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The FGCSA rented out the entire Hard Rock Cafe in Atlanta for this year's GCSAA Reception. The staff at the Hard Rock called it the Best Private Party they had ever had. Most of the 700 attendees will agree!

See page 7 for details and the list of sponsors who made this popular event a reality.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 6	Ridge Invitational, The Club at Eaglebrooke	Mar. 21	PBGCSA Chapter Meeting, Aberdeen CC	Apr. 27	PBGCSA chapter meeting, Broken Sound Club
Mar. 8	Seven Rivers GCSA Vendor Appreciation Day, Chiefland	Mar. 23	SFGCSA Exposition UF Fort Lauderdale REC (See page 6)	May 4 - 7	Everglades GCSA Poa Annua Weekend, Naples Beach Hotel (See page 6 for details)
Mar. 9	Calusa GCSA chapter meeting, Edison College, Fort Myers	Mar. 25	Everglades GCSA event, Naples Princess	May 4	FGCSA Board Meeting and Past Presidents Dinner
Mar. 13	North Florida Research Tournament, Pablo Creek CC	Apr. 6	Treasure Coast GCSA dinner meeting, PGA	May 5	FGCSA Seminar, 8:00 a.m., "Time Management," Dr. Bree Hayes, Naples Beach Hotel (See pg. 6)
Mar. 14	Coastal Plains GCSA meeting, Hilaman Park Municipal, Education: PDI Training	Apr. 6	Everglades Spring Symposium Naples Beach Club (See pg 6)	May 9	North Florida GCSA chapter meeting, Cimarrone GC
Mar. 15	Central Florida GCSA meeting, Red Tail CC	Apr. 10	Mike Richards Tournament, Jacksonville G&CC	June 8	Everglades GCSA joint meeting with CMA, Lexington CC
Mar. 16	Treasure Coast GCSA meeting, Links at Pointe West	April 17	Seven Rivers GCSA Envirotron Tournament, World Woods	June 15	Treasure Coast GCSA Blue Pearl Tournament
Mar. 21	Florida West Coast GCSA Benevolent Tournament, Wentworth GC	April 26	TCGCSA/GCSAA Regional Seminars, Dr. Keith Karnok, 2 half-day programs, PGA, Port St. Lucie (See page 6)	Sept. 12 - 15	FTGA Conference & Show, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

President's Message Craig Weyandt

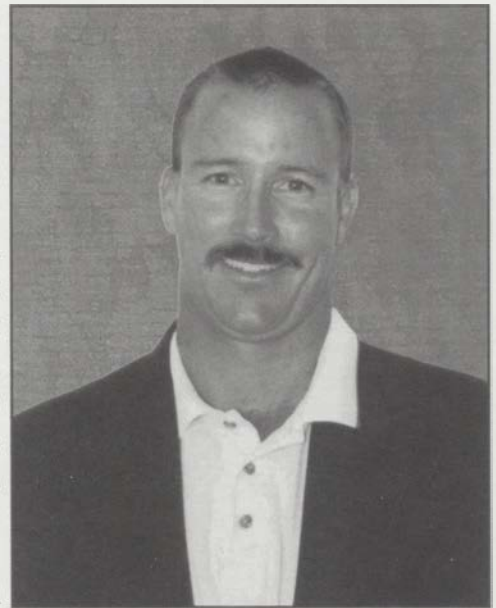
The Golf Industry Show in Atlanta met all of my expectations and some beyond. While I only took one class this year, it was a good one (Developing an IPM program for your golf course). IPM is the integration of knowledge and cultural management systems that focus on long term environmental health, for the suppression of pest problems with minimum impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. It is a program that is never finished and always changing so that the best management solutions are used. I thought I was doing pretty well until I took this class. Sometime we all have to be reminded just how little we really know. If you don't have a good IPM program now, start one. GCSAA has many resources that you can use to start a program.

