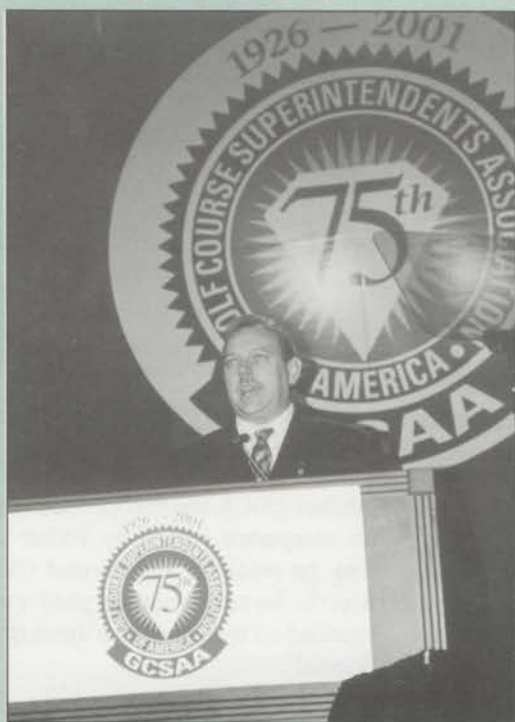


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FGCSA President Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG



Bill Davidson, Jr. Colliers Reserve GC

Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG, (left) welcomes GCSAA members to Orlando Conference & Show.

Bill Davidson, Jr., Colliers Reserve, Naples, accepts the award as Overall and National Private Club Winner in GCSAA/Golf Digest 2001 Environmental Leadership Ceremony.

See page 7 for more stories from the 2002 GCSAA Conference and Show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar. 4 | Ridge Invitational Tournament, Grasslands, Lakeland | Mar. 21 | SFGCSA Expo and UF Field Day, Fort Lauderdale REC (see details page 6) | Apr. 24 | West Coast chapter meeting, East Lake Woodlands |
| Mar. 5 | North Florida chapter meeting, St. Johns G&CC | Apr. 1 | North Florida GCSA Mike Richards Tournament, Jacksonville G&CC | May 6 | North Florida chapter meeting, Magnolia Pointe |
| Mar. 13 | Palm Beach chapter meeting, Boca Greens CC | Apr. 11 | Everglades GCSA Spring Seminar, Naples Beach Club (see details page 6) | May 10 | FGCSA seminar, "Are You Prepared to Say Yes", Naples Beach Hotel. 8:00 a.m. |
| Mar. 18 | West Coast chapter meeting, Riverhills GC | Apr. 15 | Envirotron Tournament, World Woods GC | May 10 | G. C. Horn Tournament, Naples Beach Club, 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 19 | Suncoast Scramble, Misty Creek CC, Sarasota | Apr. 16 | Suncoast chapter meeting, Pelican Pointe CC | May 11 | Poa Tournament, Naples Beach Club, 8:30 a.m. |

President's Message Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

After having walked around the Orlando Convention Center for both the PGA Merchandise Show and the GCSAA show I am happy to be back at work. The shows were excellent, the educational programs superb and the opportunity to see old friends and to make new acquaintances refreshing. I doubt if anyone could have come away from either show without a sense of pride and enthusiasm for our profession.

The PGA show with the latest in golf ball and club technology guaranteed to produce straighter and longer drives; new fashion lines, memorabilia for every inch of wall space and a slew of accessories; and all could be seen if you cared to walk the 12.5 miles around all the booths.

The GCSAA show -- though smaller by comparison -- was excellent. I'm sure that those choosing not to pre-register this year will have their registrations in early next year judging by the line for registration Thursday morning. The enticement by GCSAA to leave registration fees at the pre-registration rate and to offer terms by

which they could be paid certainly seemed to have the desired effect. It will be interesting to see the final figures.

My education classes seemed well attended and judging by the lunch crowds so were the others. The Opening Session was good; speeches were kept to a minimum including my own welcoming remarks and a very interesting if not somewhat bizarre motivational speech presented by the legendary Coach Jimmy Johnson. The evening was rounded out with a great reception in the Rosen Centre, though most I think would have appreciated the reception being a little closer.

