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CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS KICK-START 2009 RESEARCH FUNDING





(Left photo): PBGCSA President Kevin Downing, CGCS (left) and External Vice President Steve Pearson, CGCS (right) presented the FGCSA Research Fund with a \$10,000 check to FGCSA President Shane Bass, CGCS at the January 2009 Winter Board Meeting held at Walt Disney World. Photo by Joel Jackson. (Right photo): At the March 2009 Suncoast Scramble event, Suncoast President Bill Tyde (center) presented \$2,500 checks for turf research to both Todd Himelberger (right), president of the FTGA and Joel Jackson of the FGCSA. The chapter also donated \$2,500 for the Turfgrass Industry Economic Impact Study. Photo by Lee Crosby.

May 7th- 10th- Everglades GCSA Poa Annua, Naples Golf and Beach Hotel

May 7th – 1:00pm FGCSA Board meeting Naples Golf and Beach Hotel

May 7th - FGCSA Past President's Dinner

May 8th – FGCSA Seminar; Surviving the Economic Crunch, Naples Golf and Beach Hotel

May 11th – Central Florida GCSA Chapter Championship, Orange County National

May 12th – West Coast GCSA Board Meeting, Tampa Palms

Upcoming Events

May 18th – Treasure Coast GCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, Hawk's Nest CC

May 20th – UF/IFAS Turfgrass Field Day, Citra

May 21st – West Coast GCSA Monthly Meeting, Bellair CC

May 21st - Calusa GCSA Kelly Greens

May 30th – Palm Beach GCSA Fishing Tournament

June 4th – Everglades GCSA Vendor Appreciation Event June 9th – West Coast Board meeting, Tampa Palms

June 6th – Palm Beach GCSA Futures of Golf Tournament

June 18th – Seven Rivers GCSA Annual Meeting, Candler Hills

June 25th – Calusa GCSA Annual Meeting/Election of Officers, Gulf Harbour

June 29th – West Coast Chapter Championship, Old Memorial

Please see the FGCSA website for an updated list showing the statewide educational opportunities.

President's Message By Shane Bass, CGCS

Good old Mother Nature! We are drowning up here in North Florida and the rest of the state is dry as a bone. Just remember to stay in contact with your water management districts and stay on the proactive side to make sure there restrictions are fair and allow our businesses to survive.

That is one reason we need to finalize the funding of the new economic impact study so we can show that we are a big business in the state. So don't forget to put an annual line item in your chapter's budget for a research donation. Research funding is critical right now. A few superintendents in the state have met with a company called Golfpreserves, which is trying a pilot project in Florida to get all golf course associations behind a carbon sequestration program at no cost to a golf facility; the object is to sell the carbon credits to those companies needing to mitigate their emissions.

Carbon trading has been going on for several years with the Ag grasslands and forest industry. An acre of turfgrass sequesters a ton of carbon per year and we aren't getting any credit for it. Plus this is way to tell yet another positive story about the benefits of turfgrass and golf courses. This program will pay 1/3 of the carbon credit sales to the company and the other 2/3's will go to environmental and turf research via GCSAA and USGA and other credible Turf Research Foundations.

You can read about the program on the FGCSA web site at www.floridagcsa.com. We need as many courses as possible to participate to make this funding venture feasible, again at no cost or liability to the clubs.

Also I just wanted to say thanks for all who responded to the broadcast friponil issue. We have not heard any more since Bayer sent an email from the EPA saying "please no more emails or letters." That is a first for me that they requested that we do not send any more letters. That says to me says they got the point that it is important to us and they got it by the large number of emails and letters. Thanks to all of you that took the time to respond on this issue.

Hopefully everyone made it through the



Shane Bass

golf season without any major issues and you are ready for summer. Let's hope we get some much needed rain throughout the southern part of the state soon. Hope to see many of you at the Poa Annua and the USGA workshop session, and don't forget to support the meetings and events in your chapter which also raise funds for turf research and local charities.

Member News

Congratulations to the following FGCSA members who have recently become certified or renewed their certification status.

Newly Certified

Steven H. Huffstutler, Glen Eagles G&CC, Naples

Recertified

John V. Anderson, PGA National,
Palm Beach Gardens
Andrew Maguire, Marsh Creek CC,
Jacksonville
Alberto Quevedo, Hideout GC, Naples
Mathew Taylor, Royal Poinciana
Club, Naples

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Deadline next issue June 15.

