



# The Green Sheet

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The Green Sheet is the official communications newsletter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. The purpose of this publication is to aid members with current, up-to-date news-related items which can benefit the good of the Association. A special thanks must be given to Mac's Lawn & Turf Equipment Co. and Snook Flower Farms for their advertising support to cover operating expenses.

## POA Results

The POA Annual Golf Classic winning team was the Palm Beach Chapter for low gross and the South Florida Chapter for low net.

Low score for Superintendent's was Gary Smithers with a 72. Gary also won a weekend paid at the Naples Beach Club. Dave Oliver, defending champion was second with a 73.

Dates for the Crowfoot Open at Indigo Lakes in Daytona Beach are August 4 & 5.

Joe Ondo

## Suncoast Scramble Tournament

The 3rd Annual Suncoast Scramble was again a BIG SUCCESS! There were 23 teams that played in the event which consisted of Club, Supt., Pro, Manager and Supplier. We also had a whopping increase in the number of Sponsors from 34 last year to 43 this year, which increased our amount of donation to our local Junior Golf Program from \$850.00 last year to \$1000.00 this year, to which Larry Livingston presented a check to Mike Clayton at the meeting. Another \$1000.00 was raised for Suncoast G.C.S.A. Scholarship and Research Fund.

River Wilderness' team won 1st place with a score of 60. The team consisted of Mike Miles, Gary Geiger, Bruce Cohenour and Jud Debra. 2nd place went to the Palm-Aire team of Jim Larner, Will Frantz, Phil LaBrecque and Allen Hanchey with a score of 60. 3rd place went to the Fox-Fire team of Tom Rainey, Mike Toale, Tom Rich and Doug Powell which shot another score of 60. And 4th place went to The Bradenton Country Club team of Jim Svabek, Phil Wagner, Pard Lewis and Michael Ayer with a score of 62. **The Straightest Drive** contest was won by **Jerry Godin** on #2. **Closest to the Hole** contest was won by **Allen Hanchey** on #4 and **Jerry Godin** on #16.

We wish to thank all the people who donated gifts.



**Adam Walsh  
Child Resource  
Center**

Dear

*On July 29, 1985 the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association will hold the First South Florida G.C.S.A./Adam Walsh Invitational Benefit Golf Tournament. This event will be hosted at the Emerald Hills Country Club in Hollywood, Florida. We expect to accomplish several goals through this event. We expect to upgrade the image of our profession and to benefit a very worthwhile organization. We need your help and cooperation in making a success of this project.*

*For this event we are asking you for a minimum tax deductible \$300.00 cash donation. This will make you an Eagle Sponsor, and will entitle a representative from your company to play in the golf tournament, in a foursome with a Club Superintendent, a Club Pro, and a Greens Chairman. We will also post the Eagle Sponsors on the score board, and do whatever we are able to get media coverage.*

*This tournament will provide for those involved in the golf business an opportunity to make a significant contribution towards the protection of our most valuable resources . . . our children.*

*Although the event itself will be held in south Florida, the tragic events surrounding the abuse of children knows no economic or geographic boundaries; for this reason I appeal to every individual, club and business involved financially or recreationally with the game of golf in the State of Florida to send support to this event in the form of a tax-deductible contribution. All net proceeds will go directly to the ADAM WALSH CHILD RESOURCE CENTER.*

*Please fill out the entry form and return with your check, as we only have room for thirty teams, and we don't want you to miss this event.*

Yours truly,

The Committee  
Dave Lottes  
Scott Zakany

Bill Entwistle  
Ed Ramey  
Loÿ Faulk

## Re-organization Northwest Florida

There has been an increased interest in establishing a newly organized Golf Course Superintendents Association in Northwest Florida to encompass an area from Tallahassee, Florida eastward toward Mobile, Alabama and Biloxi, Mississippi.

A planning committee of Don Allen, Scenic Hills C.C. in Pensacola; Chuck Rettew, AC Read N.A.S.; Roger Kunkle, Seascape Resort in Destin; John Wilson, Osceola GC in Pensacola; and John Chaney, Bay Point Resort in Panama City has met twice during the month of April 1985 to work on a professional set of By-Laws to administer the organization. Those By-Laws have now been completed in rough draft and are being finalized by the planning committee.

Tentative plans are to have each meeting annually in each of the zones of the association, which will be called "GULF COAST GCSA". Meetings will be held in Panama City and Tallahassee, Florida; Destin and Ft. Walton, Florida; Pensacola, Florida and Gulf Shore, Alabama; and in Mobile, Alabama and Biloxi, Mississippi.

Board of Directors are scheduled to be elected from each of the major cities mentioned above, with each director responsible for his area's attendance. Because of the large area of the proposed association, supplier members will become a more viable part of the organization and will be responsible to help car pool association members to the various meetings.