Thursday saw the hard work of Mike Perham, Marie Roberts and Joel Jackson come to fruition. The FGCSA reception organized by Mike, Marie and Joel and sponsored by a very supportive group of vendors was a success. I must thank them all for their commitment and I hope that they had a great time. And special thanks to all the Florida Chapters that also supported the event.

Friday I had the chance to attend the Presidents Dinner and Show, a fanfare event honoring Past President Tommy Witt CGCS, and outgoing Past President Scott Woodhead, CGCS. We also had a brief



Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

introduction to our new President Mike Wallace CGCS, and the opportunity to hear an acceptance speech by Walter Woods Esq. on receiving the coveted Old Tom Morris Award. Another good evening rounded off by dinner then dancing to "38 Special".

The trade show bustled and the cyber cafe and silent auction centers seemed to draw quite a crowd also.

Congratulations to Mark Henderson, Palm Beach chapter, for his second place finish in the Champions Flight of the Golf Tournament, and a commendable third place finish for our guys in the team event. Unfortunately one of our leading competitors, Buck Buckner could not make the event having had triple by-pass surgery only days before. I wish you a speedy recovery Buck and look to Atlanta next year for us to crown one of our own as champion.

All in all I had a very good time at both shows and enjoyed meeting many of you. I will be continuing my trek around the state and look forward to seeing the remaining chapters real soon as well as visiting the student chapter at Edison CC thanks to an invitation I received from Chad Holliday.

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What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

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 on the weekends.

1. Government Relations: Nema-cur registration - An all day meeting (Feb 12th) with EPA, Florida and Bayer failed to reach a final conclusion on Nema-cur. The proposed ground water study agreed to by Bayer and Florida did not satisfy EPA who wanted more sites, wells and samples, which makes the study cost prohibitive for Bayer. The only apparent chance for the product to survive for use on golf turf is to make further label restrictions on how much, where and when the product is used. Whether or not EPA will sign off on that approach has yet to be determined. We should have a good idea by the end of March.

Springs BMP TAC Group - This group will meet in Tallahassee on Feb. 21st. I have seen the draft on the Golf Course module and it is pretty straight forward. The primary focus is not to permit a golf course to be sited on land in a sensitive spring's watershed. The maintenance aspects generally follow current trends in BMP management and following Audubon ACSP and Signature guidelines. The only section I have question on is the water quality monitoring. The testing requirements need to be reasonable in terms of frequency and number of samples and products being tested for. It can get expensive.

Water - Stuart Bozeman reports that the SWFWMD staff has heard us loud and clear and will recommend to the Board of Governors our percentage reduction plan for dealing with future drought emergencies. We're not home free yet; the Board has to vote on it first. If it does pass, it will be incumbent on every golf course to honestly manage and conserve their irrigation. If too many courses over pump, you can count on going back to the dark ages of day of the week watering days.

Just a "heads up" from our friends in Georgia. Frank Siple, CGCS of Lanier GC in

Georgia called to report that in the Chattahoochee Basin the water district has said "No new permits" for golf courses. Originally existing courses like Frank's were also told they must be on reclaimed water by the time their renewed permit expires. He said they have backed off on that a little since the economic impact to hook up may in effect force course to shut down. At any rate the Georgia water regulators are telling golf courses to look for alternative sources of water if they want to build new courses. It would be advisable for each and every golf course in Florida to start considering alternatives as well.

Fast Facts on Water from the Florida DEP and USGS websites:

1. 1998 - 1448 golf courses in Florida. 18 hole = 804, 9 hole = 158, executive = 486.

2. Average size 137 acres. Average irrigated acreage 89 acres.

3. 401 courses were using reclaimed water in 1998.

4. Statewide Daily Water Use - Public Supply 28.62%; Domestic self supply (private homeowner wells 4.12% = 32.74% for public use; Commercial-industrial-mining 9.59%; agricultural irrigation 44.96%; Recreational irrigation 3.89%; Power generation 8.82%.

