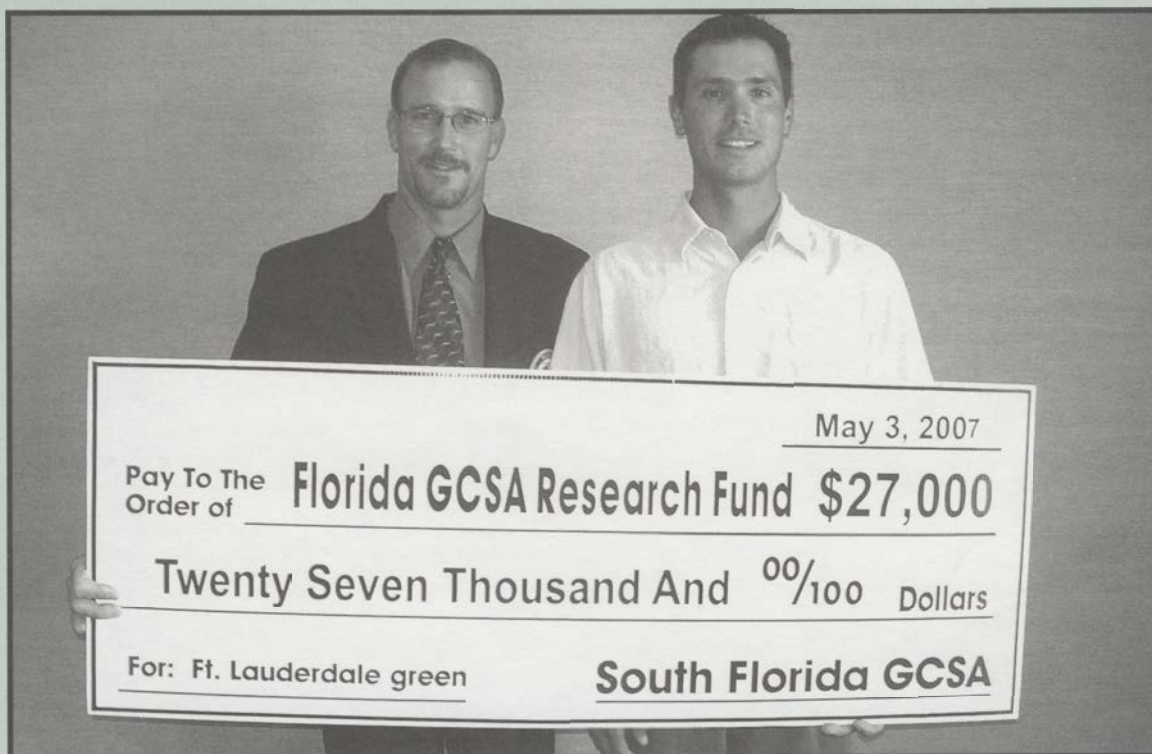


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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



At the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting, South Florida President Jason Bagwell (right) presents a check for \$27,000 from the SFGCSA Turf Expo to FGCSA President Craig Weyandt.

Upcoming Events

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| July 11 Central Florida GCSA Annual Meeting, Northshore GC | July 24 North Florida GCSA Annual Meeting, Windsor Park | Aug 4-5 CFGCSA Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress. See page 6. |
| July 12 Everglades Annual Meeting, Twin Eagles GC, Naples | July 24 Palm Beach GCSA Annual Meeting, Aberdeen G&CC | Aug. 6 West Coast GCSA Pro/Super Championship, Cypress Run |
| July 17 Coastal Plains Chapter Meeting, Seminole GC, Tallahassee | July 24 West Coast GCSA/GCSAA Seminar "Organic Approach to Golf Course Management", Dr. Frank Rossi and Jeff Carlson, CGCS, Tampa Bay Palms GC. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. .55 GCSAA education points. | Aug. 22 North Florida GCSA seminar, Timuquana CC |
| July 17 IFAS Field Day, University of Florida, Gainesville | Aug. 3 FGCSA Annual Board Meeting, Election of Officers | Aug. 29 Seven Rivers GCSA Joint Meeting with Westech, Hernando Oaks |
| July 18 IFAS Field Day, UF Plant Science Unit, Citra | | Sept. 11 FTGA Conference & Show, - 14 Hyatt Regency, Coconut Point. See page 7 for details. |
| July 19 South Florida GCSA Annual Meeting & Election, Westview | | |

President's Message Craig Weyandt

The new phone books here!! The new phone books here!! Ok, well it's not the new phone book, it is the much-anticipated Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses. Or how about we just call it the BMP manual?