Mailing lists of all Superintendents, Asst. Supts, Suppliers, and interested parties are now being developed. As soon as a total mailing list is accomplished, a general meeting has been planned half way between Tallahassee, Florida and Biloxi, Mississippi at which time all parties will be invited to attend and approve the By-Laws and to elect a slate of

officers for this new association.

Pending approval of interested members in the area, the association will start business for the fiscal year with an inaugural July 1985 meeting.

John Chaney

The Green Sheet is a bi-monthly newsletter produced by the Communications Committee, Mike Bailey, Chairman. All pertinent information or questions regarding such can be mailed to Mike Bailey, Editor,

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The purpose of The Green Sheet is to benefit all members of the FGCSA in regards to communications. The priorities of The Green Sheet are to print:

- 1) current, up-to-date news items
- 2) future meetings
- 3) review of previous events
- 4) appropriate communications within the industry

\*The Green Sheet is designed to be a current up-to-date newsletter as compared to the "Florida Green" \*(an educational communications magazine). Items printed shall be deemed fit by the editors of both publications, whereupon The Green Sheet and the Florida Green can mutually benefit the FGCSA.

The Green Sheet bi-monthly issues are printed as follows: Jan-Feb, March-April, May-June, July-August, Sept-Oct and Nov.-Dec. Deadlines are set for the 2nd Friday of the month preceding the next coming issue, i.e. August 16th for Sept-Oct and October 18th for Nov-Dec. The Green Sheet is printed by

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Each issue produces a total printing volume of 1500. 1150 issues are mailed to 9 local chapters and then distributed within their respective local members mailing list. The balance of 350 are mailed to media, GCSAA chapter newsletter editors, IFAS, commercial vendors and others upon request.

Mrs. Marie Roberts serves as the secretary for The Green Sheet.

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## Sandpiper Bay Honors Lonnie Stubbs

On May 31, 1985, Lonnie Stubbs ended a quarter century of employment with the Sandpiper Bay Resort in Port St. Lucie without much fanfare. The surprise came a few days later when the club, employees, members and friends came together for "Lonnie Stubbs Day." On Monday, June 10, over 200 people came from near and afar to pay tribute to a man who has certainly left his imprint on golf course management in the state of Florida.

Lonnie Stubbs, a native of the Bahamas, at first thought the event was going to go by unnoticed because the parent company (General Development) sold the resort two years ago to a new International Hotel Consortium (Tollman & Huntly). Lonnie was delighted with the tribute, and expressed deep admiration towards his new employer since he had not actually worked for them during the past 25 years.

The day's festivities started with a scramble that had the Sinners golf course full to the brim. After golf, a reception was held in the banquet hall with Lonnie and friends. Chuck Johnson, Director of Golf at Sandpiper Bay and organizer of the tribute, praised Lonnie for his dedication and years of exceptional service. He presented a set of golf clubs with a personalized golf bag and a generous check to Lonnie in appreciation on behalf of the club and his friends.

Tom Burrows, President of the Florida GCSA offered congratulations from all Florida golf course superintendents. He then presented a letter from GCSAA President Eugene Baston to Lonnie which read as follows "On behalf of your 6,000 fellow members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, we join with the members of the Sandpiper Bay Golf Club in congratulating you on your 25th Anniversary of service to the Club. As a dedicated employee of the Sandpiper Bay Club, you have exemplified our profession in every way. May we wish you and the Sandpiper Bay Club another 25 years of a beneficial relationship. Congratulations and best wishes!"

Lonnie, who was most appreciative of the recognition received, took time to reflect his past 25 years for THE GREEN SHEET. He started work at Sandpiper Bay after a brief stay with General Development in Vero Beach as landscape supervisor of Vero Shores. After the hotel was built,

Lonnie immediately put his talents to work on the first golf course known today as the Sinners. During the peak construction years, Lonnie supervised over 60 people as the complex grew to 45 holes. In addition to completing the maturation of the courses, he has over the years, maintained them to perfection in hosting the Annual Florida Open Golf Championship.

Lonnie has witnessed the mechanization process of the golf course industry first hand and today maintains the Sandpiper Bay complex with a crew of 22. He gives credit to his employees for pulling through during the hard times, especially his right hand man — L. C. Miller, who has been with Lonnie for 17 years! And he doesn't forget his loving wife, Daisy, who has stood by him over the years.

It is a great testament for one to have served 25 years as a golf course superintendent. To have served 25 years tenure at the same club is a milestone! The Florida GCSA is proud to claim Lonnie as a member and wishes him all the success and happiness in the future.

## Research Contributions

Research is vital to the very existence of our industry. It is absolutely essential that it not only continue, but also increase. All avenues leading to a successful program must be pursued. As a step in that direction, the Board of Directors of the Florida Turf-Grass Association has seen fit to change the basic structure of the Scholarship and Research Foundation.

