

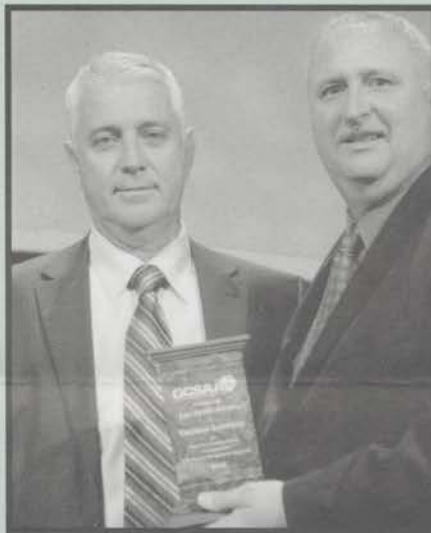
THE GREEN SHEET



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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

FGCSA Members Score a Trifecta at the GIS in New Orleans



(Left photo): Congratulations to Bob Randquist, CGCS on his election as GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer at the Annual Meeting. (Middle photo): Tim Hiers, CGCS received GCSAA's Excellence in Government Relations from President David Downing, CGCS. (Right photo): Seth Strickland came from behind to capture his second GCSAA Golf Championship in a row.

Upcoming Events

March 9th – North Florida GCSA Annual Research Golf Tournament, Pablo Creek GC

March 14th – Everglades GCSA, Naples Princess Cruise

March 16th – The Suncoast Scramble

March 25th – Florida West Coast GCSA, Monthly Meeting Largo GC

March 25th – Seven Rivers GCSA, Vendor Appreciation Day, Chiefland CC

March 25th – Central Florida GCSA

Superintendent/Vendor Duane Camps Shootout, Providence Golf Club

March 26th – South Florida Expo

April 13th – North Florida GCSA Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, TBA

April 13th – Florida West Coast GCSA, Monthly Meeting, Wentworth

April 16th – Everglades GCSA Spring Symposium

April 20th – Jeff Hayden Seven River Envirotron Classic

May 20th – UF/IFAS Turfgrass Field Day, Citra

May 30th – Palm Beach GCSA Fishing Tournament

June 6th – Palm Beach GCSA Futures of Golf Tournament

June 18th – Seven Rivers GCSA Annual Meeting

Please see the FGCSA website for an updated list showing the statewide educational opportunities.

President's Message By Shane Bass, CGCS

What a Show!

Sorry more of you folks couldn't make it this year but it was a good one. The numbers were noticeably down at both the golf tournament and the conference and show, but still there was a pretty good turnout considering the economic slump we're in.

First I would like to thank all of the sponsors who sponsored the reception I thought it was a good time, and we really appreciate you stepping up this year.

And what can you say - the best golfers are in Florida! I'm not one of them, but how about Seth Strickland winning three times now and two back to back, I don't know about you guys that compete in the Championship Division but I would like to see a three-peat in San Diego. Congratulations Seth.

Although Paul Azinger rambled on a tad long at the Opening Session, his story of how they selected, organized and managed

the players and the matches was interesting and the insider comments were priceless. GCSAA promises to have it on video soon.

New Orleans looks like it is recovering well from all of the devastation of the hurricanes a few years ago. There was a memorial statue of a "scrap house" in a tree across the street from the convention center paying respects to the casualties and survivors of Katrina.

Alright, I'm going to make another bid to get you guys to go to the FGCSA web site and answer the BMP checklist question. It is just going to help us know whether you have done the list or not. If there is still a number that have not done it, maybe we could do a tour around the state on BMP training where we fill out the checklist at a class and get some CEU's for our pesticide licenses and GCSAA PDI education points. There are no right or wrong answers. It's an assessment of where you are in the checklist. But we need to know the numbers before we can start using them in our favor.

Trust me the time is coming that we are going to be made to do these things so we



Shane Bass

might as well get started. My NFWFMD water use permit is already requiring me to submit not only my water used but also a golf course "BMP practices implemented" report and a wetland monitoring report. So I am urging you to at least go to the web site and answer the question just so we can see what steps we need to take.

Thanks again to all the sponsors of the reception and to our Association Manager Jennifer Innes for finding the Riverview Room. It was a great place to meet and see old friends.

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Check out the new FGCSA website!