With county commissioners gone wild with trying to regulate soluble fertilizers, it is comforting to have this manual on my desk. I can only hope that you keep your manual close by and refer to it often.

I think the best part of the BMP manual is Appendix E: Golf Course Management Practice Checklist. This checklist is not mandatory but is intended to help the superintendent review his or her current operation and determine where improvements can be made. It is suggested that the checklist be updated annually and reviewed with the management team (i.e. General Manager, Greens Committee, etc.).

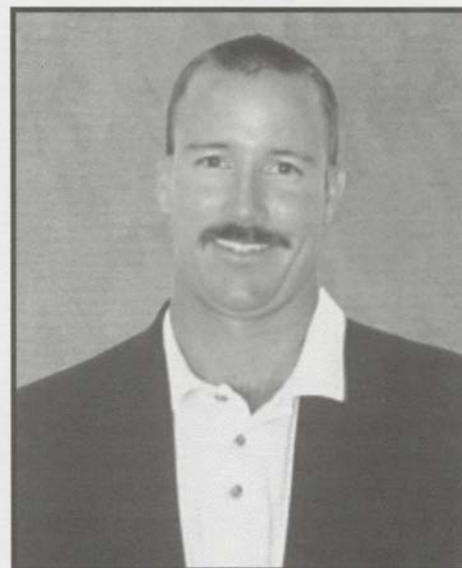
The worst part of the manual is the picture on the lower part of the inside cover. Not to worry though, I have replaced the image in my book with a picture of a Great Blue heron taken on the golf course. Trust me... you won't hurt my feeling if you do the

same. All joking aside, I am truly pleased to have this manual in place. If you only knew how many people and how many hours of labor went in to making this manual happen you would stand up and give those involved a cheer.

The Crowfoot is just around the corner and I hope you can make it. Remember, the Crowfoot is one of four chances you have at earning a spot on the state team. The Poa is done and Ryan Costello is in. That leaves the Crowfoot in August, the FTGA Tournament in mid-September and the FGCSA Championship in late September or October (Date TBA). If you have never been, make this the year. Grand Cypress is truly a first class meeting, golf and resort venue and something that my family looks forward to attending each year.

You may find this hard to believe but this is my last President's message in the Green Sheet. Oh how the time has flown by regardless that Joe, Matt and I did an extra term this year.

Thinking back over the last two years and some of the things that superintendents have gone through in the state is really amazing. We started with hurricanes and have ended with droughts but one constant remains; the fact that superintendents stick together.



Craig Weyandt

It has truly been an honor serving as President of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association and I wish to thank Joel, Marie and the entire Board of Directors of the FGCSA for their time, hard work and counsel.

FGCSA Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers

Date: Friday, August 3rd

Place: Villas of Grand Cypress

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Slate of Officers:

- President: Matt Taylor
- Vice Pres: Shane Bass
- Sec/Treas: Bill Kistler
- Past Pres: Craig Weyandt

All Chapter Presidents are welcome to attend the board meeting with their External Vice President. FGCSA Past Presidents are also encouraged to attend.

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Deadline next issue: August 15.

What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

FGCSA Website: Don't forget to check out www.floridagcsa.com at least once a week. I am updating our website every couple of days with news and announcements on people, events and government relations issues to keep you up to date on information that matters to you and your association. The site also has links to all FGCSA chapters that have websites.

Golf BMP Manual: The Best Management Practice for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses has been mailed to every FGCSA Superintendent Member. It has also been mailed to members of the League of Cities and Association of Counties, Water Management Districts and others. 9,000 copies were printed in the first run. This document created from 2-3 years of meetings and input from regulators, researchers and golf course superintendents and even oversight by environmental groups like A Thousand Friends of Florida has already been cited as the guideline to be used in the State of Florida's Urban Fertilizer Rule, the Sanibel Fertilizer Ordinance and the Sarasota County Fertilizer Ordinance.

