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South Florida Exposition Draws Record Crowd

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 11 North Florida chapter meeting, The Ravines G&CC | May 25 Suncoast chapter Annual Meeting/Election, Sara Bay CC | June 25 PBGCSA chapter meeting, Wycliffe G&CC |
| May 12 Joint chapter meeting, Palm Beach and Treasure Coast, Loblolly Pines GC | May 26 South Florida GCSA chapter meeting, The Oaks CC at Palm Aire Spa & Resort | June 28 Seven Rivers chapter fundraiser, The Envirotron Classic Golf Tournament, World Woods Golf Club, Brooksville. For further information, please contact Glenn Oberlander. 904-795-7017 |
| May 15 FGCSA Spring Board Meeting Naples Beach Hotel, 8:00 a.m. | June 12 PBGCSA Future of Golf Tournament, Emerald Dunes | Aug. 2 Crowfoot Open, Bonnet Creek Golf Club, Osprey Ridge course |
| May 15 G. C. Horn Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel. 12:30 | June 16 GCSAA Executive Development Seminar, "Developing and Maintaining Effective Management/Employees Relationships" Fort Myers (1.6 CEU's) | Sept. 25-30 FTGA Conference & Show, Tampa. Exhibitors should call FTGA at 407-898-6721 for Booth registration information. |
| May 16 FGCSA Seminar, Golf Course Renovation, Naples Beach Hotel (.5 CEU's), 7:30 a.m. | June 24 West Coast chapter meeting, Seminole Lakes | |
| May 17 Poa Golf Tournament, Flamingo Lakes GC | | |

President's Message by Mark Jarrell, CGCS

I am pleased to report so many positive things going on with the FGCSA.

First and foremost, our Florida Green magazine is rapidly becoming everything we hoped it could be, both in content and income potential. The "flavor" and relevance we all desire is being achieved by superintendents or their assistants who take the time to write an article. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far. Maintenance and improvement of content and style will continue only so long as writers from our ranks continue to step forward and submit articles.

As for the financial picture, since taking back control of the magazine's advertising, early returns indicate substantial profit. Three people can be credited with this turnaround - Paul Crawford, Tom Benefield, and Marie Roberts. Trying to single out one or the other for praise is useless - each one points fingers at the other two as the main reason for this success.

Without funding, few of our many accomplishments would be possible. Nearly all our individual chapters now have tournaments or other fundraisers to help finance such important projects as the Envirotron, the turf survey, the lobbyist, and the research green in Ft. Lauderdale. We also have developed fundraising programs with manufacturers such as Ciba-Geigy and DowElanco with Rhone Poulenc to be announcing theirs soon. We hope to build upon and improve the results from last year to this year. All these efforts are to be applauded and, hopefully, serve as inspiration to those who haven't yet helped contribute to the betterment of the profession that sustains them.

Looking forward and planning now to meet tomorrow's challenges is critical for our association. When the envirotron is opened next fall, will funding be available for the research to be conducted there? Will we be able to build a USGA spec green near the Envirotron for research by the University of Florida staff in Gainesville as we did in Ft. Lauderdale? Can we collect, repair, and maintain used turf equipment for each of the research stations?



Mark Jarrell, CGCS

These are just a few of the projects we will likely be involved in and which will require new funding.

It sometimes seems we are called upon to do much, much more than our share to help preserve, protect, and enhance our golf courses and the industry behind it, but it also seems we continue to discover talented and dedicated superintendents who are willing to put their shoulders behind the wheel. I am very proud of our association and the people who continue to get things done.



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Deadline next issue, June 15.

Poa Weekend Activities

This year's Poa weekend gets off to another early start with the FGCSA Board Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, May 15th, at the Naples Beach Hotel. Featured speaker will be Mike Goldie, FTGA lobbyist, who will give us an update on the environmental regulations passed by the Legislature this past session. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Immediately following the Board Meeting, the G. C. Horn Tournament will be played on the Naples Beach hotel course at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, May 16th, the FGCSA will sponsor a 5 hour seminar given by the Mark McCumber Golf Course Design Division entitled, "Golf Course Design Remodeling and Construction Techniques". This seminar has been approved by the GCSAA for .5 CEU's. Topics covered will include Design Considerations, Golf Design Primer, Construction Administration and Supervision, Golf Construction Primer and will conclude with a written test for CEU credit.

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Due to the tremendous success of last year's program, the Everglades chapter is again presenting a Vegas Night program. This year, the fun-packed evening will be held on Sunday beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Then on Monday morning, you will tee off at the Flamingo Island Club for the 19th Annual Poa Annual Golf Classic Tournament.

Registration forms can be obtained by calling Roy Bates or one of the other officers of the Everglades chapter. Don't miss this fun filled weekend!



Dr. George Snyder is shown explaining to an attentive audience results of the pesticide leaching study being conducted at the Ft. Lauderdale IFAS site on the FGCSA-built and supported research green.