We are currently in the process of making the website more user-friendly. Please check the site regularly for information on association news, upcoming meetings, education opportunities and association events. If your Chapter is hosting an event, please be sure to let us know so we can include it on the calendar along with a link .

www.floridagcsa.com

Executive Director Report By Joel Jackson, GCCS

1. Government Relations:

MSMA: The EPA and the manufacturers (MAA Task Group) of MSMA have finally reached a decision on the re-registration on MSMA and in the aftermath, Florida will stop sales of MSMA as of December 31st 2009 and end the use of MSMA on golf courses in 2010. For the rest of the nation, uses including golf courses extend until 2012 for sales and December 31st, 2013 for use. To see complete comments on the decision visit our web site at www.floridagcsa.com and look under the News tab on the home page.

Local Fertilizer Ordinances: In the midst of the stampede to ban fertilizer use during the optimum summer growing season in Florida, the Orlando Sentinel came out with an editorial supporting more education of the citizenry on proper application rather than instituting more regulations on the public. I was so impressed by this rare media stance for science and common sense I wrote a letter to the editor praising their position, and they reciprocated by printing it in the Feb. 20th Sentinel.

Water: GCSAA's 2nd Environmental Profile Survey, the one on golf course water use is now out and can be found on the GCSAA website. It will come as no surprise that the SE region comes under tighter water restrictions than most of the country because our golf courses are open year round, but we aren't #1, that distinction goes to the folks out west and even the northeast. We along with the SW lead in the use of reclaimed water use for irrigation. Most regions don't use it because the purple pipes and facilities were never built. This is interesting baseline data for us to use as we move forward and champion efficient use and conservation, while protecting water quality.

Methyl Bromide: Always remember that the current mission at EPA is to phase out as much Methyl Bromide as possible and as soon as possible. The latest scuttlebutt (unofficial news) I have is that the recent push on re-registration of soil fumigants has slowed down a little and we may have until 2012 to have access to the product.

No guarantees on that, so don't take it to the bank if you are thinking about course renovations. Just a comment heard in New Orleans.

2. Allied Associations:

UF/IFAS: In response to the current discussions on fertilizer use, watering restrictions and general environmental concerns over landscapes, IFAS has prepared three FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) fact sheets for public consumption and use by you at your clubs to educate your golfers, members and neighbors with the facts instead of the knee jerk articles in the media. You can download the fact sheets at:

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/document_wq142
(Irrigation)

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/document_wq143
(Fertilization)

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/document_wq144
(Florida Friendly Landscapes)

GCSAA: The GCSAA has posted a ton of resources for course management and economic survival in these recessionary times and called them the Economic Survival Kit. You can download articles and information from the GCSAA website: www.gcsaa.org

At the GCSAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, our own Bob Randquist, CGCS from the Boca Rio G.C. in the Palm Beach Chapter was elected to the board as Secretary/Treasurer. Bob now begins his ascendancy to the GCSAA Presidency in 2012. Congratulations to Bob.

Also in the news is the remarkable repeat of Seth Strickland from the Miami Shores G.C. as the 2009 GCSAA Golf Champion. Seth also won in 2005 in Orlando so he has three victories in this national event.

4. Education: Since GCSAA had to curtail their Superintendent Leadership Series and Regional Seminars due to current budget considerations, we are very happy to announce that Florida's USGA Green Section has stepped up and volunteered to provide the program for the annual FGCSA seminar held in conjunction with the Everglades Poa Annuua Classic. The seminar will be on Friday, May 8th at the Naples Beach Hotel. The specifics of the program are being finalized, but the timely theme will generally be on "Maintaining Your Golf Course Turf during Trying Economic Times." Tips and suggestions will come from a list of speakers including John Foy and Todd Lowe from the Florida USGA

Region, Todd Gray from Wells Fargo Financial Services and John Crean, GM from the Broken Sound GC in Boca Raton. The session will be useful for superintendents and club officials. Look for registration information coming via snail mail and email.

To: The Calusa GCSA
From: Ms. Cher Hollar
Subject: My Sincere Gratitude

I am humbled by your expression of graciousness and generosity that Kamryn and I experienced at the Phil Hollar Memorial Golf Tournament. Phil was lucky to be part of such a group of fine men and women.

Because the gift was for the family, I chose to use the proceeds to help pay off Kamryn's and Logan's college student loans. That will benefit them by increasing their monthly income.

I have always been somewhat envious of Phil's occupation. Where else can one spend days in such a beautiful environment with great people?

Thank you most for caring about Phil. It was very evident that you are a brotherhood. That part of our (my) life will be greatly missed.

