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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events

- July 11 Coastal Plains GCSA meeting, Wildwood GC
- July 13 Everglades Annual Meeting, Audubon CC
- July 19 Grand Opening of the University of Florida Turf Research Facility in Citra, FL. Contact Laurie Trenholm at 352-392-1831 x 374.
- July 20 Treasure Coast Meeting, Miles Grant CC
- July 20 Calusa Meeting, Lexington CC, Fort Myers
- July 21 Palm Beach Annual Meeting, The Fountains
- July 24 North Florida chapter meeting, St. Johns G&CC
- July 28 FGCSA Annual Meeting/Election, Grand Cypress
- July 29 CFGCSA Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress
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- Aug. 8 West Coast Annual Pro/Supt. Tournament, Cypress Run GC
- Aug. 8 NFGCSA sponsored Turf Conference
- Aug. 8 Coastal Plains meeting, GC at Summerbrooke
- Aug. 11 Calusa GCSA meeting, Deep Creek, Port Charlotte
- Aug. 15 Seven Rivers GCSA meeting, Meadow Oaks
- Aug. 17 Joint Meeting, PBGCSA and South Florida GCSA, The Club at Emerald Hills
- Aug. 21 Central Florida GCSA Annual Meeting, Hawk's Landing GC
- Sept. 12 FTGA Conference & Show, Hyatt Regency Hotel,
- 15 Coconut Point. See page 7 for details.
- Sept. 25 NFGCSA chapter meeting, Amelia National



FGCSA President Craig Weyandt (left) presents South Florida's Alan Weitzel with the 2006 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at the Past Presidents Dinner in Naples on May 5th.

Alan was one of the principals in the formation of the Florida GCSA as we know it today. He declined being its first President paving the way for Tim Hiers to assume the reins. Alan served on the FGCSA Board of Directors from its formation in 1978 until 1984.

Alan was President of the South Florida chapter in the 70's and was responsible for the formation of the Palm Beach chapter. Previously the South Florida chapter extended from Vero Beach to Key West. He was also on the committee that formed the Otto Schmeisser Research Green at the University of Florida Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center.

Alan currently works for Metro Dade County and has been a strong supporter of Junior Golf in South Florida for the past thirty one years.

President's Message Craig Weyandt

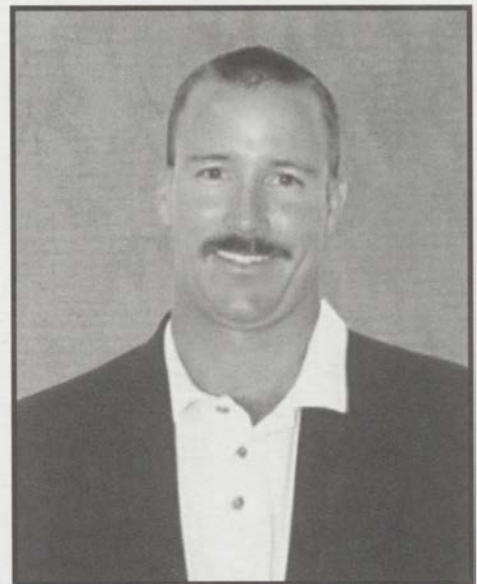
What an exciting year it has been. I ran a marathon. Ok, I walked some but finished the 26.2 miles just the same. But seriously, the GCSAA has initiated PDI with its first round of superintendents trying to maintain their class A status and they helped to co-fund two of our research projects this year. The FGCSA board in conjunction with GCSAA and FTGA has funded even more research projects to benefit our members. The University of Florida/IFAS will be having a Turf Field Day at the new Pine Acres Research facility in July to officially open the facility. Alan Weitzel received the distinguished FGCSA Service Award and we are nominating Bob Randquist, GCCS, Boca Rio GC, in the Palm Beach GCSA for election to a second term on the GCSAA board of directors.

The past year has gone quicker than I could have ever imagined. I would like to thank the board of the Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Association, all the chapters across the state of Florida, and Marie Roberts and Joel Jackson. For

without their help none of this would be possible. We inched along with our Strategic Plan that was begun last year, and I know we will bear down more next year to produce action plans and firm goals to help guide us along.