Tampa Palms Earns Certified Status as Audubon Sanctuary

The Tampa Palms G&CC has been dedicated as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Society of New York State, and endorsed by the United States Golf Association. Tampa Palms joined the program in February 1992, and is the first golf course in Florida to achieve the "Certified" designation.

"Tampa Palms G&CC is to be commended for its efforts to conserve natural resources and provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Jean Mackay, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Society of New York State

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Mackay. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Public Involvement, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife Food Enhancement, Wildlife Cover Enhancement, Water Conservation, and Water Enhancement.

Tampa Palms' accomplishments include substantial water reduction through minimum irrigation and xeriscaping, naturalization of non-play areas on the course to enhance wildlife habitat, and landscaping lakes and ponds with native aquatic plants.

According to Superintendent, Greg Plotner, CGCS: "The guiding principle from the time the course was laid out to the present has been to protect and preserve the delicate beauty of the natural environment. Our plan for the future is to learn more about techniques and practices that will allow us to maximize our potential to serve as a sanctuary for the increasingly stressed populations of Florida wildlife."

Tampa Palms has enlisted the help of golfers and community groups to ensure the success of their program. A local scout troop donated bluebird nest boxes which they will monitor this spring

and summer. An on-going golfer education program is now in place to highlight the importance of wildlife habitat and environmental quality on the golf course.

"A game of golf at Tampa Palms is a walk through nature," said Plotner. "Golfers are most astounded by the encounters they have with wildlife on the course. Deer, wild turkeys, hawks, alligators and a vast array of wading birds often stop a game in mid-action.

For more information on the Cooperative Sanctuary System, contact the Audubon Society of New York State, 131 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158, (518) 767-9051.



Yes, the big LESCO truck did arrive in time for the SF Exposition equipment demonstration

In Memory

Carl Jacobs, one of the most respected and well known Florida superintendents, died at the age of 61 on April 17th.

Carl was a state trooper in New Jersey before entering the turf profession. He was also a survivor of a concentration camp during his early childhood.

Carl moved to Florida in 1967 after leaving

Tanglewood GC in North Carolina. He began his 25 year Florida career at Westview CC in Miami and then moved northward, serving as superintendent at the Hamlet GC in Delray Beach and Martin Downs CC in Stuart. In 1991, he accepted the position of superintendent at the prestigious Black Diamond Ranch G&CC.

Donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association.



Rich Dillon and Garry Callahan of RSI Holdings of Florida at the Exposition

Rain, rain go Away, Come back another day

by Dr. Monica Elliott, University of Florida Research Center, Ft. Lauderdale

This was the chant heard by early morning arrivals for the 1993 University of Florida Turfgrass Field Day and the SFGCSA Turfgrass Exposition. Despite the weather forecast for April 1, it never rained on the 500 plus participants at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center where the two events were held together this year. By all accounts, this was a successful day!

The morning educational program included a mini-conference by the University of Florida turfgrass faculty from Gainesville followed by field demonstrations of research being conducted by the Fort Lauderdale staff. The morning program then shifted to the Exposition portion of the program with demonstrations by RSI (DeBra Turf), Hector Turf, Pifer, and LESCO of their fairway equipment. The displays of the 34 turfgrass suppliers were then open for inspection to the group. Although not as elegant as the Rolling Hills Golf Resort ballroom, everyone was a good sport and packed themselves into the



Scott Jones and Rick Pifer wait their turn on the FGCSA Research Green



Ralph Baxter, Michael Leising, and John Schmalhausen are eager for the opportunity to show off the new line of Toro equipment from Hector Turf

new classrooms or under the wide eaves of the tropical courtyard next to the classrooms.

After a BBQ-style lunch under the big top tent, the afternoon program began with field demonstrations of research currently being conducted on the Otto Schmeisser Research Green. This is the putting green that was built and is currently maintained by monies raised by the Exposition. Thus, it was fitting that the final portion of the program was demonstration of greens equipment by the four long-time participants of the Exposition.

Refreshments, CEU forms and door prizes were distributed as the sun finally came out of the clouds at the end of the day. A special thanks to SFGCSA members, Billy Entwistle, Jr., Mark Richards, and Bob Klitz who helped transform classrooms into exhibition space and did a whole lot of running around to make this a special event.

Recently Certified Superintendents

This issue we have three members who have recently earned their certification.

TIM HIERS has received his certification during a very busy time in his career. He has just accepted a position at Colliers Reserve in Naples where he will be overseeing the development of a new golf course.

Tim is a Lake City Community College graduate who has worked in the golf course industry on the east coast of Florida since 1976 when he was Assistant Superintendent at Suntree GC in Melbourne. In 1981 he moved south to Quail Ridge CC and then in 1985 he accepted the position of Superintendent at Johns Island Club in Vero Beach.

