



# THE GREEN SHEET



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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

## MARCH AND APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

TREASURE COAST GCSA BLUE PEARL TOURNAMENT  
REDSTICK, VERO BEACH

### MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

FGCSA SPRING BOARD MEETING  
10AM, NAPLES GOLF AND BEACH HOTEL

### MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

FGCSA PAST PRESIDENT'S DINNER

### MAY 13-14<sup>TH</sup>

EVERGLADES GCSA POA ANNUA AND GC HORN  
NAPLES, FL

### MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

WEST COAST GCSA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP  
BELLEAIR COUNTRY CLUB

### MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA, UF/IFAS NORTH CENTRAL  
FLORIDA TURFGRASS FIELD DAY  
UF PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION UNIT

### MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP  
REUNION RESORT

### MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

PALM BEACH GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
BREAKERS WEST COUNTRY CLUB

### JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>

PALM BEACH GCSA FUTURE OF GOLF TOURNAMENT  
THE FALLS COUNTRY CLUB

### JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

RIDGE GCSA, JACK HARRELL MEMORIAL- RIDGE  
INVITATIONAL,  
THE CLUB AT EAGLEBROOKE

**Suncoast President Jeff Strother (right) presented FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson with a check for \$2,500 for the FGCSA Turf Research Account at the 2011 Suncoast Scramble at the Laurel Oak CC in Sarasota**





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY MYERS, CGCS

When this Green Sheet comes out and you are reading this message, I hope to be recovering nicely from successful surgery to remove my prostate. I have or had prostate cancer and decided to have it removed rather than the other alternatives such as radiation.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men. It is also the second leading cause of cancer death in men. There are a lot of statistics surround the survival rate based on a lot of factors. I have been told that my survival percentage is 90 to 95%. The key is catching it early. In my last message, I talked about visiting my dermatologist twice a year to get checked for skin cancer and that all of us should be checked regularly because of working out in the sun as we do. I also would recommend getting an annual physical. This is how my cancer was discovered. I had a physical in December. My PSA test was high and he recommended I see an Urologist. I saw the Urologist and he recommended that I have a biopsy performed. They did the biopsy and on January 31, my Doctor told me that I had prostate cancer but, it was early and curable. To soften the impact, he actually told me it was early and curable before he told me I had prostate cancer.

I was taken aback at first but quickly accepted it and was ready to move forward. He began telling me all the options available as well as



Gary Myers, CGCS

the risk. I immediately told him that I was a "One and Done Guy" and wanted removal. He understood but, I still needed to meet with a radiation oncologist. The radiation oncologist I met with told me that he would opt for removal if it was him as well. I went back to my doctor and was ready to get it done. I am writing this on Tuesday and surgery is scheduled for Thursday.

The surgery is pretty significant and the recovery will take some time, perhaps several months for full recovery. My doctor has told me that I have several things going in my favor that can be passed on to any of you that join this club in the future. Early detection, positive attitude and

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decisive attitude are things he told me would help in the process.

My family and friends have been very supportive and I appreciate the well wishes from everyone that is or was aware.

On a more positive note we should all offer congratulations to Thomas Vlach, CGCS at TPC Sawgrass and Chris Flynn, CGCS at Marriott's Grande Vista Resort for being honored with Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards for 2010 in the National Resort Category. They were presented with their awards at the Golf Industry Show.

I will see several of you at the May Board of Directors Meeting and the Past President's Dinner. After that, I hope to get back out to visiting the rest of the local chapters. ■



**Calendar of Events** continued from page 1

**JUNE 15TH**

PALM BEACH GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
BREAKERS WEST COUNTRY CLUB

**JUNE 15TH**

EVERGLADES GCSA VENDOR APPRECIATION  
THE QUARRY

**JUNE 16TH**

RIDGE AND FLORIDA WEST COAST JOINT MEETING  
GRASSLANDS

**JUNE 16TH**

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA ANNUAL MEETING AND VENDOR  
APPRECIATION DAY  
CANDLER HILLS GOLF CLUB

