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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

And The Award Goes To....



Immediate Past President Mark Kann received the 2013 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award. Dale Mitchell represented the Golf Agronomics Supply company in receiving the 2013 Marie Roberts Award for their continuous support of the FGCSA and all the local chapters and their generous annual donations since 1990 to the FGCSA Turfgrass Research Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 9

EVERGLADES GCSA ANNUAL MEETING
IMPERIAL GOLF CLUB

JULY 17

GOLF BMP CERTIFICATION
WIMAUMA

JULY 18

PALM BEACH GCSA ANNUAL MEETING
BOCA WEST COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 25

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 25

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING
RITZ CARLTON GOLF CLUB

AUGUST 5

GOLF BMP CERTIFICATION
ST. AUGUSTINE

AUGUST 14

EVERGLADES AND CALUSA GCSA JOINT
MEETING

AUGUST 23

FGCSA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
SOUTHERN DUNES

AUGUST 23

FGCSA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTHERN DUNES

SEPTEMBER 9-12

FTGA CONFERENCE & SHOW
ORLANDO

SEPTEMBER 10

GOLF BMP CERTIFICATION
ORLANDO

OCTOBER 9

UF FIELD DAY
CITRA

OCTOBER 18-19

NORTH FLORIDA GCSA FALL CLASSIC
AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION

OCTOBER 25

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA MISSING & EXPLOITED
CHILDREN'S TOURNAMENT
FT. LAUDERDALE COUNTRY CLUB

FEBRUARY 6

FGCSA ANNUAL RECEPTION
BB KING'S HOUSE OF BLUES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY NANCY MILLER, CGCS

As another fiscal year draws to a close, so does my role as President of the FGCSA. It has been an honor to represent you throughout the year. Heartfelt thanks to Joel, Jennifer, Mark Kann, Kevin Sunderman, Bill Davidson and the Board of Directors for their enormous support.

The association is in extremely good hands with these gentlemen leading the way. They are smart, resourceful, prepared and imaginative which is what it takes for an association to succeed in this economy. Thank you also to Calusa, my home chapter for encouraging me to serve on the local level. A special thank you to Maple Leaf for allowing me the time to pursue community service and to my assistant, John Carpenter, and staff who make my volunteer service possible.

Congratulations to North Florida PGA Superintendent of the Year Award Winner, Duane VanEtten of Cypress Run, and to the finalists for the award, Tray Maltby of Reunion Resort and Dan Haubein of Pelican Point. Thank you to the NFPGA for recognizing the unique qualities of these gentlemen.

Lee County will soon be sending, to courses in that county, a reminder letter that their fertilizer ordinance contains an exemption for golf courses that follow the FDEP Best Management Practices for Florida Golf Courses. This exemption only applies to the golf course play and practice areas.



Nancy Miller, CGCS

For those who are not following the GC-BMP's, this exemption does not apply. Also, if you apply fertilizers to areas outside of golf course play and practice areas (i.e. turf and landscaped areas around a clubhouse, community or common area) you must have Green Industries BMP training certification, regardless of following the GC-BMP's.

GI-BMP certificate training is provided by your county extension service. **THIS IS TRUE FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE FERTILIZER ORDINANCES WITH GOLF EXEMPTIONS.**

GC-BMP certification training will be held on July 17 in Wimauma, August 5 at First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine and September 10 at the FTGA Conference and Show.

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Deadline next issue August 15.

...President's Message continued from page 2.

I know that we have been continually preaching the GCSAA's Rounds 4 Research project. One more time from me: PARTICIPATE! The State of Florida has more golf courses than any state in the country. We are also home to major professional golf associations and programs. As such, we should be leading the way with the number of our courses participating in R4R. Please help us help you by pledging rounds at your golf course and promoting the auction to your members in order to raise money for research, education and advocacy.

Speaking of advocacy, the FGCSA is your voice. With your help, we can be heard!

Thank you once again for allowing me to serve you as President of the FGCSA. The role has allowed me to expand my horizons, think "outside the box" and stretch my comfort zones. Like many of you, I'm the most comfortable in my own small environment, my protective shell so to speak.

Volunteering for board service has forced me to come out of that shell. The personal rewards for creeping out from under that protective layer are huge. Please consider escaping from your own cozy cocoon. The future is waiting for you!



GOLF BMP CERTIFICATION

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Rec.,
Wimauma, FL

Monday, August 5, 2013

First Coast Technical College
St. Augustine, FL

REGISTER NOW!