Tim has been very active in the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. In 1978 a group of superintendents led by Bill Wagner attempted to reorganize and strengthen the seven year old association. Their first decision was to elect Tim as President with the job of convincing the local chapters around the state to combine their efforts under the FGCSA umbrella. Tim stated that the hardest part of his job was to convince the local chapters that they would not lose their individuality if they became part of the state. He remembers how nervous he was while giving his pitch to 110 superintendents in the West Coast chapter area. He knew that if he was successful there, the rest of the chapters would fall in line. With the help of Harvey Phillips, the members finally agreed to join and the association, as we know it today, was off and running. Tim served as President from 1978 - 1980 and remains active today, serving as Government Relations Chairman. Tim was awarded the FGCSA's Distinguished Service Award in 1986.

Tim, his wife Angie, daughter Ashley and son Joshua, will be packing up and moving to Naples soon where he will, no doubt, become an active member of the Everglades chapter.

DWIGHT PICKETT, superintendent at Pipers Landing GC in Stuart and member of the Treasure Coast GCSA, earned his certification this winter.

Dwight is a Florida-born 1973 graduate of Lake City Community College who has spent the last 20 years working in the golf industry in the state of Florida. After working in Dunellon, Venice and the Ponte Vedra Inn, Dwight moved to the production end of the business while managing six sod farms at Southern Turf Nurseries. He gained extensive knowledge of zoysia and St. Augustine grasses during the seven years he worked for the company. Then, in 1986, he accepted a position as superintendent at Martin Downs in Palm City. He was responsible for the courses at Martin Downs and Monarch CC until his recent move around the corner to Pipers Landing GC.

Dwight is proud to become Certified and stated that, even though it was difficult to make the time to study for the test, he would do it again. He also noted the varied roles that superintendents must now play in order to keep their golf courses running smoothly. Besides a knowledge of the turf, budgets, and employee relationships, today's superintendent must be able to deal with his Greens Committee. He must be able to say, "This isn't the right thing to do on the course" without offending anyone and still get the job done correctly. If something is not done right, it is your fault and, many times, your job that is on the line.

Dwight is married and lives in Jensen Beach with his wife and two children, a son in his senior year in high school and an eighth grade daughter.

WALTER OWSIANY, our newest Certified Superintendent, is a member of the Everglades GCSA.

Upon graduation from Penn State University, Walter began his career in the turfgrass industry with Union Valley Corporation in New Jersey. He

spent ten years at Crestwood Village GC and was then given the job of developing Concordia CC in Princeton. After five years at Concordia, Walter left Union Valley for the Florida area. His first Florida job was as Assistant Superintendent at Vineyards GC in Naples. In 1989, he accepted a position at the Audubon CC in Naples and was promoted to superintendent in January of 1990.

Walter stated that he should have taken the GCSAA Certification Test 15 years ago! But it was not until he moved to Florida that he realized how important this step was to his career. He believes that the time spent studying for the test is well worth it and urges all superintendents to make this a career goal.



Job Changes

Robert Shaffer has moved from Sabal Trace GC to Eagle Point GC.

Jonathan Roxburgh is the new superintendent at Cypress Creek CC.

Tim Hiers has moved from Johns Island Club to Colliers Reserve in Naples.

Brooke Tymeson, formerly at Boca Pointe CC, is now superintendent at Crystal Lake

Tony Disano has moved from Big Cypress GC to Carrollwood Village GC

Steve McGinnis, formerly at Sun City Center, is now at Big Cypress, Lakeland.

Tom McCord has moved from Kendall Lakes to Heritage Ridge GC, Hobe Sound

John Snyder, formerly at PGA National is now superintendent at Kendall Lakes.

Steve Ciardullo, formerly at The Forest, is now at Mountain Lake GC, Lake Wales

Rick Tatum, assistant at Bonita Bay, is now superintendent at The Forest CC.

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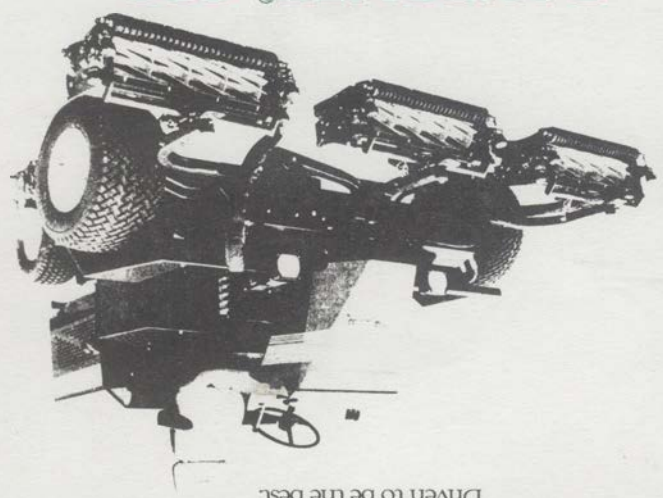
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