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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



Central Florida GCSA team wins team division at the FGCSA Golf Championship at Southern Dunes GC.  
From Left: Robert Parmar, Joe Ondo, Jim Lawrence and Chris Cartin. Not pictured - Joel Brownsberger. See page 5.

## Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 3  | Remodeling University Short Course, Bear Lakes CC  | Nov. 20      | USGA Regional Seminar, Palm Beach Gardens. See page 6. | Dec. 16     | Treasure Coast/Palm Beach joint meeting, Jupiter Island                          |
| Nov. 4  | North Florida GCSA chapter meeting, Deerwood CC. Education: "Ultradwarf vs. Tifdwarf: Has the Jury Reached a Verdict?" | Nov. 23      | PBGCSA Football Outing, Dolphins vs. Redskins          | Dec. 18     | West Coast GCSA Vendors Appreciation Day, USF                                    |
| Nov. 4  | West Coast chapter meeting, Bloomingdale GC  | Dec. 1       | NFGCSA Christmas Golf Tournament, San Jose CC          | Feb. 9 - 14 | GCSAA Conference & Show, San Diego, California                                   |
| Nov. 6  | Calusa GCSA meeting, Cypress Lakes GC, Ft. Myers   | Dec. 5       | Treasure Coast Christmas Party, Gator Trace GC         | Feb. 12     | Florida Reception at GCSAA Convention, Wyndham Hotel at Emerald Plaza, San Diego |
| Nov. 7  | LCCC Alumni Tournament, Raptor Bay GC.   | Dec. 5       | Calusa GCSA Christmas Cruise - Member and guest.       |             |  |
| Nov. 13 | Everglades GCSA Dinner Meeting, Naples National  | Dec. 6       | SFGCSA Christmas Party, Hollywood Beach CC             |             |  |
| Nov. 13 | Ridge chapter tour of Jahna Sand Mine  | Dec. 12      | Everglades chapter Christmas Tournament, LaPlaya GC    |             |  |
| Nov. 18 | Suncoast chapter meeting, Waterlefe  | Dec. 12 - 13 | Suncoast Christmas weekend, Boca Grande                |             |  |
|         |  | Dec. 13      | Palm Beach GCSA Christmas Party. Emerald Dunes CC      |             |  |

### FTGA Regional Turf Conferences: (see page 7 for more information)

- Jan. 13 Mid-Florida - Orlando
- Jan. 15 Tampa Bay - Tampa
- Jan. 20 Southeast - Lake Worth
- Jan. 21 Dade/Broward - Miami
- Jan. 22 Southwest - Fort Myers
- Jan. 29 North Florida - Jacksonville
- Feb. 3 Gulf Coast - Milton

## President's Message Greg Pheneger

The MSMA and Arsenic issue is beginning to surface throughout several sectors of the media. Articles have appeared in the Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel and the Naples News. A report was aired on the CBS affiliate station broadcasted out of West Palm Beach.

Reporters have called upon several local superintendents for interviews regarding this topic. The reporters want to speak to local superintendents, not the FGCSA Director of Communications or an officer who is not near the target audience. The reporter wants their audience to see the perceived problem as being close to home.

The local chapters should develop a plan for communicating with the media. Each chapter should select a superintendent well versed, knowledgeable and willing to answer questions. Dr. Tom Morgan presents a class on dealing with the media. The FGCSA has budgeted monies to support two meetings this year to be utilized by local chapters. Last year the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast chapters took advantage of this program. If your chapter has a desire to take advantage of this opportunity, you should choose a

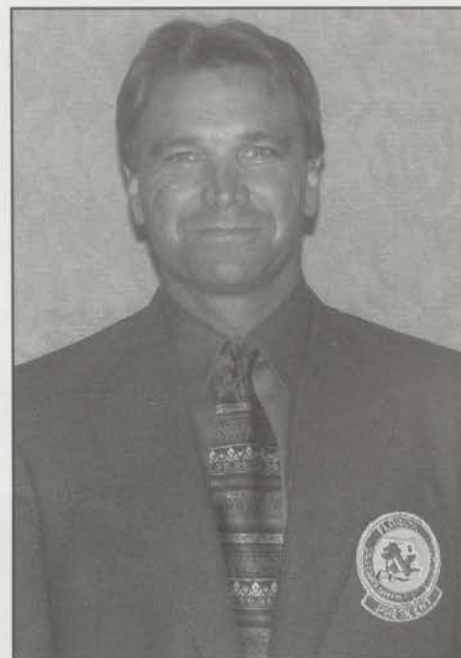
date soon, because it is on a first come first serve basis.

