

# THE GREEN SHEET



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2002-2003 FGCSA Officers as elected at the FGCSA Annual Meeting on August 2nd are (left to right) Dale Walters, CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer; Greg Pheneger, Vice President; David Court, CGCS, President; and Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG, Immediate Past President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 10    | North Florida chapter meeting, Lake City Community College     | Sept. 23 | South Florida chapter meeting, TPC at Eagle Trace  | Oct. 3 & 4 | GCSAA/CFGCSA Regional Seminar, "Spanish for the Golf Course Superintendent" Crowne Plaza, Orlando |
| Sept. 16-18 | FTGA Conference, Hyatt Hotel, Tampa                            | Sept. 28 | FGCSA Annual Chapter Championship, Southern Dunes GC, Haines City                        | Oct. 11    | SFGCSA Missing & Abused Children Tournament, Colony West GC                                       |
| Sept. 16    | Calusa GCSA chapter meeting, Miromar Lakes                     | Oct. 1   | Everglades GCSA Pro/Super, Twin Eagles G&CC  | Oct. 16    | Joint meeting, Treasure Coast and Palm Beach, Boca Rio  |
| Sept. 20    | Central Florida chapter meeting, The Legends G&CC              | Oct. 2   | GCSAA/PBGCSA Regional Seminar, "Seashore Paspalum" Dr. Ronnie Duncan, Palm Beach Gardens | Oct. 17    | Calusa Pro/Super/Supplier, Heritage Palms   |
| Sept. 23    | Treasure Coast chapter's Blue Pearl Tournament, Loxahatchee GC |          |  | Nov. 8     | Suncoast GCSA Seminar, Selby Gardens (See page 7)   |

## President's Message David Court, CGCS

Last year I attended the Everglades Spring Symposium and heard a presentation by Kevin Fletcher of Audubon International. His topic covered the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Since then I knew that one of my goals for the FGCSA would be to try to increase membership and certification in the ACSP.

Why do we need to do this? We need to show our members, employees, our children and even our critics, that we are environmental stewards. I can't think of a better program than ACSP for golf course superintendents to be allied with.

The clubs that have joined ACSP and have become fully certified have made the environment one of their highest priorities. Some of the benefits that can be obtained by following the program are:

1. Less water consumption, less turf maintenance and less chemical use.
2. Provide a needed wildlife habitat.
3. Enhance the beauty of the golf course.
4. Promote a more pro-active environmental achievement.
5. Improve job satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.
6. Educate members, employees, students and interested groups.

7. Economic benefits. (See related article on page 6 of this issue)

In order to become fully certified there are six areas in which courses must meet standards outlined by the program.

- \* Environmental Planning
- \* Wildlife and Habitat Management
- \* Water Conservation and Quality Management
- \* Resource Conservation
- \* Waste Reduction
- \* Outreach and Education

This may sound like a lot of work but it isn't really. Many golf courses have improvement projects going on now that can be documented. If taken one section at a time there is nothing to get uptight about. It's not like taking the test to become a CGCS. You don't have to finish in six hours. Another way of easing the burden is to get other people involved with you. Maybe one of your crew members could be the Audubon leader/technician.

Not having the time or money to do this sounds like a typical excuse. A golf course doesn't need to have a lot of acreage or habitat to get certified. It just needs to have sound environmental management practices documented and implemented. Certified courses range from nine-hole facilities, public, private, resorts and all of



David Court, CGCS

the TPC facilities.

A few facts from a recent survey show:

- \* 80% decreased managed turfgrass
- \* 89% chose native plants in landscape
- \* 77% added areas for butterfly and bird attraction
- \* 56% removed exotic invasive plants

This sounds like things that we have been doing all along.

What's next? We are making plans to host four ACSP full day seminars throughout the state sometime in January 2003. This effort will also be sponsored by the USGA who is a large funding supporter for ACSP.

Our goal will be to walk those who participate through the Environmental Planning Section. At the end of the session you will have the information needed to achieve a Certificate of Achievement in Environmental Planning. One down five to go. I hope those of you who are already certified (59 clubs) will agree that this program is for everyone's benefit; and that you will help support continued growth in the number of certified courses.

We have inserted an ACSP application in this Green Sheet for your convenience. While it is not imperative that you become certified immediately, it is a good goal to set for your club. Certification demonstrates your leadership, commitment, and high standards of environmental management. Please consider joining the ACSP and help our industry to stay proactive and environmentally sound.

