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GCSAA President Joseph Baidy, CGCS, with the help of the Board of Directors, cuts the ribbon to open the GCSAA trade show

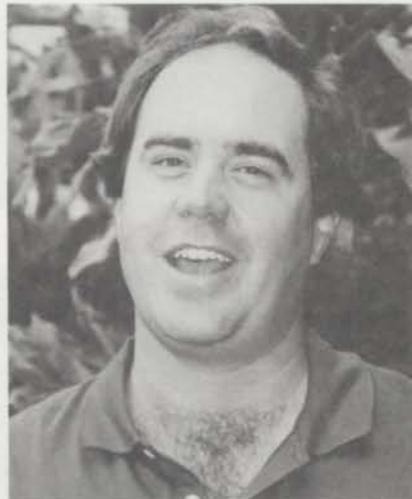
UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 1-3 | 49th Annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference, Tifton, Georgia | May 20 | Poa Annuu Classic, Naples Beach Hotel | June 13 | Everglades GCSA chapter meeting, Audubon CC |
| May 12 | South Florida GCSA chapter meeting, Oak Tree | May 21 | G. C. Horn Tournament | June 14 | West Coast GCSA chapter meeting, Seven Springs GC |
| May 13 | Treasure Coast GCSA 2nd Annual Blue Pearl Tournament, See page 3. | May 23 | Suncoast chapter meeting, Sara Bay CC | June 17 | PBGCSA 14th Annual Future of Golf Tournament, Emerald Dunes |
| May 15 | West Coast GCSA chapter meeting, River Hills GC | May 24 | GCSAA sponsored Equipment Manager Seminar at Lake City CC. Contact GCSAA for info. | June 21 | Palm Beach chapter meeting, Banyan GC |
| May 19 | Emergency Response Seminar sponsored by FGCSA, Naples Beach Hotel, 12:30 p.m. | May 24 | PBGCSA chapter meeting, Boca Del Mar CC | July 11 | GCSAA Regional Seminar co-sponsored by West Coast GCSA, Turfgrass Stress Management |
| | | June 12 | Central Florida Turf Field Day and Chapter Championship, Heathrow | Aug. 6-7 | Crowfoot Open, Bay Hill Club |

President's Message by Scott Bell

Busiest month of the year, Gentlemen's Invitational (my Member-Guest Tournament), Club Championship, The Masters, Tax Day... It must be spring in Florida. The cold days of February are behind us, the grass is growing again, and most of our courses look the best that they have looked. The ryegrass overseeders are looking for rain to perk it up or they are looking for a means to get rid of grass that treated them so kindly this past winter. April and May, what grand months. The Envirotron tournament, the Poa Annuua, The Blue Pearl (Hometown Favorite), all help to make these months enjoyable. So enjoy these months, play some golf, enter the tournaments. The summers can have some long hot days of renovation, re-building and building.

The past season has been interesting to say the least. The weather was arguably the worst that I can recall in the past ten years. February was cold all month and October through January was very wet. Cold and wet are a deadly combination. I had thin turf in areas that I had never had before and some areas did not re-



Scott Bell

cover until recently. From what I have heard, the winter took a worse toll on others. It seems that we have had more job changes in the past six months than we had in many years. Many of us were extremely shocked to hear that one very good superintendent's contract was not renewed because "the grass was not green enough after the cold weather". Sometimes it can be hard to keep a positive outlook on our profession when some clubs behave in this manner. I was equally surprised when someone close to me was laid off when his club decided

to clean house of all management staff. Some superintendents have had enough and they have changed careers. In spite of all of this, we must continue to think positively about our profession and stay united as an organization. No one else will do it for us. I have talked with other superintendents from around the country and things appear to be similar in other places. I know one superintendent who recently "jumped the fence" from superintendent to sales and now he complains about margins, competition and the joys of owning his own business when before he complained about members, grass and weather. I have had this discussion with other business people and everyone has bumps in their roads to success. The point is, we have a great profession, so enjoy it!