The Florida Turf-Grass Association Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. has been changed to the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation, Inc. Scholarships will continue to be awarded, but they will be funded through the Association's operating budget. All monies, and I emphasize ALL, donated to the Research Foundation go directly to research. Remember, not one penny of administrative costs, either by us, the grantor, or I.F.A.S., the grantee, is taken from the fund.

Further study as to the make up of the Foundation's Board of Directors is being conducted along with the possible procurement of prominent names in the industry as honorary trustees. We must and will bring research into its prominence.

Your personal contribution is solicited and encouraged — it is of great importance!!

Bill Wagner

## Bermudagrass Variation is Emphasized at Poa Annua Seminar

A special seminar was held for golf course superintendents at the Poa Annua. Dr. Phil Busey, Turfgrass Breeder at the University of Florida, led a half-day seminar on "Bermudagrass Variation." There were 36 registrants for this course. The entire scope of biological variation in grasses was covered, from the principles of mutation and evolution, to practical cultivar identification and protection of variety purity.

For many years there has been concern about the appearance of contamination on golf course greens. Spots of bermudagrass have been shown to occur which are genetically different. In some cases, mutations have been proposed as an explanation. Disease and environmental factors are also involved. The contaminants behave differently at certain times of the year. Some bermudagrass variations do not discolor equally in the fall, and other genetic variations on greens are more prone to a pathological yellowing that occurs in wet summers in Florida. In other cases, contaminant bermudagrasses may be superior to the authentic varieties. 'Tifdwarf' bermudagrass was believed to have occurred as a mutation in 'Tifgreen' (Tifton-328). As Dr. Busey explained, the basic knowledge of variety mixing was outlined by Mr. James B. 'Monty' Moncrief, in the mid-1970's. As Mr. Moncrief described in the USGA Green Section Record (Vol. 13, No. 6), "A pure strain of bermudagrass is first the responsibility of the researcher, then the sod grower, and finally the turfgrass manager. The researcher has a long, tedious job in selecting strains of turfgrasses. He has to keep close surveillance while evaluating the merits of each grass for a particular use. There is constant roguing of cultivars and foreign bermudagrasses from research plots. Any strain of bermudagrass to be released has had several years of testing and has been cleared through State and Federal agencies before it is released.

Mr. Moncrief continued in his publication, "Light, chlorotic areas appearing in the greens have caused considerable concern across the South. Many soil samples have been taken from these areas and a complex problem exists causing the grass to have the chlorotic appearance. Usually diseases and nematodes cause the grass to be in a weak condition and off-color.

"There is one way," said Dr. Busey, "of knowing with certainty that you have a particular bermudagrass. This is to be able to trace an unbroken line of accountability back to the source breeder stock."

Representatives of two commercial grassing firms confirmed this comment. Mr. Chip Powell, of Southern Turf Nurseries, enumerated the various points of contamination which could occur during bermudagrass production, distribution and maintenance. He emphasized the standard specifications that he believed were necessary in order to ensure uniformity of greens. Copies of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association Certification Standards were distributed. New varieties being released from Tifton, Georgia, and Beltsville, Maryland, may only be produced as certified turfgrass, and there is currently no Florida certification program.

Mr. Rod Davis, of Central Florida Turf, reinforced Mr. Powell's comments on the subject of procedures to ensure pure planting stock. As a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Turfgrass Producers Association of Florida, Mr. Davis is interested in establishing high standards of quality for turfgrass production.

A lively discussion took place on the subject of field conditions at the time of sprig harvesting. Several golf course superintendents stated a preference for mowing sprig fields at greens height prior to harvesting. In this manner, they said, genetic contamination would be more easily noticed. Bermudagrass production representatives said that this would greatly increase the cost of sprigs. A compromise solution was proposed by Mr. Clint Smallridge, of Royal Poinciana Golf Club. He suggested that a representative strip (or strips) of the production area might be mowed at greens height, as a means of better diagnosing the turfgrass uniformity.

Dr. Busey concluded the seminar by pointing out some researchable areas, not only on bermudagrass variety identification, but in the development of new improved types for Florida golf courses. "I am afraid that the well of knowledge is drying up," he said. "Very little performance data has been published since Juska and Hanson's 1964 report. Other than the excellent work on identification by Dr. Jeff Krans at Mississippi State University, we have learned little since Dr. Bill Thompson's 1964 thesis at the University of Florida. As far as the development of new cultivars, the performance of some new cultivars and cultivar candidates has been disappointing.

## Bermuda Grass Decline

The current status of the Bermuda-grass Decline Investigations are being conducted by Ed Freeman and myself.