Go to

www.floridagcsa.com/BMP

for details.



The Champion Sponsors of the 2013 Jeff Hayden Environtron Classic hosted by the Seven Rivers GCSA at the World Woods GC. Donated \$25,000 for the event. (l-r): Glen Oberlander, Tournament Chairman and Walt McMahon, Debbie Nipper and Cary Lewis with Golf Ventures.



(l-r) At the St. Johns GC during the NFGCSA Memorial Tournament, Joel Jackson, FGCSA Communications Director accepts a \$5,000 research donation check from Chapter President Mike Stevens.

FGCSA
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
 AT
SOUTHERN DUNES
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Date: Friday, August 23, 2013



Lunch: Noon
1pm: Shotgun Start
Deadline to register:
August 12, 2013

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00/per superintendent
\$200/per vendor - includes tee sign*
\$100/tee sign ONLY

All entry fees include lunch, golf, range balls and prizes!
 Limited field—open to superintendents and vendors. Field will be filled by superintendents first!

- Chapter Teams may consist of 5 players with best 4 out of 5 scores counting.
- A Chapter may play with 4 players with all scores counted.
- Chapters may enter more than one team.
- Vendors must have a max handicap of 15 to play.
- One gross and one net team plus individual prizes for low gross and net— for both superintendents and vendors!
- Low gross superintendent wins spot on FGCSA team for the GCSAA National Championship!

Team and/or Individual Registration:

Chapter/Company: _____

Player 1: _____ **Handicap** _____

Player 2: _____ **Handicap** _____

Player 3: _____ **Handicap** _____

Player 4: _____ **Handicap** _____

Player 5: _____ **Handicap** _____

Please check here if you are purchasing a tee sign ONLY. Be sure to list your company name above exactly as you would like it to appear on the tee sign.

**If a company is registering more than two players, then the first two players will include the tee sign rate (\$200) with two tee signs. Each additional player thereafter will be \$100.*

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **e-mail** _____

Mail registration form along with a check made payable to the FGCSA; PO Box 65, Jensen Beach, FL 34958 or fax form to 772-334-7515. Credit card payments accepted on-line at www.floridagcsa.com/golf.

Questions? Contact Joe Ondo:407-657-7565

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

By Joel Jackson, CGCS Retired

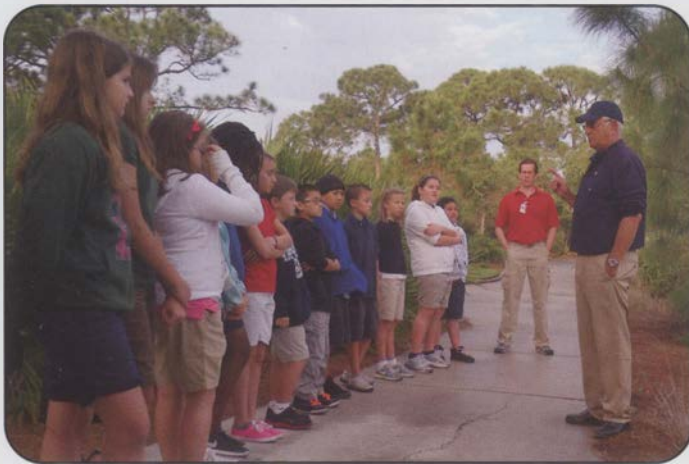
Publications: The next issue of the Florida Green magazine that you receive will be the 40th anniversary issue. The magazine that became the Florida Green in 1980 was the South Florida Green founded in 1973 by the South Florida GCSA. The SFGCSA was the first organized superintendent's association and was formed in 1939. When the Florida GCSA organized in 1980, the South Florida chapter donated their magazine and staff to produce the statewide version.

Another chapter in Florida Green history is being written as I have just finished collecting and organizing all of the Florida Green issues and sending them to the Michigan State University Library for scanning and archiving on line in the famous Turfgrass Information Library.

In that 40-year collection I was missing five or six issues. I sent out appeals to Board members and others to see if they might have copies I needed for the project. I also cc'ed Margot Szabo, curator of the GCSAA library out in Lawrence, KS. Margot sent me the spreadsheet of their Florida Green collection and fortunately she is able to loan us the needed copies to put a complete collection on line with the TGIF. Checking my spare copies still on hand, I was able to send Margot about 10 issues to fill gaps in their collection as well.