The FTGA recently made some tough business decisions. The elimination of one of the staff rattled the industry. It is not my place to comment on that particular action, however as president of a large organization I can definitely tell you that it must have been one long and hard decision. What I can say is that for those of us who are FTGA members — and we should all be — we need to support the current Board and officers since they are all trying to do the best for the industry. The FTGA has made some changes that will allow for more research to be funded and hopefully findings that will benefit us all.

Finally, many chapters have fundraising tournaments this time of year. Please support your local chapters in these events and support those who support these tournaments. Many of our suppliers support all of the various tournaments and events. Remember them in your future purchasing. I thought that the South Florida Turf Expo and IFAS Field Day was a great success. Attendance appeared to be high; the equipment Expo was great, and the education was plentiful. A special thanks goes to Marcus Prevatte for an outstanding job on the research green. The green is mowed at 1/8th inch and it looks fantastic. For those of you who have not seen it, you need to!

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Deadline next issue, June 15.

2nd Annual TCGCSA Blue Pearl Charity Tournament

The Treasure Coast GCSA will host their second annual charity golf tournament at the exclusive Loblolly Pines Golf Club. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 13, 1995. All players will go off at 9:00 a.m. in a shotgun start.

This event is a charitable function with proceeds going to benefit the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. The program comprehensively integrates conservation practices, habitat enhancement and environmental education into elementary and secondary schools by involving teachers, students and members of the local community in projects that create a sanctuary for wildlife and environmental conservation on the school property. Our goal is to adopt ten schools, one in each community from Vero Beach to Hobe Sound.

The tournament will be a four person scramble event. You can bring your own team or sign up individually. The cost is \$125.00 per player. During golf we will have a box lunch and an awards ceremony will follow. Trophies will be awarded in gross and net divisions.

The Hobe Sound Womens Club will be sponsoring the 1st Annual Helicopter Hole-in-One raffle where 1,000 numbered golf balls will be dropped onto a temporary green at Loblolly. The ball that goes in the hole or is closest to the pin wins \$1,000 cash. Other prizes will also be awarded. Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be obtained by calling Shelly Foy at 407-546-2620. Proceeds go to the Audubon Sanctuary Program for Schools as well as Scholarship and Education Fund.

Contact Bonnie at Loblolly Pines GC at 407-546-8700 for more information on the golf tournament and registration forms.

Palm Beach Chapter Update

The Palm Beach chapter's 14th Annual Future of Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 17, 1995, at Emerald Dunes GC. Format will be a 4-man scramble and is limited to the first 30 teams. Entry fee of \$75.00 per person includes cart and greens fee, buffet lunch, contests and door prizes. Call Robin Goodell at 407-498-5103 for registration package.

The Palm Beach chapter recently raised \$2,600 by serving as spotters for the PGA Seniors Championship Tournament held at the PGA Resort April 13-16. For the fourth year in a row, more than twenty Palm Beach members donated their time for the entire four day tournament in this successful fund raising event that has now become a tradition for the chapter.



North Florida GCSA Mike Richards Memorial Tournament

The Third Annual Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament held April 10th at the Hidden Hills Country Club in Jacksonville was another huge success. The capacity field enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of great golf and great scores! This year's winners were Low Net Don Branske and Rob Uselme with Low Gross going to Bill Fowler and Norman Pilote. Second Low Net to Jeff Haley and Dennis Ledger and Second Low Gross to Richard Martin and Don Delaney. Congratulations to all our winners and special thanks to our commercial sponsors.

FGCSA CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

Have your chapter's fundraisers listed in the Green Sheet. Send results and pictures to the FGCSA office.

1995 Poa Annua Weekend Activities

The Everglades chapter presents the 21st Annual Poa Annua Golf Classic weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st. Room reservations may be made directly with the Naples Beach Hotel at 1-800-237-7600.