Executive Director Report By Joel Jackson, GCCS

1. Government Relations: Local Fertilizer Ordinances: UF/IFAS Dr.'s George Hocmuth and Terril Nell have created a Power Point presentation titled the "Unintended Consequences of Fertilizer Blackout Periods". It shows definitvely the how runoff, erosion and leaching can result by not properly feeding turfgrasses during their primary growing season in the summer. They have taken their presentation on the road to city and county commission and staff meetings and are getting some people's attention about using scientific principles instead of emotion to work with the environment. A copy of the presenation can be downloaded from the FGCSA web site or from the UF/IFAS web site. Watering Restrictions: I keep waiting for the ax to fall on watering allocations with the continued dry weather overall. I guess no news is good news. Some good news that came out of the South Florida Water Management District is that Executive Staff did approve a modification to the Blaney-Criddle Allocation formula which will add several inches to the monthly allocations which were previously dangerously low during the dry winter, golf season. Thanks to all the superintendents who participated in the discussions with SFWMD and Dr. Dukes from UF/IFAS for his independent comments and suggestions.

BMP's: Another Reason to Promote and Use the Florida Golf BMPs - Pesticides: Canadian superintendents face new pesticide use and reporting requirements: Superintendents in America are watching with interest for the impact of new pesticide use requirements confronting their Canadian counterparts in the province of Ontario. Golf industry allieds in Ontario have been working closely with the government for some time on this issue to develop golf-specific requirements. They have worked with the government to demonstrate that golf course

superintendents and the golf industry are responsible in developing measures to properly manage the use of chemicals. Despite those conditions, environmental groups in Canada continue to push for golf to be removed from the exempt category.

2. Allied Associations: UF/IFAS: Field Day – Field Tours will include Fertilizer BMPs, Turfgrass Breeding Updates, Efficient Irrigation Use, Pest Management Updates, Sports Turf Management, Equipment Demos, Concurrent Session and for some fun chipping and putting contests. Register online at www.srgcsa.com. If you haven't been to the new Plant Science Center yet it is on SR 318 exit off of I-75 north of Ocala and south of Gainesville. For you Google Map and MapQuest users the address is 2556 West Highway 318, Citra, FL 32113. See you there.

GCSAA: The latest in the Environmental Profile Survey series is the Energy Survey. The deadline has been extended to May 19th. Admittedly this may be an unfamiliar topic to most of us, but energy along with water will be major issues in the economy and regulatory arenas in the immediately future. See the article on Golf Preserves later in this issue.

3. Education: With the cancelling of several GCSAA seminar programs due poor participation and the economy, local chapters must get creative to provide educational point contacts for their members. Some alternatives might be: Booking a pre-reorded GCSAA Web cast program, USGA Web Casts, Aquatrols seminars on water management and checking with UF/IFAS for speakers, but keep in my the state of the IFAS budget may prevent a lot of travel by faculty and staff. Maybe county EPA and Water Management District folks would be available. Good way to build working relationships.

4. Executive Director's Meetings, Events and Travel

5/7-10 FGCSA Board Meeting and Poa Annua Classic 5/10 Florida Golf Central Deadline 5/17/-21 International Network of Golf Spring Conference 5/20 UF/IFAS Turf Field Day, Citra 5/20 Deadline Golfdom article

6/1 Deadline Summer Florida Green

6/6 Cover Palm Beach Future of Golf, West Palm Beach

6/10 Florida Golf Central Deadline

6/12 FTGA Board Meeting, Orlando

6/15 July/August Green Sheet Deadline

6/20 Deadline Golfdom article

6/30 Ag Institute Board Meeting, TBA

7/10 Deadline Florida Golf Central

The FGCSA would like
to recognize the
following
people/associations for
their contribution to the
FGCSA Research Fund
so far this fiscal year:

Shane Bass, CGCS

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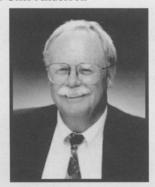
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April 6, 2009 From: Jeff Scott RE: Cliff Anderson



I am sad to tell you that my friend and colleague of over 15 years, Cliff Anderson, passed away at 3PM Friday, April 3", 2009 due to heart failure. At the time, Cliff was our Sales Representative in Northwest Florida.