We wanted regulators and lawmakers to have their rules based on sound science and now we have it. This will not be a silver bullet. There never is one, but it will give the recently formed State Fertilizer Task Force a basis for reviewing future local ordinances that seek to regulate golf course maintenance practices without due process or the best available science. There is a checklist in the back of the manual that will give you an opportunity to see how your operation stacks up to the BMPs and ways you can improve your environmental footprint and become compliant and avoid legal action by the state if a downstream problem comes up.

We send our thanks to Mike Thomas of the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection for helping the FGCSA and other green industry and agricultural commodities to craft and draft a series of BMP manuals to help our industries find ways to do business

and improve our environmental stewardship.

Urban Fertilizer Rule: The Department of Agriculture held its second Public Hearing on the Urban Fertilizer Rule at the DEP Offices in Tallahassee in . Many thanks to Jeff Heggen of the Coastal Plains GCSA for sitting in to make sure the sections concerning golf courses had not been modified since the last hearing. Jeff reports golf remains governed by Dr. Jerry Sartains nutrient recommendations contained in the BMP Manual as previously stated. Remember to follow these guidelines and if you must exceed the N and P ranges, make sure you have soil and or tissue tests to validate the need for additional applications.

Water Restrictions: There's no denying we took a credibility hit in the media recently when the Palm Beach Post ran a story how 50% of area golf courses were not complying with reporting requirements for the Phase 2 and 3 restrictions which cut back irrigation 30-45% from permitted amounts. Another story ran a week later that the number in compliance had reached 97%. Of course the question remains why not 100%. It only takes one or two to give the industry a black eye and discredit our work to be environmental stewards.

The reality of the situation was that Water Management District records and online reporting software was not 100% itself, so the initial non-compliance numbers were skewed to begin with including courses that no longer existed or were on reclaimed water and other glitches. As time passed the gap narrowed and only a few have been singled out for failure to comply to the weekly reporting requirements.

The moral of the story is: First, know what you are pumping. Keep accurate records. Communicate your water source to your members what constraints you may be under during droughts. Begin to harden off your turf during the usual dry periods in the spring so plants learn to thrive and survive on less water. One superintendent told me recently his members "had" to adjust to browner turf and they began to see the benefits in greater distance on golf shots. Experiment with run time reductions whenever and wherever you can on the course so you can meet mandated cutbacks.

This issue has been and will continue to be of growing concern. Learn to manage it.

3. Allied Associations: FTGA- The FTGA has mailed out exhibitor registration forms for the 2007 Conference and Trade Show and attendee registration forms are soon to follow. By June 22nd a new website will be online and take online registrations as well. New Executive Director Casey Pace and Marketing and Events Coordinator have been hard at work reorganizing operational infrastructure of the FTGA and also moving to a new downtown location for the office. Meanwhile, it was announced that former NFL All Star quarterback Jim Hart of the St. Louis Cardinals will be the keynote speaker at the annual luncheon and Florida Ag Commissioner Charles Bronson will be the speaker at the Closing Ceremonies. It was announced at the FTGA Summer Board Meeting that in keeping with suggestions and requests the 2008 & 2009 Conference and Shows will be held at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. The two year contract nets lower room prices. Attendees will see a \$20 discount on room rates.

One other big change this year will be the introduction of a Low Medalist event parallel to the regular Scramble Event that will serve as the fourth qualifier for FGCSA members vying for spots on the FGCSA Team at the GCSAA Championship next February in Orlando. This replaces the low average category and joins the Poa Annu, Crowfoot and FGCSA Championship as one of the qualifying events for the team.

Ag Institute of Florida: This group of communicators and executive directors for Ag commodities and associations continues its work on securing a contract with a PR firm to help define and refine public perception and awareness of Florida agriculture and green industries. Once data has been accumulated, key messages that apply across all commodities will be crafted and delivered to the media, the general public and regulators and politicians. The length and extent of the campaign will be limited only by the amount of funding provided by the various associations. The AIF also has a website that provides media and the public a one-stop shop to connect to the various associations and has an events calendar, to which I add our meetings and events.