The first scheduled activity is an FGCSA sponsored seminar entitled Emergency Response which will be held on Friday afternoon beginning at 12:30 p.m. The seminar is being conducted by Terry Henderson, educational instructor at DowElanco, who will demonstrate to attendees how to prepare for and respond to emergency situations on golf courses. The seminar has been approved by the GCSAA for .5 CEU's toward recertification and has a registration fee of \$35.00 before May 5th and \$40.00 after May 5th. You do not have to be playing in the Poa Classic or the G. C. Horn in order to attend the seminar.

Poa Classic to be played on Saturday this year

This year the Poa Classic will be played on Saturday! Play begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at the Naples Beach Hotel Golf Club. Entry fee is \$90.00 which includes your dinner ticket. After the Tournament, cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. with the "SouthWestern Fiesta" dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Award presentations and entertainment will follow dinner. Extra dinner tickets are available for \$40.00. Send checks and entry forms to EGCSA, P.O. Box 990422, Golden Gate, FL 33999.

Sunday is reserved for the G. C. Horn Memorial Tournament which will have an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$125.00 per 2-man team. Gold and Silver Sponsorships are available. Last minute sponsorships and registrations may be made by calling Dick Naccarato directly at 813-261-7815 or by contacting David Barnes at 813-324-2380.

Friendly Faces in Faraway Places

An Observation of the FGCSA Reception by Carol Thomas, CGCS

My week in San Francisco to attend the annual GCSAA meeting had gotten off to a hectic start with a two-day workshop beginning Monday morning followed by single day workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. I was ready to go home on Thursday night even though my plans called for me to return to Florida on Saturday. However, I wanted to attend the concurrent sessions, Certification luncheon and FGCSA reception on Friday. Despite being somewhat homesick and tired, all these events seemed like good reasons to spend another day in San Francisco.

My hunch proved correct as I saw many familiar faces and made new friends at the concurrent sessions and certification luncheon. The usual business and personal topics were exchanged amongst friendly hellos, handshakes and a few special hugs. After a busy Friday, it was time to hurry and get ready for the FGCSA reception. Second thoughts arose about attending after another long day, but in the spirit of camaraderie, professionalism, and showing support for the organization, I made my way over to the Marriott.

My spirits began to pick up on the way as I saw many familiar smiling faces all headed in the

same direction. Upon arrival at the reception site, Marie Roberts and Paul Crawford extended warm, personal welcomes. They were just the beginning of a first class presentation.

The room was set up so nicely with the bars and food stations spread around the room to prevent crowding and promote interaction. The food variety and presentation was outstanding, the band played a variety of music that appealed to all age levels.

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The ambience of the whole setting was just perfect to encourage everyone to extend friendly greetings, exchange information, ask questions and even make plans for meeting again back in Florida.

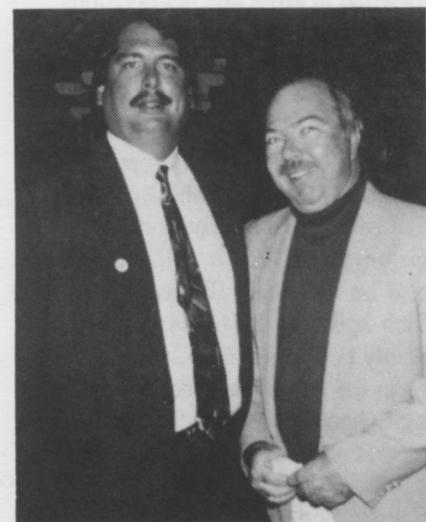
Many thanks should be extended to all the sponsors who contributed to the event and the FGCSA members, especially Marie, who worked so hard to make everything come together.

Importantly, while it was a nice social event, we cannot overlook the hidden values and benefits derived from bringing as many different professionals together under one roof at the same time. We did not have to worry about

phones, radios, or pagers.

Our club managers and greens committee members were not pulling us away to investigate another concern, there were opportunities to get to know colleagues better on a personal level to where you could feel comfortable asking for advice or assistance at a future date. The competing technical and sales representatives were cordial with each other and easily available to access information.

Overall, the FGCSA reception was the highlight of the week for all of us to network together in a faraway place and gather information that would help make us better professionals upon return home. Plan on attending the next one!



