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During the FGCSA Spring Board meeting, President Mark Kann presented FGCSA Past President Bill Kistler the 2012 Distinguished Service Award for his years of continuous state board service.



In a surprise May presentation at the 2012 Past Presidents Dinner in Naples, FGCSA President Mark Kann (right) presented FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson the Marie Roberts Award for Lifetime Service to the FGCSA and Florida Golf Industry.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY 1

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS DUE – ALL CHAPTERS

### JULY 10

EVERGLADES GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
GREY OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

### JULY 11

WEST COAST GCSA ROUND TABLE  
DISCUSSION  
BEEF O'BRADY'S

### JULY 12

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
THE WALDORF ASTORIA

### JULY 12

SEVEN RIVER GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
OCALA GOLF CLUB

### JULY 14

PALM BEACH GCSA FISHING TOURNAMENT  
(RESCHEDULED FROM JUNE 16TH)

### JULY 18

NORTH FLORIDA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
ST. JOHNS COUNTRY CLUB

### JULY 19

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
PEMBROKE LAKES

### JULY 23

PALM BEACH GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
BROKEN SOUND CLUB

### JULY 25

WEST COAST, RIDGE AND SUNCOAST  
GCSA JOINT BMP CERTIFICATION  
GULF COAST REC CENTER, WIMAUMA

### JULY 27

TREASURE COAST GCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
VERO BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

### AUGUST 3

FGCSA ANNUAL MEETING  
UF/IFAS CITRA

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY MARK KANN

It's amazing how quickly a year can go by, but when you stay busy, I guess that's what happens. It has been a busy year for the FGCSA and a productive one as well. We have accomplished many things and have a pretty good picture of what the future needs to be in order for our Association to thrive.

I would like to thank the many individuals that have spent a large portion of the year working on the Golf BMP Certification Program. After examining all the aspects, I am happy to report that we know have a program that has been approved by the FGCSA Board of Directors. We will be holding regional seminars throughout the state in collaboration with local chapters. There is already an event scheduled for July 25th at the Gulf Coast REC in Wimauma. Hosting chapters include the West Coast, Ridge and Suncoast Chapters but is open to anyone that wants to participate. Jennifer will send out details as soon as everything is finalized. We will also be offering the seminar at the FTGA Conference and Show in Orlando on September 26th. Don't worry if you can't make either of these events because there will be more opportunities in the near future.

I had the pleasure of presenting a few awards at the Board of Directors Meeting and Past Presidents Dinner in May. Congratulations to Bill Kistler, recipient of the FGCSA's



Mark Kann

Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Jerry Sartain and Joel Jackson both received the Marie Roberts Lifetime Service Award for their contributions to the FGCSA and Golf Course Industry. Also, thank you to all the Past Presidents in attendance for your service and continued participation with the FGCSA.

I was pleasantly surprised and extremely appreciative of the Board of Directors involvement over the past year. We had numerous Long Range Planning Meetings so that we could really examine the state of the Association as a collective group. I think the result of those meetings was very productive and again I greatly appreciate the effort and leadership of each and every one of you.



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Deadline next issue August 15.

## Spring 2012 FGCSA Board Meeting Minutes

The Spring 2012 Board Meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Mark Kann at 1:00pm at the Country Club of Naples on May 17, 2012.

All officers were present. All Chapters were represented. The Chapter Representatives were:

Calusa - Nancy Miller; Central Florida - Gary Myers; South Florida - Ricky Reeves ; Everglades - Bill Davidson; Treasure Coast - Craig Weyandt; Seven Rivers - Jim Shaffer; West Coast - Bill Kistler; North Florida - Bob Coffey; Suncoast - Bill Tyde; Ridge - Mike Giddens; Palm Beach - Brian Main

Others attending the meeting were: Jennifer Bryan - Association Manager; Joel Jackson - FGCSA Executive Director; Ralph Dain - GCSAA, Steve Randall - GCSAA, Darren Davis - GCSAA, Armando Campos - FTGA President, Greg Pheneger - FTGA.

Minutes of the FGCSA Winter 2012 Board Meeting were approved.

