

# THE GREEN SHEET

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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 11 Palm Beach GCSA annual meeting, Boca Rio GC
- July 18 South Florida annual meeting, Eagle Trace
- July 18 West Coast chapter meeting, Countryside CC
- July 19 Central Florida chapter meeting, Falcons Fire GC
- July 21 Ridge chapter annual meeting
- July 21 Treasure Coast annual meeting, Martin Downs
- July 22-24 North Florida Transition Tournament, Jekyll Island, GA
- July 26 Suncoast chapter meeting, The Oaks Club
- July 31 FGCSA seminar, "Employee Relations in the '90s", Grand Cypress Conference Center, 8:00 a.m.
- Aug. 1 18th Annual Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress GC
- Aug. 10 Dedication of Mascaro/Steiniger Turfgrass Museum, University Park, PA
- Aug. 11 South Florida chapter meeting, Redlands GC
- Aug. 11 Audubon workshop, Tampa Palms G&CC
- Aug. 15 Audubon workshop, Colliers Reserve GC
- Aug. 22 West Coast chapter meeting, Lansbrook GC
- Aug. 23 Suncoast chapter meeting, Tara G&CC
- Sept. 18 - 21 FTGA Conference and Show, Broward County Convention Center, Marina Marriott, Ft. Lauderdale
- Sept. 18 FTGA Research Golf Tournament, Jacaranda CC
- Sept. 18 FGCSA Championship Tournament, Deer Creek (both tournaments followed by Toro Corn Boil)



*Tim Cann, right, president of the Treasure Coast GCSA, is shown presenting a \$10,000 check to David Hitzig of the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital while John Sullivan, left, owner of Loblolly Pines, looks on.*

*The \$10,000 represented the profits from the First Annual Treasure Coast GCSA Charity Tournament hosted by Loblolly Pines superintendent, Dick Gray on May 21. The Hobe Sound tournament attracted 152 players and 44 tee sign sponsors.*

*The tournament was open to the public to remind the golfers that superintendents are friends of the environment. There are so many negatives perceived in the turfgrass industry that the chapter wanted to take a pro-active stance by showing the positive side of the profession.*

## President's Message by Paul Crawford



*Paul Crawford*

Our annual summer outing, the Crowfoot Open, will return to Orlando's Grand Cypress Resort July 30th through August 1. Beginning on Saturday, our state board meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. as well as our annual meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Cypress Conference Center. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact Marie to RSVP. Sunday starts with the 8:00 a.m. educational session given by Scott Hudson of Seay Management on "Employee Relations in the 90's" which will also be held in the Conference Center. CEU's credits have been requested for this seminar.

Sunday night is the Crowfoot banquet and is the time we give out our awards to recipients of the Presidents Awards as well as the Distinguished Service Award. There will be good food and good entertainment to make for a great night. And, of course, Monday is the 18th Annual Crowfoot Open where all chapters as well as individuals compete for the trophies and bragging rights for a year.

If you have not been to the Grand Cypress Resort, you will want to try to make this event. The accommodations are truly five star; the name says it all, it is truly Grand. Get involved and go to these events. You will be surprised the number of people you will meet. Not to mention the information you pick up over a frosty!

I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of this association. I would especially like to thank the present board, Greg, Scott and Mark, as well as all committee chairman for their support

and help. Also thanks to Ray and Tom for their belief in me. Much has been accomplished and much more will be accomplished by your future boards under the leadership of your new President, Scott Bell. I think the biggest thing we all need to do is to work together on our membership base. If you know someone who is not a member, please try to get them to join their local chapter so they can become a member of the state. I am still amazed at the guys who are still not members of the FGCSA.

Finally, I would like to thank Marie Roberts, our Executive Secretary, for the help and guidance she gave me, for without her many of the successful events and projects would not have gotten done. For all of the members, Marie, once again, good job and thank you.

Hope to see all of you at the Crowfoot Open this year, if not, maybe the FTGA. If you would like to get involved and do not know how, you can call Marie or myself and we can get you on your way.