I Will Miss

I will miss watching for the wind and clouds on a cold winter's night.
I will miss watching the rain gauge wondering if the 18th fairway will flood.
I will miss waiting for the ospreys to return to their nest for the season.

I will miss the moonlight from the golf cart while setting the clocks.
I will miss watching the sprayer truck deposit the foam to track his rounds.
I will miss looking for the nematodes, grubs and algae on the greens.

I will miss making the rounds for the water usage counts for SFWMD.
I will miss the before sun wake-up calls to beat the golfers.
I will miss watching golf carts being fished from lakes.

I will miss the joy from a well-placed drive.
I will miss the "next time" comment after a slice or hook.

But most of all I will miss the person who allowed me to experience this piece of heaven.

Sincerely,
Cher Hollar

(Editor's Note: The Calusa GCSA raised \$5,080.00 for the Hollar family at the Phil Hollar Memorial Tournament.)

Minutes of the FGCSA Winter Board Meeting

The Winter 2009 Board Meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Shane Bass at 12:50 p.m. on Friday, January 16th at Disney's Osprey Ridge Golf Course.

All officers were present. All Chapters were represented. The Chapter Representatives were:

Calusa, Nancy Miller; Everglades, Wayne Kappuaff; Central Florida, Mike Stem; South Florida, Kelly Cragin; Suncoast, Bob Wagner; Treasure Coast, Greg Pheneger; Seven Rivers, Mark Kann; Palm Beach, Steve Pearson; West Coast, Kevin Sunderman; Ridge, Tom Barnett; North Florida, Chris McCranie

Others attending the meeting were: Kevin Downing, Palm Beach GCSA President; Ralph Dain, GCSAA Field Staff.; Todd Lowe, USGA; John Foy, USGA; Mike Goldie, Lobbyist; Jennifer Innes, Association Manager; Joel Jackson, FGCSA Executive Director

Minutes of the FGCSA Fall 2008 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Government Relations – Mike Goldie updated the Board on the new Senate; there has been a proposed 2.8 million budget reduction. The state is working hard to find additional revenue sources; tax internet sales, logo branding, offshore dock stamps, etc. Fertilizer issues – some sponsors want a total pre-emptive package. Nurseries are looking at the Florida Friendly Yards. The DEP is potentially adopting the program. The senate will meet early next week to finalize ideas. Fees for inspections will be doubled – the state needs these programs to be self-sustaining.

There will be 3 weeks of working committee joint sessions of representatives and senate. This would be a good time for representatives of the FGCSA to meet with new senate and congressional members; Feb 2-6, Feb 9-13, and Feb. 16-20.

USGA Update – John Foy updated the Board on the USGA, reiterating the

USGA's support for the Association and Industry. Please communicate to your chapters that TAS service is out there. The USGA is gathering information for cost cutting opportunities without affecting the golf courses. The USGA will also be employing some cost-cutting measures in house; the Green Section will be available on-line only. The USGA will also discontinue regional meetings but will newly offer wi-fi meetings – a great opportunity to dial in and have a 1-02 hour presentation (eventually offering CEU points). Currently this is only available to TAS subscribers. There is also current discussion of discontinuing the paper publication of the Green Section.

GCSAA Field Office – Ralph Dain – The GCSAA has discontinued regional education programs and the Superintendent Leadership Series. Numbers for the GIS show are down this year. The GCSAA is anticipating a 10-15% decline in participation. Next year the show format will change; Wednesday and Thursday will be the Show only with education on Monday, Tues' and Friday.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Myers presented to the Board the Publications and Operations budget reports for the first quarter. Gary requested a forecast column be included in future reports. The budget report was approved.

Executive Director Report - Local governments are creating their own fertilizer ordinances at the end of 2008. Joining Jacksonville/Duval, Marion and Orange Counties, the City of Tampa is looking at a fertilizer ordinance that will still be covered under the BMP manual. We need to keep pushing science out to the local governments. Promoting and endorsing the BMP is the easiest way to show our industry's commitment.

The water management districts were prepared to ratify the year-round lawn and landscape watering restriction of 1-2 days per week depending on time year and region.

Dr. George Hocmuth has indicated that IFAS is also working on a sustainable funding program to provide a more consistent flow of research dollars. Several of us met with Dr. Hocmuth and Dr. Nell in Plant City to discuss names of potential donors who might consider endowment funding and estate donations to a perpetual Turf research endowment Fund.

