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The Florida GCSA Team was the winner of the Low Gross Division at 2007 GCSAA Golf Championship held in Palm Springs, California. South Florida's Bob Harper finished in a tie for 2nd place losing by two strokes to Jason Regan of Alabama.

Team members (l-r): Seth Strickland, Bob Harper, Jim Torba and (in insert) Stephen Fox.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 12 Ridge Invitational,
The Club at Eagle Brooke

Mar. 12 North Florida GCSA Research
Tournament, Pablo Creek CC

Mar. 12 Palm Beach GCSA Fundraiser
Golf Event, Tequesta CC

Mar. 13 West Coast GCSA Benevolent
Tournament, The Eagles

Mar. 13 Seven Rivers GCSA Vendor
Appreciation Day, High Point

Mar. 19 CFGCSA Chapter Meeting,
Providence GC

Mar. 22 South Florida GCSA Exposition,
UF IFAS, Fort Lauderdale. See
page 6 for additional information.

Mar. 26 Suncoast Scramble,
Laurel Oak CC, Sarasota

Apr. 9 North Florida GCSA Mike
Richards Memorial Tournament,
Jacksonville G&CC

Apr. 12 Everglades Spring Symposium,
Naples. See page 6 for details.

Apr. 16 Seven Rivers GCSA Envirotron
Classic, World Woods GC

Apr. 24 Suncoast Chapter Meeting,
Coral Creek Club

May 10 FGCSA Board Meeting, Naples
Beach Hotel

May 11 FGCSA Seminar, "Mastering
Your Communication Skills,"
Bruce Williams. Naples Beach
Hotel. See page 6 for details.

May 11 Everglades GCSA Poa Classic
- 13 Weekend, Naples Beach Hotel

May 24 Seven Rivers GCSA Chapter
Meeting, Chandler Hills GC

President's Message Craig Weyandt

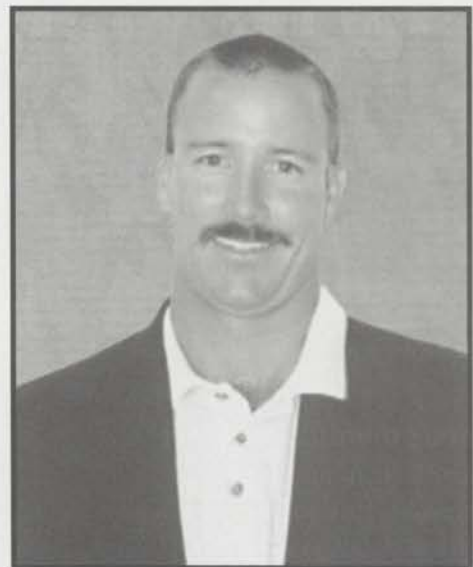
I hope everyone who attended the GCSAA Conference & Show had a great time and received some valuable education. I "hear" it was great. That's right, I was unable to go. Well that's not all true; I could have gone but did not feel comfortable going this year. I, like others, have had problems with the greens this year. Disease pressures were at an all time high in my neck of the woods. Between the cloudy, rainy days and temperatures hovering in the mid 70's to low 80's during the day most of the time, I was battling one disease or another. And to add fuel to the fire, I just hired a new assistant and the new clubhouse had just opened which had been closed since September 3, 2004. Like I said, just didn't feel comfortable going this year.

On a brighter note, I'm looking forward to attending the many educational functions that Florida has to offer. The Poa in May, Crowfoot in July and the FTGA Conference and Show in September. I'm also looking forward to the BMP manual coming out. I know that may sound odd but I know how many people have invested hundreds of hours of hard work into producing this manual. Superintendents should embrace this manual because BMP's are mentioned

prominently in the new state Fertilizer Rule regarding nutrients on golf courses. The BMP's are also being cited and promoted at the local county and city meetings on fertilizer ordinances. The BMP manual also provides a way for superintendents to document the positive work which they do. Each member will receive a copy and his or her respective club will also receive a copy of the BMP manual.