Most of all I want to thank you for your time. The time you spent filling out the GCSAA Environmental Resource Profile survey, time spent submitting your comments to the EPA on your facility's use of MSMA, the time you spend supporting your local chapter by attending meetings and the time you spend educating your members and environmentalists on the true value of golf courses. I especially want to thank those chapters that have continued their support of the FGCSA with donations for both our operating expenses and for turf research.

As Matt Taylor takes the wheel of the FGCSA I am even more excited about the future of our association. He will be serving as immediate past president of the Florida Turfgrass Association while he is president of the FGCSA. The connection between our two associations will never be stronger. If you have not



Craig Weyandt

been to an FTGA Conference and Show in a while, make this the year that you do. The location is outstanding (Bonita Springs). The education is top notch and best of all, you can get PDI points if you need them. I attended last year and will be the first one to say that being able to meet with the UF/IFAS scientists who are conducting the research on problems that you face today is invaluable. I hope to see you there and thanks again for your support!

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Deadline next issue: August 15.

FGCSA Annual Meeting/ Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting of the Florida GCSA will be held on Friday, July 28th at the Villas of Grand Cypress. The meeting will begin at noon.

Election of Officers for the 2006-2007 Year will be held at this meeting. Slate of Officers includes Matt Taylor, Everglades GCSA, for President; Greg Kriesch, Calusa GCSA, for Vice President; and Shane Bass, Coastal Plains GCSA, for Secretary/Treasurer. Craig Weyandt remains on the board for one more year as Immediate Past President.

What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

1. Government Relations: Fertilizer Issues

Thanks to IFAS, Allied Associations and some of our members the pursuit of local/county fertilizer regulations is proceeding at a more orderly pace as task groups and committees discuss the issues. Once the rhetoric from the activists has been tempered by scientific facts and best management practice guidelines, a more orderly common sense solution will hopefully emerge. Expect some changes to come down the pike and hopefully none of them will be radical.

Arsenic: Deadline June 30, 2006. We sent out another Urgen Alert to the chapters to notify members about the opportunity to make public comments on the use of MSMA. If you want or need MSMA this is your opportunity to provide information that will go into the final decision making process on the fate and future of the use of organic arsenic herbicides. Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0201, by one of the following methods <http://www.regulations.gov/> Follow online instructions. Or Mail: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. Also reference the Docket Number ID above. Deadline for submitting input June 30, 2006. Chances are the deadline will be over by the time you get this but you need to know we are/were trying. Discussions so far if the product survives EPA review indicate that greens will likely be taken off the label and applications will be limited to spot treatment only on tees, fairways and roughs. The number of repeat applications will also likely be limited.

Methyl Bromide Update: Here is the latest word on the progress of the GCSAA Task Force headed by Tim Hiers. From Carrie Riordan: "I wanted to bring you all up to date on where we are with the MeBr CUE application that is due to EPA on July 10, 2006. The task force has been in contact by conference call and e-mail. It was decided that one CUE application would be filed, representing all golf courses in the U.S.

Duane Ewing, of Ewing and Associates, is working with GCSAA staff and the task force to prepare the CUE application. Duane has much experience in preparing CUE applications and has a very good working relationship with the appropriate EPA staff.

Most recently, Duane and I spoke on Thursday of last week to really focus in on the information we need to provide in order to file the application. The biggest challenge this effort is facing is to construct an argument for "significant market disruption."

Duane is working with Dr. Unruh at the University of Florida, and Steve Godbehere of Hendrix and Dail, to obtain data that will assist with this effort. GCSAA staff is compiling information on costs for establishing and maintaining a "representative" golf course. Our goal is to present sufficient data and narrative to demonstrate to the EPA that loss of MeBr would result in "significant market disruption."

2. Allied Associations: We should be thanking IFAS, especially Dr. Laurie Trenholm and Dr. Terril Nell for attending these many county commission meetings on environmental issues and providing science and guidance in the face of the fear and rhetoric of the activists. Also playing prominent roles are the Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association, the Florida Sod Growers Cooperative, Erica Santella with TruGreen Chemlawn and a former FTGA President and our own Matt Taylor wearing two hats with the FGCSA and FTGA. Tim Hiers also continues his pro-active role and has been instrumental in bringing common sense and scientific references to the discussions in Naples on water quality issues. Building relationships with these groups is paying dividends.