The educational opportunities were abundant at the 2003 Florida Turfgrass Association Conference in Tampa. The entire board and committees have done an excellent job of organizing the best and most convenient opportunities for education available anywhere. I left my hotel room and not more than two minutes later I was receiving great education at a very minimal cost to my club. My hats are off to the FTGA and if you missed the show, shame on you, but don't make the same mistake next year.

Membership in most of the chapters is down from previous years. The total for the state is a loss of 29 members. This may not seem like a lot, but a loss of one member means one less individual receiving valuable information on the issues facing our industry.

Most of the revenue for operations is derived from the dues paid from each chapter. This area must be reviewed to ensure that we are serving all superintendents to the best of our abilities while keeping in mind that we all have other job responsibilities.

As an organization, are we going out of our way to promote each other? Do we make the new guy on the block feel welcome and



*Greg Pheneger*

wanted? These questions and how to promote membership has been discussed at the State Board Meeting. The Board is looking at reducing the cost for an assistant superintendent's membership. A promotional campaign should be devised to accompany a reduction or the effort will be useless. A telephone survey will be conducted to determine the needs of present members now and in the future.

The USGA Regional Conference is scheduled for November 20th at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. The event is always well attended by representatives from all sides of the industry. Club Members; General Managers; Green Committee Members; Golf Pros and Superintendents generally attend the meeting. The education is excellent and Shelly and John usually have at least one speaker that tends to get the audience riled up.

The tourist season is now upon us and I hope that each and every one of you have gotten all of your priorities in order. The rains of the summer produced the weeds of the fall that are now so hard to control.

Good luck and I hope to see you all very soon.

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

by Joel Jackson

**1. Government Regulations: MSMA/ Arsenic** – There have been 3 newspaper stories on the Miami/Dade DERM report on high arsenic readings in samples from five municipal courses. They have been fairly balanced but do contain and repeat the concerns over a possible link of the high arsenic levels to the use of MSMA on golf courses. As the debate continues, the City of Naples is moving forward with more testing of the city's potable drinking water wells, and shallow waste water monitoring wells used to track any effects from using reclaimed water for irrigation. Six of the nine wells tested as of last week showed arsenic levels that exceeded the federal level of concern. The Dept. of Ag and Consumer Services is working with us to set up a meeting of those courses and local authorities to discuss MSMA practices and course history to determine what if any effect MSMA is having on those sample results.

**Sarasota County Golf Ordinance** – In my last update on the Sarasota County Golf Course Design and Performance Standards my comments were intended to alert and call attention to the need of golf course owners, through you the superintendents, to get engaged in your counties with the regulators and commissioners who often take action focused on golf courses merely out of the "concerns" that golf courses are somehow inherently harmful to the environment and public health.

What I did not make abundantly clear was that the golf industry representatives who sat on the Ad Hoc Committee that discussed the proposed regulations with the county and other stakeholders worked hard and successfully to bring real world information to the discussion and did in fact help to change attitudes and the language of the ordinance in many cases.

These gentlemen: Jed Azinger, Tom Carlson, George Cook and Chip Powell did exactly what I would hope local citizens and golf industry spokespersons would do. They tried to educate and bring facts to the discussion. In no way were my comments and concerns intended to slight or ignore their participation or impact to the process.

It is my opinion however that counties and regulators embark on these regulatory ventures not based on any factual basis that golf courses are truly causing an environmental problem in the area, but rather in reaction to "environmentalist's" biased complaints and decades of the media's cavalier characterization of golf as a "big water user" and "dumping of chemicals and fertilizers."

However, while that attitude or bias may be true. We must acknowledge that we can and must do better. Our industry gets tainted by the actions of our weakest links and they are out there taking short cuts and not making improvements to mix/load and storage facilities, and not keeping maintenance facilities neat and organized – accidents and violations waiting to happen. There is ample evidence and reams of information on IPM, BMPs, and the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and the fact when implemented they can save money and protect the environment.

The best of all worlds is when we voluntarily embark down those paths and not have to deal with a new layer of laws and regulations. We don't need 67 county golf ordinances. I would challenge the state's Ag Inspectors do be a little tougher during their visits and enforce current regulations. More formal and official citations with dates to comply might convince owners to provide the resources to correct some of those worst case scenarios that we know exist. Owners should not feel comfortable telling superintendents, "We'll do something about the( mix/load pad, wash pad, storage room) when and if they come after us."

