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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



## 2012 GCSAA Education Conference & the Golf Industry Show

It's time to finalize your plans for attending the GCSAA Conference and Golf Industry Show and the FGCSA Annual Reception! (see page 7 for details)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY 6

CALUSA GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
CORAL OAKS CC

#### JANUARY 9

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA AND FTGA  
RESEARCH TOURNAMENT  
INTERLACHEN CC

#### JANUARY 11

SUNCOAST GCSA VENDOR APPRECIATION  
DAY  
PLATATION CC

#### JANUARY 11

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
TAMPA

#### JANUARY 12

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
FORT MYERS

#### JANUARY 17

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
OCALA

#### JANUARY 18

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
CONTINENTAL CC

#### FEBRUARY 7

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
ORLANDO

#### FEBRUARY 8

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
WILLISTON HIGHLANDS GC

#### FEBRUARY 8

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
LAKE WORTH

#### FEBRUARY 9

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
PLANTATION



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY MARK KANN

Happy New Year! The snowbirds have flocked back to Florida and I am sure that everyone's course is a lot busier than it was just a few months ago.

It has been busier over the last few weeks on the government relations side of things. Several bills have been moving around committees in the State Legislature that pertain to all of us in terms of fertilizer usage. We appreciate those of you who have been diligent about contacting your perspective legislators asking for their support of our green industries. Recently, Florida's Environmental Resource Commission voted to adopt the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FLDEP) version of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria rule as a substitute for the US EPA's NNC rule. The battle is far from over, but the FLDEP version contains an overwhelming amount of scientific research by IFAS and "real world" sampling and testing data that will be hard to dispute when coupled with the financial impact of the complying with the EPA rule as written. We have also made excellent progress on the Golf BMP Certification process. We are close to finalizing presentations that will be used as a review for taking the 3-part examination. It is not required that you attend the presentations prior to the test session, but it is highly encouraged. The Seven Rivers GCSA will be hosting one of the first full-day training sessions on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the UF/IFAS Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra. The event will be open to everyone and will cover all three sections of the review of the BMPs followed by the complete certification exam.

Ralph Dain has indicated that several chapters are ready to start taking



Mark Kann

portions of the BMP test at their monthly meetings which we should be able to start after the beginning of 2012. Once again, we appreciate everyone's patience through this process. The Florida Reception at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Las Vegas is only a few months away. Be sure to follow the registration process that Jennifer will be sending out shortly and send your RSVP so you do not miss your chance to attend. This event will give everyone an opportunity to visit with fellow superintendents, industry partners and supporters of the FGCSA. Thank you to all of our Reception Sponsors! This is always a hopeful time as we begin a new year. It is full of potential and possibilities for personal and professional growth. The FGCSA is going to be investing time in strategic planning over the next few months to maximize it's value and services to it's members and sponsors. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2012.



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Deadline next issue March 15.





## From Jennifer's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were happy and healthy.

Time sure does seem to fly; I'm not sure if it gets worse the older I get or the busier I become, but I can certainly say that it doesn't matter what I am doing it feels like another new year is here before I know it. It seems like it was only a couple of months ago that I was sending you e-mail after e-mail about the FGCSA Reception in Orlando. Lucky you, it is that time for me to bombard you again about the Reception in Las Vegas.

We are excited to hold this year's reception on March 1, 2012 at The JET Nightclub in the Mirage Hotel and Casino from 7-10pm. It will certainly hold up to last year's event.

I am asking that all superintendents who are planning to attend the FGCSA Reception register via the FGCSA website. If you DO NOT register you will not receive a wristband or invitation. Wristbands and invitations will only be mailed to those superintendents who register. You will be unable to enter the The JET without a proper wristband.

Please go to [www.floridagcsa.com](http://www.floridagcsa.com) and click on the information tab and then Reception. A prompt "Superintendents to RSVP click HERE" will be displayed. There you will find a link to complete a registration form. You may also type this URL directly into your browser: <http://www.floridagcsa.com/ReceptionLasVegas>.

Please contact me at the FGCSA office if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in Vegas!