And finally I would like to remind everyone the need and importance of participating in the GCSAA Data Surveys. So far GCSAA has done surveys on Course Profile (physical setting, size, flora and fauna, habitat, etc.) and Water Use/Conservation. The next surveys that GCSAA will be sending out are on Nutrients and Pesticide Use. These surveys will collect real time data that will be used to express the true benefits of golf courses and how we really use fertilizers and pesticides. Remember, this is your chance to have a voice, and frankly we need your voice to have credibility when we speak. Show me the data.


And while you are participating in these critical surveys, take a moment to contact your local chapter officers and ask about helping the cause by attending local meetings on the various fertilizer ordinances. There's enough to go around.



Craig Weyandt

Just check the FGCSA website www.fgcsa.com. There are industry groups meeting to discuss the impact of these proposed ordinances and there are stakeholder groups sitting down with local commissions and councils drafting these laws. These meetings are taking place in Jacksonville, Sarasota, Sanibel and Crystal River to name a few. Wait a little longer and your city or county will be jumping on the bandwagon too, so prepare to get involved.

And don't neglect to tell your owners and members about all these laws coming down the pike and the chemicals that we are losing like Methyl Bromide, MSMA and Nema-cur. They need to know the added pressures and regulations you may be under to try and deliver those perfect playing conditions. Call it job security.

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***FGCSA Board Meeting
to be held May 10th***

The FGCSA Spring Board Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10th 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: Fertilizer Issues

– After the bombshell dropped by the City Council of Crystal River in banning quick release fertilizer for sale or use in early January, it was with some trepidation that the announcement that the Citrus County Commissioners had the same topic on their docket for their February 13th meeting. Our green industry champion, Erica Santella, former FTGA President and Technical Manager for TruGreen-Chemlawn was able to attend the meeting on short notice (February 12th). The short version is the subject will be discussed further with the commissioners split on science and BMPs and a blanket ban on quick release products – slow release good, quick release bad. Save the rivers and springs ban quick release. In the face of such ignorance, let's hope the calmer heads who want to base decisions on science will prevail. I'm sure we will have ample opportunity for FGCSA members in the Seven Rivers chapter to participate.

Meanwhile, Crystal River, after a meeting and presentation by green industry folks, is reviewing their recent rash action of issuing a ban on the sale and use of quick release fertilizers. Talk about getting the cart before the horse, now they want to gather information. Again Erica Santella's presentation championed the cause of science and fact in the decision making. Maybe somebody told them that without science and facts they would likely lose any challenge that would make them look pretty foolish, not that they don't already.

Double meanwhile, the City of Sanibel is also on the verge of passing a fertilizer ordinance. At least we will be in on the discussion from the get-go and not have to come in after the fact. Like in Crystal River. One suggestion would be for the city to look long and hard at the fact that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages somehow to tolerate The Sanctuary Golf Club located in it's John Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary on the island already.

Triple meanwhile, Jacksonville is also in the throes of drafting a fertilizer ordinance. The meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, from 6:00 to 9:00pm. With plenty of notice let's hope the green/turf industries and IFAS staff will be

able to point to science based BMPs to guide their deliberations.

Meanwhile, Dale Dubberly, Compliance Officer for FDOACS continues to hold his Fertilizer Rule meetings in advance of formal public hearings. On March 29th, a meeting will be held at the UF/IFAS Plant Science Center in Citra, south of Gainesville. Part of the meeting will be a tour of the turf plots to show various regulators and interested parties from around the state the actual turf research that goes on to help make turf management practices safe for the environment. What a great idea.

Sarasota County will hold their next full working group meeting on February 20th from 8 am to Noon. The Suncoast GCSA Board has been notified of the time and date. Hopefully golf will be represented as the clock winds down on this proposed ordinance process. This is not going away folks. Get your club members and owners involved, its their club/business too.