**KEEP IT GREEN,  
GET INVOLVED!**



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## CROWFOOT RETURNS TO GRAND CYPRESS

The Central Florida GCSA has planned another fun-filled weekend at the beautiful Grand Cypress Resort for the Eighteenth Annual Crowfoot Open to be held on July 31 and August 1, 1994.

Again this year, the weekend begins with the FGCSA Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Sunday begins early at 8:00 a.m. with the FGCSA seminar on Employee Relations in the 1990's presented by Seay Management. Topics to be covered during the five hour seminar will be Wage and Hour Compliance; Employee Rights; Workers Compensation; Performance Appraisals; and an in depth discussion on how to stay out of trouble by obeying the "Ground Rules" of dealing with today's employees. .5 CEU's have been requested from the GCSAA for the \$35.00 seminar.

Sunday night's activities include the cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. and the Annual Crowfoot Banquet at 7:30 p.m. The presentation of the FGCSA President's Awards and the prestigious FGCSA Distinguished Service Award will take place after the dinner. Due to the tremendous success of last years event, reservations for dinner are required to be paid in advance. There is limited seating.

The Crowfoot Open will be played at the Grand Cypress Golf Club on Monday morning. Closing registration will be July 25th with no exceptions! So send in your golf registration form today or call Larry Kamphaus at 407-351-6815 if you need an entry form for the golf tournament or the dinner. Entry fee is \$100.00 which includes the banquet and extra dinner tickets are \$40.00.



## AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM (ACSP) WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

Florida golf courses are in a position to take a positive environmental leadership role with involvement in the ACSP. Currently, over 100 Florida golf courses are members of this very worthwhile program. Canada is behind us with 74 members and Michigan, Illinois and California follow with approximately 65 each. This program offers a wonderful opportunity to get the word out that golf courses are good for people, wildlife and the environment.

To help golf courses who have already joined this program and want to become certified, the USGA Green Section, the Audubon Society of New York State, Inc., Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club in Tampa, and Collier's Reserve in Naples, are offering two, one-day ACSP workshops.

The dates are Thursday, August 11th at Tampa Palms G&CC and Monday, August 15th at Collier's Reserve. The format will be a three hour workshop in the morning, lunch, followed by golf in the afternoon. The learning process will continue through your round of golf as ACSP programs implemented throughout the golf course will be pointed out and explained by literature provided. **\*(SEE BELOW)**

The cost for this seminar is \$40.00. Space is limited at both sites. To register, call Greg Plotner, Tampa Palms G&CC, 813-972-3375 for the Aug. 11th seminar or Tim Hiers, Colliers Reserve, 813-597-7063, for the August 15th seminar.

If you would be interested in hosting a ACSP workshop at your golf course, please call Shelly Foy with the USGA Green Section at 407-546-2620.

## 1994 POA RESULTS



*Members of the winning Ridge team receive congratulations in front of the 1994 Poa Sponsor Board*

The Everglades GCSA-sponsored Poa Annua Classic was held at the Naples Beach Club on May 15th. Dick Naccarato, superintendent, had the layout in championship form and the tournament was played in perfect weather conditions. The team from the Ridge chapter, led by Chuck Rogers who won low net, Ray Cuzzone, Mark Hopkins, and Alan Puckett came away with the team championship. This Ridge team looks unbeatable! Once again, David Oliver, superintendent at Martin Downs in the Treasure Coast chapter, won the low gross championship with a 69 for a four shot victory over Mark Hopkins. David owns the Poa! On the supplier side, Dick Harrell took low gross with a 72 and Brad Reano took low net honors with a 69. Congratulations to all.

Wayne Kappauf, Vice President of the EGCSA, reported that over \$10,000 was raised for the turfgrass industry. As everyone who has ever attended the Poa knows, this is a very special weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel, not only for the golfers but also for the rest of the family. Nothing beats the buffet at the Beach Hotel! It almost seems unrealistic to have so much fun and still make money. But this is accomplished thanks to the support of all of our many sponsors, too numerous to mention here, and also to the hard work by the members of the Everglades board.