The Spring 2007 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Craig Weyandt at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10th at the Naples Beach Club, Immokalee Room. All officers were present and all chapters were represented. Others attending the meeting were Joel Jackson – D.O.C./Florida Green editor; Marie Roberts, Association Manager; Casey Pace, FTGA and Todd Lowe, USGA

Minutes of the FGCSA Winter 2007 Board Meeting were approved. Craig then introduced Jason Bagwell, SFGCSA President, who presented a check for \$27,000. These funds were generated by the South Florida Expo and Jason noted the funds should be sent to the Fort Lauderdale Research Center to support the turfgrass program at that site. In the past, the funds generated by the Expo had been used to support a technician at the site but the technician is now employed at a golf club in the South Florida area. A letter will accompany the \$27,000 check with explicit directions to have the proceeds support the turfgrass research programs at the Fort Lauderdale REC. Craig thanked the SF chapter for their work on the Expo.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION-

Matt Taylor then presented the Time Line for hiring a replacement for Marie Roberts. The Position Description as well as a detailed list of the Job Responsibilities was included in the agenda package. Matt's time line calls for a list of applicants to be gathered by the next board meeting. Bill Kistler made a motion to approve the Position Description. The motion was approved.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR 2007-2008:

Matt Taylor then presented a list of projects that the FTGA has approved and forwarded to FGCSA for co-funding. The list includes the projects that were approved at the FGCSA Winter Board Meeting in January. Matt noted that some of the programs were forwarded to Kevin Downing to forward to FSGA for possible co-funding.

The bottom line on the Proposed Funding requested from the FGCSA for the next 3 years was as follows: \$46,000 in the first year; \$33,000 in the second year and \$23,800 in the third year. A motion was made and approved that the FGCSA would co-fund the list of Research Projects at the levels stipulated in the report.

Craig thanked the FGCSA local chapters who made donations to the FGCSA Research Fund in the past and urged other chapters to follow suit in view of the large commitment that we have made. Mark Kann presented a \$5,000 check to the Research Account from the Envirotron Tournament.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Sec/Treas. Shane Bass presented the financial report. Mark Kann made a motion to approve the reports. The reports were approved.

Shane noted that the FGCSA Research Account has now dropped to the \$10,000 level and suggested this was the time to make the transfer of funds from the Morgan Stanley Fund to the Research Fund. He reminded the Board that our original intention when setting up the Morgan Stanley Fund was to maintain the balance at a six month reserve level which would be \$150,000. Therefore, Shane suggested that we transfer \$50,000 from the Morgan Stanley Fund (since it will still be at the \$150,000 level) to replenish the FGCSA Research Fund. He noted that this withdrawal will come from the interest generated inside the Fund. This was tabled until later in the Board Meeting when Finances will be discussed at length.

Shane then discussed adding new projects into the FGCSA budget for the next fiscal year. One of the items suggested was for an audit to be done in the next fiscal year. Expenses for hiring a new Association Manager were discussed. There should be an overlap time listed in this year's budget to allow for training of the new employee. The possibility of hiring an outside Accounting Firm was discussed to outsource the accounting procedures needed to meet the state and federal requirements. Using an Accounting Firm would provide checks and balances. The FGCSA currently uses an outside accounting firm to prepare the end of the year tax return for both the FGCSA and the Group Return for chapters but all other accounting procedures are done in house. Hiring an Accounting Firm could cost as much as \$15,000/year.

The board then discussed how much new revenue the dues increase would generate. Would we lose many of the Assistant Superintendents now that the rate is \$70.00/per year as compared with the \$30.00/per

year dues last year? It was felt that we would probably not lose the Class A and SM members with the \$10.00 increase and it was noted that some chapters such as West Coast, Everglades and Palm Beach are not passing the increase on to their A's and SM's. They are keeping the rate the same as last year and using their balance to pay the extra \$10.00 per Class A and SM.

With all of these changes coming up this next fiscal year, the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 budget will be addressed at the Summer Board Meeting in August. This should us give more time to receive the dues payments from chapters which would enable us to do a more realistic budget forecast.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT: Joel gave the board a report on the Sarasota Fertilizer Ordinance. We don't know how this might affect the Crystal River Ordinance. Wayne Kappauf and Nancy Miller noted that the red tide connection to fertilizer was not conclusive. But the end result was to legislate fertilizers.