MSMA – After yet another mini-extension of the public comment period into January we are still waiting for the other shoe to drop on this broad spectrum grassy-weed herbicide. The first shoe of course was EPA's announcement after the mandatory FQPA review of products that they were not going to renew the registration for MSMA. Then we went to an extensive period of public comments to the EPA Docket. Now we are waiting for the decision on the results of those comments. I suspect it's not good news for end users. The best we could hope for would be some serious label changes restricting rates and total amounts applied per year. Still waiting for the word.

I did run into Dr. Stuart Cohen (Not Stuart Cohen of Tee to Green Industries) at the recent GIS in Anaheim and he gave me an update on the MSMA negotiations. He said that after the data was submitted and it came under the EPA's 10 ppb limit, they changeed the limit to 3 ppb, when they showed how MSMA use could come under 3 ppb, they changed the limit to 1 ppb, when they showed they could meet that level, EPA changed it to no-detect level. Obviously it isn't a scientific decision.

Capitol Hill Visit – We are contemplating a visit to Tallahassee, to meet and speak with

legislators on the local fertilizer issues among other topics. Our trip will coincide with the Florida Pest Management Association visit and the Florida Farm Bureau Days. We hope to have our table top display at the Farm Bureau Reception and also attend the FPMA reception to show solidarity on common issues like water, fertilizer and pest control issues. The visit is tentatively scheduled for March 19th-21st.

2. Golf BMP Manual/Survey: An electronic version of the manual is available on the DEP website. Hard copies will be mailed to all FGCSA member courses. By filling out the Intent form in the manual and sending to DEP, courses who complete the BMP checklist and abide by the recommendations will be deemed to be in compliance and thus not subject to legal action by the state should a problem arise later. The BMP Manual can be found at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/pubs.htm>. The good news is that it seems the BMP Manual will be used to guide some ordinance language that is cropping up around the state. Thanks to all those who have participated in this three year process.

3. Allied Associations: FTGA – The FTGA reports good attendance around the state at the Regional Turf Seminars. This year two more seminar locations were added and some old meeting sites were changed in the previous locations. With the new executive director and marketing coordinator living in Lakeland and commuting every day, the Board and Staff are looking at opportunities to partner with other Allied associations and perhaps share existing office space, which would be cost effective and also help inter-association communications.

If you haven't been to the FTGA Conference and Show in a few years, you need to take the opportunity to visit the Hyatt Coconut Point site this coming September 11th-14th. The Conference will likely begin a planned rotation around the state in 2008, but that isn't for sure yet. The Board is trying to make the Conference and Show as accessible as possible to all members.

IFAS: Dr. Jimmy Cheek, Vice President of IFAS, Dr. Joe Joyce, Assistant VP, Dr. Larry Arrington (Dean of Extension), Dr. Mark McCellan (Dean of Research) and Dr. Harvey

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The Winter 2007 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Craig Weyandt at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26th at the King and Bear Club in World Golf Village.

All officers except Joe Pantaleo were present. South Florida and West Coast were not represented. Others attending the meeting were Joel Jackson – D.O.C./Florida Green editor; Mike Goldie, FGCSA Lobbyist, and Marie Roberts, Association Manager.

President Craig Weyandt began the meeting by asking Lobbyist Mike Goldie to give his report on legislative issues. Mike discussed insurance legislation in regard to re-insurance, code restrictions, pesticide user groups, Best Management Practices and the gopher tortoise.

Minutes of the FGCSA Fall Board Meeting were approved.

STRATEGIC PLANNING- Vice President Matt Taylor announced that the Officers have begun discussions on how best to replace our current staff members beginning with the Winter 2008 Board Meeting which will be the last Board Meeting with Marie Roberts as Administration Assistant. Matt announced that the Committee will include the current FGCSA officers and Darren Davis. The new structure will probably include an Executive Director who will supervise the Association Secretary. The timeline is planned to be that the Committee will have firmly established guidelines to present to the entire board at the 2007 Poa Board Meeting. Other GCSAA chapters who use the umbrella structure will be contacted before the new FGCSA structure is established. After the Guidelines have been approved and job descriptions are established, a committee will then be responsible for finding candidates for these positions. The Board was reminded that both of our paid staff positions will be open in the next 5 – 6 years. The current guidelines for both staff positions are included in the FGCSA Standard Operating Procedure Manuals. The SOP's will be updated after the new guidelines have been set.