**Water:** Mike Goldie reported that the Florida Council of 100, an organization of influential businessmen, was looking seriously at proposing a state water authority that would supercede/control the allocation and distribution of water resources over the five regional water management districts. It would appear that this initiative is designed to favor and assist growth and development industries to circumvent local water restrictions. Expect to hear more on this topic. There are some serious considerations on both sides. I would hope that the Council might focus more on the funding and building of alternative water resources like desalinization plants along

the coastal areas before considering statewide pipelines to pump water from place to place except to make up for severe infrastructure failures and critical water shortages for health and sanitation.

**2. Allied Associations:** In a mutual agreement to improve communications on issues between owners and superintendent associations, I have written two articles for the Florida Golf Course Owners Association's bi-monthly newsletter Florida Golf Business Journal. You will see FGCOA Director Bill Stine's article in the Fall issue of the Florida Green. Bill talks about how he considers superintendents one of the most likely and qualified people on staff to become a General Manager at a golf course.

**FTGA:** We'd like to add our congratulations to Dr. Jerry Sartain and Sandy Hayden for the Wreath of Grass Awards presented at the 2003 FTGA Conference in Tampa. Dr. Sartain has been a stellar and tireless researcher and educator in soil science and fertility and nutrient programs and fate of fertilizers for several decades. We are better turf managers because of his work and enthusiasm for our industry.

Sandy Hayden sent us a thank you note, which I have passed along to all the Chapter External Vice Presidents. Ever since Jeff Hayden's untimely death earlier this year, the Seven Rivers GCSA, the FGCSA and the University of Florida have shown their respect and appreciation for Jeff's contributions. The posthumous awarding of the Wreath of Grass was the FTGA's tribute to Jeff's love and service for his fellow superintendents and our industry.

Another superlative veteran turf industry leader was recognized at the Conference. Dr. Bob Rehberg was given a Lifetime Achievement Award. Anyone who ever used a Vigoro or Par Ex fertilizer knows the time and effort, Bob has put into the golf industry and the FTGA. We all thank you for sharing your knowledge and friendship with us over the years.

**3. Education:** 2003 USGA Green Section Regional Seminar: Due to budgetary constraints there will only be one

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USGA Green Section in Florida this year. The traditionally well attended session will be held again in West Palm Beach at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott Hotel just off I-95. The second session which has rotated between Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville has had fluctuating attendance over the years, so the second session has been dropped this year. Florida Pesticide credits and GCSAA Education Points will be available for this event. See program agenda elsewhere in this issue.

**4. Media/Public Relations:** In the course of the media coverage of the Pesticide Review Council meeting and subsequent stories on MSMA and arsenic, I gave two phone interviews with reporters from the Naples News and South Florida Sun Sentinel. It is important for you to know that Dr. Dennis Howard of the Bureau of Pesticides of the Dept. of Ag and Consumer Services (DOACS) has worked with us/me for five years now providing heads up alerts and sharing information on the progress on the issues. I have in turn passed along his communications to the chapters via your External Vice Presidents and State Officers.

With regard to the MSMA issue, Dr. Howard and DOACS has diligently worked to provide a united front on this issue. Dr. Howard shared his interview responses with me so we would know the state's position on the issue and we could respond accordingly. Building and maintaining working relationships with state and local officials is mandatory in getting our facts presented on critical issues. I can never stress enough the benefits of making contact with your local regulators and county staff before a crisis erupts to defuse possible adversarial positions, and instead become a resource to address a concern.

**5. DOC/Editor Upcoming Events, Travel, Deadlines and Tasks**

- 10/22 DOACS- MSMA Meeting, Lee County Extension Office, Ft. Myers
- 10/24 FGCSA Fall Board Meeting, Orlando
- 10/25 CREW Tournament, Bonita Bay East, Naples
- 10/27 GCSAA Regional Seminar, Orlando
- 11/7 LCCC Alumni Tournament, Raptor Bay, Naples
- 11/10 Florida Golf Central Magazine Deadline, December 2003 issue
- 11/20 USGA Regional Seminar, Palm Beach Gardens Marriott Hotel
- 11/20 Golfdom Magazine Deadline, January 2004 issue
- 12/5 Florida Green Winter 2004 Issue Deadline
- 12/10 Florida Golf Central Magazine Deadline, January 2004 issue
- 12/15 Green Sheet Deadline, Jan/Feb 2004 issue
- 12/20 Golfdom Magazine Deadline, February 2004 issue

**Is Your Turf Care Facility "The Site of an Accident Waiting to Happen"?**

By David Oatis, Director; Jim Skorulski and Jim Baird, Agronomists

These were the words of the prosecutor in a recent court case in Australia that convicted the Warringah Golf Club and their former superintendent of criminal negligence. A pesticide used on the golf course was discharged from a spray tank onto an uncontained concrete wash pad that drained into a nearby creek. Contamination of the waterway resulted in the deaths of an estimated 10,000 fish and numerous waterfowl.