Paul Crawford greets Tom Benefield at the entrance to the FGCSA Reception at the San Francisco Marriott.

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GCSAA Convention Happenings

Gary Grigg, CGCS, superintendent at Royal Poinciana GC in Naples, was elected President of the GCSAA during the Conference and Show in San Francisco. Bruce Williams, CGCS, Bob O'Link GC in Illinois was vice president. Secretary/Treasurer is Paul McGinnis CGCS, from Arizona.

Directors are Dave Fearis, CGCS; George Renault, CGCS; Tommy Witt, CGCS; R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS; and newly appointed Michael Wallace, CGCS, Hop Meadow CC in Connecticut.

The Florida Green was selected Best Overall in Category 2 of the GCSAA Chapter Publications Contest. Congratulations to editor Joel Jackson, CGCS, and also to past editor, Tom Benefield, CGCS.

Scott Bell, FGCSA president, made presentations of \$5,000 to the GCSAA Foundation to continue our participation in the Platinum Tee Club and \$1,000 to the Musser Foundation as the FGCSA continues to support these programs.

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Eighth Annual South Florida GCSA Exposition Sets New Attendance Record by Dr. Monica Elliott, U of F Fort Lauderdale

Part of the record breaking crowd of over 400 attendees at the 8th Annual SFGCSA Expo are shown enjoying the equipment demonstration.



Special Thanks to Our Major Equipment Demonstrators:

Florida Coast Equipment
Hector Turf NuCrane
Kilpatrick Turf Pifer, Inc.

All the suppliers and equipment dealers who participated in the SFGCSA Turfgrass Exposition this year deserve a big "Thank You". Their donated funds provide for the salary of Marcus Prevatte who maintains the research greens at the University of Florida's Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center. None of the research and demonstration work conducted on these greens could be accomplished without his help.

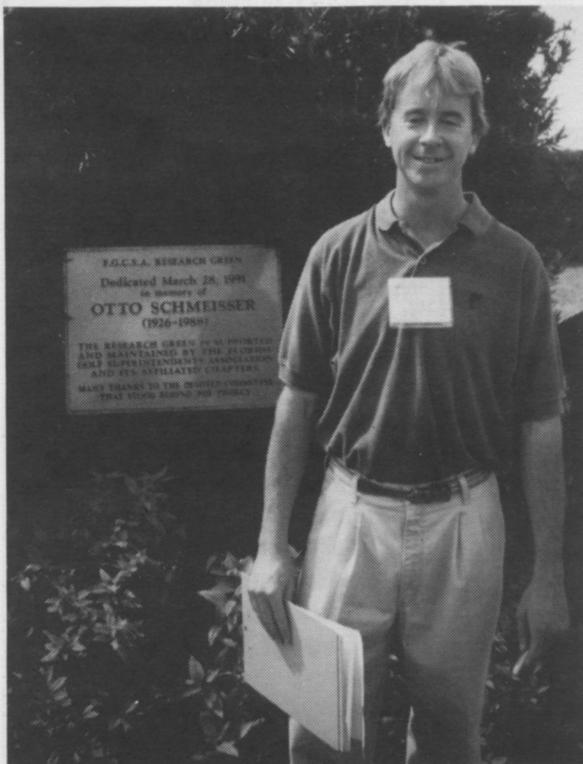
In the same way superintendents worry about their course before a big event, I can assure you that we worried about the research greens before the UF Field Day and SFGCSA Expo. Marcus is dedicated to their maintenance and observes everything. The research greens have the same problems that club greens have — blown irrigation heads, etc. Fortunately, the mole crickets were well-behaved for the Field Day!

It is also important to recognize those companies or clubs who have donated equipment, supplies or time this past year for maintenance of the research greens. These include the following:

- Golf Agronomics and Gooce Trucking - topdressing
- Harrell's Inc. - fertilizer
- Kilpatrick Turf - utility cart and greens mower
- NuCrane Machinery - triplex mower
- Pifer, Inc. - aerification
- LaGorce Country Club - used triplex mower

In addition, Deer Creek Country Club/Carolina Club, Haverland Turf Farms and Broken Sound Club have recently donated used green mowers. This will allow us to more easily maintain all the different grasses on the greens and to complete a mowing height study.