5. Golf course irrigation is 67% of the Recreational irrigation use above. So golf's actual use statewide is 2.6% of the daily total used.

6. An estimated 39% of the freshwater withdrawn from Florida was consumed, the remaining 61% was returned for use again.

2. Allied Associations: The GCSAA Conference reached over 20,000 in attendance by Friday and I heard over 7,000 took part in the educational seminars. Final numbers still to be tabulated.

Golf Survey: The last report I had from Roy Bates was that the Economic Impact survey return numbers were less than desired for a good sample as of the 1/15 deadline. I heard at the GCSAA in Orlando several states that were doing either water or nutrient studies are also doing an economic

impact study to back up their justification for careful consideration on regulating golf courses due to their economic importance. For the life of me I can't understand why Florida golf courses can't get it together long enough to fight for their own survival. Filling out that survey is a small price of time and effort to give credibility in our fights for fair treatment when it comes to regulating golf courses no matter what the issue. I can get you a copy of the survey - CALL ME at 407-248-1971 or email at FLGRN@aol.com.

3. Education: South Florida Turf Expo - March 21st. Is this the last one to be held in Ft. Lauderdale? Show up and rub elbows with IFAS and give them your input on the future of the turfgrass program.

There will be a GCSAA seminar at the Poa Annua on Friday, May 10th. GCSAA Past President Tommy Witt will talk on the subject, "Are You Prepared to Say Yes?" He is a dynamic speaker and there's no time like the present to start getting your CEU's in order for PDI Class A and of course CGCS points.

There will also be a GCSAA seminar in Tampa at the FTGA Conference on Monday, September 16th. Tentative speaker, Dr. Bob Carrow, U of GA, his topic - "14 Ways a Green Can Fail" If there's any more regional seminars, I haven't heard of them.

4. Media/Public Relations - I had two items referring to our proposed water restriction rule changes printed in the February 2002 issues of Florida Golf News and Golf News. On February 22nd I will be joining Craig Weyandt at the Moorings GC for an interview with a local radio station. Craig heard a blurb from the "90 Second Naturalist" the other day and the guy said runoff from golf courses were making the water in the lagoon murky." Craig followed up and found out these are old canned messages from a guy at the Cincinnati Zoo, who used to live here. That sound byte may be two years old, and of course there's no reference to scientific study just the old usual runoff story being told again and again. So Craig followed up and he's going to show the stations newscaster how they do things at the Moorings. I'm going there for any questions on a statewide perspective.

FGCSA Winter 2002 Board Meeting

The Winter 2002 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18th at Grand Cypress in Orlando.

All officers were present and all chapters External Vice Presidents were present. Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Past President Dale Kuehner - Voting Delegate; Past President Kevin Downing - Alternate Voting Delegate; Past President Michael Perham, Reception Chairman; Michael McCulloch - Incoming Suncoast External V.P.; Brian Schafer - Incoming Seven Rivers External V.P. and Michael Goldie, Lobbyist.

Mike Goldie gave a brief synopsis of what to expect from the current legislative session starting this month. He will be sending a list of all bills to be discussed during the session and a list of the committees formed. He will continue to monitor the session and report back to the board.

The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting were approved.

Lake City Community College: Geoff urged all chapters to support LCCC recruitment by inviting John Piersol to speak at your local chapter meetings.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Greg Pheneger presented the FGCSA Financial Statements for the second quarter of this fiscal year. He gave a comparison of the operating budget at this time a year ago. He noted that we are now paying 100% of the lobbyist fee rather than sharing the cost with the FTGA and that the revenue for the Florida Green account is down at least \$26,000. The Florida Green continues to pay for Operating expenses for the association in order to try to offset the tax liability on advertising income. Greg will contact our accountant in Kansas to go over any steps we should be taking to better our financial position.

