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See page six for more photos from the 17th Annual SFGCSA Exposition and Field Day held at Fort Lauderdale REC

Upcoming Events

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| May 12 | Chapter Cup Challenge, joint tournament for Ridge, Central Florida and West Coast. Host: Kevin Baldwin, Diamond Players Club, Clermont | May 25 | Suncoast chapter Annual Meeting, Sara Bay CC | July 16 | Everglades GCSA Annual Meeting, Tiburon |
| May 13 | Calusa chapter meeting, Maple Leaf GC | May 28 | Central Florida chapter meeting, Kingsridge North Course, Clermont | July 22 | University of Florida IFAS Field Day, Gainesville |
| May 14 - 16 | Everglades chapter Poa Tournament weekend, Naples Beach Club. See details pg 5 | June 5 | PBGCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC | July 24 | FGCSA Meeting and Crowfoot Pre-Reception, Grand Cypress |
| May 14 | FGCSA Seminar, "Dealing with Jerks," Naples. Dr. Patt Schwab, .35 GCSAA education points. See page 5. | June 14 | Central Florida GCSA Golf Championship, Eagle Creek | July 25 | CFGCSA's Larry Kamphaus Tournament, Grand Cypress |
| May 18 | North Florida chapter meeting, Windsor Parke, | June 16 | Gulf Coast Turfgrass Expo & Field Day, West FLREC, Jay | Sept. 13 - 15 | FTGA Conference & Show, Hyatt Hotel, Tampa |
| May 24 | Treasure Coast GCSA's Blue Pearl, Loblolly Pines GC. See details page 7 | June 17 | Calusa GCSA Annual Meeting/Elections, Kingsway GC | Sept. 30 | GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Management Strategies for Turfgrass Systems," Dr. Joe Vargas, Crown Plaza, Orlando |
| | | June 17 | Everglades GCSA Vendor Appreciation Day, Imperial GC | Oct. 19 | GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Irrigating with Reclaimed Water," Dr. Ali Harivandi, to be held in South Florida |
| | | June 19 | PBGCSA 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament | | |

President's Message Greg Pheneger

Spring has sprung with educational opportunities abundant throughout the state. Local Chapters and the State have gone out of their way to provide various educational and convenient sessions for everyone.

The Central Florida Chapter, in cooperation with GCSAA, hosted a seminar entitled "Bermudagrass Management" which was held at the Crown Plaza Resort in Orlando. The seminar was presented by Dr. John Cisar from the University of Florida and Dr. David Kopec from the Arizona State University. The course dealt with the cultural practices of turfgrass of the ultra dwarf varieties.

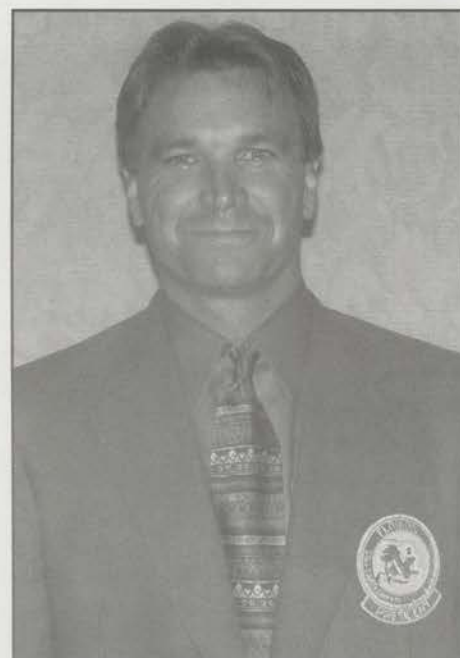
The Everglades held their 12th Annual Turfgrass Spring Symposium at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. 98 attendees heard a wide range of topics from compliance issues to working effectively with a general manager. In between Dr. Thomas Nikolai from Michigan State and Dr. Bruce Martin from North Carolina State presented some very interesting research results from studies on rolling and fertility effects on green's rootzones and disease management on ultradwarfs.