It was suggested that a full audit needs to be done for the FGCSA accounts within the next fiscal year as well as a study of funds available to set proper pay structures for

these positions. Joel will research the proposed audit and get back to the board with a recommendation.

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

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Joel gave the board a report on methyl bromide and MSMA.

He reported the difficulty in showing lawmakers how much of an influence the market disruption factor would be without Methyl Bromide. EPA's final decision for MSMA after the public comments has not been made.

FLORIDA GREEN: Joel reported that after a long run, the Florida Green Photo Contest is now finished. We will be running a "Photos to the Editor" feature as photos are received from members. Joel suggested the Publications Committee meet with Larry Kieffer as part of our overall Strategic Planning to look at the magazine content, design and the possibility of providing an eMagazine with hot links to advertisers. We need to keep up with the changing way information and sponsors reach customers. The magazine is a major source of revenue and we need to make sure we give it our full attention.

AWARDS: Rip Phillips announced that four chapters have sent nominations for the Presidents Award for Lifetime Service. The nominees are Alan Puckett from Ridge GCSA; Butch Singo from North Florida GCSA; David Court from Palm Beach GCSA and Steve Durand from Everglades GCSA. All nominations were approved by the board and plaques will be sent to each chapter for presentation at a local chapter meeting.

Nominations were also received for the Distinguished Service Award. The Officers will review the nominations and make a decision on one winner to be announced at the next FGCSA Board Meeting.

EDUCATION: The FGCSA has been approved for a SLS seminar co-sponsored by the GCSAA to be held on Friday, May 11th during the Poa weekend. Speaker will be Bruce Williams who will speak on

"Mastering Your Communication Skills". A discussion was held regarding the Assistant Superintendent seminars that were held last year. It was decided that it would be best to handle these at the local chapter level, rather than the FGCSA. Joel will send a letter to the local chapters about the benefits of an Assistant Superintendent seminar and offer the chapters our assistance with scheduling. Chapters were also reminded to contact the FGCSA if they have scheduled a GCSAA Regional Seminar within the next year. We need to get these Seminars listed on the FGCSA Website as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP: Since Jim Walker was unable to attend the board meeting, Craig Weyandt reminded all External Vice Presidents that the FGCSA has approved a \$10.00 dues increase for Class A and SM members for each of the next 3 years, effective with the upcoming billing cycle. This new increase was needed to help balance the membership budget.

He also reminded all chapters that dues for Assistant Superintendents will go back to the same rate as Class A and Superintendent Members. Assistant Superintendent dues were lowered in 2004 as a temporary reduction but the board has decided that it was time to remove this lower rate. Therefore, all FGCSA members (Class A, Superintendent, and C members) will be charged \$70.00 for annual dues beginning with the July 1, 2007 fiscal year. Chapters are reminded to get their dues invoices out as soon as possible so that all members will be included in the 2008 Membership Directory. Current dues expire on June 30th; therefore chapter secretaries need to have their billing done before the end of May so that collection does not drag on for months.

RESEARCH: President Craig Weyandt reported that two projects (both on nematodes) were sent to the GCSAA for co-funding. Results of the GCSAA Co-Funding projects will be announced at the GIS in February.

The FTGA has other research projects that need funding. These additional seven projects were included in a letter from the FTGA to the Florida Sod Growers Cooperative, the FGCSA and the NFSTMA. The list of projects available for co-funding

were included in the agenda package for this board meeting. Please share this information with your chapter Board of Directors.

A poll was taken of board members to gather feedback on support for any of the projects.

