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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Suncoast GCSA Showcases its Generosity



Suncoast Donations – During the 2013 Suncoast Scramble event, (Left) SCGCSA Vice President Nick Kearns presented FGCSA Vice President Kevin Sunderman a check for \$2,500 for the FGCSA Research Fund. (Center) The SCGCSA also presented a \$2,500 check to Allison Barrick for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. (Right) Nicole Double from the Food Bank thanked the chapter for their January Vendor Day donations of cash and food, which provided 5,300 meals to needy persons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 1

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNTREE COUNTRY CLUB

MAY 7

PALM BEACH GCSA MEETING
ATLANTIC NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

MAY 16

FGCSA BOARD MEETING
COUNTRY CLUB OF NAPLES

MAY 17-19

EVERGLADES GCSA POA ANNUA AND G.C.
HORN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

MAY 21

SUNCOAST GCSA ANNUAL MEETING
MISSION VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

MAY 23

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING
HAILE PLANTATION

MAY 23

RIDGE INVITATIONAL
GRASSLANDS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 1

PALM BEACH GCSA FUTURE OF GOLF
TOURNAMENT

THE FALLS COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 4

WEST COAST GCSA CHAPTER
CHAMPIONSHIP
BELLAIRE COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 15

PALM BEACH GCSA FISHING TOURNAMENT
DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

JUNE 20

EVERGLADES GCSA ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT GOLF AND EDUCATION
MEETING

QUAIL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 20

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING
CANDLER HILLS GOLF CLUB

JUNE 21

CALUSA GCSA MONTHLY MEETING
CROWN COLONY COUNTRY CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY NANCY MILLER, CGCS

Updates from the FGCSA Board of Directors Long Range Planning Meeting:

External VP's

Mark Kann revised and updated the training and orientation program for Externals who are new to the Board. Please consider assisting your local chapter by volunteering for state or local board or committee work.

Executive Director

The Board brainstormed the Executive Director position at length. Discussion was spirited and passionate with lots of good ideas. We are now in the process of developing the ED job description. This position will complement those of Joel and Jennifer, adding the final piece to the management puzzle. I'll keep you updated as to our progress.

FGCSA Committees

Committee service generated intense discussion with another spirited exchange of ideas, some in-the-box and some out-of-the-box. In order to sustain a viable association, we NEED volunteers to participate on committees. Our committees must be active and relevant. We cannot represent you without you!

Rounds 4 Research

Rounds 4 Research has not progressed or produced anticipated revenue. Log on to rounds4research.com to donate a round at your course today! This year's auction dates are June 6-16 around the U.S. Open and August 1-11 in conjunction with the PGA Championship.

BMP's

We're looking for chapters to host BMP Certification education and training



Nancy Miller, CGCS

sessions. As a group, we need to actively challenge our detractors by demonstrating our environmental stewardship. Having a majority of superintendents certified in best management practices is a solid measure of our commitment. Some issues concerning the BMP program have been brought to our attention. As we receive feedback from our research, we will keep you informed. In the meantime, we are proceeding full steam ahead.

The FGCSA Benevolent Fund

This is a reminder that FGCSA maintains a benevolent fund to provide financial assistance to an FGCSA member or surviving spouse or children of an FGCSA member who suffer personal loss or medical hardship. GCSAA maintains a similar fund. If you or anyone you know is in a hardship situation, you may apply for help.

FGCSA and YOU

"Today we are faced with a multitude of challenges posed by anti-golf/agriculture/fertilizer groups. It is impossible for

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Deadline next issue June 15.

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

superintendents as individuals to fight these issues, unlikely for local chapters to have an impact, but as an industry united as a whole we have a voice loud enough to be heard. Through actions such as direct communication with lawmakers, participating with allied industries, quickly learning and communicating about various issues, as well as funding studies such as the golf economic impact study, the state association plays a vital role in the future of this industry." – Kevin Sunderman

Help us help you by taking an active role in supporting your association. Our work with allied turf organizations is supporting efforts in Tallahassee to minimize or eliminate the patchwork of local ordinances and to install the state model ordinance, which is based on solid science.

