

# THE GREEN SHEET



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GCSAA Director Bob Randquist, CGCS (left) welcomes the Florida GCSA members to the 2006 GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting in Kansas City: Dale Kuehner, CGCS (SFGCSA), Darren Davis (Everglades), Nancy Miller (Calusa), Bill Kistler (West Florida), Brian Main (Palm Beach), Rip Phillips (North Florida), and Eric Reiter (Treasure Coast).

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 8 Suncoast Vendor Appreciation Day, Bradenton CC

Jan. 15 19th Annual CFGCSA Research Tournament, Interlachen CC

Jan. 16 Treasure Coast GCSA Chapter Meeting, The Majors GC

Jan. 16 GCSAA/FWCGCSA Seminar, "IPM: Putting Together an Effective Plan for your Golf Course," Tampa Palms GC

Jan. 25 Palm Beach GCSA Annual Supt/Assistant Night Meeting, Country Club @ Boca Raton

Feb. 19 CFGCSA Superintendent/Vendor Tournament, Tusawilla CC

Feb. 21 Golf Industry Show, -25 Anaheim

Feb. 22 FGCSA Annual Reception, Sheraton Park Hotel, Anaheim

Mar. 12 Ridge Invitational, The Club at Eagle Brooke

Mar. 22 South Florida GCSA Exposition, UF IFAS, Fort Lauderdale

Mar. 26 Suncoast Scramble, Laurel Oak CC

### **FTGA Regional Turf Seminars:**

Jan. 9 Mid Florida  
Jan. 10 Tampa  
Jan. 11 Fort Myers  
Jan. 16 Port St. Lucie  
Jan. 17 Lake Worth  
Jan. 18 Miami/Broward/Dade  
Jan. 23 Ocala  
Jan. 24 Jacksonville  
Jan. 30 Milton

Contact the FTGA at 800-882-6721 if you have not received a registration form for the Seminar in your area or register online at [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org). Directions are also available online. See page six for more details.

## President's Message Craig Weyandt

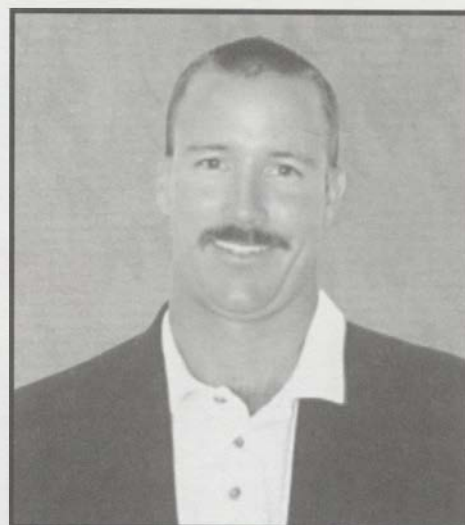
Being a Superintendent is not a Spectator Sport! I noted that the second extension period for making public comments on the EPA decision has expired this week as I write this. In fact it was just this past Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary numbers out of GCSAA indicate that after the initial only 30 or so comments in the first few weeks back in September, there was a flurry of several hundred by mid October, but by late November not that many more had come in. So, out of 700 or so FGCSA members, nationwide, we have only 300 superintendents commenting on the decision by EPA to ban MSMA. Which is strange because in conversations, people say how effective and economical it is, yet not many people did not take a few minutes, to write EPA. Form letters were provided, websites were published, practically everything was set up to make it simple and easy to do, but I guess we were wrong and people didn't really want MSMA after all.

Folks, we are entering a time where standing on the sidelines and cheering for a few others to carry the load just isn't an option. Just look at the scoreboard. We aren't in the lead. Namacur supplies are dwindling. Prices are going up and there's no real new winning product in the pipeline. How are you going to control nematode stress on

your turf? MSMA is likely gone. It's not official yet, but we sure didn't dazzle EPA with several thousand comments did we? Methyl Bromide is up in the air, pardon the pun. Maybe we can get a critical use exemption, maybe not, but the way the international community views us economically and especially politically right now, it will be a struggle. What will we use when that is gone?