Could this happen on your golf course? Do you have a dilapidated turf care facility and pesticide storage and containment areas that do not conform to environmental regulations? According to the legal brief in the aforementioned case: "The evidence shows that a draft environmental policy and a master plan for the golf course were essentially not acted upon. Furthermore, the President has given evidence that the board had in recent years focused on other matters in the belief that they had no responsibility in respect of environmental matters and that it was entitled to delegate such responsibilities to management employees."

So ultimately who was responsible? The Club was ordered to pay approximately \$600,000 in fines, court fees, and costs of cleanup as well as installation of proper pesticide storage and handling facilities. The superintendent was sentenced to community service, had to pay substantial legal fees, and lost his job.

If your facility needs improvement, now is the time to take the necessary measures to protect our environment and the game of golf. Consult your state or local environmental regulatory agencies for information on standards and specifications regarding the safe storage and handling of chemicals on the golf course.

Source: Jim Baird, [jbaird@usga.org](mailto:jbaird@usga.org)

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**Editor's Note:** Recently articles about arsenic levels on golf courses noted that 17 and 46 containers of MSMA were found at a couple of courses in South Florida when local officials were checking on the use of MSMA on or near city well fields.

With the MSMA issue out there in the media, we might expect an increased level of scrutiny of golf course maintenance operations. It does not take big bucks to keep a shop neat, clean and organized and first impressions are lasting ones. Make sure you are cleaning and recycling the empty containers properly and regularly.

Also, stockpiling chemicals in large quantities these days is asking for trouble. Suppliers make regular deliveries. Ask them to store it if you buy in quantity at a sale price.

If your mix/load or wash rack area need attention. See to it. You don't want to be on the six o'clock news. Get your owners up to speed on the MSMA/arsenic issue.

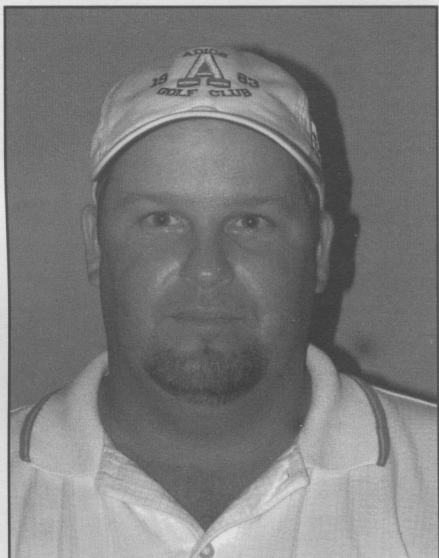
## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual FGCSA Chapter Team Championship

Rain, lightning, and sunshine were in the mix for all superintendents from seven state chapters who competed at Southern Dunes on September 27<sup>th</sup> for yearly chapter bragging rights.

After a few delays, the Central Florida chapter came out on top by one shot over South Florida and Palm Beach. Members on the winning team were: Joe Ondo, Jimmy Lawrence, Robert Parmar, Joel Brownsberger, and Chris Cartin. Low gross honors and a spot on the state team was Steve Bernard with a 73. Second was Robert Parmar with a 74. Low net was won by Jimmy Lawrence with a 70 in a match of cards with Dobie McManus. Low net team honors went to the Palm Beach chapter by one shot over the Ridge.

Joining Steve on the state team in San Diego, California in February will be Seth Strickland (Poa Annua winner), Robert Parmar (Crowfoot Open winner) and Mark Henderson, low average in 2 out of 3 events.

Special thanks to host superintendent Scott Scamehorn and his staff for a great golf course to play this event on and host professional Kevin Woodard and his staff for help scoring and organizing this event.