Another group which I am a member of is the International Network of Golf. Geared primarily for the "Balls and Sticks" crowd, I am able to network and meet a wide range of people involved in businesses focused on customers who play the game. In our Industry Issues round tables and informally, I can bring these folks up to speed on water, fertilizer and pesticide issues and how they may affect the face of golf in the future. It is a chance to preach outside the choir.

Later this summer I will be attending the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) annual conference in Boston. Here I will get some inside information on association management from professional association executives. The skills and contacts I make here will be used to lay solid groundwork for recruiting future FGCSA staff as Marie and I phase out with retirement. The ASAE comes highly recommended by several other GCSAA Chapter Executives and GCSAA Staff as well as a great resource for association management information and support.

GCSAA Bob Randquist, CGCS from the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton has announced his intent to run for re-election at the GCSAA Annual Meeting in Anaheim in February 2007. FGCSA President Craig Weyandt has a letter of nomination to the GCSAA Nominating Committee. Those of you who know Bob know that is exactly the kind of leader and critical thinker that we need on the GCSAA Board.

3. Education: After GCSAA Regional Seminars in the Treasure Coast and Everglades, the next big education point earning opportunity will be at the 2006 FTGA Conference and Show at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Bonita Springs on September 12-15, 2006, which includes Fishing Tournament, Golf Tournament and a full slate of educational opportunities including the Trade Show.

Online education opportunities continue to expand on the GCSAA Education website if you can't get away from the job. Thanks to several interactive programs you can keep up your learning curve even if you can't network live and in person. Check it out at www.gcsaa.org

4. DOC/Editor Schedule

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| 7/12-14 | Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Annual Meeting, West Palm Beach |
| 7/19 | IFAS Field Day, Pine Acres |
| 7/24-25 | Paspalum Seminar, Naples |
| 8/1 | Ag Institute Meeting, Maitland |
| 8/19-23 | American Society of Association Executives Boston |

The Spring 2006 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Craig Weyandt at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4th at the Naples Beach Club Conference Center.

All officers were present. All chapters except North Florida GCSA were represented. Others attending the meeting were Joel Jackson D.O.C./Florida Green editor; Greg Pheneger, Past President; USGA representative Todd Lowe; Dale Kuehner, Voting Delegate; Darren Davis, Florida Green Business Manager; John Gallagher, PBGCSA and Marie Roberts, Assn. Mgr.

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORTS:

Craig Weyandt gave his report for the Infrastructure Committee of the FGCSA Strategic Plan. He reported that the GCSAA will be helping the FGCSA with it's long range plan. At last year's FGCSA Spring meeting, the Vision Statement and Mission Statement as suggested by the GCSAA were discussed. Now it is up to us to provide the Infrastructure what will the FGCSA be responsible for and what will the local chapters be responsible for? The immediate need is what will the FGCSA do when Marie and Joel retire? Craig gave some suggestions for future staffing possibilities (number of staff personnel and duties of each position). He asked the board to e-mail suggestions to him so that he may present a more detailed plan at the next meeting.

Chairman of the Regulatory/Legislative Committee, Greg Pheneger gave his report on the need to continue our contract with Mike Goldie. He also suggested that each FGCSA chapter promote a good relationship with their local legislators by inviting them to attend chapter meetings. He asked that the FGCSA put names and addresses of our Florida legislators on the FGCSA website. He suggested that the FGCSA Government Relations Committee be broadened and renamed the External Affairs Committee. He encouraged local chapter officers to attend their districts Water Management meetings as well as the Ag Institute. He also spoke on the need to address our staffing future by considering a meeting with the Georgia and/or North Carolina GCSAA staff.

OLD BUSINESS: Craig Weyandt announced that the minutes from the Winter

2006 Board Meeting did not address the vote for supporting the Rapid Turfgrass Disease Diagnostic Assistantship. After a discussion, a motion was made by John Curran to support this Assistantship as requested by Vice President Matt Taylor. The FTGA and the FGCSA will fund this project with \$11,980.50 each. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Secretary/Treasurer Greg Kriesch presented a draft of the proposed budget for the 2006 2007 fiscal year. He reported that the line item for the Lobbyist should be shared 50/50 between the FGCSA and the FTGA as suggested by the FTGA. Also, a motion was made that External Vice President expenses should be presented to their local chapters for reimbursement. The motion was approved.