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Deadline next issue: October 15.

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

by Joel Jackson

FGCSA Chapter Websites: FGCSA - [www.floridagcsa.com](http://www.floridagcsa.com); Central Florida - [www.cf-gcsa.com](http://www.cf-gcsa.com); Everglades chapter - [www.evergladescsa.com](http://www.evergladescsa.com); and Palm Beach chapter - [www.pbgcsa.com](http://www.pbgcsa.com).

**1. Government Relations:** Methyl Bromide production will be banned after 2005 except for Critical Use Exempted applications. Turfgrass is lagging far behind in being considered a critical use. The GCSAA will be submitting a CUE for the US Golf Industry and is working with Great Western and Hendrix & Dail and its lobbyists in DC in preparing the application. We may need to support the effort with letters of support so, if called, please respond promptly.

**2. Education:** FTGA Conference & Show, Tampa: 7:30 am - 11:30 am Monday, September 16th. 1/2 day GCSAA Seminar. Speaker, Dr. Bob Carrow, U. of GA, his topic - "14 Ways a Green Can Fail." Tuesday, Sept 17th - We will also have a special panel of golf course architects Jan Beljan, Mike Dasher and Ron Garl speaking on golf course design and environmental impacts with emphasis on water use, turf areas, native areas, and maintenance costs. Make plans to attend the 50th Anniversary of the FTGA Conference Sept. 16 - 18 in Tampa.

**3. Research** - The South Florida Turfgrass Program Task Force completed its study of alternative locations for the turf plots in Ft. Lauderdale as that facility is facing almost certain shut-down or drastic downsizing. The group recommended shifting the plots to the Immokalee REC, since it has access, land, and lab & office space and is near a booming golf area.



Mark Henderson, Palm Beach holds winners trophy at 2002 Crowfoot Open. See page 7 for details



## GCSAA Education

### SPANISH FOR THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday & Friday, October 3-4, 2002

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (each day)

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**Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program** - More than ever the potential benefits of Florida golf courses becoming involved as members and especially certified members are growing. State agencies and local governments are looking closer and closer at ways to influence golf course permitting, construction and maintenance. For existing golf courses, joining the ACSP program is a user friendly way of stating that your course is a concerned member of the community and is doing its best for the environment.

The FGCSA in cooperation with the USGA and Audubon International will be presenting 3 or 4 statewide ACSP workshops tentatively scheduled for January 2003. These workshops will walk you through the application process for new members and also the Environmental Planning section of the Certification process for current members ready to move toward full certification.

All attendees will be given workbooks and application forms to take home. The cost for the workshops will be nominal and in conjunction with the low \$150 annual membership fee, it is a bargain to gain the expertise of an environmental organization dedicated to working with golf and not against it.

Beyond the public relations benefit of working with Audubon International, there are realistic economic benefits to following ACSP recommendations and suggestions on making your golf course operations as low impact as possible.

Please see Page 6 of this Green Sheet for an article which has been reprinted from the Carolinas Green for more information.

The Summer 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, August 2nd 2002 at Grand Cypress.

All officers were present. All chapters except Coastal Plains were represented. Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Craig Weyandt - Research Chairman; Joe Ondo - Golf Chairman; Bob Marrino, Seven Rivers GCSA President. Guests were John Foy, USGA and Michael Goldie, Lobbyist.

Geoff Coggan began the board meeting with a moment of silence for Chip Fowkes, Palm Beach GCSA past president who passed away last month. Chip served on the FGCSA Board of Directors as External Vice President for PBGCSA from 1994 through 1996. Chip's course, The Fountains, is planning a fund raiser for Chip's family. After a discussion regarding the ramifications of the FGCSA donating funds to families of deceased members, it was decided — at this time — to restrict gifts to those who served at least a few years on the FGCSA Board of Directors. A motion was made and seconded that the FGCSA donate \$1,000 to the Chip Fowkes Foundation. The motion was approved.

The meeting began with two check presentations to the FGCSA Research Fund. Dale Mitchell of Golf Agronomics presented his annual check for \$3,000. Glen Klauk, North Florida chapter, presented a check for \$5,000 from their annual Research Golf Tournament.