*Past President Lon Chatfield was the moderator of the NFGCSA's Annual November Education Day meeting at the Julington Creek G.C. in Jacksonville.*

## Calendar of Events continued from page 1

### FEBRUARY 14

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
VERO BEACH

### FEBRUARY 21

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
MILTON

### FEBRUARY 23

FTGA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
JACKSONVILLE

### FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2ND

GCSAA CONFERENCE AND GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW  
LAS VEGAS

### MARCH 1ST

FGCSA ANNUAL RECEPTION  
THE JET NIGHTCLUB, THE MIRAGE





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Joel Jackson, CGCS

### 1. Government Legislative/Regulatory Update

Legislative Report: A few days before the Florida Senate Ag Committee's hearing on Senate Bill 604 a legislative call to action swept across the allied green industry network. The bill was designed to provide trained, certified and licensed fertilizer applicators a statewide status that would supersede the topsy-turvy network of local fertilizer ordinance with their different blackout periods and other non-science based restriction. I'm happy to report that the 11th hour push was successful as Senator David Simmons of Altamonte Springs was kind enough to send an email stating that SB 604 unanimously passed the committee. Now hopefully it will be successful in the full legislative session which begins on January 10th.

Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC): Activist have filed another lawsuit to prevent Florida DEP's attempt to apply local, realistic scientific findings in the setting of Nutrient Criteria. Having attended several of the NNC workshops, I can tell you that pulling one number out of the hat and assigning it to all lakes, rivers or estuaries is not good policy and often unnecessarily classifies a body of water "impaired" when it is just functioning in its natural state, which doesn't always fit an arbitrary number. The battle continues.

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): The onerous time-consuming and duplicative general permitting process has been modified by Florida's DEP to provide golf courses and other applicators some relief by not over regulating the application of terrestrial pesticides. However, you are responsible for reporting accidental or unauthorized discharges into bodies of water, especially those waters that can leave your property. So while we may not be in the application paperwork stream, you need to find out under what situations you may need to take action. See this link for details:

[http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/iw/docs/62621.300\\_8e.pdf](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/iw/docs/62621.300_8e.pdf).

Allied Association News: Even though the GCSAA Conference and Show is running a few weeks later than normal, it's still that time of year to finalize your registration and travel plans for the 2012 GCSAA - GIS in Las Vegas on Feb 27th - March 3rd. Our traditional FGCSA Reception will be held at the Jet Lounge at the Mirage Hotel on Thursday, March 1st. Jennifer Bryan will have more details for you in her column.

The Allied Golf Associations of Florida will join together for a Golf Day in Tallahassee during the 2012 Florida Legislative Session. Displays will be set up in the courtyard and in the capitol building. Office visits with legislators on

golf related issues will also be taking place during the session.

See the FTGA Schedule below for a list of the dates and locations of the annual regional turf seminars around the state. These are excellent opportunities to provide some education points and pesticide CORE ceu's for you and members of your staff. Several, but not all, have a golf track at the site. For more details and a registration form go to [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org).

### 2012 FTGA Regional Seminars

Jan 11 - Tampa (Golf). Location: St. Lawrence Parrish Hall  
Jan 12 - Ft. Myers (Golf). Location: Gulf Coast Church of Christ  
Jan 17 - Ocala (Golf). Location: Marion County Extension Office  
Feb 7 - Orlando (Golf). Location: Valencia College West Campus  
Feb 8 - Lake Worth. Location: Polish American Club  
Feb 9 - Plantation. Location: City of Plantation Parks and Rec Central  
Feb 14 - Vero Beach. Location: Richardson Center, Indian River State College, Mueller Campus  
Feb 21 - Milton (Golf). Location: Santa Rosa County Auditorium  
Feb 23 - Jacksonville (Golf). Location: Duval County Extension Office

Other Allied Associations: One of my duties over the years has been to establish a liaison with associations and agencies that have common interests or issues. Currently I attend scheduled programs or meetings of: Florida Pesticide Review Council; Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assoc.; Ag Institute of Florida (Ag Commodity Communications Directors); Advisory Council of the UF/IFAS Ag Education and Communications Dept. and PIE Center. I also belong to two publications based organizations: TOCA (Turf & Ornamental Communicators Assoc. and ING (The International Network of Golf.)