A question arose about the line item for a donation to the Audubon International. It was reported that the FGCSA made a yearly commitment of \$1,000 per year to the Audubon International's Conservation CC beginning with the first check in August, 2004. (After the board meeting, the records were checked and found that our commitment was for a total of 3 years. The second \$1,000 check was sent to Audubon International in December for the 2005-2006 fiscal year leaving the FGCSA with only one more \$1,000 commitment to be paid in the 2006-2007 year.)

The line item for the reception in Anaheim was discussed. The officers will pick a Reception Chairman before the Summer Board Meeting. Greg Pheneger discussed the possibility of inviting some of the Florida CMA members to the reception in addition to the GCSAA representative. This suggestion will be passed on to the new chairman to consider. The choice of holding the Anaheim reception in one of the headquarter hotels or at an off-site location will also be investigated by the new chairman. Again, External VP's are encouraged to make your chapters thoughts known on what you would like to see at **your** reception at the next board meeting.

Joel then discussed the worksheet for the Publications Budget. All Externals were asked to read through both of these budgets

and contact Greg or Joel if you have any suggestions or additions that would need to be added to the budgets before they are presented to the board for approval at the Summer Board Meeting.

VOTING DELEGATE: Dale Kuehner, FGCSA Voting Delegate, reported that all of the candidates the FGCSA supported were elected to the GCSAA Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT: Joel discussed the arsenic issue, the Critical Use Exemption for Methyl Bromide; fertilizer issues around the state; the success of the recent Regulatory tour held in the Naples area and the progress of the BMP manual. The FTGA will send copies of the Green Industry BMP manuals to all members and Joel discussed the GCSAA EMP (Baseline Data Survey).

PUBLICATIONS: Joel reported that it is currently time for chapters to select the golf course from their area that will appear on the cover of the Florida Green. He also asked for more input on suggestions for future topics for the Hands On Section.

Marie Roberts reported that the 2007 Membership Directory will be printed by a different printing company this year with the hope that it will be more timely (barring another devastating hurricane season). If anyone has any suggestions for additions to the Directory, now is the time to let your feelings be known by contacting Marie.

AWARDS: It was reported that the 2006 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Alan Weitzel, longtime member of the South Florida GCSA, who was instrumental in promoting the FGCSA many years ago. He will be honored at the Past Presidents Dinner after the board meeting.

Only one chapter sent in a nomination for the chapter's President's Award for Lifetime Service. Dan Hall, Jr. will receive the award at one of the Everglades GCSA chapter meetings later this year.

BY LAWS: Mark Kann discussed an amendment that must be made to the FGCSA By Laws as requested by the GCSAA. The description of Class A and SM must be amended to include the following:

"A golf course superintendent is one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and related equipment"

Since Article IX of our By-laws require that the amendment must be presented to the membership 30 days prior to acceptance, we will put this in the July/August edition of the Green Sheet and the amendment will be voted on at the Summer Board Meeting.

Mark then addressed the issue of two new amendments to the GCSAA Affiliation Agreement. The GCSAA has requested that if any chapter has an objection or concern about the two amendments we must notify them by May 15th. The first amendment has to do with entry-level affiliation requirements for new chapters while the second amendment requires that GCSAA will provide each chapter with a list of members in each PDI renewal cycle. There were no objections to either of these amendments. We will notify the GCSAA accordingly.

EDUCATION: Chairman Peter Powell has resigned as Education Chairman. Past President Kevin Downing has agreed to finish out Peter's term. The 2006 Poa seminar will be a GCSAA SLS co-sponsored program to be held on Friday morning.

FINANCIAL: Chairman Joe Pantaleo is working on a program to invest a portion of the Bank of America Reserve Account in a more aggressive vehicle either through Morgan Stanley or Northern Trust. Since we have more research commitments this year than any other, Joe will be sure that there would be no withdrawal fees or penalties imposed should we need those funds. He will present an option at the Summer Board Meeting when Morgan Stanley will give us an update.

GOLF: Since Joe Ondo was unable to attend the Board Meeting, Joel gave a report on the BASF sponsored People vs. the Pros Tournament. Joel announced that a team from North Florida GCSA won the event with Mike Shields, superintendent at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, winning in individual play. Joel reported that the Crowfoot will be played on Saturday, July 29th with an after golf presentation and the dinner held that night.