On the one hand we are fighting city hall over fertilizer regulations and on the other we are being asked to fill out some surveys that will give GCSAA and other industry leaders some ammunition to fire back and save our industry from undo regulations and nit-picky, feel-good local ordinances. Did you fill out the GCSAA survey on Pesticide use when it came out last summer? How about the Water Use survey that was due back in November? Did you "man-up" and give them some real world information or are you standing around waiting for the other guy or gal to do it?

People, we better start taking responsibility for helping to fight the political battles. We don't have to picket or demonstrate, all we have to do is answer some survey questions, host a chapter meeting, or write a letter or an email once in a while. Register and vote in elections and do just enough homework to find out if a candidate is a flaming activist or a moderate who will listen to facts.



**Craig Weyandt**

Support your local chapter with your presence, your input and ideas. We don't have to showboat, but we do need to get better organized and be more effective in making our voices heard on the issues facing our profession.

Moving on... The FTGA has expanded its regional seminars in January to nine to offer more opportunities for localized education.

Also, I hope we are presently surprised by the number of Florida folks attending the GCSAA Conference in Anaheim. We certainly plan on hosting our traditional FGCSA Reception. It will be on Thursday night, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sheraton Park Hotel, just down the block from the Hilton Headquarters Hotel and Convention Center.

The education is always the main thing. You need the PDI points and you sure can get a slug of them in a few days at conference. Whether or not Anaheim is a tourist mecca should be of little consequence and I have heard that the whole convention center area is much improved.

Last but not least I want to congratulate my friend and mentor David Court, CGCS, the long time superintendent at the Boca Lago C.C. in Boca Raton. David has been at Boca Lago for 25 years (since 1981). He and his wife Janet are moving to the Seven Rivers area, as David takes over as superintendent at the Black Diamond Ranch golf courses. The Palm Beach Chapter is recognizing his long standing local chapter and state service with a President's Award, appropriate since he is a Past President of both. All the best to you in your new job, and Happy New Year everyone.

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Deadline next issue: February 15.

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

by Joel Jackson

### 1. Government Relations: Fertilizer Issues

– Statewide Fertilizer Rule being drafted to consolidate and clarify bag and tag information. While the bag and tag components will be directed at containers weighing 49 lbs or less, hence primarily the homeowner and specialty market, there will also be guidelines on total amounts of nutrients that can be applied. All of this is part of the Urban Turf initially stemming from the Lake Okeechobee Basin Restoration Plan.

Now FDOACS is trying to formulate a rule that will hopefully keep 67 Florida counties drafting their own fertilizer regulations in light of several counties bound and determined to regulate fertilizer use, with turfgrass being a primary target. To see the golf course guidelines that will be adopted for greens, tees, fairways and roughs look up “Recommendations for N, P, K and Mg for Golf Course and Athletic Field Fertilization Based on Mehlich I Extractant” by Dr. Jerry Sartain, UF/IFAS.

I want to hear from you. Go to <http://search.ufl.edu/web?query=SS404> to download a copy of the 13 page pdf file. You need to see if the ranges provided for the various nutrients on an annual basis will work for your programs. If you have concerns please let me know. Dale Dubberly told me that if soil or tissue tests indicate that more of a particular nutrient needs is needed then the test results can be used as a reason for a variance from the proposed amounts. The rule is expected to be published by December 2009.

**MSMA** – December 13<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for filing comments about EPA's decision to not re-register the whole family of organic arsenical herbicides including the widely used MSMA for grassy weeds on Florida golf courses. Chava McKeel, GCSAA Government Relations Manager, told me that as of November 21<sup>st</sup> 258 comments had been made to EPA. 36 were in support of the decision and 222 against. Out of the 258 comments the golf industry accounted for 144 (superintendents 96, chapters 2 and other green industry 46). She feels there

were more since then and will send me a report next week – I am writing this on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Regardless, it doesn't seem like very many superintendents bothered to try and save MSMA for use, whether it was a conscious decision to let it go or just apathy, I guess we will never know. Not condemning. Just wish people would speak up and say so. That way we can pick the battles we want to fight and save time and energy and maybe a little good will for another issue. See the President's Message as Craig weighs in on this topic.