Mike Goldie, FGCSA Lobbyist, gave a brief report on the Florida legislature. He noted that the ERS turfgrass legislation was turned down in the third budget cut process. The budget deficit combined with the cost of some of the proposed Constitutional Amendments will have a detrimental effect on any hope of increasing IFAS funding. Mike is involved with the fundraising golf tournaments for both the Senate and House again this year. He suggested that now is the time to target those legislators— who do not have an election coming up in November— to receive any pro-active information we might have. Mike will send a list to Joel. Later in the meeting Joel noted that the Economic Impact Study is included in the Summer issue of the Florida Green and that we might consider sending a copy to those Florida Senators as recommended by Mike.

John Foy announced that there is very little hope that the Fort Lauderdale Research Center will continue to exist. Phase Out is expected to take a few years before the plots are moved. The Turf Task Force assigned to evaluate locations has recommended the plots be located at the UF/IFAS Immokalee Research Center. Land is available for new turf plots and the SW Florida area is a booming golf area, which can offer support. John encouraged all superintendents to attend one of the USGA Regional Conferences scheduled for November 12th and 14th. He also noted that there are 500 golf courses who have attained certified Audubon status. To try to increase this number, David Court will work with Shelly Foy to plan some Audubon Workshops in the near future.

The minutes of the Spring 2002 Board Meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A report was read from Tim Hiers on the two day Environmental Summit held in Nebraska last month. Tim will continue to work with the GCSAA to form some type of action plan.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Greg Pheneger presented the End of the Year reports for all FGCSA accounts. The statements were approved. The 2002-2003 Operating Budget was approved at \$119,625. The Publications Budget was approved as presented.

**D.O.C. REPORT:** Joel discussed his updated calendar. He reported on methyl bromide, arsenic testing, and BMP's. He noted that the Economic Impact Study is now on the UF/IFAS website. He distributed several informational reprints for Externals to share with their chapter members. Joel will be setting up our FGCSA table top display highlighting the Benefits of Golf at the August 9th fundraiser for the Florida Senate Democrats. He also manned the booth at the Florida House Democrats fundraiser on July 12th. Joel reported that Mike Goldie was very helpful in introducing him to several members of the legislature.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Joel reported on some new formats for the Florida Green and urged all chapters to supply information for a new Chapter Round Up portion of the Spotlight Section. Getting your chapter news into the Florida Green is the responsibility of the External Vice President.

The approved Publications Budget shows that the combination of our three revenue producing publications: Florida Green, Green Sheet and Directory are holding their own. The Membership Directory advertising looks strong again this year and chapter secretaries are urged to get their membership lists in to the FGCSA office as soon as possible. The format for the 2002/2003 directory will remain the same as last year. Boca Lago will be on the cover.

**AWARDS:** Darren Davis reported that this year's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Bob Sanderson, for his work in organizing and helping to establish the Florida GCSA chapter, the Everglades chapter and the Calusa chapter. Darren urged chapters to submit a letter of support for your candidate next year to assist the committee in making an informed choice.

**EDUCATION:** John Lamrsh reported that he will attempt to get Tommy Witt to speak at the Poa seminar next year under the Superintendent Leadership Series seminar approved for us by the GCSAA. This year's Poa seminar was well attended and Dr. Max Utsler put on a great presentation. John again asked for the names of each chapter's Education Chairman and urged chapters to inform him of any planned Regional Seminars in your chapter. Joel noted that the GCSAA seminar to be presented by Dr. Bob Carrow at the FTGA will be held on Monday, September 16th to begin at 7:30 a.m. The start-time was misprinted in the brochure so please inform your chapter of this early start time. CEU's will be awarded.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Two applicants were considered for Lifetime Membership. Jim Miller was approved by the Suncoast chapter but Bob Scharbert was turned down by the South Florida chapter because he did not meet the qualification of being a superintendent for 25 years.

Joe Pantaleo distributed extra copies of each chapter's list of non-member clubs in their chapter area. He again reminded all chapters that they must make sure everyone who has paid their chapter dues is reported to the FGCSA office so that these members will be listed as members of the Florida GCSA. The first list is due by August 10th and then monthly updates should continue to be sent in

**GOLF:** Joe Ondo reported that the Crowfoot will be played on Sunday with pretty much a full field for the 27 holes. The winner of the Crowfoot will join Robert Harper on the Florida team to play in the GCSAA Championship at Hilton Head in February. The 3rd member of the team will be the winner of the FGCSA Chapter Championship to be played at Southern Dunes on September 28th. Players may qualify as either a member of a chapter team or as an individual. Joe also reported that the GCSAA is looking for golf courses to be used for the 2005 Tournament.