RESEARCH: Craig reported to the board that the FGCSA has one more year of payment on the current Bipolaris project by Dr. Datnoff. We have also sent a \$3,500 check to Bruce Witt from Lake City Community College for the diversity student that is being co-funded by the FTGA and the CMA.

Craig presented a research proposal forwarded to us by the FTGA written by Dr. Kevin Kenworthy, Turfgrass Breeder from the University of Florida, "Breeding Turfgrass for improved performance and reduced maintenance". The proposal calls for \$40,000 in seed money to begin this program. Craig began the discussion with the question, "Does the FGCSA want to support a turf breeder?" The board was made aware that Dr. Grady Miller has left the University of Florida and that Dr. Kenworthy has a background in zoysiagrass. He is looking to breed a better bermudagrass, resistant to nematodes and traffic (fairway quality and green quality) that would be lower maintenance. It was suggested by Mark Hopkins that this topic be taken back to all of the chapters to see if they will approve this as a long term project. After some discussion, a motion was made that "The FGCSA will make a \$10,000 generic donation to Dr. Kevin Kenworthy with the stipulation that the FTGA will match the funds." The motion was approved. Matt Taylor will be sure that this topic is brought up and voted on at the next FTGA meeting.

Craig then discussed the spreadsheet prepared by Matt Taylor which listed the additional research projects we have agreed to co-fund with the FTGA, the two research projects approved at the Winter board meeting that the FGCSA will fund, as well as the Diagnostic Lab Assistantship approved earlier at this board meeting. Total research funding committed by the FGCSA over the next two years (including the remaining year of Dr. Datnoff's study) will be greater than \$50,000 not including the support of the University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale REC position which has been covered by the SFGCSA's Expo donation.

Todd Lowe, USGA, then reported that the USGA will begin doing product research which will include on-site visits. The USGA will not endorse any specific products.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Jim Walker

asked that all chapters use May 15th as a target date for getting their 2006-2007 dues invoices mailed. It was suggested that chapters follow the lead of the Everglades chapter which has been including a line item for research donations on their chapter dues invoices currently sent to all members.

A discussion was held to consider ways to generate more dues revenue due to the increased costs of running the day-to-day FGCSA operations. It was pointed out that that the Operating Fund has been operating at a deficit for the past few years and that it has been 15 years since the FGCSA raised dues. It was obvious that a dues increase is justified. After much discussion about how much to raise dues and when it should be done, a motion was made to "Raise Dues by \$30.00/year for all member classifications beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year." The motion was approved.

The question of whether or not to continue with the reduction in Assistant Superintendent dues to \$60/member rather than the \$90/member for Class A and SM was addressed. Originally this reduction was made to try to increase the number of Assistants joining the FGCSA. After another discussion, it was decided that we should end this reduction since it did not increase the number of Assistants in the FGCSA and since all members receive the same benefits from membership. Therefore a second motion was made to "Set Dues at \$90.00/year for Class A, SM and C members beginning with the 2007 2008 fiscal year". The motion was approved.

Matt Taylor will prepare a letter to inform all chapters of the reasons for this upcoming dues increase.

FUND RAISING: It was announced that the raffle at the Atlanta Reception raised \$3,400 for the FGCSA Benevolent Fund. The board thanked Terri Weyandt and Samantha Kriesch for manning the raffle desk all night and a special thanks to Ray Duffy of DowAgrosciences, the raffle winner who immediately donated his winnings back to the FGCSA Benevolent Fund.

FTGA: Matt Taylor reported that the upcoming September 12 15th 2006 FTGA

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...Continuation of Spring Board Minutes

Conference & Show will return to the Hyatt in Bonita Springs which was a very successful venue last year. He noted that Scott Burrows, son of Past President Tom Burrows will be the motivational speaker for the FTGA luncheon on Thursday. The Social Schedule will include the Fishing Tournament on Tuesday, the Golf Tournament on Wednesday at the fabulous Bonita Bay Club, followed by the equally fantastic Corn Boil later that night. Education begins on Wednesday morning with the Trade Show to be held on Thursday and Friday. If you missed it last year, now is the time to mark your calendar for the 2006 Show.