PUBLICATIONS: David Court announced that he is planning a meeting of the Publications Committee to discuss various aspects of the Florida Green philosophy — again, is

the magazine primarily for public relations, education, and service to members or should it be a money making entity for the FGCSA. Or both. The ad rates are considered low by industry standards but we are a localized magazine with limited press run. Joel discussed ways of bringing the printing costs down somewhat by requiring all ads by submitted digitally rather than on film and not using a color proof of the magazine. Mike Perham suggested the Publications Committee set a target amount for the reserve in the magazine account. Greg Pheneger will include some of these thoughts in his conversation with our accountant.

RECEPTION: Mike Perham announced that sponsors and chapters have contributed \$62,800 for the Orlando reception. We have a \$13,000 carryover from the Dallas reception leaving us \$75,000 to cover the costs of this year's reception. We have booked a six piece band, contracted with a decorating service and ordered plenty of food and beverage from the Rosen Centre. We expect more than 1,000 attendees!

Mike announced that Stanley Carr and Walter Woods (GCSA Old Tom Morris winner from St. Andrews) are available to play the bag pipes at the opening of the reception. After a discussion, it was decided to ask them to open the Pre-reception at 6:30 p.m. All chapter presidents and FGCSA board members are expected to be on hand at 6:15 to thank the sponsors personally for their financial assistance at the reception. Letters will be sent to all chapter presidents urging them to attend this important part of the reception.

We will have a uniformed guard at the door checking for wristbands but need volunteers to help those without wristbands. Volunteers to serve half hour to hour shifts were Craig Weyandt, Doug Abbuhl, John Lammrish, Dale Witting, Buddy Keene, Steve Ciardulla and Jeff Brown. Thanks to all of these members for volunteering their time.

D.O.C.: Joel Jackson distributed a package of hand outs that included information on government relations activities in-

cluding water issues, nemacur, the progress of the Best Management Practices, and the latest information on the University of Florida IFAS budget situation. He discussed the letters from Vice President Mike Martin about the research center in Fort Lauderdale in particular and discussed the possibility of a lobbying group to go to Tallahassee to support all of the Florida REC's

IFAS: David Court gave a report of the November FTGA meeting. He noted that the current plan for IFAS is to shut down the turf research but still continue the teaching stations in Bradenton and Fort Lauderdale. Where these turf plots will be moved to has not been determined though there is much speculation. David suggested that the industry should make the decision and that a luncheon is being planned to include all those industries that would be affected by the decision — equipment companies, irrigation, fertilizers, etc. He discussed the proposed reorganization structure of the IFAS centers — Bradenton and Fort Lauderdale in particular since IFAS has reported that these two facilities use a great percentage of the IFAS state budgets — particularly in repair and maintenance. Mike Goldie confirmed that the average politician in Tallahassee does not have a good idea of the benefit of the IFAS stations.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Dale Walters discussed the upcoming Water Symposium to be held in Naples during the week of the Poa. Dale will attend the Symposium to display the FGCSA exhibit featuring water conservation strategies used by golf courses. Joel suggested that other chapters around the state volunteer to attend this type of meeting in their area as a public relations opportunity.

POA: This year's Poa weekend has been moved up to the weekend containing Mother's Day, that is May 9th through the 12th. We will hold the FGCSA board meeting on Thursday with the seminar to be held on Friday morning. The G. C. Horn Tournament will be played on Friday afternoon. The Poa Classic will tee off on Saturday morning with the luau on the grounds of the Beach Club on Saturday night. The weekend ends on Sunday with a Mother's

Day Brunch at the Beach Club.

EDUCATION: John Lammrish presented some suggestions for the Poa seminar. After a discussion it was decided to invite Tommy Witt, CGCS, to be the speaker for the seminar.

John also reminded all chapters that March 1st is the deadline to apply for a GCSAA Regional Seminar. We will offer a Regional Seminar in the Palm Beach area this year and expect all chapters to advise John if they are applying for a Regional Seminar. The only way to spread these out through the year is to help John coordinate the dates and subjects. He urged all External Vice Presidents to follow through on this by reporting the dates and topics for their Regional Seminars to John before March 1st.

MEMBERSHIP: Three applicants were considered for Lifetime Membership. Don Delaney and Cary Lewis were approved but Michael Swanson was not approved.