The Spring 1994 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Paul Crawford at 8:00 p.m. at the Naples Beach Hotel.

All officers were present. Each local chapter with the exception of Big Bend chapter was represented.

Paul Crawford welcomed the following Past Presidents to the meeting: Tom Benefield, Dick Blake, Tom Burrows, Kevin Downing, Ray Hansen, Tim Hiers, and Joel Jackson. Other FGCSA members attending were David Court, Education Chairman; Kim Shine, North Florida chapter, and Gary Grigg, GCSAA Vice Pres. Guests included Bob Yount of the FTGA, John Foy and Chuck Gast of the USGA, Dr. Monica Elliott, IFAS, Ft. Lauderdale, and Mike Goldie, lobbyist.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Minutes of the Winter board meeting were approved.

Greg reported that the current balance in the FGCSA Operating Account was \$8,238. Expenses expected for the remainder of the year will probably exceed that amount so the Florida Green will have to make up the shortfall as was planned when the 1993-94 budget was submitted and approved in August. Paul Crawford will go over the figures and make the appropriate transfer of funds before the next board meeting.

Greg also reported that Chip Fowkes had looked into the possibility of exchanging our current C.D.'s for more aggressive investment documents. His report indicated that even though C.D.'s are low interest, they are still the most appropriate choice for now.

Greg then went over the budget worksheet line by line. Some expense items that warranted discussion were: 1) survey - it was decided to do a full survey this year which will necessitate about \$800 in postage and printing expenses; 2) Voting Delegate meeting in Kansas - \$500 will be set aside for this expense; 3) secretarial services - this will be discussed at another time since there were so many visitors at the meeting. Greg suggested that our donations to the GCSAA, Musser Foundation and FTGA should remain the same as in the past fiscal year with an additional \$5,000 to FGCSA Research Fund. The FGCSA will continue to fund the lobbyist for \$12,500/year. It was decided not to make a donation to the International Turfgrass Society since the meeting will not be in the US this year. Dale Kuehner asked where the \$1,000 donation to the Lake City

Endowment Fund was going, i.e. expansion, facilities, scholarships, or what. Tim Hiers responded that the dollars are not used for expansion of the program but rather for improved facilities and staff functions. Tom Benefield explained the difference between the LCCC Alumni Association and the Endowment Fund. Tom will see that the FGCSA gets a letter showing where our funds go.

Paul Crawford noted that we have received a thank you from the Musser Foundation for our \$1,000 donation. The letter included a spread sheet showing that only 2% of the fund is used for administration fees while the bulk of the money is used for scholarships to Ph.D. candidates.

It was noted that the budget for the Florida Green is right on schedule and should end the year right on target with an average of \$8,000 income per issue. As noted earlier, some of this profit will go towards covering the shortfall in the operating budget. Paul Crawford read a note from the accounting firm stating that profits from the advertising income is non-taxable as long as they are used for research, the results of which are available to the general public. Therefore the profits of the Florida Green, even though they will be in the operating budget, need to be earmarked for research within that budget.

Ray Hansen noted that the balance in the Research Fund is shrinking slightly and would be glad to see the board approve the extra \$5,000 as suggested by Greg Plotner. Dale Kuehner noted that the Seventh Annual South Florida Exposition was held recently and the SFGCSA would be contributing \$14,000 to the operation of the green in Fort Lauderdale. The South Florida chapter continues to be the major contributor to the green and takes most of the burden off the other local chapters. However, local chapters should continue to think about the FGCSA Research Fund when making their donation plans for the year. The green was built with the idea that all chapters would be supporting the research that is carried on at the Center.

Mark Jarrell discussed the rebate programs for the year. The most profitable program this year appears to be the CIBA program. Mickey Lovett and Chuck Buffington gave a report which indicated that next year's program should be just as successful as this years. CIBA presented the FGCSA with a check for \$20,925 from the 1993-94 program. These funds are earmarked for projects in conjunction with the FTGA. Funds were to go into projects that are joint efforts of the

FGCSA and the FTGA. In addition to the \$20,000 given to us, another \$8,000 will be donated to the Sod Growers which will go directly to the FTGA. Bob Yount urged the board to remember that many of the major companies have eliminated a line item to the FTGA in favor of using these rebate programs as vehicles for their donations. Please keep in mind that the amounts being donated by these companies is intended to go into FTGA/FGCSA funded research programs.