Joel also discussed Water Restriction and how you can keep your club members informed of what is really happening on your golf course. He also noted that it is important for chapters to network with your local politicians especially when the Senate is not in Session. Casey Pace discussed a Public Relations campaign to generate a program at your own golf course to inform your members on turfgrass maintenance.

FLORIDA GREEN: Joel gave the schedule of the 2007-2008 FG covers to include Coastal Plains, North Florida, Ridge and Central Florida. He needs all of these chapters to let him know which courses they have chosen by the Annual Meeting in August. He also discussed increasing the advertising rates sometime in 2007. They were raised 3% in the summer of 2006. At the last Publications Meeting, it was decided to continue raising rates a small percentage every year or at least on a bi-annual basis.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Marie Roberts reported that the rates for the FGCSA Membership Directory were raised in 2006 to \$700 for a full page, \$350 for a half page and \$250 for a small ad printed 6 on a page. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of raising the rates, Wayne

Kappauf made a motion to "Raise FGCSA Membership Directory ad rates to \$1,000 for a full page, \$500 for a half page and \$300 for the small "business card" sized ad." The motion was second by Bill Kistler. The motion was approved.

AWARDS: Rip Phillips reported that the Distinguished Service Award would be presented at tonight's Presidents Award Dinner. Plaques were distributed to chapters who had a nomination for Lifetime Service for presentation at a local chapter meeting as follows: North Florida – Butch Singo; Ridge GCSA – Alan Puckett; and Everglades – Steve Durand.

EDUCATION: Bruce Williams will be presenting the Poa seminar on Friday morning which will be completed in time for attendees to play in the afternoon golfing event. Again this year, the seminar is one of the GCSAA sponsored Superintendents Leadership Series seminars so some of the expenses are underwritten by GCSAA.

Mark Kann reported that the University of Florida is sponsoring two events on July 17th and July 18th. There will be a Field Day at the Envirotron on the 17th and at the Plant Science Unit in Citra on the 18th. CEU's have been applied for. Mark also discussed DACS Worker Protection Safety workshop.

FINANCES: Joe Pantaleo led a discussion on the need to withdraw funds from the Morgan Stanley Fund as mentioned in the beginning of the Board Meeting. Since there are sufficient funds in the MS account due to the interest accrual, a motion was made to transfer \$50,000 to the FGCSA Reserve Account to cover the research commitments made with the FTGA. The motion was approved.

GOLF: Joe Pantaleo announced that the FGCSA team won the GCSAA Championship in California with Bob Harper tied for 2nd place and Jim Torba finishing in 5th. Joe also announced that the FTGA Tournament will now be an FGCSA Qualifying event for a place on the FGCSA team in the GCSAA Championship.

In all, 260 players are signed up for the Poa golf activities. The G. C. Horn has 90 signed up and room for more. Two tournaments will be held on Saturday — a fun scramble at the Beach Club with 136 players and a

stroke play competition at Naples Grande with 41 players. The winner of the stroke play will win a spot on the 2008 Florida team.

RESEARCH: Craig reported that in addition to our support of Dr. Crow's proposal to study the use of *Pasteuria* to Control Sting Nematodes, we have been asked by the lead scientist at BioTech, makers of *Pasteuria*, to send letters of support to assist them in getting grant money to help finance the production and distribution of this biocontrol material.

Craig reported that Dale Kuehner is now a member of the GCSAA Research Committee.

USGA: Todd Lowe reported that the USGA uses "Gift in Kind" in lieu of funding projects.

MEMBERSHIP: By now, all chapters should have sent renewal notices out. The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer is required to send their list of paid members into the office ASAP. It would be extremely helpful if a partial list could be sent by the first of August and then another complete list to the FGCSA by the end of August. All those paid members on the chapter lists as sent to the FGCSA by the end of August will be in the 2008 FGCSA Membership Directory.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Craig Weyandt submitted guidelines for approval of funding requests. Questions discussed were....Must the needy superintendent be a member of a local chapter as indicated in the first sentence? Should we set a maximum assistance level or should it be based on how much is in the account and what the situation merits? A suggestion was made to alter the guidelines to specify that "the amount can be larger than \$2,500 per claim at the discretion of the Board".