- 1) "Rapid Turfgrass Disease Diagnosis Year Two" – The board indicated a desire to help support the 2nd year.
- 2) "Paspalum and Bermuda Grasses" Kevin Downing will pursue this project with the FSGA.
- 3) "Seashore Paspalum " Very low priority with board members.
- 4) "Irrigation system for Milton REC" The board indicated a desire to approve this project.
- 5 and 6) "Seashore Paspalum and Bahiagrass" Two other projects for FSGA
- 7) "Breeding Bermudagrass...Sting Nematodes" The board indicated a desire to approve this project.

Craig and Matt will continue to follow up on these projects with the FTGA and GCSAA. More discussion will be held at the next FGCSA Board Meeting in May.

Craig then returned to the ongoing subject of the FGCSA's funding of a technician at the Fort Lauderdale REC with funds generated by the South Florida GCSA Exposition. This year the South Florida GCSA may choose to give the funds directly to the Ft. Lauderdale REC but if the South Florida chapter prefers to donate the check to the FGCSA we would still take in their

donation and then the FGCSA would cut the check to the REC.

FTGA: The 2007 Turfgrass Conferences looked to be extremely successful this year thanks to new staff members, Casey Pace and Heather Russo.

The FTGA Conference and Show will return to the Hyatt in Bonita Springs in 2007 and then move to another part of the state for 2008 (possibly in the Palm Beach area). It was suggested that the FTGA Golf Tournament could become a part of the FGCSA Qualifier for the GCSAA Tournament. The feasibility of accomplishing this will be discussed by the Golf Committee and reported at the next FGCSA Board Meeting.

FGCSA Benevolent Fund: Guidelines need to be written for distribution of funds from the FGCSA Benevolent Fund. A committee needs to be established to look over the GCSAA guidelines to modify them to fit the FGCSA. In the meantime, we will continue to do a raffle at the FGCSA Reception to bring in more funds for the Benevolent Fund. Joel volunteered to man the Benevolent Fund table. A sample of the GCSAA Guidelines for their emergency fund were passed out as a possible model to follow.

GCSAA Voting Delegate: Dale Kuehner was unable to attend the Board Meeting. He will send all External Vice Presidents a list of his choices for the GCSAA election. All chapters are urged to contact Dale with any suggestions for possible alternates.

GCSAA: The FGCSA Reception in Anaheim will be held on Thursday night, February 22nd at the Sheraton Park Anaheim Hotel which is in easy walking distance of the Convention Center. Volunteers to help at the door either with the Benevolent Fund Desk or the Reception Entrance were Nancy Miller, Mark Kann, Gary Myers, Bill Kistler, and Matt Taylor, who will act as Reception Chairman since Joe Pantaleo will not be going to the GIS.

SURVEY – The 2007 FGCSA Survey Responses are coming in slowly. Kevin asked all Externals to push this at your next local chapter meeting. The survey is shorter this year and it is our hope that more

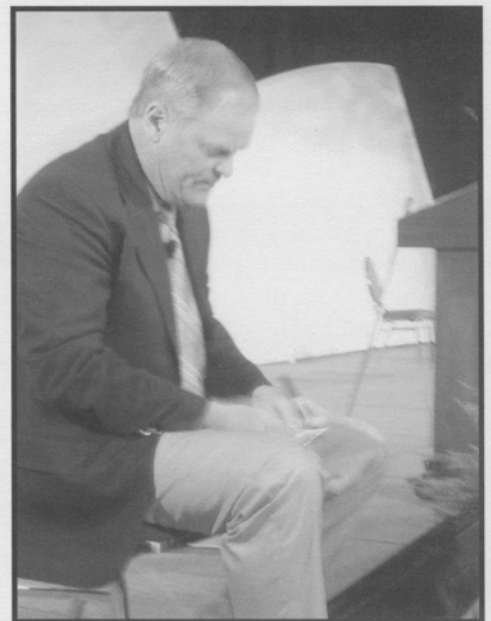
superintendents will take the time to fill it out and return it to the FGCSA office.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Tentative plans are in the works for FGCSA representatives to attend the Florida Pest Management Association reception and the Farm Bureau Days reception in Tallahassee. Possibly Joel and Shane and maybe Jeff Heggen from Tallahassee since the other board members have conflicting schedules. Joel will be in touch with Mike about possible office visits to legislators

NEW BUSINESS: A report from Scott Bell, Treasure Coast GCSA, noted that their chapter is supporting the New Orleans city-owned golf courses by donating supplies to the golf courses that were hit so badly by the hurricane. The chapter has collected supplies to be sent to New Orleans and now needs some financial assistance for paying for transportation to New Orleans. Kevin Downing made a motion to donate the \$2,150 necessary to pay for transportation. The motion was approved.