**RESEARCH:** Craig Weyandt reported that he has not been in contact with Steve Pearson or Steve Kuhn regarding Gary Pederson's current status. Craig will report on Gary's review at the Fall Meeting.

David Court read from the minutes of the recent FTGA Research Foundation meeting wherein four projects were approved to be submitted to the full FTGA board for approval. They are:

1. Evaluation of Nitrogen Leaching from St. Augustinegrass Lawns for BMP Verification," John Cisar/George Snyder, \$7,500
2. Pasteuria for Biological Control of Sting Nematode in Turfgrass, "Robin Giblin-Davis, \$26,032 - 2 year
3. Residential Irrigation Management as a Water Quantity Best Management Practice, Michael D. Dukes, Grady L. Miller, \$11,500 — 2 year
4. Evaluation of Alternative Methodes for Nematode Management on Turf,"William Crow, \$31,243. 2 year

Other projects that were submitted had to be turned down due to lack of funds. Two projects that the committee liked included the "Biological Control of White Grubs in Florida" and "Effects of Organic Matter on Soil Efficacy of Soil Insecticides on Chinch Bugs."


**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Dale Walters presented a pro-active project that the FGCSA might want to consider. He suggested setting up a tent at Florida pro and tour and senior golf events to let the golfing public know who we are. The local chapter could man the tent where the events are held. John Lammrigh noted that the LPGA has one event in Florida and he could look into the cost to display at the tournament. Glen Klauk noted that his concept of being pro-active leans more to cleaning up our image rather than trying to promote our image by throwing dollars at it. The idea was tabled until John Lammrigh gets an idea of the costs involved.

**IFAS:** Joel reported on the South Florida Turfgrass Program Task Force (See John Foy's comments above). The #1 recommendation was to keep the turf plots in Fort Lauderdale; #2 was Immokalee and is the likely location for the move.

**FTGA:** Joel reported that the GCSAA seminar would be held at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, September 16th. The golf tournament will be played at Sun City on Monday with the Corn Boil Monday night. Joel will moderate the Golf Concurrent Session on Tuesday morning. Dr. Tom Morgan will be the featured speaker at the Luncheon on Tuesday. Elections at the Luncheon will include Bobby Ellis for President; Jan Beljan for Vice President and Tom Wells for Secretary/Treasurer. Ray Carruthers will be stepping down due to health concerns. Tradeshow will be open from 1:30 - 6:30 on Tuesday with President's Reception and Vendor Hospitality scheduled for that evening. The trade show will be open Wednesday morning until 11:00 a.m.

**GCSAA:** David Court reported on his travel to Kansas for the GCSAA Leadership Conference. He encouraged all chapters to submit a representative to the GCSAA for one of these worth while conferences. The Florida reception at the GCSAA Conference in Atlanta will be on Thursday evening, February 13th at one of the host hotels.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Darren Davis spoke on the eight hour Spokesperson Training Sessions. He suggested that the FGCSA fund these sessions at various local chapters. The speaker fee is \$1,500 plus expenses for each session. It was also suggested that we might hold a Session for Externals on the day before one of our board meeting. A motion was made that the FGCSA fund three separate Spokesperson Training Sessions. The motion was approved.



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## Education

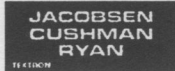
### SEASHORE PASPALUM MANAGEMENT ON GOLF COURSES

**Wednesday, October 2, 2002**  
**8:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Palm Beach Gardens Marriott**  
**Palm Beach Gardens, FL**

**Member Fee: \$130**  
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Textbook: "Seashore Paspalum: The Environmental Turfgrass", \$58, Required

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## Sanctuary Program Saves Money Too

By Peter Stangel, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
(Reprinted from Carolina Green)

Many of you recognize the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP) as something you can do to help the environment. That is certainly true but ACSP can also help your bottom line by saving you money on fertilizers, pesticides, water, and staff time devoted to turf management. In their recently released report Environmental Improvement on Golf Courses Audubon International presents the remarkable results from their 2000-2001 Managed Lands Survey. If the information from this report doesn't convince you to join ACSP, I don't know what will.

