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The South Florida team retains possession of the FGCSA Team Championship Travelling Trophy. Left - right: Jason Bagwell, Seth Strickland, Kelly Cragin, Bob Harper and Joe Pantaleo. See story on page 5.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	Suncoast Supplier Appreciation Day, Bradenton CC	Dec. 2	Treasure Coast GCSA Christmas Party, Gator Trace	Dec. 19	West Coast Vendor Appreciation Day, University of South Florida
Nov. 7	Everglades Chapter Meeting, The Moorings CC	Dec. 10	Ridge Christmas Outing, Bartow Municipal GC	Feb. 27	Ridge Invitational, Grasslands GC
Nov. 7	West Coast Chapter Meeting, Northdale CC	Dec. 12	Central Florida Holiday Tournament, Metrowest	Apr. 10	Mike Richards Tournament, Jacksonville G&CC
Nov. 10	USGA Conference, Palm Beach Gardens, See page	Dec. 14	Everglades Christmas Tournament, Quail West	<b>FTGA Regional Turf Conferences:</b>	
Nov. 17	Calusa Chapter Meeting, The Golf Club, Cape Coral	Dec. 15	Seven Rivers holiday party, Brooksville GC	Tuesday, Jan. 10:	Orlando
Nov. 17	Seven Rivers Chapter Meeting, Hernando Oaks GC	Dec. 17	PBGCSA Christmas Party, Delray Beach Marriott	Wednesday, Jan. 11:	Tampa
Nov. 22	Central Florida chapter meeting, Stoneybrook East	Dec.	North Florida Holiday Tournament, Hyde Park	Tuesday, Jan. 17:	Lake Worth
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				Thursday, Jan. 19:	Fort Myers
				Wednesday, Jan. 25:	Jacksonville
				Tuesday, Jan. 31:	Milton

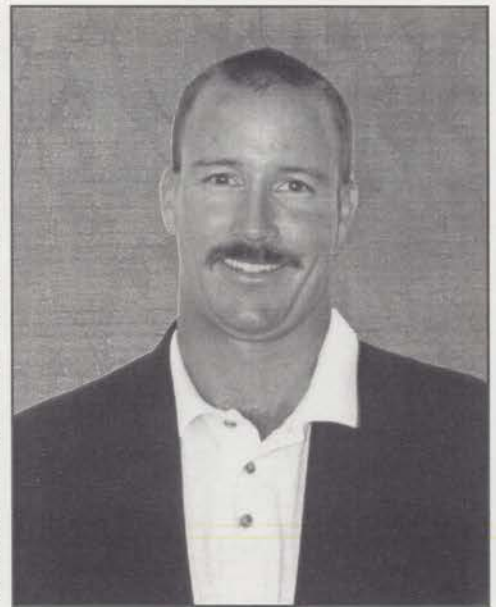
## President's Message Craig Weyandt

I have been involved with research in the FGCSA for the past 4 years and I feel that I am just beginning to understand how it all works. Beginning is the key word there so let me tell what I do know.

The FGCSA has a special relationship with the University of Florida because of its agronomic studies and research that is conducted there. So each year the FGCSA and the FTGA put in a request to the scientists at the University for turfgrass proposals. The scientist in turn also ask golf course superintendents and the USGA what turfgrass needs do they feel need to be researched. From this exchange proposals are written and requests for funding are submitted to the FTGA, USGA and the FGCSA. These projects range in time from a few months to several years and costs from a few thousand to over a hundred thousand (for long range projects).

The money to fund these projects comes from chapter donations, golf tournaments and vendor support. GCSAA also has a Chapter Cooperative Grant program in which they will match funds for up to \$10,000/year for up to 3 years. To date, no general revenue monies from the State of Florida are designated specifically for turfgrass research. In the Carolinas though, things are a little different. Each year the turfgrass program at NC State gets around \$600,000.00 allocated for turfgrass research. Fair, I don't think so when you consider Florida's turf industry has twice the economic impact (\$7.3 billion in 1992) as North Carolina's turf industry (\$3.5 billion in a recent study).