The Miles Specialty Projects program has a substantial amount of funds available. It is up to us to request these funds from the seven Miles distributors in the Florida area. Mark will write a letter on behalf of the FGCSA requesting distribution of these funds.



*Chuck Buffington, left, and Mickey Lovett of CIBA are shown presenting a \$20,900 check to Paul Crawford before the Board Meeting.*

DowElanco's program, "Responsibility Comes First" required that purchase orders be submitted to the Dow office. No forms were submitted by FGCSA members.

The Rhone Poulenc program has been completed. Tom Benefield reported that Rhone Poulenc should be getting us a check soon. (NOTE: CHECK HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED FOR \$2,240 which represents a \$10.00 donation for each of the 224 profiles that were filled out by FGCSA members. Many potential research dollars were lost because all members did not fill out the profiles.)

Dale Mitchell of Golf Agronomics will be presenting his rebate donation to the board at the Crowfoot meeting. He expects the amount to be more than last year's donation.

Mark ended his recap by reminding all External Vice Presidents to be aware of all of these funding programs that are available. Each chapter should let the FGCSA know what their plans are for funding research

programs for the year. This will enable us to get a handle on the amount that each chapter is raising so that we may present a unified approach. It was suggested that a letter should go out to each chapter on this subject.

At the end of the discussion, Greg Plotner announced that he would make the appropriate changes to the budget worksheet and then present a final proposed budget to the board at the Crowfoot meeting. Anyone who has any other changes to make, please call Greg before the meeting so that they can be considered in the final version.

**AWARDS:** Six nominations for the President's Award for Lifetime Service have been received. A discussion was held and it was decided to approve all six candidates. A letter will be sent to all chapters who sent in a nomination requesting that they urge their nominees to receive the award at the Crowfoot dinner. Chapters pay the expenses for the nominee at the Crowfoot. The Distinguished Service Award will also be presented at the Crowfoot dinner.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Scott Bell submitted the minutes to the Publications Committee meeting that was held last month.

**GREEN SHEET:** The yearly contract with Golf Ventures expires after the July/August issue. We will put a notice in that issue asking for bids for next year's contract. Bids received will be discussed at the Crowfoot board meeting.

**FLORIDA GREEN:** Scott Bell reported that the Spring issue of the Florida Green contained many small problems in the final version of the magazine. A discussion was held as to how to correct the problems. Tom Benefield noted that he will do his best to correct the proof reading system so that these typos do not reoccur. A new fee schedule has been established for superintendent written articles. Florida Green shirts will be given to those who submit short paragraphs to the theme article in each issue. Paul Crawford will continue to serve as Business Manager for the magazine and will also be the second signature on each check that is written. Plans for a calendar were tabled.

Scott reported that the Committee had restated their belief that the editor of the Florida Green must be a working superintendent. If Tom is unable to secure a superintendent position in the near future, Joel Jackson, the previous editor, will be asked to take over the editorship of the magazine.

**EDUCATION:** David Court reported that the Environmental Seminar held earlier in the day was a complete success. Thanks to the efforts of Tim Hiers in promoting attendance, the seminar was not a financial drain to the FGCSA. Paid attendance was 114 which set a new record for this seminar.

The Crowfoot seminar is always difficult to organize and has traditionally been a low attendance. Seay Management has agreed to put on an interesting seminar on Sunday morning but has a fee of \$1,800 for their services. After some discussion it was suggested that we consider changing the date of the seminar in 1995 to a week day but to go with Seay Management this year since the seminar has already been advertised for Sunday in the Crowfoot application.

David reported that this year's GCSAA Regional Seminar will be Stress Management given by Dr. Bree Hayes. It will be held in Paul Beach in November. Tom Benefield reminded David that the board had agreed to rotate the Regional Seminars each year between Palm Beach, Orlando and Naples and that this year's should be held in Orlando. David will contact the GCSAA immediately and request that the sight be changed.