**2. Golf BMP Manual/Survey:** Latest update is a Spring 2007 publication date of about 7,000 copies. The Department of Environmental Protection will be paying for the printing. BMPs have really caught on. FNATS has a BMP Manual for nursery and landscape operations and the Florida Sod Growers Cooperative also has a manual coming out soon as well. Coupled with the Green Industries BMP manual that came out in 2002, the turf industry is pretty well covered now. We now have scientifically based information to offer up to local officials when they go off on a tangent. Another data gathering effort is being made by the GCSAA (Environmental Profile of Golf Courses) to provide baseline data on a national basis. I can't urge you strongly enough to participate in these surveys. Our strength has always been the science behind what we do. The more information we can pull together the better the arguments we can make when challenged on issues.

**3. Allied Associations: FTGA** – The FTGA office is shaping up. Executive Director Casey Wohl Pace has been focusing on getting all the bases covered with the proper operational controls in place with an emphasis on the accounting and record keeping. She has hired Heather Russo as the new Marketing and Events Coordinator and I have seen several news releases come out of the office making sure the media is aware of the organization and the role it plays in helping to coordinate the Florida Turf Industry. As they move on to other endeavors, thanks to Tom Wells and Mike Smith for helping to keep the office functioning and producing the 2006 Conference and Show. Good luck and thanks gentlemen.

**IFAS:** Dr. George Hocmuth, IFAS Dean of Research has been making the rounds. In other words I have seen him at all the meetings I have been going to. He is doing his best to understand and meet our research issues. We of course need to meet him halfway with our input on critical needs and support. I saw him and Dr. Joan Dusky, Dean of Extension at the recent Fertilizer Rule Workshop in Bartow.

**GCSAA:** The Officers and members of the Florida GCSA Board of Directors have been invited to attend the Winter Meeting of the GCSAA Board of Directors, which will be held in Orlando on January 12-13, 2007. For the past year or so the GCSAA has invited local representative of affiliated chapters to the quarterly board meetings as a way to get to know the local leadership and better understand how GCSAA can serve members through their chapters and what the particular needs are from region to region. The Fall meeting was held in Oregon and several of those NW chapters were in attendance.

**FFAA and FSGC:** I will be attending the winter business meetings of the Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn. (Tampa) and the Florida Sod Growers Cooperative (Orlando) in January. I am sure the Fertilizer Rule will be one of the hot topics on both agendas. I appreciate the information exchange with Executive Directors Mary Hartney and Betsy McGill. We are able to help each other by communicating to all members and with regulators and legislators on the issues.

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

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| 1/5     | GCSAA Conference Call –<br>Re: Board Meeting              |
| 1/12    | Florida Sod Growers Co-op<br>Annual Meeting, Orlando      |
| 1/12-13 | GCSAA Winter Board Meeting,<br>Orlando                    |
| 1/18-19 | Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical<br>Assn. Meeting, Tampa |
| 1/25    | Ag Institute Board Meeting,<br>Lakeland                   |
| 1/26    | FGCSA Winter Board Meeting,<br>World Golf Village         |
| 2/13    | IFAS Regional Ag Council<br>Meeting, Bartow               |

The Fall 2006 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Craig Weyandt at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Grand Cypress Villas.

All officers were present. All chapters were represented except Palm Beach, Seven Rivers and Suncoast Chapters. Others attending the meeting were Joel Jackson – D.O.C./Florida Green editor; Mike Goldie, FGCSA Lobbyist, Tim Hiers, FGCSA Past President, Dr. Terrill Nell and Dr. George Hochmuth from University of Florida, and Marie Roberts, Association Manager. Guests from the FTGA were Casey Pace and Jay McCord

President Craig Weyandt began the meeting by asking Tim Hiers for a report on the status of the fund-raising program being co-sponsored by the FTGA, the FGCSA and the CMAA. Tim reported that all 3 boards have agreed to the concept of assessing a fee of \$1.80 per ton of fertilizer purchased by participating fertilizer companies. The funds will then be distributed by the FTGA according to a committee comprised of members of the 3 associations. Tim reported that the Committee would be comprised of John Foy representing the USGA, two members from the FTGA, 2 members from the FGCSA and two members from the CMAA. The goal is to raise at least \$300,000 annually for turfgrass research. Tim said they will now take the next step to implement the plan slowly using 10-15 willing clubs to pilot the program and work out any unforeseen issues.