Communications: We strongly urge all chapters to consult the statewide events calendar on the FGCSA Website when planning your traditional big events. This spring a couple of chapters were kind enough and fortunately able to change their conflicting event dates.

It's a win-win for chapters to look at the big picture to avoid these conflicts to help over all potential participation and attendance by board members, Ralph Dain and myself for publicity coverage. In that regard, long range planning is a real plus. I know people say it's hard to get clubs to commit, but I would think they would want to lock in the calendars to plan manpower needs and other logistics. Those chapters that do plan ahead sure make travel planning and work scheduling easy for everyone.



Besides the annual Spring Regulator Tour on the Old Collier GC in Naples, Tim Hiers, CGCS (on the right) also hosts an annual 5th grade school tour that same week combining government relations advocacy and public outreach and education.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

By Greg Pheneger, FGCSA Government Relations Committee Chairman

The local fertilizer ordinances are heating up all over the State. Jupiter, Cocoa, Orlando, Lake Park are just a few of the towns talking about a fertilizer ordinance. I know that at this point they do not affect the course but, they do affect your clubhouse and other common areas. Remember it is just a small step to the golf course turf from the lawns.

Please go meet your local government officials before a local ordinance gets started and get to know them. They work for us and we have a great story to tell.

Along with Ralph Dain, I had a conference call with FDACS: Courses using MSMA labeled for cotton. The label must state it is labeled for turf use. All MSMA that is labeled for turf use is legal and can be used until the supply of labeled product is exhausted. Golf courses can't legally purchase MSMA from a supplier in Florida. Courses found to have illegal MSMA can be fined. Compliance officers are directed to look for MSMA in chemical rooms.

Action Alert from GCSAA: CWA NPDES General Permit Action Alert is now available on the GCSAA Legislative Action Center at:
<http://capwiz.com/gcsaa/issues/alert/?alertid=62718041&PROCESS=Take+Action>

Follow the link or it is also posted on gcsaa.org for all GCSAA members to use.

Take a few minutes today to encourage your Representative to include CWA NPDES Pesticide General Permit relief in its 2013 five-year Farm Bill. If you would also inform other golf industry partners, it will be greatly appreciated.

FYI – Recently, the full Senate approved its five-year farm bill in a 66-27 vote. More than 15 Republicans joined most Democrats in supporting the bill, which would cut \$24 billion from farm spending over 10 years, including a \$4 billion reduction to food stamps. The Senate Farm Bill does not include CWA NPDES permit relief language.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

For membership renewal forms go to www.floridagcsa.com - click on the Chapter Tab to find your chapter. Dues can also be paid on-line at www.shop.floridagcsa.com

FGCSA SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Spring 2013 Board Meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Nancy Miller at 12:07 pm, May 16, 2013 at The Country Club of Naples.

All officers were present. All Chapters were represented, with the exception of the Palm Beach, Central Florida and the North Florida Chapters. The Chapter Representatives were: Calusa - Nancy Miller; Seven Rivers - Jim Shaffer; South Florida - Ricky Reeves; Everglades - Wayne Kappauf; Suncoast - Bill Tyde; Treasure Coast - Scott Bell; West Coast - Andy Neiswender; Ridge - Mike Giddens

Others attending the meeting were: Jennifer Bryan - Association Manager; Joel Jackson - FGCSA Director of Communications; Todd Lowe - USGA. Ralph Dain - GCSAA, Darren Davis - GCSAA, Greg Pheneger - FGCSA Government Relations Chairman and David Dore-Smith - EGCSA President.

Minutes of the FGCSA Winter 2013 Board Meeting were approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Bill Davidson presented the current fiscal year financials. Ricky Reeves motioned for acceptance of the financials. All in favor – financials approved.

Committee Reports:

Education – Jim Shaffer presented a list of upcoming education opportunities to the board. In addition to those upcoming events, the chapters were encouraged to host a BMP certification class. The Calusa, Suncoast and West Coast chapters will host one in July, the North Florida GCSA in August and the FGCSA will offer a class during the FTGA Conference and Show in September.

Government Relations – Greg Pheneger reported to the Board that

the City of Rockledge amended their strict fertilizer ordinance to remove golf courses from the summer blackout periods. Greg urged the FGCSA Board of Directors and the FGCSA Chapters to get to know their Council Members. If you would like some help with this, please let Greg know. It is important that we continue to discuss the science addition, it was also requested that each Chapter find a Government Relations Chair who can sit on the Government Relations Committee. Mark Kann presented a report provided by The Florida Golf Inc. (formerly The Florida Golf Alliance) on the recent session in Tallahassee. A Resolution was made announcing Family Golf Day on July 27th and 28th.