Cliff did not want a funeral or a memorial service. Cliff's family is honoring his wish and is having a private family memorial. Molly says that if you would like to make a contribution to the American Heart Association that would be fine. We at Du Cor were fortunate to know Cliff. He represented us in Broward and Dade Counties, moved to Ft Myers to represent us in Collier, Lee, Charlotte counties, and finally moved to Brooksville to represent us in Northwest Florida (from Tampa/St Pete to Panama City!). Cliff loved golf. He enjoyed his as his friends. He appreciated good

customers whom he always thought of as his friends. He appreciated good wine which he learned a lot about from his daughter (she was a purchasing agent for a fine wine importer out of Manhattan). He was also proud of his son, Cliff Jr, who was a helicopter pilot and instructor in the Army. And of course - Cliff loved his cigars!

If you would like to send an email to the family, address it to cliffanderson@ducor.com. If you happen to have a photo (jpg, etc.) of yourself or of Cliff that you want to attach, we will print it out for them along with the email. We will see

that Cliff's family get these.

I will be getting together with his brother, Steve Anderson, this week to see if we can do something in honor of Cliff at a later date.

In the meantime, we at Du Cor have come up with the following idea which I'm calling "A Friend of Cliff Anderson".

If you were Cliff's customer and would like to send us a golf ball with a logo of your club, we will create a shadowbox that contains them all and present this to his family as a way to remember him.

Send it to Du Cor International PO Box 593298 Orlando FL 32859-3298 Please include your name and a return address for you.

In appreciation, I will send you a golf ball with Cliff's name on it. Use it to make a putt, and keep it to remember that you were "a Friend of Cliff Anderson". I think that this is something in keeping with what Cliff would have liked.

We are trying to get the word out to Cliff's friends, so if you run across someone who hasn't heard about this, please tell them and give them the cliffanderson@ducor.com address so that we can let them know about this and keep them up to date. Or you can call me on my cell phone at 407-760-9035 or call our office at 1-800-382-6735.

Sincerely, Jeff Scott

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President, Du Cor International and a friend of Cliff Anderson

Your Energy Needed on the Energy Survey

We are encouraging all superintendents to complete the energy use and environmental practices survey to ensure adequate representation from all types of golf courses across the United States. If you have completed the survey, thank you for your support. If you have not started or finished your survey, please consider the following important points:

- If anyone is having difficulty obtaining energy use data, or are unable to obtain the requested energy use data, they should skip the question(s) they are unable to answer and complete the rest of the survey. We are still able to use the information they provide, because we will analyze the data on a question by question basis.
- We have extended the closing date for the survey to May 19, 2009.
- To help us have an acceptable response rate for the survey we are asking superintendents to: Submit the survey if you have not already done so. You can access the survey at http://survey.ngf.org/81022/login.asp?code=1

More details about this project are described in the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

GCSAA will award 0.25 service points for a completed survey. In addition, those who submit their survey will be entered into prize drawings for GCSAA gift certificates.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Mark Johnson, GCSAA Senior Manager of Environmental Programs at mjohnson@gcsaa.org.

Please help us serve you and your profession by completing the energy use and environmental practices survey.

Sincerely,

Clark Throssell, Ph.D., Director of Research Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

Golfpreserves[™] Explores Industry-Wide Initiative For The Environmental Stewardship Of Golf

Identifies potential to develop self-sustaining funding mechanism for environmental research through exchange of turfgrass carbon credits

KEY LARGO, Fl., Dec. 2 – With the urgency of environmental sustainability top of mind on most agendas, the new Administration included, consumers and industry are looking for ways to do their part to make the world a cleaner, better place in which to live for generations to come. Golf has a unique position to immediately be a leader in this movement for change by becoming the first sport to create a self-sustaining funding mechanism for improving its environmental stewardship through a resource it already has in abundance; golf course turfgrass.

The idea behind the project is simple: as an aggregator, Golfpreserves will package the sequestered carbon created by participating golf courses and sell the verified credits. Revenue generated from the sales will be routed into research projects that are vital for the future of the golf industry, focusing primarily on carbon sequestration, environmentally improved turfgrass as well as irrigation and pesticide usage.

"The Golfpreserves project is unique in the way that it can unite a sports industry and create the funding for its sustainable future. But collective action is needed – this is an opportunity for the whole industry to connect and actively do something for the environment," says Noble Hendrix, one of the two founders of Golfpreserves.

There are approximately 2 million acres of golf course land in the U.S. covered in turfgrass that sequester carbon at a rate exceeding any other urban land use. And while the science on turfgrass' sequestration properties in general, as well as the positive impact of managed irrigation and fertilization performed on golf courses in particular, is well established, the implications remain unexplored.

"In laymen's terms, our research shows that, in general, the turfgrass on golf courses create a net increase in carbon sequestration compared to the land from which they are created," explains Dr. Ronald F. Follett Research Leader for the ARS Soil-Plant-Nutrient Research Unit in Fort Collins, Colorado.