The GCSAA sent us a \$3,000 grant for Chapter Outreach which will be used to help fund the FTGA Turfgrass Economic Impact Study. In turn we will work with GCSAA to meet some criteria and show how we used the grant money to further connect the golf course superintendent with the success and vitality not only of the golf course but the golf industry in Florida.

Publications – We are currently evaluating ways to reduce costs associated with the Florida Green by investigating additional means of communicating. The Association will move forward to develop and explore possible new website design integrating the web and the Florida Green.

Long Range Planning - The FGCSA will look into initiating a Grass Roots Giving program to seek research donations from individual members. Along with this, Jennifer will look into developing a tax deductible Research account separate so contributions can be tax deductible. She will update the board on the status of this account as information becomes available. The committee also heard our long time publications manager Larry Kieffer talk about the future of print publications and advertising revenue. Larry will prepare a test web site to see what kind of features we want and how we can leverage print and web communications to preserve our advertising revenue.

Education Committee – Mark Kann handed out a list of past Poa Annua seminar topics and speakers and asked for input for the 2009 seminar in light of GCSAA's cancellation of the Leadership Series and Regional Seminars. John Foy volunteered to serve as the presenter for the 2009 seminar with a topic on cost cutting in hard times while protecting turf quality.

Research - Steve Pearson sent a packet showing all the current research proposals the FGCSA has funded and has committed to fund to all the External VP's. Hopefully local Chapters are working to create a line item in their budgets making a commitment of research dollars to the FGCSA. Steve Pearson presented a check from the Palm Beach Chapter to the FGCSA Research Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. Matt Taylor has created a letter to send to major vendors/suppliers soliciting support for the Economic impact Study.

Awards - Nancy Miller presented to the Board the two nominations received for the President's Award.

Morgan Stanley - Matt Taylor presented to the Board the most recent Morgan Stanley account statements reflecting the changes Suzanne Moracco recommended to the Board at the Summer Board meeting. These changes seem to have proved effective - with the account not losing any money for that reporting period.

Membership - Wayne Kappauf presented the current membership data. Our current membership numbers are only 8 short from last year. We have met our budget numbers and since October we have gained 64 members. There has not been a significant reduction in Assistants in light of the dues increase.

FTGA - The FTGA Regional Turf Seminars are continuing. There are 3 more seminars still scheduled to occur.

GCSAA - Joel Jackson will have Darren and Dale e-mail to the Board their recommendations for the GCSAA Elections. If your chapter feels differently it will be up to the chapters to let them know.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm. The Spring Board Meeting will be held in Naples on May 7th at 1:00pm. Lunch will not be served at this meeting as the President's Dinner will be the same evening.

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Moderator: **Todd Lowe, Agronomist, USGA Green Section, Florida Region**

Naples Beach Hotel

May 8, 2009

A function of the FGCSA Education Committee.

7:30 am – 8:00 am on-site registration

8:00 am – 9:30 am

We're all in This Together:

Economic conditions require a new approach for your golf course equipment fleet management

Todd Gray

Senior Vice President

Wells Fargo Leasing – Golf & Turf

Des Moines, Iowa

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Ever Pressing Forward in a Down Turn Economy:

Using resources more efficiently in and around the clubhouse

John G. Crean, CCM, CHA

Chief Operating Officer/General Manager

The Broken Sound Club

Boca Raton, Florida

10:00 am – 10:15 am BREAK

10:15 am – 11:15 am

USING COMMON CENTS:

Ways to address budgetary concerns on the golf course

John Foy

Director, Florida Region

USGA Green Section

Hobe Sound, Florida

AND

J. Mark Black, CGCS

Quail West Golf & Country Club

Naples, Florida

11:15 am – 12:00 noon

Taming the Energy Hog:

Maximizing efficiency at the Resource Management Center

Tim Hiers, CGCS

The Old Collier Golf Club

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Purdue claims Turf Bowl, Strickland repeats as Golf Champion **Randquist elected GCSAA secretary/treasurer**

Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, director of golf course and grounds at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, Fla., was elected secretary/treasurer of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting Feb. 6.

The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the GCSAA Education Conference (Feb. 2-7) and Golf Industry Show (Feb. 5-7) in New Orleans. Randquist will serve until the 2010 annual meeting, Feb. 12 in San Diego.