Paul also reported on the success of the four pesticide seminars that were held in Palm Beach, South Florida, Everglades and Central Florida chapters. Each seminar was held at the Extension Office in the respective counties. Speakers were Lee Bloomcamp and Dr. Monica Elliott. Dr. Bert McCarty helped out on one of the seminars. Total attendance was just over 200 for the 3 CEU presentations. The Education Committee underwrote the excess costs of the seminars.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in the FGCSA continues to grow with current membership at 859 Class A, B and retired superintendents. Greg reported that with the success of the Florida Green and the fund raising efforts of our commercial supporters, a dues increase should not be necessary this year. Mike Mongoven applauded the efforts of raising membership figures rather than raising dues. Mark Jarrell stated that he feels a dues increase should be included in next year's budget. This will be brought up again at a later meeting. Greg asked about the recruiting packages he put together and sent to all chapters two months ago asking for help from chapter boards. To date, only Suncoast has responded with a recap of those clubs in their area whose superintendents are not members. Greg asked all Externalists

check on the progress in their next local board meeting.

**GOLF TEAM:** Joe Ondo was unable to attend the board meeting but it was noted that the FTGA will be sponsoring a Superintendent Tournament to be held at Deer Creek GC on Sunday, September 18th, during the FTGA Conference and Show in Ft. Lauderdale. All chapters should be deciding who will represent their chapter in this event.

**POA:** Mike Mongoven reported that the Poa banquet is sold out at 265 with another 20 on the waiting list.

**ENVIROTRON TOURNAMENT:** Mike Swinson reported that the Second Envirotron Tournament was even more successful than the first! A total of 240 played in the new two tournament schedule - a 4 man scramble and an individual handicap. Early returns indicate that \$30,000 will be donated to the Envirotron. Mike reports that a good portion of the success of the tournament is the fact that World Woods has donated the use of their facility at no charge for both of the tournaments. This may not be the case next year. Mike Mongoven congratulated Seven Rivers chapter for their achievement. Mike Swinson stated that the real key to success is that every superintendent in the chapter gets involved. President Glenn Oberlander gives everyone a list of things to do and people to call and they do it! Once again, the chapter is to be congratulated for their efforts on behalf of the Envirotron.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Mike Mongoven suggested that copies of Mark Jarrell's article in Golfweek be distributed to all superintendents since many do not receive Golfweek. Mark noted that his column has been cut to bi-monthly rather than monthly.



*Mike Goldie and Dale Kuehner listen to reports while other attentive board members are reflected in the mirrors.*

Mike also suggested that the FGCSA maintain a clearing house of positive public relations material, either through newspaper or magazine articles or Audubon programs or other positive sources of publicity. He offered to collect and keep copies of this type of material for distribution to FGCSA members who request it. The material could also be used as source material by superintendents who have a need to write articles on pesticide and environmental issues. John Foy noted that the USGA gets lots of articles sent to them. But will superintendents use it? He also noted that Dr. James Beard has published an article that documents the environmental benefits of turfgrasses. This article is available through the USGA. Gary Grigg also mentioned that the GCSAA is considering a program which would give help to superintendents who want to write a rebuttal letter about some article they have seen in their local paper.

The Wall Street Journal article and subsequent GCSAA rebuttal were discussed. Paul also congratulated Mike Mongoven for building a relationship with the sports writer for his local newspaper who continues to write positive press on behalf of golf courses.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Tim Hiers reported that the Certificate program is not dead. Steve Dwinell has offered his help in reorganizing the program at which time Tim will resubmit it to the board. Tom Benefield then gave a report on reclaimed water use and water conservation.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:** Mike Goldie gave a report on the agricultural happenings during this year's Florida legislative session.