Before you get all excited, we are working with our lobbyist Mike Goldie to get the State of Florida to appropriate matching funds for turf research. Although there has not been much publicity on this effort on purpose, Mike has been working on this for the past year and a half and building



*Craig Weyandt*

positive support from key legislators. It took North Carolina nearly 12 years to get where they are, so we hope to be on a faster track. Budget woes from constitutional amendments and storm recovery have kept the state's purse strings tight, so Mike is keeping our options open as to possible funding sources within the state budget.

The FTGA is also working on a program that will strive to net sustainable annual funding that will provide a solid base for the research needed for Florida's turfgrass industry and spread the donations equitably over a broader population of potential donors. I don't mean to be secretive about the details, but negotiations and procedures need to be solidified before the program is made public.

Meanwhile keep up the good work at the local level. Your donations and involvement are appreciated as we seek good scientific research to make improvements to our products, methods and environmental impacts.

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

**1. Government Relations: MSMA (Arsenic)** – The subject of arsenic levels has come up again as the Florida DOACS/DEP and the MAATF (MSMA Task Force) cannot seem to come to an agreement on the proposed groundwater study.

The MAATF now wants to wait until an EPA Science Advisory Board studies and announces its findings on the toxicity of MSMA. According to Dr. Dennis Howard of the Bureau of Pesticides says the state feels it must react more quickly and notes that the SAB findings are not binding to EPA.

Meanwhile the state continues to sample monitoring wells in Collier County... many close to or on golf courses using effluent water and also county land. The results vary but generally the arsenic levels remain above the threshold levels established by the state. However, the actual source of the arsenic is not able to be determined due to lab procedures which yield only total arsenic.

The state is doing a milder reduction process using acids which are yielding MAA-a degradation product of MSMA. The state is feeling this gives a better picture of possible MSMA sources for the arsenic. The direct link to MSMA is still not for certain, but I am smelling a smoking gun in their method.

The Naples Daily News did their thing with headlines linking arsenic contamination of ground water “possibly” to the use of herbicides on golf courses. My 30 minute phone interview with the reporter was reduced to two lines in the article and he used the word “poisons” when referring to other herbicides for weeds, not me.

**Comment:** Superintendents need to re-evaluate their use and need for MSMA. We are in a no win situation until “science” can prove or disprove that MSMA is in fact contributing inorganic arsenic to the environment. From reaction to the Naples News articles, golfers seemed more upset than the general public.

**Methyl Bromide** – Follow up on our Critical Use Exemption Applications. EPA is asking for further explanations on possible alternative materials and what “market disruption” would the loss of MeBr have. Would golfers stop playing golf if we didn't have the product? We will be working on that response, but ask yourself the question and if you have a good answer please share it with us.

**Golf BMP Manual** – The BMP committee meets again on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We are getting closer with no major changes left to make. If you have any good “irrigation pictures” please consider sharing them with us so we can illustrate the do's and don't of water use and conservation. Pictures of: part circle heads around water bodies, streets or wetlands; small spray heads on bunker faces, tee tops, landscape areas; drip irrigation; VFD pump stations w/control panels; weather stations; irrigation computer; repairs; radio controlled operation; head spacing, etc

**2. Allied Associations: FTGA:** By now you may have heard that the September Conference and Show at the Hyatt Coconut

Point was a great success. The venue was great and there were some new faces in attendance for the various workshops. What was missing? Some of the old faces. Too bad. This is one place all the various turf industries can come together and interact with IFAS for common causes. And of course it was a treasure trove of CEU points for CGCS, Class A and Pesticide Licenses.

There is a concentrated effort underway by the current board to make the FTGA the broad based association for turfgrass and all its various commodity groups. While golf course interests still make up the majority of members, David Dymond and Betsy McGill of the Florida Sod Growers Co-op, Karen Cords of Massey Pest Control and John Mascaro of the Sports Turf Managers Assn are working hard to bring in more members. I am partnering with John (Allied Associations Committee) and my External Affairs Committee to involve other turf professions in the FTGA.

**3. Education:** Husqvarna put on a terrific 3 hour training session on chain saws at a recent Central Florida GCSA meeting.