Joe Pantaleo discussed a plan to include the FGCSA recruitment brochure and a membership application in the Spring 2002 Florida Green. This separate mailing will be sent to non-member clubs within the state of Florida.

GOLF: Mark Henderson reported that the Florida team will be composed of Chris Cartin, Joe Ondo, Mark Henderson and Mark Hopkins. Florida should have three teams represented in the GCSAA Tournament. Good luck to all our golfers.

RESEARCH: Geoff Coggan voiced his thanks to Steve Pearson and Steve Kuhn for continuing to oversee the maintenance of the FGCSA Research Green at the REC in Fort Lauderdale.

Darren Davis reported that 34 proposals were submitted for funding in the GCSAA Research Program. The Committee has given their report to the GCSAA Board which will announce their decisions at the Convention. The committee approved 10 of the 34 proposals. He thanked Geoff for taking the time to write an impressive letter of support for the research project submitted by the FGCSA.

Darren distributed a discussion paper for developing a national strategy for ARS Turfgrass Research. He also noted the many millions of dollars for turfgrass research being funded by other organizations including the USGA and the USDA.

FTGA: David Court announced that the FTGA Convention will be held in at the Hyatt Hotel in Tampa from September 15th - 18th. There will be plenty of education during the Conference but will be no equipment at the Show, only tabletop displays. The Golf Tournament and Corn Boil will be held on Monday as well as the turf technicians program; the Trade Show on Tuesday; and the activities will close Wednesday at noon. For further details, contact the FTGA office.

The FTGA Regional Seminars will continue through the end of January. A total of seven seminars will be given at various locations around the state.

GCSAA: Dale Kuehner discussed the results of the informal questionnaire sent to all GCSAA candidates. As expected, most of the questions were answered conservatively but Dale and Kevin have made some preliminary decisions based on their observation of the candidates. Mark Woodward is an excellent candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Two Director candidates were picked as front runners for the openings on the board — David Downing and Mark Kuhns. After a discussion of all the candidates, Greg Pheneger made a motion to vote for Mark Woodward for Secretary/Treasurer and for Downing and Kuhns as Directors. The motion was approved. As usual, there will be a short caucus for any interested FGCSA member immediately preceding the GCSAA voting on Friday morning, February 8th.

Dale Kuehner noted that the number of Florida voting members is going down; some FGCSA members are not members of GCSAA. We will get with the GCSAA staff to be sure that our voting numbers are as accurate as they can be for future elections

S.O.P. MANUAL/AWARDS: Both of these items will be discussed at the Poa

Board Meeting. DSA and Presidents Award nominations must be received in writing prior to the board meeting. The Executive Committee will meet immediately after the Poa meeting to make a decision on this year's awards. A discussion was held regarding keeping the DSA nomination a secret or making an announcement of the winners name after decision is made at the board meeting.

FUTURE DUES INCREASE: Geoff Coggan distributed graphs showing how our reserves have depleted during the past few years. It seems prudent to establish a level that is justified for the lowest end for our reserves before deciding on a dues increase. It was suggested that the Long Range Planning Committee should decide on what minimum those reserve levels should be before the next board meeting. We also need to research other Allied Associations (FTGA, IFAS, etc.) to find out if they will be needing our financial support in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Joe Pantaleo announced that the SFGCSA will continue to sponsor the SF Exposition this year with the proceeds to be used at the IFAS Fort Lauderdale center. Date is set for Thursday, March 21st.

Geoff Coggan suggested a combined meeting with FGCSA board and Water Management District personnel. Scheduling would appear to be extremely difficult but Geoff will follow up on this and report back at the Spring Board Meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Greg Pheneger noted that in the past we have reduced the FGCSA dues to 1/2 the annual amount in January. A motion was made by John Lammrish to continue this tradition. The motion was approved. FGCSA dues for the remainder of the fiscal year will be \$30.00/member.