**JUNE 16TH**

CALUSA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
HERITAGE PALMS

**JUNE 22ND**

TREASURE COAST GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
PIPER'S LANDING

**JULY 5TH**

CALUSA GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
FIDDLESTICKS

**JULY 13TH**

EVERGLADES GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
WYNDEMERE COUNTRY CLUB

**JULY 13TH**

FLORIDA WEST COAST GCSA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
CYPRESS RUN

**JULY 14TH**

PALM BEACH GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
EASTPOINTE COUNTRY CLUB

**JULY 20TH**

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
RAINBOW SPRINGS

*Marie Roberts has officially retired from association work. Marcus Prevatte, President of the SFGCSA presented Marie with a plaque recognizing her 37 years of work for their chapter at the March Turf Expo in Ft. Lauderdale.*



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BY JOEL JACKSON, CGCS

**1. Legislative update:** At last report the House and Senate Fertilizer Model Ordinance bills (HB457 & SB606) were still making their way through committee hearings. While UF/IFAS, DEP, DACS and Water Management District fertilizer guidelines all stress feeding turf and landscapes during the "active growing season," activists and local politicians keep pushing for the right to ban fertilizer use in the growing/rainy season. The "home rule" advocates in the Association of Counties and League of Cities will put extreme pressure on state legislators to not usurp their powers to make emotional decisions at the local level.

**EPA's Numeric Nutrient Criteria:** No solution yet to the Numeric Nutrient Criteria maze of lawsuits. The date to enact keeps getting pushed back while the debate goes on. While cities and counties join the lawsuits citing EPA's faulty science they then ignore science to promote their own local bans on fertilizer use. Always working both sides of the street!

**Local Fertilizer Ordinances:** Some counties on the verge of enacting ordinances are taking a pause until the state model ordinance debate is over in Tallahassee. Collier County continues its discussions on their ordinance with more Environmental Advisory Committee meetings being held. We continue to hold out hope they will recognize green industry and golf BMPs in their final draft.

**NPDES:** Some progress appears to be made in not including traditional terrestrial pesticide application in EPA's sweeping effort to implement a burdensome permitting program for the application of all pesticides "near" a body of water. Congress has come down in favor of having applicators follow approved FIFRA guidelines and not let this alteration of the

Clean Water Act to take precedence over FIFRA regulations.

**Action Alerts:** We have been forwarding and sharing a few more Action Alerts from GCSAA lately due to the NNC, NPDES, and Chlorothalonil actions taken by EPA. The numbers of response DO CARRY WEIGHT and show that we the end users are watching our government bureaucrats as they regulate our businesses and livelihoods.

I ask you to please take the precious few minutes that it takes to submit your comments. A few clicks and your name and address so your voice can be united with others in defense of our industry.

**2. Association Business:** GCSAA and Allied Golf Associations will once again be making their annual trip to Washington this spring to educate politicians about the Golf Industry. At a time when the EPA seems to be legislating/regulating, without accountability to the voters, the We Are Golf effort is critical in providing balance and information on the issues. People often ask, "What is my association doing for me?" It's hard to put a dollar amount on value of the advocacy by the GCSAA and others. But it is and has made a difference.

**Outreach & Education / Government Relations:** On March 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the FGCSA participated in the annual spring Regulator Tour. This joint effort headed by the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Assn and other Ag Associations to provide federal and state regulators to visit and see first and the operations of the Ag and Green Industries that they oversee. The tour goes from Ft. Myers to Clewiston, and always begins with the golf tour on Mondays. The group also sees, sod farms, nursery operations, citrus, cattle, dairy, sugar cane, vegetables and mosquito control operations. ■





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## FROM JENNIFER'S DESK...

Hopefully by now all of you have received the 2011 FGCSA Membership Directory. If you have not received your copy, please contact me so I can make sure we have your current information and I can get a copy mailed to you right away. You may also check this information out by logging on to our website; [www.floridagcsa.com](http://www.floridagcsa.com). From here you will find the "Members Only" section where you will be prompted to input your user name and password. If you haven't already set this up, shoot me an e-mail at [fgcsa@comcast.net](mailto:fgcsa@comcast.net) and I will forward you that information right away. The information that is recorded here is the same information I have on my database. If you change jobs or relocate, please be sure to update your information using our website. It is an easy way for me to keep your data current!