One of the high points of the show for me was the Florida GCSA Reception at the Hard Rock Café. Paul Crawford

was chairman for this event and the one responsible for coming up with the unique idea of having the event at some place other than a hotel banquet room. Many thanks Paul. While this format has been done before it has been many years. All of the superintendents and most importantly the vendors that sponsored this event seemed most pleased with the accommodations, food and service. I would also like to thank the board members that were there for their hard work to make this great event a success.

During the reception the FGCSA board raises money through raffle tickets for the benevolent fund. The winner receives a cash prize of \$500.00. The winning ticket this year was Ray Duffy (Dow Environmental Sciences) who generously donated the funds back to the FGCSA benevolent fund. Thank you Ray.

One of my goals in attending the GIS show each year is to get a new outlook and sense of direction. Recharge the batteries if you will. Normally this is



Craig Weyandt

accomplished at the GCSAA opening session or some other event. This year my motivation comes from the enthusiasm of the new turf grass breeder at the University of Florida, Dr. Kevin Kenworthy. Dr. Kenworthy is looking for industry support and input from superintendents like **you** to make the turfgrass breeding program at the University of Florida one that all others follow. If you get a chance, give him a call at 352-392-1823 x 201 and let him know your needs for the turfgrass of the future.

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Deadline next issue: April 15.

FGCSA Board Meeting to be held May 4th

The FGCSA Spring Board Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4th at the Naples Beach Hotel. All Chapter Presidents are encouraged to attend the board meeting with their External Vice President. FGCSA Past Presidents are also encouraged to attend.

What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

1. Government Relations: Methyl Bromide

Following the GCSAA Winter Board Meeting, a meeting on Methyl Bromide was set up at the recent GIS in Atlanta. In attendance were: FGCSA - Matt Taylor, Tim Hiers, Darren Davis and Joel Jackson. GCSAA - CEO Steve Mona, Senior Manager of Government Relations Carrie Riordan, Managing Director Hannes Combest, GCSAA President Sean Hoolehan, Director of Environmental Resources Greg Lyman, Director of Research Dr. Clark Throssel and Director Bob Randquist. Also attending was Bob Collins, Chairman of the GCSAA Committee on Government Relations, Dr. Brian Unruh and from Hendrix & Dail Gene Aust, Roger Rhuby and Steve Godbehere. The meeting was convened to find a way to move forward with another Critical Use Exemption application for golf courses.

A Task Group will be formed to work on the application and to solve the question of how to respond to EPA's two points in refusing to forward the FGCSA application this year. (1) We must absolutely demonstrate the alternatives are not feasible and (2) We will need to also demonstrate a significant market disruption if Methyl Bromide (or an acceptable alternative) is not available.

Golf does not fit a neat crop yield/loss formula so we will have to present a clear fact based explanation of the many ways golf courses will spend more money on inputs, lose revenue to better conditioned competition and a variety of grow-in scenarios to link them all together to constitute financial loss or hardship. When the proceedings of the meeting are officially released I will report the outcomes of the various key points and goals and who will do what. Suffice it to say that some sort of economic study will be done and will need supportive input from golf courses when called for, so be prepared to share information. Dr. Unruh will be the point man on the project due to his extensive work on alternative products.

We appreciate the GCSAA for putting their full support behind this effort to help the EPA and USDA recognize the importance of Methyl Bromide to the turfgrass industry.

Please be sure to put your full support into the project if and when you or your club is called to provide critical data. Thank you.

Arsenic: It wouldn't be a DOC report if we didn't at least mention arsenic. This time however there is some good news. Let's hope it is something we can use to defuse the wave of negative news stories. Pardon me if I withhold all details, but unlike the media, I'd like to see the report firsthand before I get specific. I had a call from a superintendent who said the city commissioned an environmental engineering company out of Missouri to test his effluent monitoring well samples. While the arsenic level (21 micrograms/liter) was above the Florida threshold level of 10 micrograms, the interesting comment on the preliminary report was that they did not conclude that the arsenic was from MSMA. We are waiting for the final report to study their data and comments. We will definitely keep you posted.