SAVE THE DATE:



FGCSA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AT SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2013



Watch on-line for more information!
www.floridagcsa.com/golf

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Through online auctions of golf rounds, the Rounds 4 Research program raises funds to help address the critical shortage of resources for turfgrass research. To learn more, visit rounds4research.com.

Auction dates:
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A) Please indicate the number of rounds per year and number of golfers per round you are donating each year. A foursome is one round, four golfers and 18 holes.

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

By Joel Jackson, CGCS Retired

Publications: First order of business is to correct some wrong information mistakenly published in the last Green Sheet. On page 5, I had identified Ron Hibbard, CGCS (one of the winners of the Interlachen Research Tournament) as the General Manager of the Big Cypress GC. Ron is the superintendent at the Arlington Ridge GC. My apologies to Ron.

The Summer 2013 issue of the Florida Green will mark the 40th anniversary of the Florida Green. That 40-year period includes the South Florida Green which was the first superintendent magazine in the state published by the South Florida GCSA from 1973 to 1980. The Summer issue of 1980 marked the debut of the Florida Green which coincided with the formation of the statewide Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Look for the complete story of the magazine's history in the upcoming Summer Florida Green.

Chapter Reporters: I'm looking for people in the various chapters to act as "reporters" or "correspondents" to send in short reports on the outcomes of all the chapter meetings and events that I can't possibly cover. We need to communicate more often with each other and record the awards and presentations and share the "take away" points of local chapter education sessions and "aha" moments and ideas generated at chapter meetings. The Green Sheet and Florida Greens and our Facebook page are places we can do that.

If you're willing, please let me know. We'll give you credit and may even create a category in the Florida Green masthead for Chapter Reporters.

Along those lines photos taken with smart phones are fine. Just don't send them in Small or Medium size formats, use the Large option for the best resolution.

I want to thank folks like Lee Crosby and Bob Toski, who currently take photos of Suncoast and Everglades events and share with me to use in our publications. They have been doing this voluntarily for several years. Thanks guys!

Other Communications: Sure like to see more FGCSA members "Like" our FGCSA Facebook. It's a friendly format to receive updates on what's going on and seeing photos on topics rather than just words all the time.



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

By Greg Pheneger, FGCSA Government Relations Committee Chairman

Local Ordinances: Two cities in Brevard County on Florida's East Central Coast have recently passed fertilizer ordinances. The City of Melbourne passed the Model Ordinance on March 26.

The City of Rockledge passed an ordinance that included a summer ban on fertilizer. This ban **does not** exempt golf courses. Jerry Yeomans superintendent of the Rockledge CC and Todd Josko with the FTGA recently met with city officials to discuss our concerns with the summer ban in general and specifically its impact on the golf courses in Rockledge.

Polk County passed the Model Ordinance on March 19th. Thank you to all of you that put a call or email into the Commissioners of Polk County.

State Representative Steve Crisafulli, who is the Speaker Designate, held a meeting with stakeholder groups and outlined his plan of action to rein in the numerous types of fertilizer ordinances being proposed around the State of Florida. Representative Crisafulli outlined a bill to create a 13-person task force made up of all stakeholder groups. The task force will meet over the next 2-½ years to resolve the fertilizer issue using science. During that period of time, while the task force is meeting, local governments cannot pass a fertilizer ordinance except the Model Ordinance. The 2013 state legislative session ends on May 3rd so there is not a lot of time to pass this proposal. The FGCSA will have a seat on this task force.



Above: Over 300 attendees were at the 2013 South Florida Turf Expo for plot tours, research and product updates, equipment demos, and presentations and training sessions for superintendents, landscapers, equipment technicians and pest control applicators

Left: A group of 20 regulators from the EPA offices in Washington and Atlanta, Florida's DEP and Dept. of Agriculture and Water Management Districts had a tour of Tim Hiers' Old Collier Maintenance Facility on March 18th. The tour of the course was rained out. This was the 16th year we have partnered with the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association for this pro-active advocacy opportunity.

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE (LAKE CITY) ANNOUNCES PROGRAM CHANGES

Starting in the fall, 2013, the Golf Course Operations program is returning to a two-year format, which is how the program started in 1967. This will reduce the cost of the GCO program and reduce the amount of time a student has to be on campus, which should help in recruiting.