Steve Bernard, Adios GC, shoots a 73 to win 2003 FGCSA Golf Championship



The M&E Tournament Committee surrounds Nancy McBride and her assistant as they present a check for \$18,000 for the Missing & Exploited Children's South Florida chapter.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Association Benefit Tournament a Resounding Success

Tamarac, FL – October 20, 2003, -For the last 18 years, the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association (S.F.G.C.S.A.) has sponsored a golf tournament to benefit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children/Florida Branch (NCMEC/FL). To date, the tournaments have raised over \$177,000 to support local Florida programs. On October 10, 2003, the donation exceeded \$195,000 with the tremendous success of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament held at Colony West Country Club in Tamarac, Florida.

"Twenty one 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 and Executive Director of the Florida Branch. "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 McBride. "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 committee members, Bill Entwistle, Bob Klitz, Bill McKee, Jim Goins, Dale Kuehner, Bryan Singleton, and Bill Rayside, were presented with baskets commemorating nineteen years of support for NCMEC.

For more information about NCMEC, contact them toll-free, 24 hours a day at 1-800-THE-LOST or visit their website at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

## 2003 USGA REGIONAL CONFERENCE Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

### Palm Beach Gardens, Marriott Hotel

#### Morning Session – 8:00 – 12:00 pm

Moderator: John Foy, Director, Florida Region, USGA Green Section

- 7:00 REGISTRATION – Coffee and Danish
- 8:00 WELCOMING REMARKS  
Roger Harvie, Director; Southeastern Regional Affairs, Viera, Florida
- 8:15 THE FUTURE OF TURFGRASS NEMATODE MANAGEMENT  
William T. (Billy) Crow - Landscape Nematologist, UFL, Gainesville, Florida
- 9:00 BIRDIES AND BIRDS; WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR BIRDS  
Greg Braun, President, Martin County Audubon, Stuart, Florida
- 9:45 BREAK
- 10:00 WILDLIFE ISSUES ON GOLF COURSES  
David Hitzig, Executive Director; Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Jupiter, Florida
- 10:45 SLIPPERY WHEN WET – TIPS AND TRICKS TO USING THE NEW ALS INHIBITING HERBICIDES  
J. Bryan Unruh, Ph.D; Extension Turfgrass Specialist, UFL, Milton, Florida
- 12:00 LUNCH

#### Afternoon Session 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Moderator – John Foy, Director, Florida Region, USGA Green Section

- 1:00 TOP TEN THINGS A PLAINTIFF'S LAWYER LOOKS FOR IN A DISCHARGE & TEN GREAT WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CLUB AND LESSEN LAWSUITS  
Stuart Charlson, Esq., WCEA, Inc., Tampa, Florida
- 2:00 SHORTENING THE LEARNING CURVE: A GREEN COMMITTEE HANDBOOK  
Greg Pheneger, President, FGCSA, Golf Course Manager, Johns Island Club
- 2:30 2004 CHANGES IN THE RULES OF GOLF  
Roger Harvie, Director, Southeastern Regional Affairs, USGA, Viera, Florida
- 3:00 FACE LIFT OR LETDOWN: REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS FOR RENOVATION  
Todd Lowe, Agronomist, USGA Green Section, Rotonda West, Florida
- 3:30 THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ORGANIC – MSMA USE AND BEHAVIOR IN GOLF COURSES  
Michal Eldan, Ph.D., MAA Research Task Force Chair, Washington, DC
- 4:00 ADJOURN

For further information and registration forms, contact Shelly Foy, USGA Green Section at 772-546-2620 or sfoy@usga.org

## Treasure Coast Blue Pearl Tournament Raises \$20,000

Once again, the Treasure Coast chapter has hosted a successful Blue Pearl Tournament.

This year's event was held on September 22nd at The Medalist Club in Hobe Sound. Tim Rappach had the golf course hard and fast and in great shape. The Pro Shop staff went out of their way to make everyone feel more like members than guests for the day.

First place Gross went to the team of Roy MacDonald, Mark Henderson, Dan Shea and David Oliver. Second Gross team was Matt Lochotzki, Steve Bernard, Tyler Warner and Terry Kennelly.

Special guest host, Greg Norman, spoke on the merits of the GCSAA with many complements to the work that Superintendents do for the golf industry. Thanks to the Medalist Club, to our presenting sponsor Hector Turf, and to the 114 golfers, the proceeds from this year's 10th Annual Blue Pearl Tournament were approximately \$20,000. Proceeds will be donated to The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools and educational programs to heighten children's environmental awareness.