The Spring Board meeting will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel on Thursday afternoon, May 10th. The annual Past Presidents Dinner will be held that night in the Naples area.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Johnny Miller surprised everyone with his often emotional presentation in Anaheim. He did say, "Not all greens have grain!"

Barrick (Dean of Teaching) have been making the rounds to the five Regional Ag Councils. I attended the Central Florida Region 4 meeting in Bartow on February 13th. Dr. Cheek asked our group if he thought it would be beneficial for IFAS to host and annual science boot camp for county commissioners? In light of the recent local ordinance rampage, he got a resounding positive response.

Everglades GCSA Sets May 10th to May 14th For Poa

The FGCSA opens the activities for the 2007 Poa Weekend with their Board Meeting on Thursday at the Naples Beach Club.

Friday begins with the Bruce Williams, CGCS, seminar entitled "Mastering Your Communication Skills" at 8:00 a.m. The seminar is scheduled to be finished in time for participants to play golf in the G. C. Horn Tournament at 1:00 p.m. This seminar will cover many areas that will allow you to develop and enhance your communication skills. The ability to communicate effectively is important for superintendents.

A couple of the highlights of this presentation will include:

- Speaking, listening and non-verbal communication
- How to speak like a pro
- Overcoming stage fright
- Preparation and presentation of a speech

Collectively, we will exchange ideas with the hope that students will walk away with a better understanding of communication and a plan to improve their skills in this area. When you think of individuals that are tops in their field. . . . they usually have excellent communication skills. Now is the time to enhance your skills that will certainly help you on your career path.

The Poa 4-man Scramble will be played on Saturday at the Naples Beach Hotel with Individual Stroke Play on Saturday at the Naples Grande GC. The ever popular Luau will be on Saturday night. Registration forms for the Poa are available from the Everglades chapter and the FGCSA office.

2007 Everglades Spring Symposium -- April 12

This year's Everglades GCSA Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa on Thursday, April 12th.

The all day Symposium starts with Registration at 7:15 a.m. and adjourns at 4:00 p.m. CEU's will be available.

The Everglades GCSA would like to thank the Sponsors for the Symposium whose generosity has kept the price to \$110 per person - advanced registration and \$120 per person for on site registration. Registration Deadline is Monday, April 9th. Mail checks and registration forms to EGCSA, PO Box 110422, Naples 34108.

An impressive slate of speakers include Phil Harmon, UF, speaking on "Trends in Florida Turfgrass Pathology: Seashore Paspalum, Ultradwarf Bermudagrass, etc."; Rick Brandenburg, North Carolina State, speaking on "White grubs, billbugs, mole crickets and fire ants"; and Pat Jones, Flagstick, on "the changing reality of the golf industry".

The afternoon speakers include Bud Mayfield, Florida DACS Division of Forestry; Mike Thomas, FDEP speaking on Best Management Practices and John Foy, from the USGA giving his observations from around the State.

If you have any questions, please call Matt Taylor at 239-261-4987.

FGCSA Receives GCSAA Research Co-Funding

The FGCSA has received confirmation that one of the two projects submitted to the GCSAA Environmental Institute for Golf has been approved for Co-Funding. The FGCSA has been fortunate to be awarded co-funding for the past three years of the program.

The project receiving co-funding was "Biological Control of Sting Nematode on Golf Course Turf with Pasteruria Usage" submitted by Dr. William Crow. The project will be jointly co-funded by the FGCSA and the GCSAA. Total funding for the project is \$58,000 over three years.