According to a recent survey conducted by Golf Digest, 52 percent of golfers say that if golf courses were more environmentally-friendly, it would improve golf's image, in line with the 56 percent of the U.S. population that say the same.

"The opportunity for golf course owners to take action and invest in research that will further improve the environmental issues facing the industry is going to be a huge advantage moving forward. And it will certainly be welcomed by all those who love the sport," says William Crispin, co-founder of Golfpreserves.

The Golfpreserves project is now open to participation for the owners of the country's golf courses. Visit www.golfpreserves.com http://www.golfpreserves.com/ for more information or to make an inquiry.

About Golfpreserves

Golfpreserves is a carbon sequestration program for the golf course industry. As an

aggregator, Golfpreserves will facilitate the assessment, quantification and confirmation and create carbon financial instruments (CFI) that will be traded on the carbon market. The proceeds from sold carbon credits are invested into research focusing on carbon sequestration, environmentally improved turfgrass, irrigation and pesticide usage. www.golfpreserves.com

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Pesticides: Canadian superintendents face new pesticide use and reporting requirements:

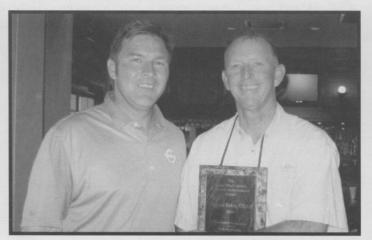
Superintendents in America are watching with interest for the impact of new pesticide use requirements confronting their Canadian counterparts in the province of Ontario.

In the latest chapter of a long-running saga, the provincial government in Ontario fulfilled the promise of its Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act last month by announcing a sweeping ban of 85 cosmetic-use chemicals — a total of 250 individual products — that included the herbicide 2,4-D. The bans are expected to become effective on April 22 — Earth Day — and are a finalization of the original act, which was passed by the provincial government in June of last year.

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(l-r): Ridge Vice President Scott Scamehorn congratulates Gary Newcomb from the Big Cypress G.C. for winning the 2009 Jack Harrell, Sr. Ridge Invitational on March 9th at the Club at Eaglebrooke in Lakeland.



(l-r): Brent Holmes presented the 2009 North Florida GCSA's Keeper of the Green Award to Clayon Estes from the San Jose C. C. Nine years ago Estes suggested the Keeper of the Green award to recognize members for their contributions to the chapter and the profession.

UF/IFAS North Central Florida Turfgrass Field Day

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

G.C. Horn Memorial Turfgrass Field Laboratory **UF/IFAS Plant Science Research and Education Unit** 2556 West Hwy 318 Citra, FL 32113 352-591-2678







On behalf of the University of Florida Turfgrass faculty, the Seven Rivers GCSA would like to invite all members from the Turfgrass Industry to attend the 2009 North Central Florida Turfgrass Field Day held at the Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra, Florida. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the University of Florida's Turfgrass Research Program. Come out and hear about the latest research being conducted by the University of Florida Faculty!

Registration: To register online and make an online payment, go to www.srgcsa.com and click on UF Field Day link on the left side. To mail your registration, send form and payment to: SRGCSA, PO Box 830261, Ocala, FL 34483.

Payment Options: Checks should be made payable to "SRGCSA Envirotron". Cash payments will be accepted through mail or onsite. All credit card payments must be made online through PayPal at www.srgcsa.com

Field Tour Topics will include:

- Fertilizer BMP's
- **Turfgrass Breeding Updates**
- **Efficient Irrigation Use**
- **Sports Turf Management**
- **Pest Management Updates**

- **Equipment Demonstrations**
- **Concurrent Sessions**

Other events include:

Putting and Chipping Contests

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

3:00-5:00pm Vendor Setup

6:00-8:00pm Vendor Reception and Fish Fry

Dinner, Dr. Jerry Sartain's House

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

7:30-8:30am Registration and Vendor Time

8:30-8:45am Opening Remarks

8:45-12:00pm Field Tours

12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Vendor Time

1:00-3:00pm **Equipment Demos**

1:00-3:00pm Concurrent Sessions

- Green Industry FAQs

- USGA Updates

1:00-3:00pm Putting and Chipping Contests

CEU's and PDI points will be available.