Fertilizers: Citrus County and the City of Naples have recently gotten their knickers in a twist and started saying things like banning soluble fertilizers and mandating safer fertilizers, once again showing that a little emotion goes a long way. Fortunately cooler heads in the form of Dr. Laurie Trenholm at a Citrus County meeting and Tim Hiers in a meeting with local officials have offered factual information and indicated our willingness to help any efforts that are based on peer reviewed science and practical real world products. There is tons of information out there but it never seems to occur to the politicians or staff to seek it out before inserting foot in mouth. So we are going to work on ways to get them the info up front. I will be attending a Fertilizer BMP meeting in Tampa hosted by the Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association, and I see RISE (Responsible Industry for a Safe Environment) is also mounting a campaign to help end users to get the word out on the local level.

In the meantime, review your nutrient programs and the use of buffers around water bodies. Check your phosphorus usage and see if you can't cut back, based on soil tests of course, and maybe reducing the frequency of applications. Don't go by the calendar. Go by the appearance and

performance of your turfgrass. Save money and reduce inputs.

2. Allied Associations: GCSAA: We have always acknowledged that the primary reason for attending the national conference and GIS has been about continuing education. From that standpoint the show in Atlanta was successful with 7,229 attendees in 107 seminars. That number is down only slightly from 7,329 in Orlando and given the nature of having to relocate the show twice, that's pretty darn good. The last I heard on total numbers it was coming in below 20,000, so that's not a stat that will be showcased, but again understandable under the circumstances.

Congratulations to a couple of our FGCSA Members who were recognized by GCSAA as Environmental Leaders as Jason Kubel (A) from TPC of Tampa Bay won an award in the Chapter Division for Public Courses and Bob Karnes (A) of Disney World won a Merit Award in the Resort Category. The Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards are presented in cooperation by GCSAA, Golf Digest Magazine and Syngenta.

In other news, the two candidates Sandy Queen and Pat Finlen that we supported for Director won their seats on the Board. It was a shame anyone had to lose this year. Everyone including the incumbents were all good candidates.

I met with two gentlemen from Australia with the Orica Company, which specializes in water quality issues, especially in agriculture. They were looking for general information about Florida golf issues. They develop products which help clean up contaminated water and soils and are looking to debut a product that can neutralize organo-phosphate residues in spray tanks, mix/load soils and any other impacted location. Keep your eye out for products from Landguard.

3. Education: Tons of education out there to meet your PDI requirements. GCSAA Webcasts - check schedule online at www.gcsaa.org
 March 2nd - IFAS Turf Management Update, Manatee Civic Center
 March 23rd - South Florida Turf Expo
 April 6th - Everglades Spring Symposium

The Winter 2006 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Craig Weyandt at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20th at the Grand Cypress Villas Clubhouse in Orlando.

All officers were present and all chapters were represented. Others attending the meeting were Mike Goldie, FGCSA lobbyist; Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Greg Pheneger, Past President and Marie Roberts, Association Manager.

Mike Goldie gave a report on the recent Florida legislative session. He discussed plans for the next Tallahassee trip and suggested the middle of March. He also mentioned that there are currently no hot golf issues scheduled for debate. He also discussed the Florida Sod Growers and the Ag Coalition.

Greg Kriesch presented the minutes from the Fall 2005 Board Meeting. The minutes were approved.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES:

Jim Walker, Membership Chairman, gave an intensive report with suggestions on how the state and the local chapters may begin programs to increase membership. Peter Powell, Education Chairman, discussed the many opportunities superintendents have to ensure they keep their Class A status or become Certified with the GCSAA as well as speaking on the Assistants Seminar and the upcoming Poa seminar. Greg Pheneger, Environmental Activists Chairman, asked all External VPs to contact him with names of any environmental groups active in their chapters so that we can develop a comprehensive list. Matt Taylor and Joel Jackson, Publications, will meet with Larry Kieffer to discuss the future of the Florida Green.