As of July 1, 2001, Audubon International reports that 2,134 golf courses across the U.S. were enrolled in the ACSP. This represents about 12 percent of all courses in the country, according to data from the National Golf Foundation. So better than one in 10 courses are participating, a remarkable achievement in itself. Of the courses enrolled, 290 have achieved designation as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries, the premier level of participation.

*(Editors note - Out of 1300-1400 courses, Florida has around 260 ACSP courses and 60 are fully certified. We can do better! Please consider using the enclosed ACSP application.)*

To learn more about how their participants were doing, Audubon International mailed a survey to all their golf course members, 470 of which responded. In the area of chemical use reduction and safety, the survey revealed that golf courses participating in the ACSP have been able reduce pesticide and fertilizer use without significantly compromising quality of play or member satisfaction. Of the courses responding to the survey:

- \* 89 percent improved cultural control methods to decrease the need for chemical use;
- \* 82 percent actually did reduce pesticide use;
- \* 92 percent shifted to pesticides with lower toxicity levels;
- \* 75 percent reduced pesticide costs;

\* 85 percent increased use of slow-release fertilizers; and

\* 74% increased use of organic fertilizers.

The results for water quality and water conservation are equally impressive. Given that water is becoming an increasingly precious commodity, the ACSP offers clear benefits to golf course managers. Of the courses responding to the survey:

\* 89 percent improved their irrigation systems or the way that water is applied;

\* 69 percent decreased water usage;

\* 60 percent reduced water costs;

Golf courses saved an estimated 1.9 million gallons of water per year per course since joining the ACSP.

In the wildlife and habitat management arena, many courses enhanced habitat for native wildlife that not only contributed to broader natural resource conservation efforts, but that also made the playing experience more enjoyable for their members. Of the courses responding:

\* 80 percent decreased managed turfgrass to increase wildlife habitat;

\* 89 percent now choose native plants when landscaping, compared to 49 percent before joining the ACSP;

\* 56 percent removed exotic, invasive plants;

\* 77 percent added gardens for birds and butterflies;

\* 55 percent increased emergent vegetation in golf course ponds; and

\* the average acreage devoted to providing wildlife habitat increased from 45 - 67 following participation in the program.

Combining the results from all participants, more than 40,214 acres of wildlife habitat are provided on the golf courses, an increase of nearly 10,000 acres due to ACSP participation.

If you are worried about what your members will think about participation in the

ACSP and what it means for their golf experience, here is what the survey revealed:

\* 99 percent reported playing quality has been improved (50 percent) or been maintained (49 percent);

\* 99 percent found that golfer satisfaction has improved (66 percent) or been maintained (34 percent); and

\* 99 percent of superintendents reported that their job satisfaction has improved (49 percent) or been maintained (49 percent).

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So, what is the bottom line? According to your peers, the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program reduces the negative impact of certain management practices on the environment, and helps courses contribute to broader natural resource conservation goals. It helps reduce water use, saves money, and enhances the playing experience. The real question is, what are you waiting for?

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For more information about ACSP, visit their website at [www.audubonintl.org](http://www.audubonintl.org) or write for a copy of the Environmental Improvement on Golf Courses report: Audubon International, 46 Rarick Road, Selkirk, NY 12158. Or call (518) 767-9051.

### Florida GCSA Chapter Team Tournament

All FGCSA chapters have received the registration form for the 2002 FGCSA Chapter Team Championship to be held at Southern Dunes on Saturday, September 28th. Chapter teams can be composed of up to five members. Individual FGCSA members are also invited to participate. Low gross wins a spot on the FGCSA Team for the GCSAA Championship at Hilton Head in February 2003.

Registration forms for chapters or individual golfers are available from the FGCSA office at 800-732-6053.

## 2002 Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open

Grand Cypress Golf Club hosted the 26th Annual Crowfoot Open. The North, South and East nines were ready for an 8:00 AM shotgun start on August 4th with 164 players hoping they had brought their "A" games to the competition.

When the last divot had been hacked, Mark Henderson birdied five of his last six holes to card a fine 69 to edge out defending champion Chris Cartin by two shots in the Low Gross Superintendent Division. Cartin redeemed himself by taking Low Net Honors with a +5 in the Stableford points competition. Other top individuals were: Gross Division - Robert Parmer (2nd) and Dave Quinn (3rd). Net Division - Bruce Kosmer (2nd) and Brett Harris (3rd). Henderson now joins Bob Harper (Poa winner) as qualifiers for FGCSA's national team.