Mike Goldie gave a review of the upcoming elections and how it might affect the turfgrass industry.

Dr. Nell then introduced Dr. George Hochmuth who has been with the University of Florida for several years and has now been appointed to the agriculture and turf side. He is currently the Associate Dean for Research & Associate Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station.

Jay McCord, President of the FTGA, stated that he is enthusiastic about the upcoming fund-raising program and is eager to get to work on finalizing all the details of the program. He introduced new FTGA Executive Director Casey Pace who gave a

short review of her background with the Florida Citrus Mutual and her interest in the green industry.

Minutes of the FGCSA Summer Board Meeting were approved. Joe Pantaleo then presented some information gathered at a meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee held at the FTGA Show on September 15<sup>th</sup>. One of the items discussed was to add a duty to the Secretary/Treasurer position in the SOP's to include the job of Business Manager of the Florida Green. The Committee felt that would be a good introductory position for all new Secretary Treasurers. He also noted that with future staffing changes we need to emphasize chapter relations, advertising sales, and good communications skills.

He then discussed the Committee's concern about the trend toward revenue losses over the past few years and suggested various avenues for the FGCSA to consider to reverse this situation. The Committee listed the five main areas of revenue as Dues Income, Reception Sponsors, Membership Directory/Florida Green Advertising income, Research dollars and the return on our FGCSA investments. The Committee felt that the fertilizer tax program should help with our research dollars and reminded the board that even though we have been advised to keep 50% of our annual FGCSA budget in reserve, we do have the ability to transfer any excess funds (earned interest) back into the FGCSA operating accounts. Joe discussed the upcoming FGCSA dues increase and suggested that it would be more advantageous to raise dues by \$10.00 each year rather than a \$30.00 increase as discussed at our last board meeting. It is hoped that this would be a better way to retain membership while still increasing dues revenue. This subject will be discussed later in the board meeting. Joe then suggested retaining a small amount of the Annual Florida Reception bottom line as an administrative fee to help cover operating expenses. He also suggested a small annual increase in advertising rates for both the Florida Green and the Directory.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Secretary/Treasurer Shane Bass presented the financial report. The Reports were approved.

**RESEARCH:** President Craig Weyandt then reminded the board of the many research proposals that we are now in the process of funding. The funds committed by the FGCSA for substantial research projects being performed at the University of Florida is the highest amount of any past year. This is an accomplishment that all of our members should be proud to be a part of by their donations to the FGCSA Research Account from the money earned through the fund-raising activities of our local Florida chapters.

Craig then announced that we would continue our tradition of requesting Co-Funding from the GCSAA. He asked all External Vice Presidents to take the time to read the 11 proposals that have been sent to us for co-funding by various University of Florida researchers. Craig has e-mailed these proposals to all Externals. The proposals have all been rated for Scientific and Educational Merit and Craig asked the Externals to be prepared to advise Craig of their chapter's preference for funding sometime before our Winter Board Meeting, probably by the end of November. We would then need to submit those proposals to the GCSAA before their deadline date.

Dr. Hochmuth said he would provide a template for research proposals progress reports from UF/IFAS to help the process.

**D.O.C. REPORT:** Joel reported all the activity going on with the methyl bromide situation and the fertilizer issues that are continuing throughout the state. Joel and Mike Goldie are staying current on the Urban Turf Rule that Florida DOACS and DEP is working on. The University of Florida is also involved in these talks. Joel reported that the Golf BMP Manual should be ready for distribution in the spring with 7,000 copies to be printed.

**AWARDS:** Rip Phillips reminded all Externals that it is now time to nominate someone for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award. Chapters need to bring this up at a chapter meeting and send a letter of support to Rip before the end of March. The state-wide award is traditionally given during the Poa weekend in Naples.