METHYL BROMIDE: Joel discussed the rejected Critical Use Exemption returned from the state. He reported that Bob Randquist had taken the issue to the GCSAA to find out why the GCSAA pulled their CUE. Craig Weyandt suggested that the UF be contacted concerning a possible study on Methyl Bromide.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The First Quarter financial statements were explained by Greg Kriesch and approved. A discussion was held as to how to make more research dol-

lars available especially since the FGCSA has committed to co-funding 4 - 5 new projects this coming year. GCSAA results will be available in February. Matt Taylor noted that the Everglades chapter has put a line item for a Voluntary Contribution to Research on their dues invoices for all of their chapter members, superintendents and affiliates. Matt will send a copy of their dues invoice to all Externals to consider using in their chapter when they send their invoices out this year.

VOTING DELEGATE: Dale Kuehner, FGCSA Voting Delegate, reported that the combined Florida voting strength has risen from 638 last year to 674 this year. After a discussion of each of the GCSAA candidates, Dale told the board that at this point he is planning on supporting Pat Finlen and Sanford Quinn. Local chapters need to contact Dale to let him know if they prefer to have their votes go to another candidate.

RESEARCH: Craig Weyandt reported that the FGCSA is sending a \$3,500 check to Bruce Witt to help co-fund his study to prepare a cultural diversity training model for use on golf courses. The funding is being shared by the CMA, FTGA and FGCSA. Bruce will be e-mailing a survey to our FGCSA members to complete on line. The survey will be brief and it is hoped that everyone will take the time to fill it out especially since we are co-funding the project.

Craig then reported that he had attended the GCSAA Research Committee meeting where 34 proposals were evaluated for co-funding. Results will be out next month. Craig reminded everyone that even if one of our proposals is not co-funded by the GCSAA, the FGCSA will fund the project. The proposals that were forwarded to the GCSAA were:

(1) Evaluation of Soil Moisture and Evapotranspiration Irrigation Control to Reduce Turfgrass Irrigation Water Use, submitted by M. Dukes and G. Miller. Grant request is \$11,500 for a two year project.

(2) Field Evaluation of Bioherbicidal Control of Tropical Signalgrass, submitted by C. Stiles and R. Charudattan. Grant request is \$23,094 for a two year project.

(3) The Billbug Species Complex, Seasonality, and Management in Florida, submit-

ted by E. Buss. Grant request is \$13,900 for a one year study.

(4) Root-Knot Nematodes on Turf in Florida, submitted by W. Crow. Grant request is \$20,800 for a two year study.

Craig expressed his disappointment in the number of letters of support that were sent to the GCSAA for these projects.

A discussion was held regarding Kevin Kenworthy from the UF. Craig will contact Kevin in regard to applied research and the role of a turf breeder in Florida. He also reported that Dr. Crow is looking for letters of support for his proposal to the USDA. Dr. Crow is not requesting any financial help from the FGCSA but is looking for verbal support only.

Matt Taylor, President of the Florida Turfgrass Association, made a presentation to the FGCSA to co-fund an additional project with the FTGA. The project was submitted to the FGCSA at our Spring Board Meeting but no action was taken on funding the project at that time. The project is to fund an Assistantship at the new Rapid Turfgrass Disease Diagnostic Lab in Gainesville. The funding would be for one year only, after which time Dr. Harmon feels the lab will be self supporting. Matt then presented a proposal where in return for our support of this Diagnostic Lab in the amount of \$11,980.50, the FTGA will agree to contribute \$28,897 to the funding of the four proposals listed above. Matt presented the FTGA's proposal as a Win-Win proposition.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

Joel discussed the latest finding of arsenic levels at a course in Collier County and explained our involvement in the upcoming FFVA tour.

Joel then discussed the FGCSA website which is still being serviced by Grigg Brothers. Joel is planning to become more involved in the workings of the web page and will have another report at the next board meeting.

PUBLICATIONS: Joel reported on the winners of the GCSAA Publications Contest with the Carolinas receiving the top prize for both best publication as well as the most approved publication.

Marie Roberts reported that the 2006 Membership Directory has been sent to all members and sponsors. A discussion was held on the cost savings to replace the current spiral binding with a less expensive method, such as perfect binding. There would be a savings in printing and well as in postage but the drawback would be the inconvenience of using another type of binding.