New Year's Resolution: Issue more news releases to the major media markets in Florida throughout the year to help publicize local chapters and their positive impacts to their communities.

**FGCSA Annual Reception**  
**March 1, 2012**  
**7-10pm**  
**The JET Mirage Nightclub**  
**Located in**  
**The Mirage Hotel and Casino**





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for details on the program.*

*\*Remember to send in your Industry Partnership renewal Forms  
before the next Green Sheet to ensure that your company is listed!*

### In Memorium

On November 29, 2011 Olde Florida Golf Club lost one of its own, Nathaniel "Nathan" Tutt. Nathan was 34 years old at the time of his passing. Nathan began work at Olde Florida on May 23, 2007 as an assistant superintendent. Nathan was employed in that capacity until March 20, 2011 when he returned to Franklin, Tennessee to be closer to family. A month prior to leaving Olde Florida, Nathan was diagnosed with Stage IIC Colorectal Cancer. A baseball-sized tumor was removed, but the cancer had already spread to his lymph nodes. He immediately began chemotherapy treatments, but after a dozen treatments the cancer had spread throughout his body. His wife Hillary, two-year old son Gavin and three-year old daughter Elena survive Nathan. They truly were the loves of his life.

In 2007, as part of the application process to Olde Florida Nathan sent me a cover letter that I re-read this morning. In Nathan's letter he included a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt that read, "Believe in yourself. You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face." The quote is very apropos of how Nathan lived his life. Nathan was a passionate warrior, but in the end the cancer was too strong of a force for him to overcome.

Nathan held a bachelor of science in agronomy from the University of Tennessee. Prior to being employed by Olde Florida Nathan worked at Grey Oaks Country Club and The Legends Club of Tennessee.

I will provide any further details or wishes of the family to Tom as they become available.

Sincerely,  
Darren J. Davis  
Golf Course Superintendent  
[DarrenJDavis@aol.com](mailto:DarrenJDavis@aol.com)





*Jim Shaffer with the toys collected at the annual "Seven Rivers Toy Drive" event held at Juliette Falls. One thousand dollars worth of gifts were donated to the Citrus County Family Resource Center.*

*The Palm Beach GCSA collected these toys to donate to Toys for Tots, along with \$400 cash, during their December golf outing at Myacoo Lakes.*



*Legendary West Coast Superintendent and chapter pioneer Bud Quandt helps out each year at his namesake tournament in October which raises money for turf research and local charities.*



Dear Friend of the FGCSA,

We are thrilled to offer you the opportunity to be a part of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association's reception at the Golf Industry Show. This great event has a tradition of being the one night during the GIS when all of the Florida Superintendents are in one spot at the same time. This is an excellent time for you to visit with your Florida clients in a social atmosphere.

We are very excited to announce that this year's reception is scheduled for Thursday night, March 1, 2012, at **JET Mirage Nightclub** located in The Mirage Resort and Casino. We are proud to provide one of the best receptions at the GIS and with your continued support you will not be disappointed.

Admission to the reception is limited to Florida Superintendents and spouses and the sponsors of the Florida reception ONLY. The number of tickets to the reception is based on sponsor level as listed on the enclosed Sponsor Registration Form. We will give all sponsors proper credit in the Florida Green magazine following the reception.

If you would like to attend the **JET Mirage Nightclub** reception as one of our sponsors, please send the enclosed Sponsorship Form to the FGCSA office no later than January 15, 2012. Sponsorships received after that date will not be printed on the invitations but will be acknowledged at the reception.

As always, we continue to appreciate the support that your company has given to the Florida Superintendents in the past and hope that you will be able to join us in March.

Please complete the form to the right and fax or e-mail it to Jennifer Bryan at 772-334-6015 or [fgcsa@comcast.net](mailto:fgcsa@comcast.net).

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  - Listing in the Florida Green magazine, Green Sheet Newsletter and FGCSA website
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**\$3,000.00**
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  - Listing on the Sponsor Board the night of the reception.
  - Listing in the Florida Green.
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**\$675.00**
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Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Come visit us in Las Vegas at the GIS Show at the Helena Booth and Jacobsen Booth. Golf Ventures is happy to sponsor the Florida Reception for the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Hope to see you in Las Vegas!

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