As we have reported earlier, a brown fungus has been repeatedly found on the roots of bermudagrass turf that had symptoms of the 'Decline'. Under a microscope the fungus appears as thick, light brown fungal strands (hyphae) and thin, dark brown fungal strands. Spores and/or fruiting bodies which were necessary to identify this possible pathogen were not found on the bermudagrass samples sent into the laboratory for diagnosis.

The lack of identifiable fungal features does occasionally occur when diagnosing fungal plant pathogens on plant parts such as roots or leaves. Normally the fungus is placed on a special agar growth media in a petri dish, and in a few days identifiable features grow-out. However, this did not occur with the brown fungus we found. For the last 18 months various growing media, temperatures, light levels, air and moisture conditions were used to get the fungus to develop spores and fruiting bodies for a positive identification.

Just recently one petri dish developed spores. Initially this was thought to be a contaminate, because nothing had developed in all this time. But after re-isolation of the fungus and microscopic examination, the brown fungus finally yielded identifiable structures!

The taxonomic features of the spores and fruiting structures indicate that the brown fungus is *Phialophora* spp. This is the imperfect (asexual) stage of one of the *Gaeumannomyces* fungi species. Further research is being conducted to determine the exact species of the fungus. *Phialophora* spp. is weak pathogen on grass, cereals, corn and has recently been reported on Kentucky bluegrass. There are reports of this pathogen causing damage in England, Canada and Australia. Other published information on *Phialophora* indicates it is a fungi that grows best at high temperatures, such as we have here in Florida in August and September.

Based on the identification of the fungus, and published literature about the fungus, our previous recommendations for cultural control appear to be sound. Keep the bermudagrass healthy, growing, well aerified, and 'Decline' symptoms should be minimal.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce J. Augustin  
Extension Turf & Water Specialist

**Minutes of Publications  
Committee Meeting -  
May 18, 1985 - Naples  
Beach & Golf Club -  
8:45 a.m.**

Present: Tom Burrows, Marie Roberts, Don Delaney, Reed LeFebvre, Irene Jones, Dan Jones, Mike Bailey.

**1. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY  
- TOM BURROWS**

Total # of pages - 52.

**1985 Membership Directory** was very well received. Hereafter the publication will be the responsibility of the FGCSA Vice President. The directory will be assembled by our secretary and will be directly mailed to all FGCSA dues-paying members no later than January 15.

**The following recommendations were made:**

1. Add a cross reference at the back of the directory to include:
  - 1) an alphabetical list of all golf courses represented, and
  - 2) an alphabetical list of all Superintendents
2. Keep the Directory the same size; use a past cover from the **Florida Green** to keep costs down; leave a blank page between each chapter to be used to add new members' addresses and phone numbers; make all ads be full page ads (1 between each chapter); include phone numbers of all members.
3. Directory will be mailed to each paid member of the FGCSA by bulk rate mail rather than to each chapter.
4. Advertisers - Keep a central theme, preferably fertilizers. Additional information will be included and an increased amount of pages will cause ad prices to increase.
5. Editor - To be edited annually by the Vice President FGCSA.
6. Next Issue - The Membership Directory will be mailed annually no later than January 1.

**2. GREEN SHEET  
Editor - Mike Bailey  
Report for Vol. 1, Part IV  
(May-June):**

Total # of pages - 8  
Two advertisers - 1/4 page each @ \$400/each  
29 articles  
Date deadlines set for remaining year (see pg. 2 of Part IV)

Overall opinion - "Strong, received adequate volume of information, articles were pertinent, informative and interesting." Use more photos. Difficulties - need stronger chapter responses from surveys.

Distribution - 1150 copies mailed to 9 chapters by printer, an additional number of copies to be mailed by Marie Roberts to various media, IFAS, and others.

1. Don Delaney recommended that an effort be made to generate more enthusiasm on the part of the chapter presidents or secretaries when reading the monthly questionnaire at their local meetings. It was suggested that a cover sheet be sent out with the questionnaire that would list guidelines and suggestions for encouraging participation by more members.

2. It was suggested that all minutes of any Board Meetings should be included in the **Green Sheet**. Mike Bailey would have the option of paraphrasing minutes to fit his format.
3. It was pointed out that since the **Green Sheet** is sent to all members the local chapter newsletters would not have to reflect state business and could concentrate only on their local news. This would save the local chapters time and money.

**Florida Green: Dan and Irene Jones have decided to stay on as Editor and Secretary** for the **Florida Green**. It was suggested that an additional person (the FGCSA secretary) be trained to assist in handling the clerical side of the magazine should an emergency arise. It was also suggested that FGCSA Board Member should become familiar with the particulars involved in running the magazine. Therefore, Dan will come up with a list of guidelines to show his job sequences in getting the magazine to print.

**Circulation** - A total of 2500 copies are printed. Three issues of the magazine go to over 700 golf courses operating in Florida. One each to the Superintendent, the Professional, and the Owner/Manager and nearly 200 are sent out of state.