A motion was made by Nancy Miller to alter the Funds purpose slightly to read: "The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to FGCSA members or surviving spouse or children, etc."

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: It was suggested that we get a copy of a list of Golf Associations and consider doing some "White Papers" and sending them out to the golfer through their Association.

BMP's: Joel reported some changes in the BMP's and the new permit. He suggested

that superintendents let officials know that they follow the BMP's in order to keep our CU Permits. Joel asked if any board members had to monitor their ground water. No one responded.

FTGA: Matt Taylor reported that this year's FTGA Conference will again be at the Hyatt in Bonita. He reminded the board that the Golf Tournament will be part of the FGCSA Qualifier. He also reported that this will be the last FTGA Conference in Bonita before moving to the Palm Beach area in 2008. The GCSAA will be at the Conference both as a speaker and will have a booth.

Tim Hiers continues to work on the fertilizer fund raising program and has had meetings with Mary Harley to help out. There are still many questions to be answered.. How is the collection going to work? There will be accounting questions and legal questions that must be answered such as, What precedent will this project start? Tim is working on getting the kinks out of the program before it begins instead of after. Roadblocks need to be discussed and dealt with before a timeline can be drawn...It could be as long as 3 years in the future.

Tim has asked the FGCSA to help pay for expenses. The FTGA is now paying the expenses that he submits. Kevin Downing made a motion to support his expenses as submitted to the FTGA on a 50/50 basis. The motion was approved.

GCSAA RECEPTION: Joe Pantaleo reported to the board that the FGCSA reception at the GIS was meant to be a break-even event. In 2006, it was decided to withhold a small % of the income to go in the Research Account. It was decided that Paul Crawford would be the Chairman of the 2008 event and that it should be held in a hotel because of the large crowd expected.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: The Committee met at the 2006 FTGA Conference and will reconvene again at the 2007 Show.

SURVEY: Kevin Downing reported that there were 157 Private clubs and 87 Public course superintendents responding to the survey. He reported that the survey results were sent only to those who submitted one. Surveys can be requested by calling the

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FGCSA office. Kevin suggested that a survey done by a local chapter is more beneficial to the members than a state-wide survey.

GCSAA RESOURCE GROUP: Kevin announced some of the items that were discussed at this group. Such as:

- How do chapters react and intervene with the GCSAA?"
- Using Volunteer leadership is difficult to get results" — no surprise in that one!
- Invoking the Dual Membership Requirements has not gone well.
- Would Regional Affiliation be better than chapter affiliation?"
- GCSAA wants all the members and all the chapters to use the GCSAA logo as well as their own"

Kevin reminded the board that the role of the GCSAA is to promote national recognition of the golf course superintendent and to provide good education at the Golf Industry Show.

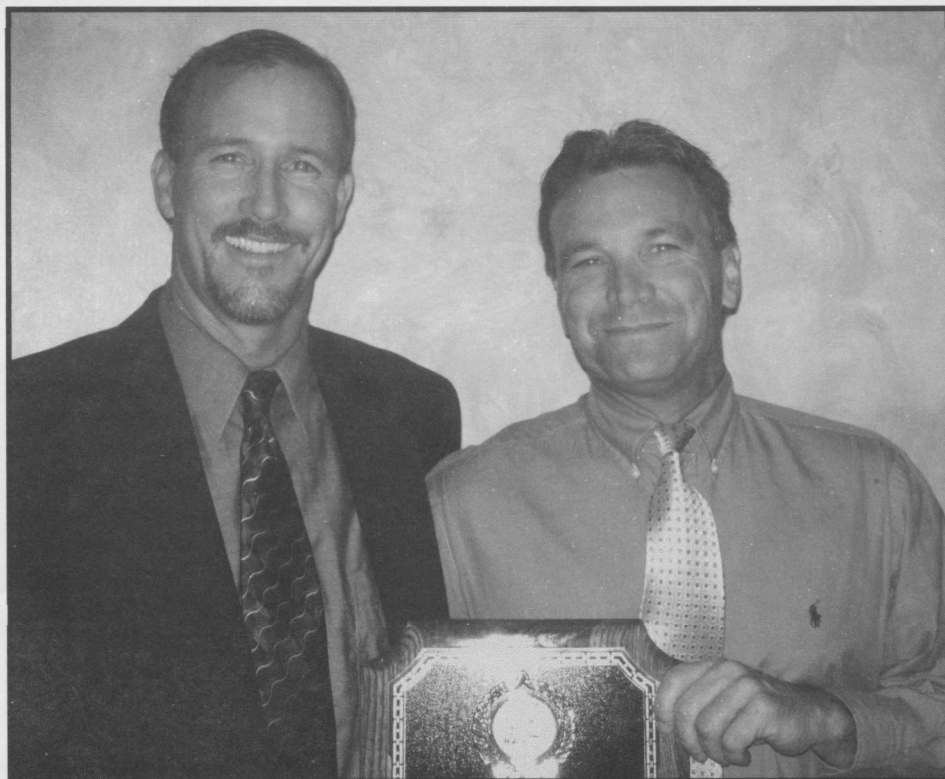
Kevin then discussed the "Comparative Maintenance of Paspalum...." project. The CMAA and the GCSAA have been urged to give testimonials; discuss cultural practices; and restructure in order to give practical guidelines"