Can it really be membership renewal time again?

Yes!

I know it is hard to believe, but it really is that time of year again. Please watch you mail as most chapters will begin mailing renewal forms and applications by the end of May. The FGCSA and its local chapters run on a July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year. Annual Dues for your local chapter are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> – even if it feels like you just paid! Please call the FGCSA if you have any questions.

On a personal note, I got married on March 19th and changed my name to Jennifer Bryan. So don't get confused wondering what happened to Jennifer Innes. I'm still the same lady, and very happy with our new family. Looking forward to seeing most of you at POA. ■



*The SFGCSA honored UF/IFAS Turf Scientist Dr. Phil Busey (right) as he retired after 35 years with IFAS. Dr. Busey was also instrumental in setting up the annual GCSAA Turf Tours at the GIS.*

*Superintendent Tim Hiers begins the annual spring EPA Regulator Tour on the Old Collier GC on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The FGCSA partners with the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Assn. and others to provide real world tours of Florida's Ag and Green Industry operations.*



*Every March, Ridge Vice President Mike Giddens (left) hosts the annual Barkley, Bean, Bryant and Friends Pro-Am at the YMCA Par 3/First Tee course in Lakeland to raise funds for the youth and family golf programs.*





# USGA®

## Regional Meeting and Poa Seminar

**A Multi-Speaker Presentation in collaboration with the FGCSA**

Friday, May 13, 2011

**Where:** Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club,  
Sunset Terrace

**Time:** 7:30-8:00.....Late Registration

8:00.....Seminar begins

9:30-9:45.....15 minute break

10:45-11:00.....15 minute break

Noon.....Seminar Ends

### Speaker Information

*Firm and Dry for everyday Play:* Maintaining firm and dry conditions is best for the game, budget, and the environment. Can this be achieved and still meet aesthetic expectations? Yes! **John H. Foy**  
**Director, Florida Region**  
**USGA Green Section**

*Planning, Planting and Managing Seasonal Wildflowers in South Florida:* Learn about successful wildflower varieties, planting schedules and techniques, as well as design ideas for reducing maintenance and improving habitat. **Kyle Sweet, CGCS,**  
**The Sanctuary Club**

*Turfgrass Trends: What's Working Well in the Field:* Learn tips for success from observations made during TAS visits on topics of turfgrass varieties, grassing techniques, and maintenance practices. **Todd Lowe,**  
**Senior Agronomist, Florida Region,**  
**USGA Green Section**

*Trends in Architecture:* Learn how to utilize modern day equipment to meet the demands of the market. **Steve Smyers,**  
**Golf Course Architect**

*USGA Presentation of the Isaac B. Grainger Award to Robert Randquist, CGCS, for more than 25 years of dedicated service as a USGA volunteer.*

*Marking the Golf Course:* The basics that every superintendent should know.  
**Tom Zaras,**  
**The Florida State Golf Association**

*Interpreting Water Tests –*  
*It's as easy as 1 -2 – 3!* **Brian S. Whitlark, Agronomist,**  
**Southwest Region,**  
**USGA Green Section**

### SPECIAL NOTE

An entry to the Poa Annu Classic or to the G.C. Horn Memorial Tournament is not required to attend this seminar. However, the seminar will end at noon so that attendees may play in the Horn Tournament. Registration to the seminar is open to all FGCSA members and guests, and any interested parties in the golf course industry.

Overnight accommodations can be made directly through the Naples Beach Hotel Group Reservations at 1-800-866-1946.

This seminar has been approved by the GCSAA for .35 Education Points. Any questions on the seminar should be directed to the FGCSA at 1-800-732-6053.

### **FGCSA EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM**

Cost: Pre-registration = \$50 per person

At the door = \$60.00 per person

Deadline for Pre-registration: May 5<sup>th</sup>

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