FTGA - Greg Pheneger and Armando Campos updated the board on the Florida Turfgrass and Environmental Research Fund. The FTGA has met with the fertilizer producers and a 6/10 of a percentage per pound of fertilizer fee will be added to the total bill and invoiced. This will be a non-mandatory fee, but revenue generated will be placed in the research fund and disseminated by a board consisting of a representative from all the affected fields. The FTGA hopes to raise \$250K the first year and foresee implementation in August or September. Look for literature; brochures, e-mails, website, etc. to come out in advance of implementation to educate consumers and participants.

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### **AUGUST 6**

CALUSA AND EVERGLADES GCSA JOINT MEETING  
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### **AUGUST 6**

WEST COAST GCSA  
PRO/SUPERINTENDENT TOURNAMENT  
CYPRESS RUN

### **AUGUST 9**

SUNCOAST GCSA  
RAY'S GAME FIELD TRIP

### **AUGUST 9**

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA MONTHLY MEETING  
MIAMI BEACH

### **AUGUST 16**

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA DAN ADAMS MEMORIAL BOWLING  
OUTING, OCALA

### **AUGUST 24**

FGCSA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB

### **OCTOBER 5-6**

NORTH FLORIDA GCSA FALL CLASSIC & CRASH HALL  
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, AMELIA ISLAND

### **OCTOBER 8**

WEST COAST GCSA BUD QUANDT TOURNAMENT  
FEATHER SOUND COUNTRY CLUB

### **OCTOBER 11**

TURFGRASS FIELD DAY  
UFL PSREU, CITRA

### **OCTOBER 19**

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN  
TOURNAMENT



Speakers at the 2012 USGA/FGCSA Poa Education Program included (l-r): Brian Whitlark, USGA Southwest Green Section; Lee Bloomcamp, Syngenta; Kathy Gordon, USGA SE Regional Affairs; John Foy and Todd Lowe, USGA Florida Green Section.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Joel Jackson, CGCS

### FGCSA & Chapter News:

Personal note: I would like to thank the FGCSA Officers and Board of Directors for awarding me the Marie Roberts Lifetime Service Award down in Naples at the Past Presidents Dinner following our Spring Board Meeting. I humbly join the list of others who have likewise been recognized with this honor.

I began officially serving the FGCSA back in 1986 as Secretary/Treasurer and was President in 1989, the same time I took over as Editor of the Florida Green. Board service and magazine work was made easier because we had Marie Roberts backing us up as the Association Manager. She made association volunteering bearable and rewarding and we grew stronger as an association because of her dedication.

I will always treasure our friendship and professional relationship and am honored to receive this namesake award recognizing my contributions to the FGCSA. The good news for our association and me is that when Marie stepped down a few years ago, we were blessed to sign on Jennifer Bryan as our new Association Manager. She has carried on in Marie's rich tradition of dedicated professionalism and she brings her own unique set of skills and ideas to the table. Thank you Marie. Thank you Jennifer and thank you friends and members who have supported the FGCSA over the years.

Golf BMPs: After several Long Range Planning Sessions and BMP Committee meetings and discussions with DEP and UF/IFAS over the past year, the FGCSA Board of Directors approved the Golf BMP Certification Program. This voluntary certification program will offer interested superintendents and golf courses the opportunity to officially document understanding of the Golf BMP practices.

With the continuing surge of local fertilizer ordinances and some early local ordinance adopters (like the City of Sanibel) planning to organize a fight of the State Model Ordinance requirement for local governments to prove they need more strict regulations (like summer fertilizer bans), it is important that our industry makes a pro-active, pro-environment statement that we are trained and certified practitioners of safe, scientifically proven practices which protect the environment. Strong participation by all FGCSA members will enhance our credibility as we advocate for responsible regulations.

The schedule for 2012 regional training and examination sessions is still being finalized. One site for sure will be at the easy to get to Florida Turfgrass Association Conference and Show (Sept 24th-27th) at the Caribe Royale Hotel near Lake Buena Vista just off I-4 in west Orlando area. Please read all FGCSA and local chapter emails for news on this and other upcoming BMP sessions.