Rip also reminded the board that there is now a second state-wide award, the Marie

Roberts Lifetime Service Award. Rip will work on the qualifications for this new award and send them to all Externals with a request for some nominations. Chapters are also reminded they may nominate someone from their chapter for a FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. These President's Awards are given by the FGCSA to a FGCSA member who has been a leader on the local chapter level, not necessarily the state level. The award is given out to your nominee at your local chapter meeting.

It was also noted that the GCSAA is looking for nominees for their DSA. Joel and Rip will work on this project.

**EDUCATION:** The FGCSA has been approved for a SLS seminar co-sponsored by the GCSAA to be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> during the Poa weekend. The board was presented with a list of approved speakers and their subject areas. The board decided that their first choice would be one of the seminars presented by Bruce Williams and, if he is not available on the 11<sup>th</sup>, second choice was Tommy Witt.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Walker reported that the FGCSA membership list now stands at 1,070 members including Lifetime and Honorary members with paid dues a total of \$54,820. Jim again urged all chapters to send their 2006-2007 dues invoices out in May next year. He also suggested that all of those whose dues are not paid by the end of July should pay the dues out of their own pocket and then get reimbursed by their club. This way we can have all dues received in the FGCSA office and the chapter membership lists up to date by sometime in August. This would allow the Directory to go to the printer by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim also suggested that chapters plan a Members Only meeting early in the fiscal year to get those habitually late people to pay their dues prior to the meeting date. Some chapters have prepaid the dues for those members they know will join and collect from them later.

It was noted that the GCSAA has put Member Retention as a #1 Priority for this year. The FGCSA will contact the GCSAA to target those who have paid their GCSAA membership but are not paid up Members of any of the Florida chapters.

The board then discussed the plans for the approved 2007 FGCSA dues increase. Some suggestions were made as mentioned earlier in the meeting to raise dues \$10.00 each year for the next 3 years rather than the agreed upon \$30.00 all at one time. This would be done to reduce any impact from the needed increase. Another suggestion was to end the 50% reduction in Class C dues and have everyone pay the same amount – Class A, SM and C. No motion was made at this time. The question of how to let the individual member know of the change in dues structure – a letter to the Chapter President or individual letters to all members. This needs to be decided by the next board meeting so that letters can go out as early as March so that our members can properly budget the increase.

**GOLF:** Joe Pantaleo reported that a plaque was presented to Joe Ondo at the FGCSA Championship for serving as Chairman of the FGCSA Golf Championship for ten years – since its inception in 1996!

Joe Pantaleo and Matt Taylor discussed the possibility of changing the qualifications for the Florida team in the GCSAA Tournament to include the Winner of the FTGA Golf Tournament. If this is feasible, it may be used during the 2007 season to decide our Florida team in 2008. The FGCSA team would then be composed of the winners of the Poa, Crowfoot, FTGA, and the FGCSA Championship, and would drop using the low average score in these events to determine the fourth team member.

Matt Taylor reported that the Everglades chapter will change the menu (cost) for the luau during the Poa from a full buffet to a reception format in an attempt to make it more reasonable for everyone to attend. It is hoped that it will still be an outdoor event.

**FTGA:** Matt Taylor gave a report on the quality of the FTGA Conference and Show this year in Bonita Springs. Everything about the Show was great and Matt is looking forward to one more year at the Hyatt in Bonita. He noted the poor turnout from the superintendents in the local area (Everglades and Calusa chapters) and pledged to work harder to bring those superintendents to the Show next year. The

FTGA will research the feasibility of rotating the Conference around the state.

Matt also welcomed Casey Pace to the FTGA and reported that everyone is impressed with her credentials so that members can look for a good year coming up. They will hire a fulltime coordinator or outside accounting firm to help with the FTGA office work when Casey is traveling.

**GCSAA:** Joe Pantaleo, Chairman for the FGCSA Reception in Anaheim announced that the reception will be held on Thursday night, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sheraton Park Anaheim Hotel which is in easy walking distance of the Convention Center. Sleeping rooms are available and Joe urged all members to make their room reservations ASAP before they are sold out. Sponsor letters have been sent to past sponsors but it is requested that all board members look over the list of sponsors and make any suggestions to adding sponsors that you currently have a professional relationship with but are not on the list. Please forward the name and contact information for any potential sponsors to the office.