**Format** - We are still striving to accumulate a two issue reserve, to be accomplished in 3 more issues which would eliminate cash flow problems. **Magazine on schedule** - The Spring issue was in the mail the week of May 13 and was on schedule. Expect future issues to follow suit.

The Executive Committee and Board welcomed Dan back as Publisher - Editor and that both he and Irene continue their good work.

**Minutes of Board Meeting  
— POA Classic — Naples  
Beach & Golf Club —  
May 18, 1985**

Officers present were Tom Burrows, Reed LeFebvre, Richard Blake and Don Delaney.

Voting Delegate	Local Chapter	Chapter Dues Structure
Joe Ondo	Central Florida	\$45.00*/\$27.50**
Clint Smallridge	Everglades	\$30.00
John Hayden	North Florida	\$35.00
Steve Pearson	Palm Beach	\$30.00
Les Brown	South Florida	\$50.00*/\$30.00**
Gary Smither	Suncoast	\$35.00
Joe Snook	Treasure Coast	\$45.00*/\$25.00**
John Luper	West Coast	\$30.00*/\$10.00**
John Chaney	Gulf Coast-absent	—

\*Superintendent      \*Assistant Superintendent

Other FGCSA members present were Dan Jones, Joel Jackson, Dan Hall, Jr., Bill Wagner, Jim Lerner, Larry Livingston, David Lottes and Mike Bailey. Marie Roberts and Irene Jones were also present.

**Minutes** of the previous Board Meeting, held in Orlando on March 14, were ready by Dick Blake. The minutes were approved by Don Delaney.

**The treasurers report** was read by Dick Blake.

**The Financial Statement** listed all income and expenses between October, 1984 and May, 1985. In the future we will have a quarterly Financial Statement broken down into categories available before every Board Meeting. NOTE: Our current Financial Statement is included with these minutes.

**Florida Green** - Report was given by Dan Jones. He distributed their current Financial Statement which shows a net worth of \$13,868 but also shows a cash flow problem with only \$106.71 Cash on Hand. It is his goal to accumulate a needed Reserve of \$20,000; he expects to reach this goal next April. Total amount of advertising sold for Winter issue was \$16,000. The balance of the Accounts Receivable includes \$5,000 outstanding from the Spring '85 issue.

Dan distributed copies of the freshly printed Spring issue. A discussion followed covering the many articles and items of interest in the issue. Mention was made of the advertiser's insert that was included with the magazine. Dan asked that more pictures be sent in (3 x 5 black and white). The publisher is adding a "Letters to the Editor" column. It was noted that the color prints used in the Bermuda Grass Decline article were donated by U of F at a savings of \$500 - \$600.

The Summer '85 issue will feature the FTGA. The Fall '85 issue will be featuring the GCSAA Conference in San Francisco.

## Job Referral:

Dan Hall reviewed his ideas for the Job Referral Service as outlined in his memo (copy of which was sent out with Poa Agenda). He stressed that it would have to be a totally unbiased service. He has asked 5 qualified people to serve on this Committee but has been turned down. A motion was made to approve the Job Referral Committee. It was approved as **"The formation of a Job Referral Committee was approved. It was charged with the job of coming up with acceptable guidelines for a Job Referral Service to be run through the FGCSA."**

Dan Hall will write to USGA, NGF, FSGA and PGA to suggest that they enter into a reciprocal arrangement with the FGCSA.

Dan also discussed the **Mid-Continent Event** which he feels will hurt the FTGA show.

**Jimmy Blackledge Award** - Clint Smallridge suggested calling Ralph White to help locate a member of the family to accept the award.

**Advisory Committee** - A discussion was held concerning inviting people to serve on an Advisory Committee. This was a request from members of IFAS. It was decided that Reed LeFebvre would write letters to the two individuals mentioned inviting them to participate as Advisory members for the coming year.

**FTGA Affairs** - Clint Smallridge gave a report on research funds. Since the FTGA has a restriction on using money for capital expenditures, he suggested that the FGCSA could supply that portion of the money so as not to lose an entire grant. A further report was given regarding Bermudagrass Decline. The FGCSA has no current obligation to any one particular study.

**Gulf Coast Superintendents Association** - Reed LeFebvre gave an update on John Chaney's efforts to reorganize the chapter. Reed feels that it will probably go.

**Education** - John Luper reminded everyone that the seminar would begin at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow on Bermudagrass Identification and would be 1/2 credit. At the August Crowfoot Open there will be an additional 1/2 day seminar on "Right to Know" which will be pertinent to all those who deal with pesticides. It will describe potential problems from the labor standpoint. The seminar will probably be accredited by GCSAA. John stressed that it is important that the seminars offered must be consistent with long range goals. Superintendents must be aware that there are certain required credits that must be taken in addition to the elective credits that are offered.