In the Commercial Division, the Low Gross winner was Keith Nicoletta followed by Gary Wilhelm (2nd) and Ken Ezell (3rd). Net Division winners in order were: Tom Diggens, Fred Marshall and Rich Skorepa. Meanwhile the Central Florida team of Chris Cartin, Bruce Kosmer, Brett Harris and Kevin Rotti successfully defended the chapter team title with a 10 shot win over the Ridge and Palm Beach Chapters.

Special thanks to all our sponsors and especially to our presenting sponsors Harrell's Fertilizer, Howard Fertilizer, and Lesco for their extra support of the reception, tournament and after-golf luncheon. We'd also like to thank all the players and spouses who participated.

Tournament Chairman Tom Alex and his superintendents, Jeff Clark, Jim Sullivan and Pat Gibaratz and the golf maintenance staff had the courses in excellent condition. It's always a pleasure to play a great golf course and Grand Cypress is one of the best. If you didn't win something on the golf course or at the reception raffle, I still hope you enjoyed the fine facilities and camaraderie.

We can't sign off without a big thank you to Lisa McDowell, Tommy's assistant, and her parents Jan and Bob Lloyd who take care of all the invitations, registration, and sponsor details behind the scenes to make this a successful event. The remainder of the Crowfoot Committee providing sponsor contacts and follow up were Joel Jackson, Dwight Kummer, Stuart Leventhal and, yours truly, Joe Ondo.

**Editor's Note:** At the Saturday night reception, Tom Alex gave an eloquent tribute to former Crowfoot Chairman and Disney Superintendent Larry Kamphaus for whom the event was renamed. Tom recounted Larry's career and his contribu-



Tom Alex (left) presents Larry Kamphaus Award to Joe Ondo

tions to the Central Florida golf industry. Since Larry's passing in 1997 the Crowfoot Committee has annually presented the Larry Kamphaus Award to those in the business who exemplify those traits modeled by Larry including service to the industry and the association. This year's recipient was a totally surprised and most deserving Joe Ondo who has unselfishly given his time and service to our profession.

### Suncoast Chapter Brings Dr. Beard to Sarasota

Dr. James Beard, the nationally recognized dean of researchers on golf courses will be the featured speaker at a seminar for golf course maintenance professionals in Sarasota Friday, November 8. Dr. Beard will give in-depth presentations on management of the newer bermudagrasses and water management, both topics of prime interest to superintendents and their staffs.

The all-day seminar will be held in the education center at Selby Botanical Gardens on beautiful Sarasota Bay. It is sponsored jointly by the Sarasota County Extension Service and the Suncoast Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Other speakers include Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida who will discuss proper care of trees on golf courses; Dr. Lee Berndt, head of the golf course operations instructional program at Edison College who will present "Pest Management to Enhance Water Quality" and Scott Montgomery, Emergency Medical Specialist, who will provide practical information on "Dealing with Medical Emergencies on the Golf Course".

The cost for the program with advanced registration is \$50 which includes a notebook with all speaker handouts, continental breakfast, and catered lunch. PDU's and CEU's will be awarded by GCSAA. Registration information may be requested by emailing Michael Holsinger at Sarasota Co. Extension at: [mjhr@mail.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:mjhr@mail.ifas.ufl.edu). You may contact him at (941) 316-1000.



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## RICK WISE JOINS GOLF VENTURES AS TERRITORY MANAGER

Lakeland, Florida-Golf Ventures is pleased to announce the addition of Rick Wise as Territory Manager for the Brevard, Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. John's counties. Rick comes to Golf Ventures from Indian River Club in Vero Beach where he was Golf Course Superintendent. We feel his experience will be a great asset to the Golf Ventures Team.

Rick has over 28 years experience in the Turf and Ornamental Industry with 20 years as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Rick received his AS degree from Lake City Community College. Rick and his wife Monica have one son Jonathon, who is 16 and they reside in Palm Ceast, Florida.

Rick was in charge of all construction and maintenance of The PGA of America's PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie from 1994-2000. Rick served as vice president of the Treasure Coast Chapter and is a founding member of the Ridge Chapter. Rick received the GCSAA Environmental Service Award for the Public Course of the Florida Region in 1996.

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### USGA and FGCSA to Sponsor Audubon International Workshops

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