These programs and the time, effort and travel aimed at serving our industry don't happen without your financial support. We're in the new fiscal year now. Make sure you have renewed your dues and reach out to other superintendents in your area who have not joined or renewed. We need the strength of numbers when we advocate for our profession and industry. Join or renew now! Thank you.

### Regulatory Issues

Water Restrictions: An early storm season seems to have taken some of the "heat" off of water restrictions as many regions have had above average May rainfall. Even so, keep weaning (hardening) your turf by being frugal with your water use so it is use to a little less water and you can show your district you are being efficient and conservative while still preserving good playing conditions for customer satisfaction and survival of your golf course business. Definitely, remind the district that your golf course is a small business and an asset to your community when discussing any restrictions. Try to opt for percentage reductions and avoid day-of-the-week schedules, which are not scientifically sound for turf health and performance. In any case check your district's website for any special local, special water use caution exceptions.

Federal Rules: The GCSAA has issued another Action Alert asking all of us to contact our congressmen to speak to the House Agriculture Committee asking that H.R. 872 be included in the current Farm Bill up for passage. H. R. 872 seeks to nullify EPA's NPDES rule that duplicates pesticide regulations under FIFRA and adds more unnecessary paperwork to simple pest management practices. It is important to respond and make your voice heard for your industry and your own golf course operation.

Numeric Nutrient Criteria: A federal judge has recently signed a letter directing an extension of the NNC deadline until the summer of 2013. In the meantime we keep urging EPA to adopt Florida DEP's criteria being developed that reflect actual Florida waterway conditions and not impose a national number, which once again violates common sense and good science as each region has different inputs and factors affecting water quality.

Florida Green Magazine: I wanted to take a moment to thank all the members who have been submitting contributions to the magazine, especially the Hands On and Stewardship sections. By sharing your programs, tips and innovations you help strengthen the unique trait of the golf industry, one of helping your "competitor" be better and more efficient.

Going forward I am proposing a slight tweak to our current cover story rotation plan so that all the major regions (North, Central, Southeast and Southwest) in the state are profiled instead of doing four courses in only one region per year. That way there will be something for everyone every year.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of our association's publication. It began as the voice of the first incorporated chapter in the state – The South Florida GCSA. It was called the South Florida Green. In 1980 when the Florida GCSA was formed, the SFGCSA volunteered to change the name to the Florida Green and serve the whole state. We will profile people and companies that helped pioneer our association and give our newer members a sense of the history and accomplishments of the association.

One last reminder: We will be visiting with Bill Davidson, CGCS and the Country Club of Naples and Hands On will explore: Developing Your Assistant, Foreman and Technicians We'd like to hear about your training and continuing education programs for these key people at your facility. Also Bill is doing lots of

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blogging to keep his members informed about maintenance new on the course. We'll share some tips and ideas to help you better communicate with your members too. Hands On Article Deadline – August 31, 2012. Look for the Fall Call for Articles details coming soon on our website at [www.floridagcscsa.com](http://www.floridagcscsa.com).



To the right: Capturing Low Gross honors at the NFGCSA Memorial Tournament at Marsh Creek with a 59 were (l-r): Chris Neff, Tom Brennan, Rocky Farleigh and Bill Burgstiner (not shown)..



On the left: Champion Sponsor check presentation (l-r): Jeff Brown, Golf Ventures; Glenn Oberlander and Jim Shaffer, SRGCSA; Debbie Nipper, Cary Lewis, Mike Swinson and Walt McMahon all with Golf Ventures.

To the right: Chris Gast of the Treasure Coast GCSA presents a \$10,000 donation to the Florida Oceanographic Center of Stuart



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- Chapters may enter more than one team.
- One gross and one net team plus individual prizes for low gross and net.
- Low gross superintendent wins spot on FGCSA team for the GCSAA National Championship!
- NOTE: Individual players may register!

**Team and/or Individual Registration:**

**Chapter/Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, please sign me up as a Tee Sponsor. I have added \$100 to my registration fee.**

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**Questions? Contact Joe Ondo:407-657-7565**

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**Financial Reports –** The Secretary/Treasurer submitted his financial report to the Board. Financial report and current budget projections were approved.