At the same time, we are suspending operation of the turf equipment program until we can develop a strategy to operate it as separate program. Over the last several years, most of the turf equipment students have been pre-GCO students, so we were really not graduating many equipment technicians. Just suspending this program, gives the college the opportunity to keep the donated equipment and parts and maintain the curriculum in our inventory of classes while we think through other options.

When talking to person interested in getting a formal education in golf operations, please be sure to emphasize that the GCO program is now two years and for current and potential technicians that the turf equipment program is just on hold. Those students who have the ATD in Turf Equipment Technology and who want to work towards the AS degree in Turf Equipment Management (TEM) will still be able to do so as the second year of TEM is mostly general education and business courses.

Some other positive changes include the development of several GLO courses for online delivery. We have botany, agricultural chemistry, soils & fertilizers, irrigation, and materials calculations developed now, and we are working on landscape plants. After those, we want to develop a turf class and a pest control class for online. These courses along with the general education requirements would allow a student to take general courses at a local college and enough online with FGC that a student could potentially have to be on campus for only one year. Plus, a student who earns our AS degree in GCO can articulate that to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration through Saint Leo University all in four years. This is a great combination.

We could use recruiting help from both alumni and others to supplement

the recruiting we are doing. Recently, Bruce Witt has been communicating with high school golf coaches and players and attending high school golf matches to interest them in our program. This is a possible area where all alumni can help locally. Another avenue is to mentor local high school students concerning golf and landscape careers. Just bringing local students to your golf course maintenance facility would be a good start. Young people are not working summer jobs on golf courses or with landscape companies as used to be the case. Thus, students do not experience these careers. Most of you determined you wanted to be golf course superintendents after working on a golf course. So, if you could mentor a high school student and encourage them to work on a golf course when they are old enough, it would really help.

We have a strong industry advisory

committee that monitors our programs, so we would never enroll more students than we can successfully place, but now we need to increase student numbers in Golf Course Operations and Landscape Technology to have a reasonable class size and meet industry demand for our graduates. Golf and landscape employers continue to want FGC graduates which is another very positive situation.

Our alumni have always been one of our strengths, and it is important to convey accurately the changes we are making. With these program changes and with recruiting help from all members in the industry, we hope to keep GLO strong.

Thanks for your continued support.
Sincerely, John R. Piersol
Director of Golf & Landscape Operation



During the Central Florida GCSA's Vendor Expo in March, UF/IFAS professor Dr. Bryan Unruh discussed the results of the latest nutrient management research and how light intensity studies might change some of our turf management practices.

On April 11th, GCSAA Director Darren Davis and Florida Field Rep Ralph Dain made a "State of the Industry" and "GCSAA Member Resources" presentation at the Central Florida Assistants Academy meeting.



FGCSA Poa Seminar
In collaboration with the



A Multi Speaker presentation

Friday, May 17, 2013
Naples Beach Hotel
Naples, FL

Guidelines for Master Planning and Course Remodeling

John S. Sanford, Jr., RLA, ASGCA
Sanford Golf Design

Putting Green Renovation: Determining the Need and Options

John H. Foy, Director
Florida Region, USGA Green Section

Liquid Overseeding: The Benefits of a Liquid Fertility Program over Traditional Overseeding

Andrew J. Jorgensen, CGCS
Candler Hills Golf Club

Making Every Drop Count – Methods to Improve Water Use Efficiency

Patrick J. Gross, Director
Southwest Region, USGA Green Section

Environmental Considerations for Chemical Storage and Equipment Wash Areas

Ralph Dain, Florida Regional Representative GCSAA

Setting Standards: Developing Written Golf Course Maintenance Standards

Todd Lowe, Senior Agronomist
Florida Region, USGA Green Section

An entry to the Poa Annuia 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. If you **do** plan to register for one of these golfing events, you may pre-register for this seminar on the same form sent by the Everglades GCSA Poa Committee. 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 is being approved for .35 CEU's by the GCSAA for Education Points. Any questions on the seminar should be directed to the FGCSA at 1-800-732-6053. More information is available on-line; www.floridagcsa.com/Poa.

FGCSA EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Cost: Pre-registration = \$50 per person

At the door = \$60.00 per person

Deadline for Pre-registration: May 10th. Credit card payments accepted online at www.floridagcsa.com/poa.

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