John's Island was the venue for a half day

seminar presented by the USGA. This special meeting was envisioned by my former Green Committee Chairman and, in conjunction with Jim Snow and John Foy, became a reality. The event's outline had a slightly different twist, in that the target audience was not golf course superintendents, it was Green and Golf Committee Members; Board of Directors and Club Managers. The main purpose of this meeting was to answer these individuals general questions regarding green speed, overseeding and shade on turf in laymen's terms.

Fortunately, I had fifteen members in attendance and I have heard nothing but great reviews regarding the information that was presented. They were extremely impressed by the presentation and felt fortunate for the opportunity to attend. By virtue of their comments, John Foy, Todd Lowe and Jim Snow did an excellent job. I am sure the USGA would be willing to hold this type of event in other areas of the state. The key is for you to urge your club members and officials to attend.

In addition to the extensive educational opportunities, golf tournaments have popped up just like sedge after a summer rainstorm. Everywhere I look there is an event at a great venue to benefit a worthwhile charity. The Ridge, North Florida and Suncoast chapters



Greg Pheneger

held their annual events, the Jack Harrell, Sr. Memorial Invitational was inaugurated followed by the Mike Richards/Alan MacCurrach Memorial and the Suncoast Scramble. Scholarships were awarded, charities and turf research benefitted and veterans were recognized for their services to our profession.

The 2004 Poa Annua Classic is being held at the Naples Beach and Golf Club on May 13, 14 and 15. The weekend begins with the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting on Thursday and everyone is invited to attend. Later that evening the Board of Directors will host the Past President's Dinner. This will enable the present Board to meet and converse with former leaders of the organization. Last year's inaugural event was a rousing success and this year promises to be even better with the addition of the Distinguished Service Award Presentation.

On Friday we launch into an educational seminar organized by the state entitled "Dealing With Jerks and Knee Jerk Reactions" with speaker Patt Schwab. The morning should be very educational as well as entertaining and then you will swing into action on the golf course considering the afternoon will be spent at the G.C. Horn Tournament. Saturday's activities are the traditional Poa Annua Classic and then on into the evening with the ever famous Luau for conversing

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Deadline next issue: June 15.

What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

1. Government Relations: Spring Regulatory Tour: Twenty-five Federal and State environmental regulators took part in the 18th Annual Spring Regulatory Tour of Florida Agriculture. The Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association asked us to participate three years ago and we've been going strong since then with Tim Hiers hosting a Monday afternoon tour of the Old Collier GC course and facilities.

Everglades' members Jim Leiseberg and Lou Conzelmann and yours truly volunteered to help drive the regulators around the course and answer questions in their smaller groups. The group got to witness a wide variety of habitat, lots of bird species and an obliging 8 foot gator who posed for photos next to a wetlands bridge. Assistant Superintendent Todd Draffen besides doubling as a tour chauffer also did a demo greens spraying with a shrouded walking boom.

The tour of the course was followed with a tour through the maintenance complex and finished with a Q&A session over a dinner of barbecued ribs and chicken. The FGCSA supports the transportation, feeding and housing of the regulators with a \$1,000 donation to the tour account and by picking up tab for the passenger golf cart rental during the tour. Since the price for the rental is the same for either a day or week, Tim takes the opportunity to tour 5th graders from a nearby elementary school during that same time period.

2. Allied Associations: As part of GCSAA's governance structure two pilot committees are being rolled out now: Strategic Communications and Environmental Programs. I have been asked to Chair the Publications Use and Positioning Task Group (one of eight task groups under the Strategic Communications "umbrella" Committee which is chaired by GCSAA Sec/Treasurer Sean Houlehan, and also serve on the Technical Assistance Task Group as well. Umbrella committees for Professional Development, Member & Chapter Services and Allied Industry Council will roll-out a little later in the year. Special resource groups will also be convened as needed like the current Headquarters Relocation Resource Group which

has been gathering input on the feasibility of relocating the GCSAA headquarters.