MEMBERSHIP: The Seven Rivers chapter presented an application for Lifetime Membership for Mike Swinson. After it was established that he did meet the requirements, Mark Kann made a motion that Mike be accepted as a Lifetime Member. The motion was approved.

Mike McCullough was presented with a plaque for his four years of service to the FGCSA Board.

SUMMERBOARD MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be on Friday at noon on August 3rd at Grand Cypress in Orlando. This meeting is generally held in conjunction with the CFGCSA Crowfoot Open which is being held that weekend.

The meeting was adjourned. Directions were given to the Bistro Restaurant in Naples for the Past Presidents Dinner at 7:00 p.m.



At the FGCSA Past Presidents Dinner in Naples, President Craig Weyandt presents Greg Pheneger with the 2007 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for his effective volunteer service and leadership.

2007 Crowfoot Open Set for Saturday, August 4th

This year's Crowfoot Open will be a one-day event -- play the tournament in the morning and attend the banquet in the evening -- all on Saturday, August 4th. The fee remains at \$125 for superintendents. The Entry Fee includes continental breakfast, box lunch, beverages on course and the cocktail reception that night. The format of the tournament has changed. You can play the modified stableford method and we will also have a two-man scramble. If you're competing for a playing spot in the GCSAA Tournament, you must play the modified stableford. We will have flights for the tournament based on handicaps. Due to renovation at Grand Cypress, the field is limited to 144 players. Registration and breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. There will be an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun on the North/South Courses. The cocktail reception and award ceremony will be held at the Executive Meeting Center. Dress is casual.

On Sunday, August 5th, there will be a fishing tournament and a two man horse race golf event on the East Course. The fee for the fishing tournament is \$20. The fee for the horse race golf is \$30 per team and play will continue until noon. Pairings for the horse race event or the fishing event begin at 8:30 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. start.

Practice rounds will be available on August 3rd at the rate of \$50.00 plus tax for superintendents. Contact the Tee Time office at 407-239-1909 to reserve your tee time.

Lodging is again available at the Villas of Grand Cypress. The rate is \$150.00 per bedroom plus applicable taxes. Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is noon. Reservation number is 800-835-7377.

If you would like to participate in any of the activities of the 31st Annual Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open and have not received the Crowfoot brochure, please e-mail your request to Lisa at lmcdowell@grandcypress.com.



Everglades GCSA's own Ryan Costello captured the Poa Annuua Golf Classic and a spot on the FGCSA Team for the GCSAA Golf Championship.

Everglades Chapter Wins 2007 Poa Championship

Thanks to the tremendous support from their sponsors who contributed \$50,000 in sponsorships, the Poa was another great weekend for all. Major sponsors included Harrell's Fertilizer, CA-RY Golf, Show Turf of South Florida, WescoTurf, Lesco, Kilpatrick Turf, Club Care, Golf Ventures, Bayer Environmental Sciences, BASF Corp, ProSource One, Aqua-Matic Irrigation, UAP/DuPont, Natural Design Golf, Pro Plus Golf Services, Florida Superior Sand, Dow AgroSciences, Hendrix & Dail, Aerification Plus, Almar, and Quali Pro.