A 32-year GCSAA member, Randquist has been at Boca Rio Golf Club since 1998. Previously he was the superintendent at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla., and Quail Creek Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City. Randquist is a member of the Palm Beach GCSA and a past president of the Oklahoma GCSA. He is a member of the Florida Turfgrass Association and the USGA Green Section committee. During his 19 years as superintendent at Southern Hills Country Club, Randquist hosted the 1982 and 1994 PGA Championships, the inaugural 1987 USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship and the 1995 and 1996 PGA Tour Championships. A native of Anadarko, Okla., Randquist graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering.

Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, director of grounds at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., was elected president and **James R. Fitzroy, CGCS**, director/superintendent at Wollaston Recreational Facility/Presidents Golf Club in North Quincy, Mass. was elected vice president.

Peter J. Grass, CGCS at Hilands Golf Club in Billings, Mont., was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors. **Keith A. Ihms, CGCS** at Country Club of Little Rock in Little Rock, Ark., and **John J. O'Keefe, CGCS**, director of golf course management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J., were re-elected to two-year terms on the board.

Sanford G. Queen, CGCS, manager of golf operations for the city of Overland Park, Kan., and **Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS**,

director of golf course maintenance operations at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, both enter the second year of their terms as directors. **David S. Downing II, CGCS**, vice president of operations and construction for Signature Golf Group in Myrtle Beach, S.C., will serve on the board for one year as immediate past president.

The GCSAA Education Conference continues to be a vital resource for the golf industry as 5,258 seats were filled for 121 seminars. Content for the seminars focused on the professional development of attendees, including personal skills (finances, time management, quality of work/family life); leadership (teamwork, professionalism); communications (administration, management, scientific content, outreach); operations management (financial management, resource allocation, regulatory compliance); and resource utilization (staff, materials, equipment, golf course). An additional 50 hours of panel discussions, sessions and forums that touched on such subjects as the nation's economy, diversity, media/public relations, environmental compliance, etc., were offered.

"Continuing education has become an absolute necessity for golf course superintendents," Kuhns said. "Not only is it important for their professional development, but for the success of the golf facility as well. I believe the quality of the programs and the number of attendees is a testament to the importance golf course superintendents and employers place on GCSAA programs."

One of the highlights from the GCSAA Education Conference was the 15th annual Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition, won by the Purdue University team of Jack Weatherway, Eric Haub, Eric Wanstrath and Chris Ulrich, ending Iowa State's streak of seven straight titles. The Turf Bowl challenged students from universities/institutions to identify turfgrass species, diseases, weeds, and insects, as well as answer questions on mathematics, growth, and development. The exam also allowed teams to collaborate for the case study portion and submit an essay that addressed business management facets of the golf course superintendent profession, while emphasizing the importance of communication skills. The third and sixth-place teams were also from Purdue, while Iowa State (2nd), Maryland (4th), Penn State (5th, 8th), Arkansas (7th), Tennessee (9th) and Wisconsin (10th) rounded out the top 10, as 309 students from 83 teams participated in the competition.

Seth Strickland, GCSAA Class A superintendent at Miami Shores (Fla.) Country Club, fired a three-day total of 11-over-par 227 to win his second consecutive GCSAA National Championship, and third overall, at Kiva Dunes Golf Club in Gulf Shores, Ala.,

Feb. 3. The GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic is presented in partnership with The Toro Co. Full tournament results are available at www.gcsaa.org/conference.

GCSAA founding president Col. John Morley was posthumously honored with the Old Tom Morris Award at the GCSAA Education Conference Opening Session. James J. Roney Jr., GCSAA Class A director of golf courses and grounds at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa., was the overall winner of the GCSAA/*Golf Digest* Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards, presented in partnership with Rain Bird and Syngenta. Tim Hiers, CGCS at The Old Collier Golf Club in Naples, Fla., won the GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Awards. Mark Esoda, CGCS at Atlanta Country Club; the late George Hamilton, Ph.D., former turfgrass professor at Penn State; and Monroe Miller, GCSAA Class AA member who recently retired after 36 years as superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wis., won GCSAA Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Awards. Dan Dinelli, CGCS at North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Ill., won the GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship. Thomas Lavrenz, retired GCSAA Class A golf course superintendent from Hiawatha, Iowa, won the GCSAA Leo Feser Award for his article, "Stress: What's really important," which appeared in the February 2008 issue of *Golf Course Management* magazine.

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. The association's philanthropic organization, The Environmental Institute for Golf, works to strengthen the compatibility of golf with the natural environment through research grants, support for education programs and outreach efforts. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.

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