**Executive Director's Report -** Joel updated the board on the current fertilizer ordinances; specifically the City of Sebastian who is in the process of finalizing their ordinance. The City of Sanibel is spearheading a legislative effort for next year's legislative session to reduce or dismiss state control over fertilizer ordinances and allow local government to set their own restrictions; undoing what we have been working toward. Joel urged local chapters to stay involved on the local level and contact your local legislatures.

**H2B Workers –** a late court has postponed the Department of labor's revised regulation. Water restrictions – the northern 5 counties are currently under a Phase III Water shortage restriction calling for 1 day week watering off fairways, no rough watering and 3 days per week on greens and tees. Seven Rivers and north Central Florida are the most affected. Seven Rivers has been working very closely with the compliance manager Lois Sorenson to create a system which provides more conservation, but also allows course flexibility in addressing healthy turf management.

### Committee Reports:

**Awards -** Mark Kann reminded the board of those nominees that were presented and voted on at the Winter Board Meeting to receive awards; Tim Cann, CGCS and Rick Watts both receiving President's Award for Lifetime Service, Dr. Sartain – recipient of the Marie Roberts Award and Bill Kistler recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Joel Jackson was also presented the Marie Roberts Award later that evening at the Past Presidents Dinner.

**Education –** Jim Shaffer presented the latest spreadsheet of educational opportunities around the state. That information is also available on the website.

**Golf –** The FGCSA Championship will be held on August 24th at 1pm. This year vendors will be permitted to participate and the cost for all participants will be \$100. Jennifer will work with Joe Ondo to finalize the registration forms.

**Government Relations –** Bill Davidson - the EPA threw out the Environmental challenge

to 2, 4-D usage. Reiterated that Golf Day was a success and from which the Capital Alliance (the PR firm that helped plan for the event) approached the FGCSA to be the "eyes and ears" in Tallahassee. The cost for just our association is too large, however, this will be followed up with the other organizations and see that else might partner up and contribute.

### Publications

**Florida Green -** Joel would like to create a new rotation plan for the Florida Green insuring that different areas of the state are represented in each calendar year of issues of the Florida Green; 4 regions per year. He will bring this recommendation to the publications committee.

**Membership Directory –** Jennifer presented to the board a rate comparison chart recommending an increase to the cost of a la carte advertising in the directory. After much discussion it was decided that Jennifer will go back and further dissect those numbers to include possible design changes, etc. and present the board with a complete cost comparison. A motion was made by Bill Davidson to re-evaluate these finding and call a vote via e-mail once all the information is provided. The motion was approved.

**Research –** Two research proposals were included in the agenda packets for the board to review. More information is needed before funding can be determined or voted on. It was also determined that those folks involved in the actual research need to be present to answer questions. They will be invited to attend the annual meeting in August. Discussion occurred about supporting the EIFG with Research dollars. The FGCSA has not donated from the Operations account the past few years and a motion on the floor was made by Ricky Reeves to support the EIFG via our Research Account and donate \$5K. The motion was approved.

**GCSAA –** June 1st – deadline for GCSAA Scholarships. July 2nd – GCSAA Board Nominations are due. Darren Davis will need new letters of recommendation from the state and local chapters. July 20th – Distinguished Service Award nominations are due. August 1st is the deadline for the Dog Days of Golf calendar. The GIS/San Diego will have a new schedule. The golf tournament will be condensed to Sun., Mon., Ties – with more golf options available (no longer just the Classic and

Championship), education Mon and Tues., tradeshow on Wed. and Thursday, the Annual meeting on Thursday and certification and Celebrate GCSAA on Friday. Ralph Dain also updated the board on the continued success of the GCSAA Field Staff positions; with the expansion of the mid-Atlantic and southwest regions this year.

**BMP Certification –** Kevin Sunderman presented to the Board the BMP Certification Program. A motion was made by Bill Davidson to accept the process as laid out in the document. Motion was approved.

**New Business Sop** changes that effect the BMP certification and the accounting procedures for the chapters were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Bill Davidson to approve the changes presented. The motion was approved.

The Summer/Annual Board Meeting will be held on August 3rd at 10am at the UF/IFAS facility in Citra.

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