He commented on water reuse, in particular in Hillsboro, Delray and Miami, in regard to consumptive use permits. He also discussed mandates and the relationship between cities, counties and state government functions. He stated that local governments can be helpful and that water is considered a source of profit for the future. Water is the politicians dream as they look for ways to make money without raising taxes. One of the main items is who should pay the cost of the water line that must be used to bring the water in to your golf course. He also discussed isolated wetlands and the three prong test (Corp of Engineers). He concluded with the thought that some bills were good but did not get passed. Next year looks more conservative where water issues are concerned.

Other issues discussed were the Administra-

tion Procedures Act that almost passed, and the appointment of a Water Management Review Committee to be composed of 21 members. This could be good or it could be nothing. He stated that several legislators are interested in our industry and many more are becoming aware. There are no protection methods in the system.

**GCSAA:** Gary Grigg gave an update on the reorganizing of the GCSAA staff with the addition of more departments to help members. Once of these will be a Department of Information Services that will be available to members who have questions. This department will work closely with the new Department of Chapter Relations and will be part of the Chapter Resource Planning meeting scheduled for September. Gary stressed that they are not adding more staff, but adding duties and giving staff more input. Steve Mona's main concern at the moment is patching up relations with allied associations, suppliers, etc. while Joe O'Brien is getting the staff to look at member needs. Again, the Board needs to be more accountable. Gary concluded by stating that the GCSAA is trying hard to be a service organization.

Paul Crawford noted that he had sent a letter in behalf of the FGCSA to John Spodnik, GCSAA, to nominate Gary for the position of GCSAA president next year.

**RESEARCH:** Paul Crawford asked all External Vice President's to read Dr. Phil Busey's research proposal that was included in the agenda package. This grant request has been sent to the FTGA. Dr. Monica Elliott then gave a review of the results of the Bio-stimulant project that has been concluded at the research green. Studies show there is no apparent difference above ground. Monica also discussed natural organics. She then reminded all superintendents to come to the research center at different times of the year to notice the differences between the 'dwarf type material that is planted on the green. She also reported that after checking with the sod producers, it was decided to identify the grasses but to continue the policy of not rating them.

Paul Crawford showed a promotional video that was paid for by the University of Florida Fort Lauderdale Center. It included photos of the research green and quotes by Dr. Snyder on the projects being conducted on the green. The company that prepared the video is offering us the option of using our

logo at the end of the tape for publicity purposes at a cost of \$3,000. The board voted against this.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Jim Miller noted that due to the initial findings of the GCSAA Mortality Study, we should encourage more smokers to quit. He made a motion to create a No-smoking policy at all FGCSA Board Meeting. The motion was approved.

Paul Crawford presented a plaque to Brigid Braun, CGCS, who has served as the External Vice President for the North Florida chapter for the past three years. Kim Shine, CGCS, will replace her.

Paul also led a discussion on Talstar T&O insecticide in relationship to mole crickets and fire ants. He also discussed the blue tag program as offered by Penn products. Rebates are available.

Ray Hansen suggested that a new system be used by the Voting Delegate for the state of Florida. Ballots are needed for each chapter in the state even though most chapters hand over their votes to the FGCSA Voting Delegate. Therefore, the FGCSA Voting Delegate must fill out 6 or 8 ballots rather than just one comprehensive ballot for the state. In a conversation with Janet Rose, she reported that California uses only one ballot even though they are on the same type of umbrella system as Florida. Affidavits would have to be signed in order to do this. It was suggested that we start on this now to make things easier for next year's vote.

Mike Swinson noted that the University of Florida will be holding a field day on the Gainesville campus on July 25th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Lab tours and a golf tournament will be played on July 26th. He asked that all External Vice Presidents announce this at their next meeting.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

## FGCSA

### ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the FGCSA will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th, at Grand Cypress Conference Center in Orlando.

The FGCSA Annual Meeting will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. or as soon as the regular meeting is over. All FGCSA members are invited to attend.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL SFGCSA EXPOSITION

The South Florida chapter hosted its biggest fund raiser ever, and it wasn't even a golf tournament! For the seventh year in a row, the chapter has put together a winning combination of equipment demonstrations, workshops, research reports and a mini turfgrass show that rivals any in the country for content and funds raised.