Also, FGCSA officers, Greg Pheneger and Craig Weyandt, along with officers from the North Florida GCSA attended the GCSAA Spring Board Meeting which was held at Amelia Island. This involvement of local representatives will be part of the new governance policy as well to keep infusing grass roots input into deliberations and bubbling up issues for consideration. Post meeting board comments indicated this was one of the best Board meetings ever with this new format.

On April 13th, as a Task Group Chairman, I took part in an experimental training process called a Web Cast. Essentially it was a computer online conference call with the added element of being able to view a Power Point presentation of information. With headsets and microphones plugged into your computer you can talk and/or type into a text box also visible on the screen. There are various tool bar icons that allow you to comment Yes and No to questions posed by a speaker and even some "fun" icons to indicate applause and even laughter at a humorous comment. It was a test run and there were some glitches, but it will be a good conferencing tool that will save lost time from work and expensive travel costs. Networked email listservers and traditional conference calls will still be used as technology will be favored over physical travel and meetings.

IFAS is looking to gather allied turf and ornamental groups together to discuss the best ways to utilize the various Research & Education Centers to maximize service to the green industries. Still on a 3-5 year timeline and still saying that most southern Florida turf plots will be relocated to Immokalee and also asking if there is a viable role that the Ft. Pierce Indian River REC can be utilized. Dr. Terril Nell has been appointed as the turf and ornamental industry liaison for IFAS and the Allied Green Industries. IFAS will hold it's summer Turf Field Day on July 22nd in Gainesville. And just in case you haven't heard: UF Vice President for IFAS, Dr. Mike Martin has accepted the post of President of New Mexico State University and will be leaving the University of Florida.

3. Education: The early season FTGA semi-

nars are over as well as the South Florida Turf Expo and Everglades Spring Symposium, but more opportunities are on the way: GCSAA Regional Seminars: April 27th and September 30th in Orlando and October 19th in South Florida. Also 2-3 ACSP workshops are in the planning stages for later this year: one at the Crowfoot Open in July, possibly one at the FTGA Conference and also one in South Florida (TBA). The FTGA Conference education is coming together for Tuesday and Wednesday, but the jury is still out on having a 1/2 day seminar on Monday morning. Last year the Monday event was poorly attended. With travel and golf on Monday, the timing seems problematic. Unless we get a groundswell of support for a Monday class we may not offer golf track education on that day. If you have input please speak up ASAP. Thanks.

4. Media/Public Relations: Congratulations and thanks to all the members of the South Florida, Palm Beach, Central Florida and North Florida chapters for serving as spotters and scorers for NBC Sports during the Southern Swing of the PGA Tour. I know, I was logging an average of 6.8 miles a day at Bay Hill, but I enjoyed all of it and hearing the war stories about the various players and their trials and tribulations. I got lots of offers for my NBC Sports cap, but I held on to it. I did catch Chad Campbell's golf ball after he tossed it into the bleachers on #18 after winning and the crowd in the bleachers bobbed it. After my 15 seconds of fame, I tossed it back to the fans.

6. DOC/Editor Upcoming Events, Travel, Deadlines and Tasks:

4/28	DOC Chapter Update for May 2004
4/30	Turf & Ornamental Communicators - 5/2 Assn. Conference, Seattle
5/10	Florida Golf Central Magazine and Florida Turf Digest deadlines
5/12	Chapter Challenge Cup: Central Florida, Ridge & West Coast Chapters, Clermont
5/13	FGCSA Board Meeting & Poa - 5/15 Annu Classic, Naples
5/20	Florida Green Cover Story Visit, Heritage Palms, Ft. Myers
5/28	Editorial Deadline for Contributors to Summer Florida Green
5/30	DOC Monthly Chapter Update for June 2004
6/1	DOC Salary/Expenses for May

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with friends. The whole weekend is notoriously fabulous and the Everglades Chapter does a fantastic job organizing the event.

Just preceding the Poa Annua, the West Coast, Ridge and Central Florida chapters will participate in a newly formed event called the "Chapter Cup Challenge" to be held at the Diamond Players Club in Clermont. It's always good to see chapters connecting for golf outings and joint meetings.