AWARDS: Chairman Chris Neff asked Externals to submit their chapter's nominations for the 2006 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award as soon as possible so that our officers can select the candidate within the next month and notify the recipient so that the presentation can be made at the Presidents Dinner during the Poa Weekend in May.

Chapters are also encouraged to nominate one of their chapter members for a Lifetime Achievement Award. These awards are to acknowledge one of your long-time superintendent members (20 years in the turfgrass industry) who has contributed his time generously to the betterment of your chapter. FGCSA will have a plaque made for your chapter to present and the nominee will receive a write up in the Florida Green.

The newly created Marie Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed and board members were advised that the recipients do not necessarily have to be a superintendent but rather an individual who has contributed greatly to the advancement of the FGCSA.

BYLAWS: Mark Kann discussed the possibility of a ByLaw Amendment to change ARTICLE I. Section 2 of our ByLaws to restate the purpose of the FGCSA to be more in line with what was discussed at our May Strategic Planning Meeting. The change is actually very slight but Section 2 would be restated to: "The mission of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association is to promote the golf course management profession and to unify golf course superintendents in Florida."

EDUCATION: Peter Powell announced that the next Assistant Superintendent Seminar will be held at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River. The goal is to get at least 30 participants from the surrounding areas. Brochures will be sent to all members in the West Coast GCSA as well as the Seven Rivers GCSA and

to the student chapter of the University of Florida turfgrass program.

The Poa seminar will be a GCSAA SLS co-sponsored program to be held on Friday morning, May 5th, 2006 at the Naples Beach Hotel. The speaker will be Bree Hayes who will speak on Time Management. The FGCSA will request that the Everglades chapter insert the information on their Poa brochure listing a \$50.00 seminar fee.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Jim Walker discussed the 50% decrease in the Assistant Superintendent fee by the FGCSA which was meant to increase FGCSA membership in that category. He questioned if all chapters reduced their total fee for Assistants to reflect that rate and whether this actually increased membership. After a discussion, a motion was made to retain the reduced rate of 50% for all Assistant Superintendents. The motion was approved.

Jim then reported that 79 new superintendent members of the GCSAA are not currently listed as members of the FGCSA. The names of these superintendents were reported to the GCSAA as non-members who then do not fulfill the Dual Membership criterion. The GCSAA will send letters to these superintendents advising them that they must join a local chapter in order to retain their GCSAA membership status.

Jim reminded all Secretary/Treasurers to follow through on members who pay dues between September and the end of the fiscal year. All chapters are under an obligation to report these members to the FGCSA as well as forward their dues payments so that they may be included on the FGCSA list.

GOLF: The Florida team playing in the 2006 GCSAA Championship will be Bob Boyan (FGCSA Championship winner, Steve Bernard (Crowfoot Open winner), Stephen Fox (Poa Classic winner), and Bob Harper, low average. Joe Ondo reported that the number of golfers playing in the Tournament is down, but hopes to have more than one team representing Florida in this event.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee will look at the possibility of taking some additional funds out of the current Bank of America Reserve Account in order to get a better rate of return.

FTGA: Matt Taylor reported that the FTGA has voted to fund Mike Goldie at \$10,000/year. He also noted that some co-funding for the upcoming Conference will be received from the Sod Growers and Sports Turf Managers.

GCSAA RECEPTION: All GCSAA members of the FGCSA have been asked to RSVP for this year's reception so that the Hard Rock Café can prepare properly for the crowd. A question was raised as to what should be done with a superintendent who arrives at the reception without making a reservation....Should there be a fee attached for this inconvenience since the Hard Rock Café will charge a premium for an overage on our guarantee? Should that person be urged to make a contribution to the Benevolent Fund? After a lengthy discussion, it was decided not to impose a monetary fine. Sponsorship has been strong again this year and the board expressed their appreciation.