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The Central Florida GCSA had a 3 hour training session on chain saw safety and operation put on by Husqvarna at their October meeting at the Rio Pinar CC

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In addition to the demo session, they have extensive hands on sessions to produce certified operators. In addition to equipment, we learned how to properly assess and drop a tree. This training should be a shoo-in for GCSAA education points. There are usually 3-4 times the numbers of people hurt during clean up after a storm than in the storm itself. Contact Robert Herring at 800-448-7543 for scheduling a training session not only for superintendents but also for your crew members. Do you know the five parts to a chain saw tooth?

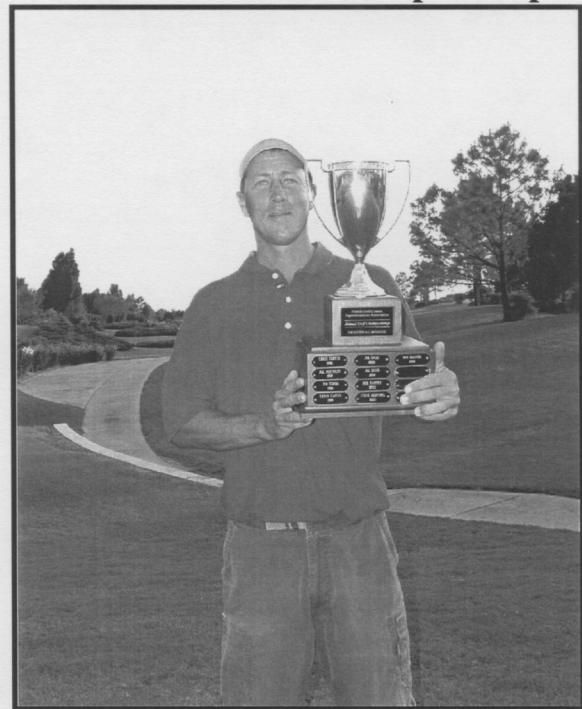
**4. GCSAA:** Next year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, just about nine months from now, the first group of Class A superintendents hit the deadline for renewal of their Class A status. Nearly 1/3 of this group have done nothing or at least have not recorded points. One-third have done some work and the other third have already met the requirements. With service and education points given for monthly chapter meetings and things you already do the most rigorous part of the process is to submit your event codes to the various meetings. If you need additional points there are online educational sessions that you can take without leaving your home or office. Check it out at [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org).

Your chapter representative who went to the Chapter Delegates Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kansas City should be reporting back to you. Highlights and presentation slide notes are also available at the GCSAA website. Topics discussed included: Marketing the value of GCSAA membership and classifications; Long term dues increase plan based on cost of living index; Membership growth and retention; Future of the profession; Promoting diversity; Environmental programming and a baseline data survey program. Also presented were: Governance structure and staff accountability indicators; Board members expenses and voting procedures and of course the big bombshell of the move to Atlanta from Houston for the GIS. Turns out Houston convention forgot to mention the NBA Finals and events that would mean changing access to some rooms and moving up the GIS by a full day from the current schedule. GCSAA only found this out during a site visit.

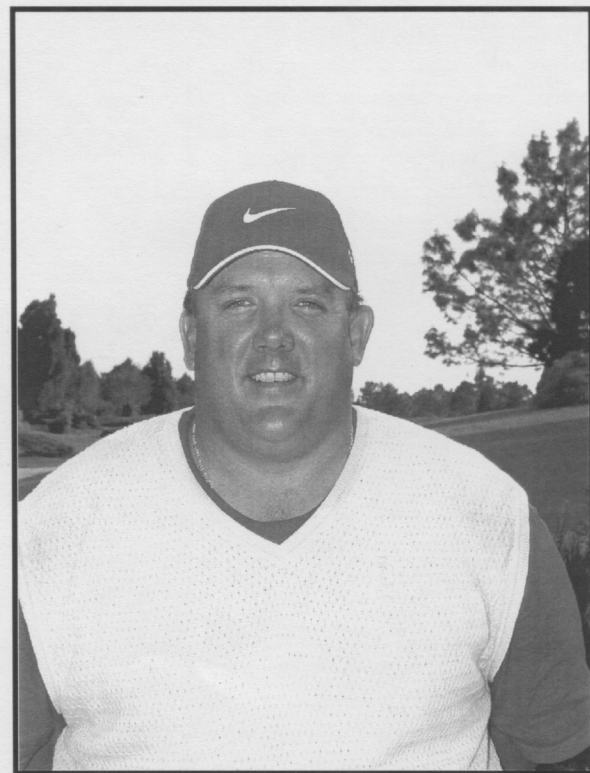
#### 5. DOC/Editor Upcoming Events, Travel, Deadlines and Tasks