UF / IFAS North Central Florida Turfgrass Field Day • Wednesday, May 20, 2009

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	Attendee Registration (before May 15)	\$35	
	Attendee Registration (onsite)	\$45	
	Fish Fry Dinner (Tuesday, May 19)	Free	(no cost)
	Vendor Registration (includes three representatives)	\$300	
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For additional information, please call or email Mark Kann at (352) 591-2678 ext 284 or mkann@ufl.edu

Total Enclosed:

GET GOLF READY INSPIRES NEW GOLFERS TO HIT THE LINKS.

And provides Golf Clubs with a program to increase rounds.

Most of us have learned that golf can prove as beneficial as it can be frustrating to those with little or no experience on the links. For this reason, golf facilities nationwide are being encouraged to provide an easy and affordable introduction to the game through a new program—Get Golf Ready in 5 Days. This program is being promoted by Golf 20/20 and the World Golf Foundation to address the problem of the flat or declining number of golfers who are the life blood and future of our industry.

Designed for the millions who are new or occasional golfers, this program is intended to bring adults into the game by offering five introductory lessons in a small-group environment. PGA/LPGA professionals across the country will conduct the lessons and provide participants with the opportunity to learn and practice the basics in a fast and gratifying way for the low cost of \$99. (Price may vary by facility.)

Through this program, participants will be introduced to golf in a comfortable setting that will enable them to reap benefits both on and off the fairway. Not only will they experience the satisfaction of sinking that first putt, participants will also realize the health, professional and personal benefits that are afforded by the game.

From a health standpoint, by walking the course instead of riding in a golf cart, a person who weighs between 150-200 pounds will burn between 2,000 and 2,700 calories. (Source: *Health Status* calorie counter). It has been shown that burning 2,500 calories a week improves overall health by lowering the risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer (source: Neil Wolkodoff, Rose Center for Health and Sports Sciences). Even if you don't walk the course, you are still active and reaping the benefits of being outdoors in a park-like setting.

On the business side, for young and seasoned professionals, men and women alike, the golf course provides an appropriate setting to develop new business relationships, network with colleagues, and enhance the self-esteem

needed to set one apart at the office. When you are not closing the deal, the golf course offers the perfect setting for families and friends to enjoy the outdoors and each other's company.

Get Golf Ready consists of five lessons, in which basic skills as well as background regarding the game's rules, etiquette and values are learned. Techniques such as chipping, putting, full swing, half swing and bunker play, among others, will be emphasized and practiced during significant on-course learning opportunities. Other fundamentals such as guidelines for the use and maintenance of golf equipment, keeping score and navigating the course, will also be learned.

Following the completion of the five-session program, a smooth transition into other Get Golf Ready graduate outings, such as the free and low-cost programs offered by Play Golf America

(www.PlayGolfAmerica.com), will be provided. By continuing to take advantage of these opportunities, participants will witness firsthand the benefits of the game of golf. (And maybe a few of the frustrations that continue to plague golfers of every skill level.)

This is the inaugural year for the Get Golf Ready program, and it has garnered the support and collaboration from the entire golf industry, including the World Golf Foundation, The PGA of America and other leading national and state golf associations, organizations, manufacturers, media and companies. So far in 2009, more than 1200 facilities have signed up to participate nationwide, and 900 are fully certified.

For more information on local participating facilities, or to register for the Get Golf Ready program, please visit www.GetGolfReady.com.

(1-r): NFGCSA Memorial
Tournament Chairman Mike
Stevens from the St. Johns
G&CC with John Piersol head of
the Lake City Community
College's Golf & Landscape
Program. Proceeds from the
NFGCSA Memorial Tournament
will be donated to the General
Scholarship Fund at LCCC to be
used for deserving students in the
turf program.A.

... Pesticide Ban cont. from pg. 5

Golf courses in Ontario, along with agriculture, forestry and public health and safety uses, are conditionally exempt from the ban, but they must adhere to a set of extensive conditions in order to continue using pesticides in the future. Golf courses must be accredited for integrated pest management by an approved accreditation body - the province's Ministry of the Environment is in the process of posting a list of such "approved accreditation bodies" on its website - and prepare an annual report on how they minimize pesticide use, make that report accessible to the public and also hold a public meeting in which they must present that report.

Golf industry allies in Ontario have been working closely with the government for some time on this issue to develop golf-specific requirements. They have worked with the government to demonstrate that golf course superintendents and the golf industry are responsible in developing measures to properly manage the use of chemicals.

Despite those conditions, environmental groups in Canada continue to push for golf to be removed from the exempt category.

Meanwhile, GCSAA's government relations staff will monitor the situation in Ontario and assess possible ramifications for U.S. golf courses and superintendents.



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