Darren Davis reported on behalf of Tim Hiers on a fund raising effort that will allow golf clubs to donate to turf research through the purchase of fertilizer. The FTGA, FGCSA, and the CMA have all bought into the program. Initially, approximately 10 20 clubs and two fertilizer companies (Harrell's and Howard's) will be recruited as model participants in this program

RECEPTION: The Atlanta Reception was well attended for our first reception not held in a GCSAA hotel. Attendance was higher than expected with the Hard Rock Café filled to capacity. The first question for the new Reception Chairman will be in deciding where to hold the Anaheim Reception...at a hotel or in another type of facility.

NEW BUSINESS: Joel Jackson discussed what to do after the May 2007 phase-out date for MSMA. Two questions were raised by Gregg Storey of Bayer Environmental Sciences. Joel asked: (1) Do we still need the product? The answer was yes. The second question was (2) Has anyone seen a reliably alternative. The answer was no. Joel will convey this back to Bayer.

SUMMER BOARD MEETING: The Summer Board Meeting and Eledction of Officers will be held on Friday afternoon, July 28th to coincide with the Crowfoot Open at the Grand Cypress Villas . We will begin with lunch at noon and the board meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

2006 Future of Golf

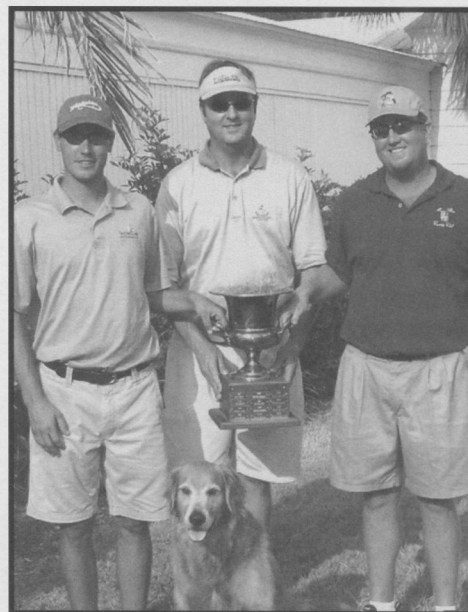
After many years of bad weather, the sun finally shone brightly on the PBGCSA 2006 Future of Golf Tournament held on Saturday, June 10th at The Falls CC in West Palm Beach.

Once again, Steve Pearson, superintendent at The Falls CC, hosted a spectacular event As has been the case for the past few years, competition was tight again with only three strokes separating First and Sixth Place! First Place went to the team of John Gallagher from Boca Woods GC and Harold Davis, Jude Eustaquio and Danny Evenly from Winston Trails GC. One stroke back for Second Place was the team of Bob Harper, The Club at Emerald Hills, Justin DeLaski, Liquid Ag Systems, and Ed Gifford and Ed Kenny from Martin Downs CC. Longest Drive this year went to Brigid Braun, Precision Labs, on Hole #13.

As usual, one of the highlights of the day was the raffle that was held immediately following the delicious lunch in the Clubhouse. The golfers have always supported this fund-raising event with just about every player purchasing raffle tickets.

Another great tradition at this fund-raiser was also a big success thanks to the generosity of Brian MacCurrach and Bayer Environmental Sciences for the Power Pak Auction that saw John Gallagher (first place winner) out bid his friends and peers to win the package of products offered this year with a bid of \$4,700! Bayer donates the entire proceeds to the PBGCSA and the charities they support. This is the fourth year of the program which sees Brian holding similar auctions at the Blue Pearl Tournament in Treasure Coast as well as the Missing and Exploited Childrens Tournament played in the South Florida chapter area.

Thanks to the generosity of The Falls CC, the four Diamond Sponsors (Kilpatrick Turf and Boynton Pump; Hector Turf; ShowTurf; and Bayer Environmental Sciences), the 17 Gold Sponsors, the many Tee Sign Sponsors, and the 136 golfers, this year's Tournament brought in more than \$40,000. After expenses, the PBGCSA will donate the profits to turfgrass research and scholarship programs.