Total income for this year's event broke all records, just short of \$25,000. Most of the profits go to support the research green at the University of Florida Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center which was the sight of the Expo again this year. Attendees numbered over 170 turfgrass professionals which does not even include the number of suppliers and equipment operators who put on the show. The Expo is a wonderful opportunity for golf course superintendents to see the latest in turfgrass equipment in a head-to-head demonstration, all in one day!

The South Florida board of directors would like to thank Hector Turf, LESCO, Pifer Incorporated, and RSI Holdings of Florida. This year we had an additional demonstration from IPM Systems and Turf Specialties. We would also like to thank the suppliers who put on the mini turfgrass show. Most of these booths (as well as all of the equipment companies) have been in on the Expo since the beginning, back in 1987. Once again, this is the type of support that makes the turfgrass business what it is today.

The FGCSA Research Green will get even more exposure this year as the Florida Turfgrass Association holds its annual Corn Boil on the grounds of the University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale campus in September. In 1995, the Expo will again be combined with the annual U of F Field Day which is expected to bring attendance well over the 500 mark. Congratulations to everyone involved on a very professional event!



*Dale Kuehner, South Florida External Vice President, is shown presenting a \$14,000 check to Paul Crawford for the support of the FGCSA Research Green.*

## 1994 SUNCOAST SCRAMBLE RESULTS

The Suncoast GCSA held its annual Suncoast Scramble April 16th at Venice Golf and Country Club. The event raised nearly ten thousand dollars, the majority of which will go to support the Florida Turfgrass Association, the Suncoast Scholarship Fund, and the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association. Bob Yount, Florida Turfgrass Association Executive Director, received a check for \$1,500 with more to come.

The results of the tournament were extremely close with only one stroke separating first from fifth place! Teams from Capri Isle GC, Venice G&CC, The River Club and Bradenton CC shared the glory with the team of Lee Bennett, David Ackley, Kevin Sullivan and Horace Sutcliffe taking first place.

The Suncoast GCSA would like to thank Helena/Vigoro, Mike Cook Nematode Control, Harrell's Turfgrass Supplies, Go-For-Supply, Southern Golf Products, Gold Kist, United Horticulture Supply, Golf Agronomics, ProGreens Deep Drill Aerification, CIBA Turf Products, Pro Equipment, Environmental Waterways and all other sponsors who made this event a great success.

## 13th Annual PBGCSA Future of Golf Tournament

The Palm Beach GCSA sponsored the 13th Annual Future of Golf Tournament at Emerald Dunes GC on June 11th.

Chip Fowkes, Golf Course Superintendent at Emerald Dunes, has hosted the tournament for the past three years. This was an especially difficult year for Chip for two reasons. #1 the weather! The course recorded 13 1/2 inches of rain during the 7 days prior to the tournament. However, Chip said that the toughest time wasn't trying to work in and out of the downpours, but rather having no equipment to use since his shop was broken into causing extensive damage to his equipment. Chip stated that if it wasn't for the help of the major equipment distributors in the Palm Beach area who loaned him what he needed, the tournament would have been called off. "That's what's so great about this profession. When you're down, you have friends in the industry who will bend over backwards to help you out."

The tournament set a record with profits of over \$11,000 to be donated to the FGCSA research green, Hook-A-Kid on Golf program, local scholarships, and other turfgrass related programs. The Palm Beach chapter would like to thank the Par 4 sponsors: Ag Resources/Helena/Vigoro, Area Paving and Excavation, Harrell's Inc., Liquid Ag, Pifer, Rhone Poulenc, and Southern Corporate Promotions and all 57 tee sign sponsors for helping to make this event a success.

The field was full with 132 players on 33 teams, composed mostly of turfgrass suppliers and superintendents. Mike Goldie, FGCSA lobbyist, was on hand to give an update on legislative matters, run the auction and give out prizes to the winners. The team from Ibis G&CC composed of Matt Turner, Mike James, David Rozek and Dave Price took the First Flight award while the winners of the Championship Flight were from the Breakers GC. The day was hot, but at least it didn't rain!

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