## Budget

Then began a lengthy discussion concerning the budget and the dues increase that is necessary for next year. The South Florida chapter feels that a dues increase will cut their local membership; the local chapters will suffer the consequences. They are not opposed to the concept but feel they cannot afford to lose any members. They have 9 Superintendents in the South Florida area who are non-members.

Dan Hall, Everglades, feels that their chapter will accept a \$25 figure.

Suncoast is a fairly young, relatively small chapter. They feel that some expenses were not justifiable and could not support an increase. They also feel they need to keep the members they have.

Reed LeFebvre discussed the cost structure of other organizations (FTGA and GCSAA) with the "What Do We Get" approach that is prevalent today. He summarized by saying that the state FGCSA is the only organization that is totally concerned with the Superintendent and it is also the organization with the lowest cost. In order for the FGCSA to function, it has to be run as a business, not just volunteers. Many clubs have knowingly or unknowingly underwritten the expenses of the FGCSA (xeroxing, secretarial services, telephone, etc.) but now it is time for the state to become professional and pay their own way. This will be realized with a dues increase.

Tom Burrows discussed South Florida's suggestion of "Greater quality, less quantity." The South Florida chapter believes that some projects, like the Job Referral Committee, are very worthwhile and should be pursued further but feel that there are other projects that should not be undertaken unless we could do a good job with them. For instance, they feel that the Membership Committee should be handled on a local level rather than a state level. It was their suggestion that other money raising schemes should be used to build up the treasury rather than a dues increase.

**Scholarship/Research** - Steve Pearson read a letter on Bermudagrass Decline which will be in the next issue of the **Florida Green** as a continuation of the current article.

**Legal** - Bill Wagner stated that the FGCSA does file every year as a Corporation. He strongly advised that the FGCSA hire an attorney and a CPA to decide our obligations to the IRS. He stressed that this has been put off too long and **must be done as soon as possible**. All were in agreement.

**Florida Golf Day** - Kevin Downing's letter regarding the proceeds to date of this year's Florida Golf Day was read. We will have a more complete report when all returns are in.

**Golf** - Joe Ondo led a discussion on the necessity of USGA Handicaps.

**Green Sheet** - Mike Bailey reported that the May-June issue was out and that June 14 is the deadline for the next issue.

**Membership Recruitment** - Les Brown led a discussion questioning why certain Superintendents are not members of the FGCSA. It was mentioned that there are some Superintendents who do not meet the requirements to become a member. He suggested that we consider including an application for admission in the **Green Sheet**. It was also mentioned that the External Vice Presidents should include an up-to-date membership list with current phone numbers of their members when paying their state dues. This information would be used for the **Membership Directory**.

Don Delaney gave a report on the curriculum of Lake City Community College's Golf and Landscape program. An applicant must have at least one year's experience to be accepted in the program. They will provide a Mechanics Program beginning in the Fall of 1986.

Gary Smither reported on the Florida Scramble for Junior Golf and Research.

Bill Wagner reported that all money given to FTGA Research is now going directly to that research.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## IFAS Equipment Request

In response to your request about turf program needs, the following items are equipment that Phil Busey and myself need to conduct our turf research program:

1. Topdresser, Mete-R-Matic, or similar.
2. Red Rider or similar utility vehicle.
3. Riding Rotary Mower, 60" width.

Any help you and the Superintendents Chapter could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce J. Augustin  
Extension Turf & Water Specialist

## Florida Golf Day Summary

Our second year sponsoring Florida Golf Day generated interest from various locations throughout the state. Approximately forty clubs or associations were able to schedule an event to promote golf turf research and to also recognize the professional standards that are retained in the field of golf course management.

Many clubs used this time to display and educate the members about the intricacies of our profession. At Countryside Country Club in Clearwater, David Demery displayed information concerning current research projects and focused on the control methods used in the industry. At Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart, Kevin Downing had a festive outing so that the membership could get a chance to review the maintenance complex while feasting on hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. The entire golf maintenance staff participated in the collection of donations on par three holes and it turned out to be quite enjoyable for the members and employees alike since they were able to converse on more suitable terms rather than over the roar of an engine.

The financial contributions have reached a total of approximately twelve thousand dollars. This figure is a little less than last year's total and it reflects the margin that was accumulated from the two large scale tournaments that were held in 1984. The Palm Beach Chapter just recently held their Future of Golf Tournament and their donation will project the statewide total upwards.

The overall participation is a little disappointing but we feel confident that the concept will continue to "catch fire" in the upcoming years. It is important that we need to continue to stimulate the theory of Florida Golf Day amongst golf superintendents, professionals and members to encourage participation. If everyone would just give this event a little assistance it could turn into a tremendously successful fund raiser and public relations tool. These donations would help to establish pertinent research projects for our problems and could help originate a network of product evaluation studies.