The South Florida GCSA continues to dominate the state golf scene by taking the 2006 Poa Annual Classic Team and Individual Titles. Shown here are (l-r) Jason Bagwell, Bob Harper and Seth Strickland. Not pictured is team member, Steven Fox, who was the Individual Trophy Winner and has earned a spot to play for the FGCSA in the 2007 GCSAA Championship in California.

FGCSA By-Law Amendment

An amendment must be made to the FGCSA By Laws as requested by the GCSAA. According to Article IX of the FGCSA By Laws, "The By-laws of This Association may be amended at a meeting of This Association provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Executive Committee ninety (90) days prior to the said meeting and presented to the membership thirty (30) days prior to said meeting." This article will fulfill the 30 day requirement.

The description of Class A and SM must be amended to include the following:

"A golf course superintendent is one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and related equipment"

This will be voted on at the FGCSA Summer Board Meeting at Grand Cypress.

Member Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following FGCSA Members who have become Certified or Recertified in the past few months.

Shawn Sheridan, superintendent at Diamondback GC in Haines City. This Ridge chapter member is now a Certified GCS.

Clayton Estes, superintendent at San Jose CC in Jacksonville. This North Florida member has been a CGCS since 1991.

Dale Stump, superintendent at Prince Contracting Co. in Oviedo. This Central Florida member has been a CGCS since 1996.

J. Mark Black, superintendent at Quail West G&CC in Naples. This Everglades member has been a CGCS since 1991.

Dale Walters, superintendent at The Moorings CC in Naples. This Everglades member has been a CGCS since 1986.

Keith Einwag, superintendent at Innisbrook. This West Coast member has been a CGCS since 2001.

Jim Sharpe, superintendent at Summerfield Crossings GC in Riverview. This West Coast member has been a CGCS since 1996.

Eddie Snipes, superintendent at Southwood GC. This Coastal Plains member has been a CGCS since 1996.

Jim Sprankle, superintendent at Ibis CC in Tequesta. This Palm Beach member has been a CGCS since 2001.

2006 Crowfoot Open on July 29th

The 30th Anniversary of the Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open will be played on Saturday, July 29th at the Villas of Grand Cypress. This year all the activities take place on Saturday with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun on North/South/East Courses. Lunch will be provided on the course. The casual attire Cocktail/Award Reception will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting Center.

The format of the tournament has changed. You can play the modified stableford method or a two-man scramble. Prizes will be awarded for both groups. If you are competing for a playing spot in the GCSAA national tournament, you must play the modified stableford.

The Central Florida GCSA has added an additional option for players on Sunday. For an additional fee, there will be a fishing tournament as well as a two man Shoot Out on the East Course. Prizes will be awarded for both events.

Practice rounds are available on July 27-28. Tee Time Office is 407-239-1909. Lodging is available at the Villas of Grand Cypress for \$150.00 per bedroom plus tax by calling 1-800-835-7377.

Please send your registration form to CFGCSA c/o Robert Lloyd, 10051 Crystalline Ct., Orlando, FL 32837.



54th Annual Conference & Show

Hyatt Coconut Point

Make your reservations now for September 12th - 15th at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. This hotel offers an incredible view of the Gulf, immaculate rooms, two huge swimming pools, a spa, and amazing restaurants and lounges to occupy your time. The Hyatt will honor the discounted room rate of \$115 for Friday and Saturday night as well so that you may bring your family along and stay for the weekend. Hotel reservations must be made by August 29th to get that rate by calling the hotel at 800-554-9288. For information on this great venue, visit the hotel website at www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com.

If you did not attend this event last year, you are in for a tremendous treat! The week begins with the Fishing Tournament on Tuesday morning with vendor hospitality held that afternoon and evening. Wednesday morning is set aside for pesticide and equipment technicians seminars and workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Golf Tournament registration begins at noon with a 1:00 start at the fantastic Bonita Bay Club West. The Toro Company sponsored Corn Boil (prepared again this year by chefs Wiley and Nancy McCall of Environmental Turf, Inc.) will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday is all about the Show and the Education. Dr. Bryan Unruh has put together another interesting program with CEU's for everyone. The Showroom will be open from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursday with the Presidents Reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Complimentary admission to the Trade Show is available on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Register for the Show and all the events online at www.ftga.org.



Squamata Reptiles has had a busy year giving 4-5 presentations to FGCSA chapters around the state. Here Jim Mendenhall works the crowd.

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