The next meeting of the FGCSA Board will be held in the late afternoon on Thursday, May 9th. Following the meeting, we will have a dinner for board members and their spouses at the Naples Beach Hotel.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

2002 Local Florida Chapter Fundraising Season Begins in March
Special Thanks to all our Affiliate Members for your Sponsorship Support

**10th Annual Envirotron
Golf Classic -- April 15th**

The Seven Rivers GCSA is proud to join with major sponsor, Barbaron, Inc. in presenting the 10th Annual Envirotron Tournament to be held on Monday, April 15th, at World Woods Golf Club.

The Envirotron Classic is one of the main research fundraisers for the Florida Turfgrass Association. Proceeds from this tournament have supported the Envirotron Research Laboratory located at the University of Florida Gainesville campus. Donations over the past ten years have totalled more than \$350,000 thanks to the generosity of Barbaron, Inc., all the sponsors, and World Woods GC.

Registration forms are available from the FTGA office at 800-882-6721 or by contacting a Seven Rivers GCSA board member. This is a very popular tournament so get your registration in today!

**Ridge Chapter Schedules
11th Annual Invitational**

The 11th Annual Ridge Invitational will be played at Grasslands G&CC in Lakeland on Monday, March 4th. Roy Wilshire serves as host. Grasslands has been the site for the Invitational since its inception in 1992.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. with a noon time shotgun start. Door prize drawings and the famous Bar-b-Que follow golf. Format is individual stroke play offering prizes for both net and gross. This fundraiser has an emphasis on "fun" by offering a challenge to all Florida chapters to try to field a team that can beat the mighty guys from the Ridge!

Chapter team and individual entry forms are available by contacting Tom Barnett at 863-638-3754. This Tournament fills up quickly so sponsors and chapters are urged to call in their team members to Tom as soon as possible.

**NFGCSA's Mike Richards
Tournament Set for April 1**

The North Florida GCSA will sponsor the Tenth Annual Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament on Monday, April 1st at Jacksonville G&CC.

This tournament was established as a fundraising vehicle by the North Florida chapter in April of 1993 in order to fund scholarships for students in the area who are seeking a turf related career path. Three separate scholarships were awarded last year for a total of \$6,000.

The format will be a two man scramble with gross and net team play. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with an 11:0 a.m. shotgun start. Contact host Greg Tharp or other member of the North Florida Board of Directors for an entry form.

**SFGCSA Presents 15th
Annual Exposition**

This year's SFGCSA Exposition and Field Day will be held on Thursday, March 21st at the University of Florida's IFAS REC in Fort Lauderdale.

This event was inaugurated in 1988 as a means of raising funds to build a USGA research green for the south florida area. All funds raised in succeeding years have gone to the upkeep and maintenance of the Otto Schmeisser Research Green and other bermudagrass plots at the Center. In light of the recent budget cuts, the South Florida Board of Directors is looking for a big turnout to show support for the research staff in Fort Lauderdale.

The Exposition offers equipment demonstrations and booth displays along with a full day of educational programs. Field Tours and research reports are held in the morning while afternoon concurrent sessions allow for CEU education for superintendents, mechanics and technicians. Pre-registration fee of \$30.00 includes the show area, CEU's and the famous Emerald Island Turf bar-b-que.

**20th Annual Suncoast
Scramble -- March 19th**

The 20th Annual Suncoast Scramble will be played at Misty Creek CC in Sarasota on Tuesday, March 19th. Tom Crawford continues his tradition as host superintendent for this event.

POA Moves to May 9 - 12

The Everglades GCSA has announced that this year's Poa event will be held on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th through 12th at Naples Beach Club.

This fun-filled weekend begins with the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting on Thursday afternoon followed by a dinner for all board members. Friday includes a morning seminar presented by Tommy Witt, GCSAA Past President, speaking on "Are You Prepared to Say Yes?". This seminar focuses on building professional relationships and communicating with your employer. The G. C. Horn Tournament will tee off at 1:00 p.m.

The Poa Tournament will be played on Saturday this year! Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The always popular luau will be held on Saturday evening on the lawn of the Beach Club. The weekend finishes up with a Mother's Day Brunch at the Beach Club restaurant.