20th Annual SF Exposition

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the South Florida Exposition. The event will take place on Thursday, March 22nd at the Fort Lauderdale University of Florida REC.

The schedule begins with field tours of the research projects being performed on the turf plots at the REC. University professors will be explaining their work. 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.

And then the spectacular bar-b-que prepared on site by the crew at Environmental Turf will be served at noon. After lunch, training session for DACS CEU's will be presented outside under the big top as well as in the University of Florida classrooms.

Meanwhile, superintendents and assistants will head to the Auditorium to hear Dr. Phil Busey's talk on "Adventures in Weed Control in South Florida." Dr. George Snyder's topic is "Turfgrass and Organic Matter: The Love-Hate Relationship." More UF presentations will follow including pest biology and control updates. This program provides .35 GCSAA Education Points.

Pre-registration is \$ 40.00 through March 16th with the fee increasing to \$45.00 after March 16th. Brochures can be obtained by contacting the FGCSA office or by calling Dr. John Cisar at the REC at 954-577-6336.

GCSAA Annual Elections

Ricky D. Heine, CGCS, was elected president of the association at the annual meeting and election Feb. 23. Also elected were vice president David S. Downing II, CGCS, and secretary/treasurer Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS. Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, and James R. Fitzroy, CGCS, were re-elected to the board. Keith A. Ihms, CGCS, was newly elected as a director. Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS, will serve on the board for one year as immediate past president. Sanford G. Queen, CGCS, and Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS, both enter the second year of their terms as directors. In addition, all amendments to the GCSAA bylaws were approved



Stephen Ehrbar, CGCS, Lost Tree GC won the Benevolent Fund drawing at the FGCSA Reception in Anaheim. Ehrbar donated back his winnings to be used to help fellow Palm Beach superintendent Mike Ballard who lost his home recently to a fire.

Superintendents Receive GCSAA Award at GIS

The GCSAA presented their annual Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards at the Presidents Dinner on Friday night at the GIS. The Environmental Leaders in Golf Award recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management, excellence in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. In addition, these categories are judged on sustainability, criticality, originality and technology implementation/use.

FGCSA Past President Michael Perham was the winner in the National Private Club category. Perham oversees golf course maintenance operations at The Landings Club, which consists of six championship golf courses on Skidaway Island in Savannah, Ga. All six golf courses are certified Audubon sanctuaries and The Landings won Best Overall and Best of the Atlantic Flyway in the 2006 North American Birdwatching Open sponsored by Audubon International.

Jason Kubel, West Coast GCSA member and superintendent at TPC Tampa Bay, was again selected as a Chapter Winner in the Public Courses category for 2007.

Florida Superintendents Enjoy Another Reception!

The Sheraton Park Hotel in Anaheim was a gracious host to the 2007 Florida Reception at the Golf Industry Show. The food was spectacular and everyone enjoyed the extra touch of passed hors d'oeuvres.

Many thanks go to the board members (and their wives) who volunteered to man the door as well as the Benevolent Fund table for the entire evening. The Benevolent Fund raffle raised \$2,280 in donations. Raffle winner, Steve Ehrbar from Lost Tree CC in Palm Beach, generously donated his winnings back to the Benevolent Fund to be distributed to Michael Ballard who recently lost his home to a fire. Thank you Steve!

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Golf Ventures to be Champion Sponsor for 2007 Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Golf Classic

Golf Ventures is proud to again be the Champion Sponsor of the Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Golf Classic held at World Woods Golf Club on April 16, 2007. This sponsorship allows Golf Ventures the opportunity to support the Seven Rivers Chapter and their fundraising efforts for research and the Florida Turfgrass Association.

Golf Ventures remains focused on providing turfgrass professionals with sound agronomic solutions, quality products and high levels of customer service.

Please join Golf Ventures and your peers at the Envirotron as we promote future success for the industry through continued turfgrass research.

2007 Tournament Season Begins for Florida Superintendents

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