next to the Convention Center in Orlando from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The reception will be limited to Florida superintendents, assistants and to the sponsors of the reception. Invitations will be mailed in January.

Reception Chairman Michael Perham promises that the Orlando reception will continue the tradition of being the best chapter reception at the GCSAA Convention. Mark your calendar now. You will not want to miss it! We are expecting a huge crowd of Florida superintendents!

Sponsors have been solicited and we expect a good response from our loyal affiliates. However, there is still time for **any affiliate** to be involved as a sponsor and to share the opportunity to network with all the Florida representatives who attend the conference in Orlando. We have enough categories to make it affordable for any affiliate who might choose to attend the reception. Number of tickets to the reception are based on sponsorship levels. See sponsor levels.

We are asking all interested chapter affiliate members to call the FGCSA office at 1-800-732-6053 if you would like to join with the Florida superintendents in attending this Invitation-Only annual event.

Sponsorship Levels for the Orlando Reception will be:

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Includes 20 admission tickets for your company representatives.

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Donation: \$2,500

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Donation: \$1,000.

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Donation: \$500.

Includes two admission tickets for your company representatives

Sponsorships are available to any affiliated member of a local Florida chapter. All sponsors will be recognized by a listing on the sponsor board the night of the reception and will appear in the full page thank you ad in the Florida Green.

Again this year, we will have a short Pre-Registration Welcome for all sponsors and FGCSA officers. We sincerely appreciate the support of all our sponsors.



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