Darren Davis reported on the discussions held at the GCSAA Delegates Meeting. The first item on the agenda was to establish long-term dues pricing strategy. The GCSAA has suggested that future dues increases be tied to an index (probably the CPI) with the goal of increasing dues revenue gradually when needed. Sporadic large increases have cause membership loss. Their next item was regarding membership standards which must be promoted externally. The Committee will attempt to market the association with a focus on Class A members while not neglecting other membership classes. Darren also noted that there was a discussion on GCSAA Board of Directors financial support costs which are included in the GCSA Standard Operating Procedures manual.

Darren then discussed his duties as Voting Delegate Alternate and presented the potential slate of officers and directors for the GCSAA 2007 election. The complete Slate will be presented at the next FGCSA Board Meeting so that Externals can give their chapter's opinion on which candidates to support.

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**SURVEY** – The 2007 FGCSA Survey Chairman, Kevin Downing, was unable to attend the board meeting but sent a report stating that there would be major changes to the survey this year. The survey will be composed of a total of 40 questions in 4 separate categories – Labor Related, Budgetary, Professional and Operational. Some sections of the survey will continue to be divided by chapters as well as size of the facility but we will also be divided between Public and Private sectors. This is an attempt to promote more participation in the survey. The survey will be sent to all Class A and SM members in December.

**FLORIDA GREEN:** Joel Jackson noted that the Fall Florida Green magazine has been printed and is currently in the process of being mailed to members. He also reported that there are very few superintendents sending in photos for the Florida Green Photo Contest. He would like to encourage more participation to make it a viable "contest".

**NEW BUSINESS:** We have received a solicitation letter from the Charles Bronson campaign. The FGCSA sent a \$500 donation to Bronson's campaign in 2002; this year's letter was requesting \$250 - \$350. After a discussion on the merits of continuing to support Mr. Bronson, the board voted to send a \$350 contribution.

President Craig Weyandt suggested that the Winter Board Meeting be held at the World Golf Village since we were unable to hold last year's board meeting at that site. The tentative date is set for January 26, 2007.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

***FGCSA Board Meeting  
to be held January 26th***

The FGCSA Winter Board Meeting will be held on Friday, January 26th at World Golf Village. All External Vice Presidents are urged to attend or arrange for a chapter member to represent your chapter.



Joel Jackson, CGCS (Central Florida) and Bob Solms (Ridge) represented their chapters at the GCSAA Delegates meeting in Kansas City.

**FTGA One Day Regional Turf Seminars**

The Florida Turfgrass Association again presents their Annual Regional Turf Seminars throughout the state. These one-day seminars provide local educational programs on topics such as pest and disease, weeds, BMPs, regulatory issues, safety and pesticide usage. Attendees can choose from separate schedules for either Golf and Landscape. Programs will start at 7:30 a.m. at most locations and should conclude at 3:00 p.m.

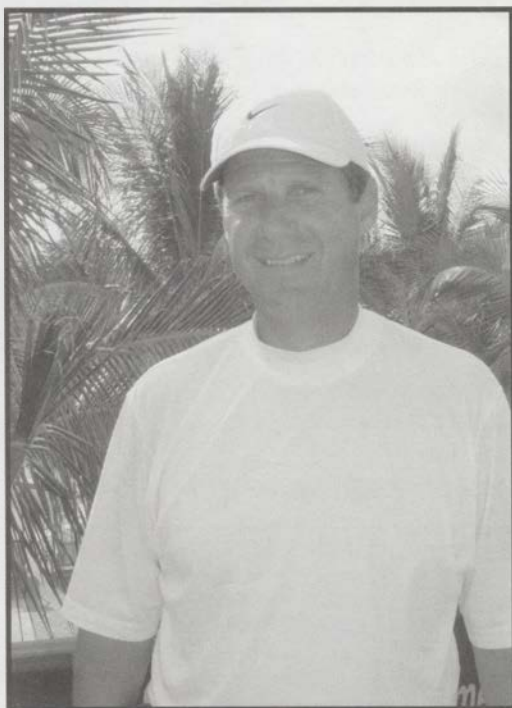
Speakers from the University of Florida will include Dr. Laurie Trenholm, "Best Management Practices"; Dr. Bryan Unruh who will speak on wetting agents and landscape turf problems; Dr. Kevin Kenworthy will discuss the latest turfgrass trials; Dr. Jerry Sartain will speak on turfgrass soil fertility; and Stephen Brown who will speak on palm disorders. Other speakers might include Jeff Wharton, Environmental Compliance Specialist. Please check the FTGA website to see which topics and speakers will be included at each location.