Security at the door to the Hard Rock was discussed. There is also a need for volunteers for the Benevolent Fund table as well as the Entrance table from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Several Board Members volunteered their time. Mike McCullough, Benevolent Fund Chairman, discussed the need for a written criterion for distributing funds from the Benevolent Fund.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike McCullough discussed the Florida Adaptive Golf program that provides training and support for physically challenged persons who wish to play golf. He reported that the Suncoast chapter is supporting this program and was requesting financial support from the FGCSA. Craig Weyandt will contact the Suncoast chapter to consider if this is a program that the FGCSA should be supporting.

SPRING BOARD MEETING: The Spring Board Meeting will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel on Thursday, May 4th beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. Lunch will not be served. The Past Presidents dinner will be held that night at a restaurant in the downtown Naples area. Matt will ask Darren to Chair this event again this year. It is expected that the Distinguished Service Award will be presented after the dinner.

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

2006 SFGCSA Exposition

The 19th Annual SFGCSA Expo/Field Day will be held on Thursday, March 24th at the Fort Lauderdale University of Florida REC.

The familiar schedule includes a great morning educational program filled with explanations and first hand accounts of each research project that is being performed on the turf plots at the REC. At 10:00 a.m., the booth and equipment areas will open for demonstrations of everything that is new in the turfgrass industry....from new pieces of equipment to new products.

After the spectacular bar-b-que lunch prepared by the crew at Environmental Turf, the afternoon turns to serious educational opportunities. Training session for DACS CEU's will be presented under the big top while the superintendents head to the Auditorium to hear Dr. Billy Crow and Mr. Jeff Michel speak on mole cricket biology. This topic is always helpful to our superintendents and we expect a large crowd.

GCSAA Education Points are available for the day's activities. Pre-registration is \$40.00 through March 16th and registration increases to \$45.00 after that date. Brochures can be obtained by contacting the FGCSA office or by calling Dr. Cisar's office at the REC at 954-577-6336.

Everglades GCSA Spring Symposium to be held on April 6th

The 14th Annual Turfgrass Spring Symposium will be held on Thursday, April 6th at the Naples Beach Hotel. Featured speakers for the all day Symposium include Dr. David Kopec, University of Arizona; Dr. Robert Carrow, University of Georgia; Lane Tredway, North Carolina State University; John Foy, USGA; Dale Dubberly, Bureau of Compliance Monitoring, and Gary Grigg, Grigg Brothers.

The seminar offers Florida Restricted Use Pesticide credits as well as GCSA Education Points. To obtain a registration form, please contact Everglades Education Chairman, Matt Taylor, at 239-261-4987.

GCSAA Regional Seminar

The Treasure Coast GCSA is pleased to sponsor two Regional Seminars on April 26th at the PGA Club in Port St. Lucie. You may attend one or both of the seminars.

The morning seminar, "Managing Turfgrass Root System in the South" will teach participants how to manage warm-season turfgrass root growth. The use of plant growth regulators and biostimulants will also be covered. The seminar begins at 8:00 a.m. till noon.

The afternoon seminar, "Localized Dry Spots on the Golf Course" will begin at 1:00 p.m and end at 5:00 p.m. This seminar will discuss the cause, detection and management of LDS caused by water repellent soils.

The speaker for both seminars is Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia who uses a unique root observation lab (rhizotron) for his extensive studies. You may register with the GCSAA through their web site or by phone or fax. Fee is \$65.00 for each seminar.

Everglades Chapter Picks May 4 - 7 for Poa Weekend

The Schedule of Activities for the 2006 Poa includes the FGCSA seminar, "Practicing Good Time Management" given by Dr. Bree Hayes on Friday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Naples Beach Club. Time is a non-renewable resource. This dynamic seminar is intended to stimulate your thinking about how you spend your time and provide several time management techniques for your consideration. Fee for the seminar is \$50.00 and includes GCSAA Points. You do not have to play golf in order to register for the seminar although you may register for the seminar with the Poa entry form. The seminar will finish in time for the 1:15 Shotgun Start of the G. C. Horn Tournament which will be played at the Beach Club.