## 40th Annual Bud Quandt Tournament

The Florida West Coast GCSA held their 40th annual Bud Quandt Golf Tournament at Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club on Oct. 4, 2003. Thanks to host superintendent Bill Kistler and his staff for having the golf course in outstanding condition.

The golf tournament was a tremendous success! Over \$,9000.00 was raised for turfgrass research and student scholarships. The tournament was a sellout due to the tremendous support of all our generous industry members as well as our superintendents.

The FWCGCSA would like to sincerely thank all our participants for their generous support! We look forward to next year's event to be held on October 11, 2004 to be an even greater success.

## Florida Turfgrass Assn. Conference & Show

The Florida Turfgrass Association's 51st Annual Conference and Tradeshow had something for everyone at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tampa on Sept. 8th - 10th.

After the golf tournament, fishing tournament, the tours and the corn boil on Monday, the attendees settled down to education and the Trade Show on Tuesday. In addition to the awards given out at the Annual Board Meeting, the FTGA elected new officers as follows: Jan Beljan, President; Tom Wells, Vice President; and Matt Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer. Board of Directors include Ken Glover, Buddy Keene, Christy Lyle, Rick Wats, Alan Puckett and Joe Welch.

Wednesday was a short day with the Trade Show ending at noon. It was a quick and pleasant 2 and 1/2 days full of education, good food and plenty of quality time with peers. If you passed up the Show this year, don't make the same mistake next year!

### Condolences

**Paul Bundschu**, owner of Harvest Publishing and friend of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association as well as the Florida Turfgrass Association, passed away on October 13th. His sudden death was a tremendous loss to his family and to our turfgrass family as well. Paul has been the publisher for the FTGA's *Florida Turf Digest* for many years.

Larry Kieffer, publisher of our own *Florida Green* magazine, has had a loss in his family as his mother passed away in October after a long struggle. Betty Kieffer graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in social work. She worked in that field for almost 25 years and spent her later years volunteering in her community. Larry has been our publications manager and consultant since 1989.

**Dr. Ed Freeman**, Professor Emeritus (Plant Science-Pathology) University of Florida passed away last month. Dr. Freeman served at UF as a professor of turfgrass pathology and represented the FTGA as Turf Coordinator for many years.

Please keep these families in your thoughts.

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- Jan. 22 Southwest - Fort Myers - TECO Arena
- Jan. 29 North Florida - Jacksonville - Duval County Extension
- Feb. 3 Gulf Coast - Milton - Santa Rosa County Auditorium

This year's topics will include Herbicide label updates; adjuvants and tank mixing; groundwater and pesticide issues; pesticide safety, and much more! Supplier and vendor representatives from all major manufacturers will be on hand to answer your chemical questions.

Sponsorships are available for one location only, three locations, or all seven locations. Sponsors have the option of appearing in the handout packet and/or having a table top display at the sponsored conference sites. Call the FTGA office for more information on sponsor opportunities.

As always, conference attendees will receive CEU credits in O&T, L&O and CORE categories, the latest in technical information and literature from our sponsors. Registration costs also cover lunch and coffee breaks, with discounts for early registration, and multiple attendees from the same organization. Look for your registration brochure in the mail soon or call the FTGA Conference Coordinator at 800-882-6721 to receive one.

### 2004 FGCSA Membership Directory

The 2004 FGCSA Membership Directory will be mailed to all FGCSA members in November. Please call the FGCSA office at 1-800-732-6053 or e-mail us at [fgcsa123@bellsouth.net](mailto:fgcsa123@bellsouth.net) if your listing is incorrect.



### 2004 Florida Reception to be Held February 12th

The FGCSA will host its always popular reception on Thursday evening, February 12th, 2004, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel at Emerald Plaza in San Diego. This hotel is one of the Exhibitor Headquarters Hotels conveniently located in the Downtown San Diego area.

All Florida Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents are invited to attend. Look for your invitation in January. Mark your calendar now and make your travel plans accordingly. You will not want to miss this night.

Sponsors will be solicited and we expect a good response from our loyal affiliates who enjoy the opportunity to network with all the Florida representatives who attend the Conference in San Diego. If you are an affiliate member of one of our local chapters who has never attended the reception, please call the FGCSA office at 1-800-732-6053 to receive your sponsor solicitation package. There is still time for you to be a part of the San Diego reception.

As in the past few years, we will have a short Pre-Reception Welcome for all sponsors and FGCSA board members. This special time presents an opportunity for our sponsors to unwind after the hectic first day of the Show. We sincerely appreciate the support of all our sponsors and look forward to another great night!



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