- 11/01 DOC Monthly Salary & Expense reports
- 11/04 Turf & Ornamental Communicators Breakfast at the GIE, Orlando
- 11/10 Deadline – Florida Golf Central Magazine
- 11/15 USGA Regional Seminar, Moderator PM Session, West Palm Beach
- 11/17 Seven Rivers GCSA Meeting – ProActive Communications and DOC update
- 11/20 Deadline – Golfdom Magazine
- 12/01 DOC monthly Chapter Update & Reports
- 12/05 Deadline – Winter 2006 Florida Green Magazine
- 12/09 FTGA Board Meeting
- 12/10 Deadline – Florida Golf Central Magazine
- 12/15 Deadline – FGCSA Jan/Feb 2006 Green Sheet
- 12/20 Deadline – Golfdom Magazine

### Bob Boyan Wins Low Gross at 2005 FGCSA Championship



Bob Boyan, Asst. Supt. at Tusawilla CC in the Central Florida GCSA, shot even par 72 to win low gross honors at the 2005 FGCSA Golf Championship at Southern Dunes GC



Ken Arsenault, superintendent of the new Panther Creek GC in Jacksonville, won the Long Drive Contest at the recent BASF People vs. the Pros tournament in Austin, TX.

## South Florida Wins the 2005 FGCSA Golf Championship

It's a Repeat. But only fitting as the FGCSA Team Trophy was "lost" at a chapter meeting site in Miami. The SFGCSA replaced the trophy, hauled it to Haines City and then took it home again. Congratulations, and hey guys, put a Lo-Jack chip on that thing! South Florida Team members consisted of Jason Bagwell, Seth Strickland, Kelly Cragin, Bob Harper and Joe Pantaleo.

Individual Low Gross honors went to Bob Boyan, Assistant Superintendent at Tuscawilla CC. 2nd Low Gross was Jim Torba, Everglades GCSA, with a 74 and South Florida's own Bob Harper took 3rd Gross with a 75.

Thanks to host superintendent Ward Pepperman for having the course in great shape for the competition and to host golf professional Kevin Woodard and his staff for assistance with the scoring and prizes.

In addition to South Florida, chapter teams were Palm Beach, Treasure Coast, Ridge, and West Coast, with individuals representing Central Florida, Everglades and North Florida.

## Florida's Team Set for 2006 GCSAA Golf Championship

The following members have qualified for the #1 FGCSA Golf Team at the 2006 GCSAA Golf Championships to be played in Houston, Texas.

Bob Boyan, FGCSA Championship  
Steve Bernard, Crowfoot Open  
Stephen Fox, Poa Annuu Classic  
Bob Harper, Low Average

**Note:** GCSAA did try to move the Golf Championship closer to Atlanta after the Conference moved from Houston and then to Atlanta, but it was too late to find course and hotel availability to support the relocation of the event for the dates in question.

Other FGCSA members who are planning to play as individuals in the Championship should contact Joe Ondo.

## 2005 USGA Regional Conference Offers .6 GCSAA Education Points

Just in time for all of our FGCSA superintendents who are in the first group of GCSAA members up for renewal of their Class A status, the USGA has come up with a great, economical, and interesting program to fulfill some of your GCSAA Education Point requirements in one day!