Thank you letters have been sent to all clubs that got involved and we express our sincere thanks. Remember, next year make your plans to give back something to the game that you and your golfers enjoy so much.

## The Future of Golf Tournament

On May 11th the Palm Beach Chapter Golf Course Superintendents' Association held its fourth annual "Future of Golf" Tournament to raise money for turf research and junior golf programs. Once again, the beautiful Golf and Racquet Club at Eastpointe hosted the event, as they have done for all the "Future of Golf" Tournaments since its inception in 1982.

Tournament Chairman and course superintendent Gary Grump had the golf course in flawless playing condition, and Director of Golf Bob Komarinetz and Head Golf Professional Don Schultz perfectly orchestrated the event's proceedings.

The format was a 4-man scramble, and the winning team of Fred Klauk, Larry Mueller, Kerry Schwencke, and Dave Craft posted a superb effort of 16-under par. Each man received a beautiful plaque and a gift certificate for \$60. Close behind at 15-under was the team of Kevin Downing, Mike LeFebre, Rusty Carr, and Mark Jarrell.

Following the tournament, the players enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner where numerous door prizes were given away in addition to the prizes awarded to the top 8 teams. Nearly everyone left with a prize, and all left with good feelings about the tournament and its purpose. All the proceeds from this tournament are put back into the game of golf through programs doing research on the problems that plague our golf courses and through junior golf programs which help ensure that the future of golf is, indeed, bright.

This year over \$6,000 was netted to donate to these various organizations. This brings the total to over \$22,000 that the Palm Beach GCSA has donated for turf research and junior golf through the "Future of Golf" Tournaments since 1982.

Special thanks are due the many area merchants and golf course suppliers who purchased sponsor signs at \$100 each to make this tournament a success, the area golf clubs who donated merchandise for door prizes, and to the members and staff at The Golf and Racquet Club and Eastpointe for the use of their outstanding facility and their hard work in hosting this event.

## FTGA Sponsor A Member Drive

The FTGA, in its efforts to increase membership and attract the largest attendance at the annual Conference and Show, is promoting a new membership drive with a direct benefit to YOU: Free registration at the Conference!

Here's how it works!

As a member, just sign up 5 new members to FTGA in the categories of active, associate, and affiliate memberships. Student memberships do not count. When you have all 5 members and when we've received their paid in full memberships, both you and your 5 sponsored members will attend the 1985 Conference and Show in Tampa with all registration fees waived!

Help yourself to a substantial savings at registration while at the same time helping FTGA in its goals: attaining new members and increasing attendance at the largest Conference and Show in the Southeast.

## Turf-Grass to Turf Grass

The Turfgrass portion of the name has been changed to eliminate the hyphen. The Board of Directors can and has done so for the research foundation and for legal reasons.

Sincerely,  
Bill Wagner

## FGCSA Education

The 1985 Crowfoot Open will have a half day seminar Sunday morning, August 4th. The topic will be "Florida's Right to Know Law" and other legal situations pertinent to Golf Course Superintendents. The program will be presented by the "Employers Association of Florida." Those interested in more details get in touch with your external VP or with Larry Kamphaus or John Luper.

## New Members

### Central Florida

Ted Daum, Mayfair G.C., Supt. A;  
Mike Martin, Water Oak G.C., Supt. A;  
Dick Medford (A) & Warren Lastinger (A), Daytona Beach G & CC;  
Win Yount, Suntree, B;  
Matt Shook, Wheeler Fertilizer, G;  
Mark Neufeld, Joyce Environmental, G

## Change of Positions

Mr. Tim Hiers, formerly the Golf Course Superintendent of Quail Ridge C.C. in Boynton Beach, has taken upon the Superintendents position at John's Island in Vero Beach.

Because of Tim's new responsibilities to his club, he has stepped down as the editor of the Florida Green, whereupon Mr. Dan Jones will continue to be the editor.

Mr. Dick Blake, previously G.C. Supt. at Card Sound G.C. at North Key Largo, is now the G.C. Supt. at Quail Ridge.

Because of Dick's relocation to the Palm Beach chapter, Mr. Bill McKee has been appointed Vice-President of the South Florida chapter.

Bud Nolder has been appointed Director to the South Florida chapter.

Mr. Lee VanValkenburg, previously the Assistant at John's Island, has been promoted to the G.C. Supt. at Card Sound G.C.

Mr. Robert Hewgley, former Assistant at Cocoa Beach, is now the G.C. Supt. at Winter Park C.C.

Charlie Hubbs went to Hollywood Lakes C.C. as Supt.

Joe Pantaleo left Greynolds G.C., went to Key Biscayne G.C. as Supt.