**Everglades Spring Seminar
at Naples Beach Hotel**

The Everglades GCSA has set Thursday, April 11th, for their Tenth Annual Spring Seminar at Naples Beach Hotel. The all day program with CEU's available begins at 8:00 a.m.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Milt Engelke, popular researcher from Texas. For the complete lineup of speakers and registration information, please contact Education Chairman Matt Taylor at 941-261-4987.

GCSAA Conference & Show - Orlando 2002 Recap

GCSAA Election Highlights

Michael Wallace, CGCS at Fairview Farm GC in Harwinton, Connecticut, was elected president of GCSAA during the association's annual meeting on Friday, February 8th. Wallace succeeds Tommy Witt, CGCS who will now serve on the Board of Directors as immediate past president.

Jon D. Maddern, CGCS at Elk Ridge GC in Atlanta, was elected vice president and Mark J. Woodward, CGCS at Dobson Ranch/Riverview GC in Mesa, Arizona, was elected secretary/treasurer. David Downing II, CGCS at Barefoot Resort in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Sean Hoolehan, CGCS at Wildhorse Resort GC in Pendleton, Oregon were elected as directors. Ricky Heine, CGCS at the Golf Club at Star Ranch in Austin, Texas was appointed to the director position vacated by Woodward. Timothy O'Neill, CGCS and Robert J. Malbusch, CGCS, will serve the second year of their two-year terms to complete the 2002 GCSAA Board.

Florida Superintendents Honored during Convention

The following Florida Superintendents were announced as GCSAA/Golf Digest 2001 Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards during the GCSAA Convention:

Overall and National Private Club Winner: William Davidson, Jr., Colliers Reserve, Naples (Everglades GCSA).

Chapter Winner - Public Facilities: John Scott Kopack, The Legacy Club at Alaqu Lakes, Central Florida GCSA.

Chapter Winner - Private Facilities: Kyle D. Sweet, The Sanctuary GC, Everglades GCSA and Jeffrey Klontz, The Country Club of Florida, Palm Beach GCSA.

Other involved superintendents included Tim Hiers, Old Colliers GC, who spoke on Paspalum and also on Building a Golf Course on an Environmentally Sensitive Site. Kevin Cavanaugh, The Plantation at Ponte Vedra, was a participant in the Innovative Superintendent Session.

GCSAA Co-Funds Florida Research Project

The GCSAA announced five projects that will be funded through the GCSAA Chapter Cooperative Research Program; three under the National Research Program; and two projects funded by the Mark Kizziar Research Grant. Listed below are those projects that are of particular interest to the Florida superintendent.

Influence of Plant-Parasitic Nematodes on Potential Nitrate Leaching on Golf Course Turf. Project submitted by Dr. William T. Crowe, University of Florida, for \$8,500 per year for two years; total \$17,000. Matching funds provided by Florida GCSA. This project was approved by the FGCSA Board of Directors at the Fall 2001 Board Meeting for submission to the GCSAA Research Committee.

Use of Plant Extracts for Suppression of Problematic Nematodes. Project submitted by Drs. Campbell Cox and Bert McCarty, Clemson University.

Cultural and Biological Prevention and Control of Thatch-Mat in Ultradwarf Creeping Bentgrass and Bermudagrass Golf Greens. Project submitted by Mr. Matt Gregg and Dr. Bert McCarty, Clemson University.

Development of Best Management Practices for Maximum Performance of Sea Isle 2000 and Sea Isle I Paspalum in the Southwest. Project submitted by Drs. David M. Kopec and M. Pessaraki, and Mr. J. Gilbert, University of Arizona.

The Florida GCSA wishes to thank Past President Darren Davis for serving on the GCSAA Research Committee. Darren is excited about a Wetting Agent Evaluation that the Committee recommended to start in Spring 2003. This will be a first on this type of project for GCSAA.

More detailed descriptions of the above projects and a complete list of all the projects funded by the GCSAA are available by contacting the GCSAA Research Department or by checking the GCSAA web site.

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