The Poa Classic Scramble Shotgun Start is 8:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Beach Club while the Poa Classic Stroke Play is also 8:00 a.m. at the nearby Naples Grande GC. The ever popular Luau on the Watkins Lawn will be on Saturday night from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Registration forms are available from the Everglades chapter and the FGCSA office.

FGCSA Receives Co-Funding for Research Proposals

2006 is starting off as a great year for Florida researchers! At the Winter Board Meeting, the FGCSA selected four proposals to send to GCSAA for co-funding and then voted to fund any of the proposals that were not approved.

Of the four proposals submitted to the GCSAA for co-funding, the following two proposals were approved:

(1) iField Evaluation of Bioherbicidal Control of Tropical Signalgrass,î submitted by C. Stiles and R. Charudattan. Grant request is \$23,094 for a two year project.

(2) iThe Billbug Species Complex, Seasonality, and Management in Floridaî, submitted by E. Buss. Grant request is \$13,900 for a one year study

The third proposal iRoot-Knot Nematodes on Turf in Florida,î submitted by W. Crow with a grant request of \$20,800 for a two year study....has now received co-funding with us by the Florida Turfgrass Association. In addition to this, the FTGA also voted to co-fund the Signalgrass and Billbug studies with us!

The fourth proposal: iEvaluation of Soil Moisture and Evapotranspiration Irrigation Control to Reduce Turfgrass Irrigation Water Use,î submitted by M. Dukes and G. Miller. Grant request of \$11,500 will be funded entirely by the FGCSA.

As a result of this additional co-funding, the FGCSA voted to join with the FTGA in supporting the Rapid Turfgrass Disease Diagnostic Lab in Gainesville previously submitted by Dr. Harmon.

The FGCSA is also co-funding with the FTGA and the Club Managers Association a Diversity Study by Bruce Witt from Lake City Community College. Any FGCSA member who has not been able to respond to the on-line diversity survey is urged to contact Joel Jackson for assistance.

So, as you can see, 2006 is a banner year for Florida researchers at the University of Florida and Lake City Community College.

Florida Members Honored at Golf Industry Show

Jason Kubel, Class A member of West Coast chapter and superintendent at the TPC at Tampa Bay, received one of the five 2006 Environmental Leaders in Golf Chapter Awards for Public Courses.

Michael Perham, former Past President of the FGCSA and now superintendent at the Landings Club in Savannah, Georgia, was presented with one of the seven 2006 ELGA Chapter Awards for Private Facilities.

Bob Karnes, Class A member of the Central Florida chapter and superintendent at Osprey Ridge and Eagle Pines courses in Walt Disney World, received one of the 2006 ELGA Awards for Resorts.

Several GCSAA Scholarship Awards were announced at Thursday morning's Opening Session. Florida winners of the \$1,500 Legacy Awards funded by Syngenta Professional Products were: Ashley Bittner, who is attending the University of Florida, daughter of Robert Bittner, CGCS at The Club at Pelican Bay; Kevin Klauk, also at the University of Florida, son of Glen Klauk, Pablo Creek GC; Kelly Mongoven attending Florida State University, daughter of Mike Mongoven, CGCS at Shell Point GC; Alexa Wood, Edison College, daughter of Terry Wood, Naples National GC; and Casey Wright, Baylor University, daughter of Steven M. Wright, CGCS at Boca West CC.



Reception Chairman Paul Crawford and Association Manager Marie Roberts put together another excellent reception at the Hard Rock Cafe in Atlanta.

Another Record Crowd at the Florida GCSA Reception

The Hard Rock Cafe was just about filled to capacity as 700 Florida GCSA members, guests and sponsors enjoyed a great evening in Atlanta. The staff at the Hard Rock did their part in keeping the buffet filled with great food for the entire evening and the bartenders were kept busy throughout the night! Chairman Paul Crawford worked the door all night long with assistance from our FGCSA Officers and External Vice Presidents. Again this year the Benevolent Fund raffle was a big success, raising \$3,400 in donations. Extra thanks go to raffle winner, Ray Duffy from Dow AgroSciences, who generously donated his entire winnings back to the Benevolent Fund.

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