The all-day program will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott on Thursday, November 10th. The morning session, moderated by Kevin Downing, CGCS at BallenIsles CC, will begin at 8:00 a.m. Speakers include Tim Hiers, CGCS from Old Collier GC will speak on "How to Turn your Maintenance Complex into an Asset"; Todd Lowe, USGA Agronomist will speak on "Setting Standards: Creating effective written maintenance standards is easier than you think"; Patrick O'Brien, USGA, discussion how to plan a golf course Drainage Project; Bruce Adams, South Florida WMD, discussion "Green Opportunities for the Green Industry: Cooperative Funding Initiatives in South Florida"; and John Cunningham, CGCS from Black Diamon Ranch will give an example of his approach to implementing a Sunlight Enhancement Program."

The afternoon session will be moderated by Joel Jackson, FGCSA Director of Communications. Speakers include Jim Leiseberg, CGCS who will discuss how the WCI Communities have made a commitment to environmentally friendly golf courses; John Foy, USGA, discusses Winter Annual Weed Control and Chemical Overseeding Transition Options; Dr. Phil Harmon, UF Gainesville, will speak on "Delivering Fungicides to the Fungus: Effects of Application Technology on Efficacy"; Lee Bloomcamp, Syngenta, will speak on Pesticide Resistance: Rumors versus Reality; and John Mascaro, Turf-Tech International, shows off his Photo Quiz Comes Alive program.

Cost for representatives of a USGA Member Club is \$55 with a fee of \$65 for others. For more information or to register, please contact Shelly Foy, 772-546-2620.

## Four FGCSA Members Attain Certified Status

Congratulations to the following FGCSA Class A members who completed the GCSAA Certification process in September. All four of them had to hurry to complete the requirements within the new time frame and succeeded!

### **Dale Campbell, South Florida GCSA:**

Dale has been in the golf course business for 25 years -- all in the state of Florida! He earned his A.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Broward CC and went on to get an MBA from FAU. His first job was as at Bent Pine in Vero Beach. He went on to The Island CC in Marco, Woodlands in Tamarac, and Hunters Run in Boynton. He then did the grow-in at Presidential and served at Miami Springs. Dale has been at the Biltmore for 2 years. He stated that getting Certified was a lot of work but the study was well worth the time and the experience.

### **Lon Chatfield - North Florida GCSA:**

Lon began his golf course career at Orange Park GC soon after graduating from LCCC. He moved to Palm Harbor GC to do a rebuild and from there went to Bonita Bay. Next he became a superintendent at Broken Sound in 1997. He then returned to the north florida area to do a grow-in at St. Johns G&CC. Lon has served on the North Florida GCSA for the 5 years and is now Chapter President.

### **Buddy Keene - Suncoast GCSA:**

As a teenage, Buddy took a job at the River Wilderness Club. After moving to Manatee County Parks & Recreation, Buddy decided to attend Lake City CC where he received his A.S. degree in 1995. Buddy then worked for Gainesville CC for about ten years and has now come full circle as he is currently the head superintendent back at Manatee County GC. Buddy has been generous with his time to professional associations. He served as an FTGA board member and committee chairman and also on the Seven Rivers GCSA board from 1999 - 2004 when he was chapter president.

### **Scott Sewell - At Large Member:**

Scott is superintendent at Seascape Resort in Destin and serves on the board of the Gulf Coast GCSA. He received his Agronomy degree from Auburn. Scott started his career as an Assistant in Alabama but soon moved up to the Emerald Bay/Seascape Resort. As Wilma crossed the state this week, Scott and his wife Sally welcomed baby daughter Molly to their family.