Later in May is the Treasure Coast "Blue Pearl Charity Golf Tournament" on the 24th of May. The tournament returns to its roots at Loblolly Pines in Hobe Sound. The tournament began as a vision of Dick Gray's while he was superintendent at Loblolly in 1994. The tournament always benefits educational and environmental issues.

Last, but certainly not least, the Palm Beach Chapter will host the "Future of Golf Tournament" at The Falls County Club on June 5th. Steve Pearson always has the course in excellent condition and the greens very quick, so prepare yourself for a wonderful event.

There are obviously a number of events, educational opportunities and golf to keep everyone very busy over the next two months, so take advantage of what your organizations have to offer and meet others in our industry. An organization is only as strong as its membership!

FGCSA Board Meeting

The FGCSA Spring Board Meeting will be held at Naples Beach Club on Thursday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. As usual, all FGCSA members who are staying at the Beach Club are invited to attend this Board Meeting.

The FGCSA will hold the Annual Past Presidents Dinner on Thursday evening at Campiello's Restaurant in Naples. All Past Presidents have been invited to attend the dinner where the 2004 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award will be presented.



Twenty-five environmental regulators on the 2004 Spring Regulatory Tour observe a demonstration greens spraying operation at the Old Collier GC, Naples.
See Joel Jackson's D.O.C. column on page 3.



Federal, Regional and State Regulators get a photo op of an 8 foot gator on the Spring Regulatory Tour on the Old Collier G.C.

2004 Poa Weekend Set for May 14th - 16th

The Everglades GCSA has announced that May 14 through the 16th are the dates for this year's popular Poa Tournament weekend at the family-friendly Naples Beach Club.

Friday morning begins with an 8:00 a.m. FGCSA seminar presented by Dr. Patt Schwab that is sure to be a hit with the audience. The title, "Dealing with Jerks", gives us an idea that this presentation will fit right in with the lighthearted nature of the weekend! This interactive class covers how to handle complaints and how to intervene when you are the authority figure. The material is applicable for dealing with difficult bosses, co-workers or subordinates. This class will help you to identify the types of people who "push your buttons" and to develop an overall strategy for putting such people into perspective. This four hour seminar has been approved by the GCSAA for .35 education points and registration fee is \$35.00 if paid by May 10th. Continental breakfast is included. Call FGCSA office for a seminar registration form. Note that you do not need to play in the Poa Tournament or the Horn Tournament to attend this FGCSA sponsored seminar.

The seminar will conclude in time for those wishing to play in the G. C. Horn Tournament to make the 1:15 p.m. Shotgun Start at the Estuary GC just a short distance from the Beach Club. All contributions from this tournament are used to support long range turf research by the University of Florida through the G. C. Horn Memorial Endowment Fund. This year's format will be a 3 man team with a team handicap greater than 30. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres to follow.

Saturday morning's Poa Tournament sign in begins at 7:00 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start at the Beach Club. The always popular luau will be held Saturday evening from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. on the Watkins Lawn.

Poa Registration Forms are available by calling the FGCSA office at 1-800-732-6053. For more information concerning the individual activities and registration forms for all events at the Poa, please contact Mike Smith at 239-860-6680 or Matt Taylor at 239-261-4987.



The Suncoast Chapter donated \$1,500 to both the FGCSA and the FTGA Research accounts from the proceeds of this year's Suncoast Scramble held at Misty Creek GC. **From left:** FTGA Vice President Tom Wells; Suncoast President Bob Gwodz and FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson celebrate the occasion.



Ridge GCSA leaders from left: Clay Marshall, Roy Wilshire, Jeff Brown, Alan Puckett and Mark Hopkins honored Jack Harrell, Sr. by creating a turf scholarship in Senior's name at Florida Southern College in Lakeland and hosted the 11th annual Jack Harrell Sr. Memorial Invitational at Grasslands CC. The Tournament winner was Joe Ondo.