The Poa actually consists of two separate tournaments -- the G.C. Horn Memorial Endowment and the Poa Classic. The Horn, which was played on Friday at Naples Grande, raised \$8,000 for turfgrass research.

The Poa Championship was then played at Naples Grande on Saturday. Winner Ryan Costello, who shot a 72, said the greens were fabulous thanks to superintendent Billy Davidson. Runner-up was another Everglades player, Matt Nieder, who shot a 73. Together with Jim Torba who shot a 75 and Bryce Koch with a 78, the Everglades GCSA ran away with the Chapter Championship Trophy! The team from South Florida, led by Seth Strickland's 74, came away with second place this year.

Palm Beach GCSA Hosts Two Major Fundraisers Despite Mother Nature

The 6th Annual PBGCSA Fishing Tournament was scheduled to be held early Saturday morning, June 2nd. Mother Nature decided to put a damper on their plans with high seas and plenty of wet weather leading up to Saturday. Reluctantly Event Chairman Ed Miller postponed the event for 24 hours until Sunday without much hope of getting any of the 32 boats out of port. But they did! The weather cleared up by morning and even though the west wind was still blowing, there was fish to be caught!

The big winners were on the One and Done. They won the Largest Wahoo prize and also won total weight of all fish caught with a whopping 144.6 pounds. The Down and Dirty brought in the Largest Dolphin and the Largest Kingfish was caught by the anglers on the Off Course.

The PBGCSA 2007 Future of Golf Tournament took place on the following Saturday, June 9th at BallenIsles CC. PBGCSA President and Event Chairman Steve Pearson expressed his gratitude to Kevin Downing, superintendent at BallenIsles, for volunteering his club to host this year's event while The Falls is under re-construction.

Kevin has been a part of the Future of Golf Committee since its inception and was a gracious host to this event at his spectacular golf course. Not satisfied to be only a great host, Kevin also proved he is a great golfer by leading his BallenIsles team of John Foy, Steve Utrecht and Marty Green to a first place win! Second place went to the Golf Agronomics team of John Swaner, Steve Ehrbar, Dale Mitchell and Brian Bowles. As usual, prizes also included Closest to the Pins and Longest Drive contests.

Thanks to this year's Diamond Sponsors - ShowTurf of South Florida, LLC; Hector Turf; and Chipco/Bayer - as well as the 14 Gold Sponsors and the many Tee Sign Sponsors, the event was another financial success. Even the golfers chipped in with their generous support of the raffle that is held during lunch after golf. The PBGCSA will donate the profits to turfgrass research and scholarship programs.



55th Annual FTGA Conference & Show

Hyatt Coconut Point

The Florida Turfgrass Association's (FTGA) 55th Annual Conference and Trade Show, scheduled for September 11-14, 2007, will emphasize the importance of uniting the sports turf, golf, landscape and farming aspects of the turf industry in Florida.

"It is more important than ever for the turf industry to be united on issues like water management, pesticide use and governmental regulation," said FTGA Executive Director Casey Wohl Pace.

"At this year's conference, we've tried to make sure there is information for everyone. There will be educational sessions from weed control in sports fields to insect control in landscaping," Pace said.

Other highlights of the conference include keynote speaker and football aficionado Jim Hart, a trip to the Minnesota Twins spring training facility for a sports turf workshop and a live auction. FTGA is also hosting their ever-popular Trade Show again this year, featuring more than 75 exhibitors.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. Hotel reservations must be made by August 29th by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-554-9288. Conference sponsorship and Trade Show exhibitor opportunities are still available. Those interested in sponsoring or registering for the conference, should contact Heather Russo at 800.882.6721.

For a complete listing of sessions and events, please visit the FTGA Web site at www.ftga.org.

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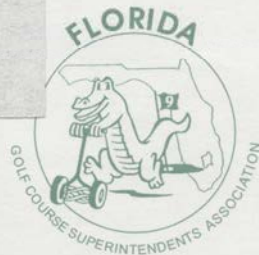
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