## SFGCSA Missing & Exploited Children's Tournament Benefits from 3rd Bayer Auction

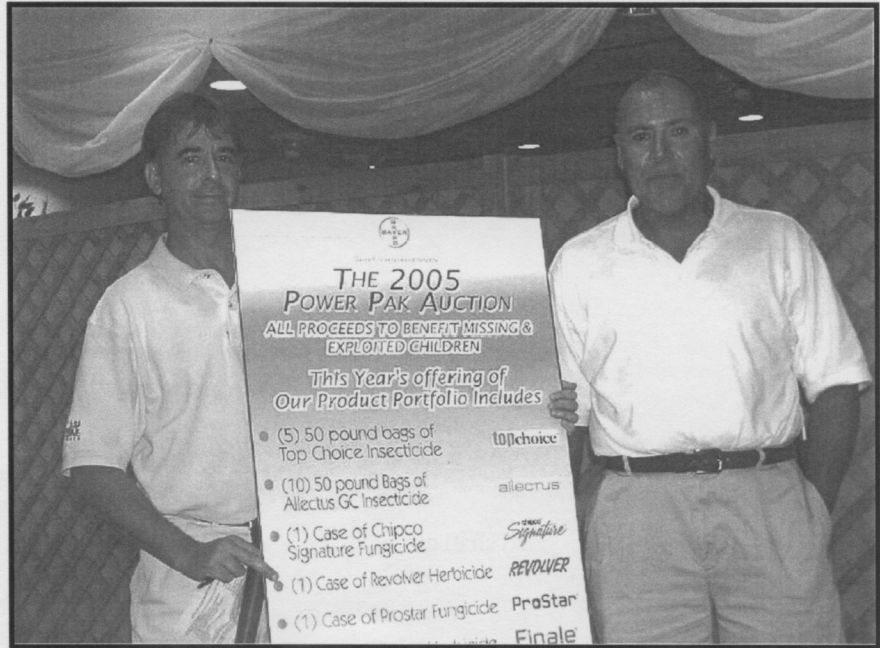
The SFGCSA Tournament for Missing & Exploited Children at Colony West Country Club marked the last of three Bayer Environmental Science Power Pak Auctions sponsored by Brian MacCurrach.

The winning bid of \$2,800 came from host superintendent Dale Kuehner, CGCS, who as always had the course in perfect playing condition.

Dale's bid won (5) 50-lb bags of TopChoice™ (10) 50 lb bags of Allectus™GC, (1) case of Chipco® Signature™ (1) case of Revolver®, (1) case of ProStar®, (1) case of Dylox®, and (1) case of Finale®.

All proceeds from the Power Pak Auction will go directly towards programs for missing and exploited children. The three Power Pak auctions hosted by MacCurrach in his territory of the Treasure Coast GCSA, Palm Beach GCSA and the South Florida GCSA Chapters in 2005 netted \$10,000 for the associated charities the tournaments benefit. Since its inception in 2003, the auctions have raised over \$30,000 for chapter charities.

"It's great to be a part of the associations' tournaments that help such worthy causes, and to see the competitive spirits of superintendents as they bid against their friends and peers," says MacCurrach. "I look forward to continuing my support of the Treasure Coast, Palm Beach and South Florida associations with a different assortment of our product portfolio for the 2006 version of the Bayer Environmental Science Power Pak Auction.



Chairman Bob Klitz (left) thanks Brian MacCurrach of Bayer Environmental Science for sponsoring the Bayer Power Pak Auctions at the SFGCSA Tournament.

## The SFGCSA Helping the Children of South Florida

On October 14, 2005, after a one week delay due to heavy rains, the SFGCSA held their 21st annual Tournament benefiting the Florida Branch of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at Colony West CC in Tamarac. Some players were not able to play on the rescheduled date, and a smaller field of 120 players enjoyed the great conditions provided by Dale Kuehner and his staff. This year's event raised over \$21,000 for the Center. Year to date contributions to the center from this annual event are now in excess of \$227,000.

"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 families every year", stated Nancy A. McBride, NCMEC Director of Prevention Education. "We are proud to be associated with the SFGCSA and grateful to the community for their ongoing support of our mission: to help find missing children, and to prevent child victimization."

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

In 1984, the South Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Association Board members, including Bill Entwistle Sr., and David Lottes, held the first tournament at Emerald Hills Country Club, in Hollywood, Florida, several miles from where Adam was originally abducted. During the early years of the Tournament, the site moved from Bonaventure, to Inverrary Country Club, to it's current home of Colony West Country Club in Tamarac where Dale Kuehner CGCS is the host Superintendent.