Record Number of Participants Attend the 17th Annual SFGCSA Exposition at the University of Florida Fort Lauderdale REC

The South Florida GCSA hosted the 17th Annual Exposition at the University of Florida IFAS Station in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, March 18th. The weather was perfect, the crowd was large, the education was timely and plentiful, lots of money was raised for research, and the food was great!

The morning field tours were a big hit. If you were unable to attend the Expo, you may obtain a brochure describing 14 of the research studies being performed by the University of Florida researchers at the REC by calling the FGCSA office. Education continued in the afternoon with sessions for technicians as well as an interesting and well received panel discussion on Seashore Paspallum for golf course superintendents

In addition to being a great educational program, the all day event is the major fundraiser for the upkeep and maintenance of the FGCSA research green as well as the University of Florida turf plots at the site.

The SFGCSA would like to thank major sponsors Hector Turf, Kilpatrick Turf and Environmental Turf as well as the other equipment sponsors NuCrane Machinery, Disbrow Enterprises and Florida Coast Equipment. The 32 booth sponsors, although too numerous to mention in this column, are also thanked for their loyal support of this event. Most of these sponsors have supported the Expo for the past 17 years. And, most importantly, many thanks are due to Dr. John Cisar, Dr. Phil Busey and the REC staff for putting all of this together!



Does a superintendent come to these Field Days for the education, the great barbeque, or for the sight and sounds of the equipment demonstrations?



Jacksonville G&CC Hosts North Florida GCSA Mike Richards Tournament

On March 15th, 84 NFGCSA members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day of golf and fellowship at Jacksonville G&CC. Greg Tharp and his staff did a fantastic job setting up a great golf course.

Jay McCord awarded Paul Hamrick the NFGCSA Lifetime Achievement Award. Thanks Paul for contributing your time and effort in making the NFGCSA what it is today.

The 2004 Scholarship winners were presented with their checks as follows: Roger Hale received the \$2,000 Mike Richards Scholarship and Timothy Lyons won the \$2,000 Alan MacCurrach Scholarship. Both recipients are students at Lake City Community College. In addition to these scholarships, the NFGCSA made donations to the First Tee of St. John's County and to the Audubon Sanctuary Program.

The NFGCSA Board would like to thank all of their affiliate members who sponsored this event. Special thanks go to major sponsors - Golf Ventures, Southeast Turfgrass Supply and Tresca Turf and Tractor.



Jay McCord, left, roasted and toasted NFGCSA member, Paul Hamrick, for his service to the chapter and presented him with the 2004 Alan MacCurrach Lifetime Achievement Award

Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Chapters Set Tournament Dates for May 24th and June 5th

PALM BEACH GCSA FUTURE OF GOLF:

The 24th Annual Future of Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 5th at the Falls CC. Steve Pearson will again serve as Host Superintendent. This major fundraiser for the Palm Beach chapter includes equipment displays on the course, great raffle prizes and a spectacular course to play. There will be plenty of good food and refreshments on the course beginning with the 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start. Contact a Palm Beach board member for registration form for team or a tee sign sponsorship.

TREASURE COAST GCSA BLUE PEARL:

The 11th Annual Blue Pearl Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Loblolly Pines GC in Hobe Sound on May 24th. Over the years, this tournament has generated more than \$144,000 which has been donated to numerous projects helping children in a variety of areas. Thanks to Hector Turf for serving as our major sponsor this year. Sign up early for the 9:00 a.m. Shotgun start. Team registration forms as well as tee sign applications are available by calling Barbara Tierney at 772-231-1700 ext. 6002.

Get Onboard with the Florida Turfgrass Association!
52nd Annual Conference & Trade Show
Downtown Hyatt Regency
September 12-15, 2004

The Florida Turfgrass Association is beginning to make plans for the 52nd Annual Conference & Trade Show, in Tampa, on September 12-15, 2004.

Events to include the Annual Golf Tournament, The Annual Fishing Tournament, Trade Show, Workshops, Concurrent Sessions, and a GCSAA Seminar.

Rooms at the Tampa Hyatt Regency are at the special conference rate which ranges from \$103.00-\$133.00 per night.

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