The locations and dates are:

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| January 9  | Varsity Club, One Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando   |
| January 10 | Tampa Street Lawrence Hall, 5225 N Himes Av, Tampa   |
| January 11 | Germain Arena, 11000 Everglades Pkwy, Fort Myers   |
| January 16 | USDA Horticulture Lab, 2001 S. Rock Rd., Port St. Lucie  |
| January 17 | 4725 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth   |
| January 18 | 9151 NW 2nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale  |
| January 23 | Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2200 NE Jacksonville Road (off of SR 200 - east of I-75), Ocala |
| January 24 | Duval Extension Office, 1010 N. McDuff Av, Jacksonville  |
| January 30 | Santa Rosa County Auditorium, 4530 Jimmy's Way, Milton   |

Participants will receive CEUs in both core and turf and ornamental categories. Prepaid registration fee is \$40.00 with a \$45.00 On-Site Registration Fee.

Contact the Florida Turfgrass Association at 800-882-6721 if you have not received a registration form for the Seminar in your area. On line registration for the nine turf seminars is also available. To register online, go to [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org). and then click the Conference and Shows icon.



Gary Dorsch, Regional Manager with the Toro Company, won a BMW convertible by making a hole in one at the Lake City Community College Tournament.

## Florida Superintendents Prepare for GIS in Anaheim

Attention Florida Chapter Voting Delegates: Our own Bob Randquist, CGCS at the Boca Rio Golf Club in the Palm Beach Chapter, will be up for re-election for a 2nd term as Director on the GCSAA Board during the GCSAA Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Be sure that all of our eligible votes are cast by checking with Dale Kuehner, FGCSA Voting Delegate, before the GIS. If you can not attend the Annual Meeting in Anaheim, be sure to fill out the form that will be mailed to all FGCSA Chapter Voting Delegates before the end of January.

The FGCSA will have an experienced team entered in the 2007 GCSAA National Golf Championship to be played February 16th through the 20th at Mission Hills CC, Pete Dye Challenge Course in Palm Springs, California. The team will consist of: Bob Harper, winner of the FGCSA Golf Championship held at Southern Dunes GC; Seth Strickland, Crowfoot Open Champion; Stephen Fox, Poa Annua Classic Champion and Jim Torba, low average of all of the events. Again this year, the South Florida golfers lead the way with the FGCSA Team. Good luck to all golfers.



## 2007 Florida GCSA Reception -- Thursday, February 22nd

Make your room reservation now at the Sheraton Park Anaheim Hotel, 1855 S. Harbor Blvd., site of the Annual Florida Reception on Thursday, February 22nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Sheraton Park Hotel is conveniently located less than a quarter mile from the Anaheim Convention Center. Individual sleeping rooms may be reserved by calling Golf Industry Travel at 800-442-7220 or by contacting GCSAA

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## GOLF VENTURES SELECTS BRAD REANO

Golf Ventures is proud to announce the addition of Brad Reano as Executive Vice President of Equipment and Operations. Brad has over 22 years experience in the golf industry, most recently with Toro. Brad brings extensive sales management experience, golf industry knowledge and a wealth of business relationships. Brad is a graduate of Lake City Community College. Please join us in welcoming Brad to the Golf Ventures Team of Professionals.

At this special time of year, we want to take the opportunity to say "Thank You" for your business in 2006 and to let you know we appreciate your loyalty and commitment over the past year. Our continued goal is to provide you, our valued customer the best service in the industry. We hope 2007 brings you continued success and happiness both personally and professionally.

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