**Mark your calendar now for the 2006 Florida GCSA Reception to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on Thursday, February 9th. At press time, the site is still To Be Determined. There is plenty of time left for all affiliates to be listed as sponsors for this year's reception. Please call the FGCSA office at 800-732-6053 if you have not received a sponsor solicitation and want to be a part of this great event!**

## Hurricane Relief Funds Available to FGCSA Members through GCSAA

If you are a GCSAA member, especially in the South Florida area (both coasts) and have sustained substantial financial losses and hardship due to Hurricanes Wilma and Katrina, you can apply for some financial relief and assistance from the GCSAA. Read on for eligibility and application procedures.

### GCSAA's Emergency Relief Fund to chapter members:

- \* The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to GCSAA members who suffer personal loss or medical hardship.
- \* Any GCSAA member is eligible for this assistance.
- \* The amount of the assistance provided shall differ by situation up to a maximum of \$2,500 per claim.
- \* All applicants for assistance will be required to provide written explanation of how the funds will be spent and all claims must be accompanied by documentation, including in the case of personal loss, a copy of appropriate estimates and/or invoices, if requested.
- \* GCSAA reserves the right to verify the information received from an applicant.
- \* Legitimate claims will be processed on a first-come, first serve basis.
- \* All claims shall be processed by the Senior Manager of Governance/Member Services and approved by the Trustees of the GCSAA Benevolence Fund.

Initially, GCSAA will provide \$1,000 financial assistance (intended to assist with clothing, food and shelter) to members who contact us (via phone or email) and whose daily lives are altered by the affects of Wilma and who meet any of the following criteria:

- \* Have had to relocate (whether they are staying with family, friends or in a motel) from their homes.
- \* Remain in their homes, but lose basic necessities such as electricity, water, etc. which lead to unexpected financial burden.
- \* Are employed at a golf course that sustains substantial damage and may not be a source of employment going forward.

**Note:** These members will not be required to provide us with any documentation or invoices other than a verbal or email request for assistance and verification on our end that they are within the affected area. Our goal is to provide financial assistance as quickly as possible.

Once our members have had an opportunity to truly assess their long-term situation, in terms of personal loss and employment status, we will make available the additional \$1,500 following more closely the guidelines identified in the SOP.

Please know that GCSAA is here to help our members anyway we can. If you have questions about the fund or the application process, please contact GCSAA Senior Manager of Governance/Member Standards Scott Woodhead, at 800/472-7878, ext. 4418 [swoodhead@gcsaa.org](mailto:swoodhead@gcsaa.org); or Janet Satterlee, GCSAA Senior Manager of Chapter Services at 1-800-472-7878, ext 3603 [jsatterlee@gcsaa.org](mailto:jsatterlee@gcsaa.org).

## How to Keep your GCSAA Class A Status

This is the first in a series of PDI updates written by the GCSAA which will be included in the next few issues of the Green Sheet.

### Still Plenty of Time!

It's possible that you recently received a Class A Renewal Update from GCSAA and were awakened to the fact that you are in the initial 3-year renewal cycle and need to acquire a combination of education/service points in order to remain a Class A member of GCSAA when July 1, 2006 rolls around. With less than a year remaining, is this still possible?

Here are a couple of things to remember:

- \* There is still plenty of time to easily fulfill the required three education/service points, keeping in mind that a minimum of 1.2 points must be 'education' points.
- \* Everything from attending a local chapter meetings with approved education, to participating in one of the numerous GCSAA webcast opportunities from the comfort of your office or home, to attending the 2006 Golf Industry Show and GCSAA Education Conference as a full-pack registrant and much, much more; will earn you education points. And do not forget to record credit for serving on a local community board, coaching your son/daughter's soccer team, or giving a presentation to the local flower club, which are just three of the many ways to obtain service points.
- \* To review a full list of education/service point opportunities, as well as recording education/service points and posting pesticide license information, please go to the "My Member Central" tab on the GCSAA web site or request information and affidavits by calling the GCSAA's Fax-On-Demand line at 1-888-838-4419.

If you have any questions concerning your Class A status, please contact R. Scott Woodhead, Senior Manager of Governance and Member Standards at 1-800-472-7878 ext 4418 or Stacie Adams, Membership/PDI Coordinator at extension 3687.



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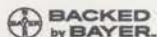
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## South Florida GCSA Team Repeats As FGCSA Golf Champions.

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