Mike Dmytriw left Palmetto G.C., went to Greynolds G.C. as Supt.

Jim Walker left Briar Bay G.C., went to Palmetto G.C. as Supt.

Mr. Stuart Leventhal has changed G.C. Supt. position from Rolling Hills in Altamonte Springs to Interlachen in Winter Park.

Mr. Lou Oxnevad is the new Director of Golf Course Operations at the Breakers in Palm Beach, replacing Mr. Joe Inman.

## Commercial News

Mr. Dick Gray, previously with Scotts Fertilizer, has taken upon the position as fertilizer Sales Representative for LESCO.

During the interim for replacement, Mike Chinich, the Southeastern Regional Sales Manager, can be of assistance for help or questions at: 3023 Woodbine Ave., Florence, South Carolina 29501, Phone: (803) 655-9107 or (513) 644-0011, Ext. 2407.

Mr. Jerry Mills, previously with LESCO, has changed positions to now be the new Sales Representative with Mac's Lawn & Turf Equipment in Miami.

Mr. Jimmy Orr has resigned as Technical Sales Representative for Woodbury Chemical Co., whereupon Mr. Russ Mitchell is the new Technical Representative.

## Job Openings:

Superintendent, Palmetto Golf Course, South Miami, 18 hole municipal golf course. Send resumes to Alan Weitzel, 9300 S.W. 152 St., Miami, FL 33157, Phone: 305-257-1631. Salary range \$24,517 - \$31,184.

Assistant Supt., Spruce Creek C.C., Gary Morgan, Supt., 275 Brandy Hill Dr., Port Orange, FL 32019.

## Looking for work:

Christopher McRae, Lake City grad and previous golf course exp., 51 St. Margaret Rd., Lake City, FL 32055.

Kevin A. Scott, Lake City grad with previous golf course exp., Rt. 10, Box 492, Lake City, FL 32055.

Donald Zeffer, U of Fla. grad Ornamental Horticulture and golf course exp., 19-0147 Hume East, U of Fla., Gainesville, FL 32612.

## LOOKING FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Jeff Roach, 1021 Broward St., Lantana, FL 33462, Phone: 585-8834 or 433-1526.

## Used Equipment For Sale:

MARINER SANDS (Contact Kevin Downing, 305-283-7500, Ext. 210)

1 Lawn Genie 72" (LIKE NEW) Sweeper/Flail Mower - \$1500

1 Cushman Greensaver (LIKE NEW) Aerifier - \$1000

1 Smithco 300 Gallon Tank 5 HP (NEEDS WORK) - \$300

## New Sprigs

Judy and David Miller had an 8 lb., 9 oz. junior fertilizer salesman named Justin David Miller. Congratulations. David says nobody gets any strokes at the next match. Baby needs a new pair of shoes!

Congratulations to Tom Howell and his wife on the birth of their baby boy, Jeffery Thomas.

## Condolences:

South Florida is sad to announce the passing of Bob Gerhart who died May 19, 1985. Bob had been a member of the South Florida Association for 16 years. Our condolences to Bob's family. He will surely be missed by his friends in the Association.

## Are You Receiving The Florida Green?

Irene Jones, Secretary for THE FLORIDA GREEN Magazine, is in the process of updating the mailing list. Each golf course in the state receives three copies - one for the superintendent, pro and manager. If your course is not receiving THE FLORIDA GREEN, please send your club's correct mailing address to P.O. Box 5958, Lake Worth, FL 33466. Don't miss out on this valuable source of information.

## F.G.C.S.A. Dues Increase

The Board of Directors of the F.G.C.S.A. voted upon and approved a \$30.00 dues increase for the 1986 budget. The association, until now, has predominantly been operating on a good-will donation basis. Each member usually expenses their operation via their employer. This obviously has not been correct. We are a legitimate business and should operate as such. The party is over! If we are to continue to strive towards professionalism, then we must also operate our business like professionals. The FGCSA 1986 budget is very thorough, efficient and effective. I believe the association has made noticeable strides towards upgrading the golf course superintendents image, especially in Florida. With the proposed new dues increase we will become even more effective.

My intent of becoming Communications Committee Chairman and Editor of the Green Sheet was solely for the reason of wanting to become even more active and to show my part of trying to help upgrading our image.

I use to consider myself just like Mr. John Q. Superintendent. I heard about all the stuff the state does for me, but just how can they really help me. Now that I am on a committee and I attend those long 8 hour state board meetings, I have come to realize the state association is very active, very strong and very beneficial to me. The purpose of creating the Green Sheet was to pour out the wealth of knowledge that everyone is working so diligently for our benefit. Now that our future appears even brighter, because we will not have to be hiding and operate at the expense of our respective employers, we will have the freedom to operate like a real business and progress onwards like professionals.

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