Publications/DOC – The Florida Green will celebrate its 40th anniversary with the Summer 2013 issue. The Editorial deadline is June 7th. The University of Michigan will continue to scan and store all issues of the Florida Green. Action needed by the following chapters to submit the names of the course and superintendent that they would like featured in 2014; Calusa (Winter issue), North Florida (Spring issue), Palm Beach (Summer issue) and Central Florida (Fall issue). Also, hands on Topics for 2014 are needed.

Golf – Jennifer updated the Board on the Golf Committee's decisions for the 2013 FGCSA Golf Championship. It will be held on August 23rd at Southern Dunes. Vendor participation is welcome. A handicap max of 15 is a new requirement of the event. Kevin Sunderman would like to participate in future Golf Committee meetings and the Board recommended the committee discuss the potential of turning it into a larger event.

Membership – Membership Renewal forms should now be going out to members for renewal. A reminder to chapters to send your updated forms to Jennifer so they can be included on the website and also added to the new FGCSA Shopping Cart. Credit card payments will be accepted for all members – regardless if the state

collects that chapter's dues or not.

Reception – Kevin Sunderman reported to the Board that the FGCSA Annual reception will be held on Thursday night, February 6, 2014 and will take place at BB King's House of Blues.

GCSAA – Ralph Dain reported to the Board some upcoming deadlines; Scholarship deadline June 1st, Distinguished Service Award nominations are due July 15th and the deadline for the Dog of the Year Calendar is August 1st. The GCSAA is currently filling the last 2 Regional Field Staff Positions. A new Government Relations position has also been approved to help aid Chava. Ralph also reported that Rounds 4 Research still needs donations. If you need assistance collecting rounds, Ralph is happy to help. Darren Davis reported to the Board that the GCSAA Board of Directors completed a Strategic Planning Session and developed a blueprint to 2020.

USGA – Todd Lowe reported to the Board that the Green Committee University was a great success. Venues have already been established for next year. The USGA will also provide a one-day seminar during the FTGA this year and again teamed with the FGCSA to provide education for the Poa. The USGA is also in the process of hiring a new agronomist for the mid-west.

Old Business:

Executive Director Position – The job descriptions for the FGCSA staff have been reevaluated and tentative job descriptions have been developed. They are being finalized and will be presented to the Board at the next board meeting.

BMP Certification – More support is encouraged by the local chapters. The next BMP dates are July 15, August 5 and September 10. The Gateway Community College has

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also indicated an interest in holding a session in Feb and March. The FGCSA will become more proactive with scheduling future dates. The BMP certification alone proves our commitment to Best Management Practices.

New Business:

Classification – The FGCSA would like to review its classifications and get them in-line with the GCSAAA. A committee will be formed to address this issue and bring recommendations to the board.

Credit Card Processing – The FGCSA has changed its shopping cart provider and credit card processing. A new shopping cart

has been developed to enable people to pay for more than one chapter's dues at a time. This service is available to all chapters, regardless of who collects the dues. The FGCSA is no longer able to charge a processing fee for credit card payments. The Board discussed ways of absorbing these fees. A motion was made by Bill Tyde for the state to continue to absorb the fees for dues renewals collected by credit card for all Class A, SM and C members, however, any fees assessed for credit card payments made on affiliate member dues and/or chapter events will be absorbed by the appropriate chapter. The motion was approved. This will apply to events that have already occurred in which credit card payments were made.

Miscellaneous items - The FGCSA will look into hosting a combined meeting of all Chapters and their boards during the GIS. Jennifer will also work on scheduling a Secretary/Treasurer's training for August. It might be possible to hold this via a webcast. The new Board Orientation will also be held this year prior to the Board Meeting and will also be done via conference call or webcast. Details to come.

The FGCSA Summer/Annual Board Meeting will be held on August 23rd at 8am. Details of location will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.



Left: The Tresca and Mike Richards families along with some other former Tresca employees gather at the North Florida Buddy Tresca Memorial Tournament to celebrate Buddy Tresca (front and center with plaque) as the 2013 NFGCSA's Keeper of the Green Award.

Right: During the 2013 Treasure Coast Blue Pearl event at the Red Stick GC, TCGCSA President Shane Wright (on the right) presented a \$10,500 check to Bill Friesell of the Vero Beach Environmental Learning Center for their Eco-Fest program.



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