Thanks to everyone for making the past year a great success!!



Bob Klitz, CGCS, SFGCSA President, served as MC for the equipment demonstration portion of the Expo.

Newly Certified FGCSA Members

Allen Brissenden was born, raised and educated in South Africa. It was there that he became interested in the golf turf business while working in golf course construction. He moved to the United States in 1981 and continued his career in golf course construction. After helping build the Golden Ocala CC, Allen accepted his first Assistant Superintendent position at Temple Terrace G&CC. From there he moved to Country Way GC in Tampa for 2 1/2 years and has now been the Superintendent at Kissimmee GC for the past three years.

Allen believes the grasses are similar in South Africa and in Florida. He is glad to be in Florida and enjoyed the challenge of the GCSAA certification test. He is a member of the Central Florida chapter and received his certification status in October.

Danny Miller has been playing golf since the age of 12. He started working on the Rogala Public Links for Charlie Meaker in Matton, Illinois while still in high school. He credits Mr. Meaker for getting him accepted into Penn State where he earned his turfgrass degree.

After graduation he accepted a position at Lincolnshire Fields CC in Champagne and three years later became superintendent at a small nine hole private course in Illinois. He moved to south Florida in 1981 and served as Assistant Superintendent at Inverrary, Eastpointe CC and Quail Ridge. For the past seven years he has served as Superintendent at the Boynton Beach Municipal GC.

Becoming certified was a personal goal for Danny. He considered it a good refresher course on basics. It was also the fastest six hours he has ever seen! He suggests that all those preparing for the test pay special attending to reading the material and organizing your notes.

Danny is an active member of the Palm Beach GCSA and looks forward to playing lots of golf in the summer (too busy

in the winter!). Danny and his wife Robin have a two year old daughter, Marisa Marie.

Bill Lanthier began his turfgrass career working at Peach Valley CC in Spartanburg, SC while attending high school. He was involved in every phase of the industry and was eager to find a job at a good golf club when he moved to Florida in 1984. He found just the club he was looking for at Mariner Sands GC in Stuart where he worked for Kevin Downing and then for Dave Oliver. In 1989, he moved to North Palm Beach GC to accept the challenge of being involved in a massive reconstruction project at the municipal course. He stayed on as superintendent at North Palm Beach GC until this past year when he was pleased to be able to return to Mariner Sands, this time as head superintendent.

Bill serves on the board of directors of the Treasure Coast chapter and is also a member of the board of directors of the FGCSA. He has been traveling to Boca Raton at nights to earn his B.A. degree at FAU. It took 11 years, but he's done it! Bill met his fiancée, Nicole, at Mariner Sands and they plan to be married this year.



Chuck Gast (left) enjoys his last official duties with John Foy and the USGA.

Job Changes

Chuck Gast, formerly with the USGA, has accepted the superintendents position at Jupiter Hills Club.

Rick Cerner, formerly Assistant at Broken Sound is now Superintendent at Fisher Island Club.

Chip Fowkes has moved from Emerald Dunes GC to Frenchmens Creek GC.

Alex Kagnus has left the Presidents GC to join the supply side of the industry.

Gary Bennett, CGCS, has moved from Indian Creek CC to the President CC.

Bob Wagner has moved from World Woods of Golf to become superintendent at Golden Lakes G&CC in Ocala.

Tad Altman, formerly at the Marriott at Marco Island is now at Stonebridge CC.

Kevin Selsor, Assistant at Quail West is now superintendent at Worthington CC.

Wayne Kappauf, CGCS, has moved from Quail Run CC to Island Club on Marco.

Wayne Stewart is the new superintendent at the Marriott on Marco Island.

Jim Miller, formerly at Waterford GC is now superintendent on the Bobcat course at Plantation G&CC.

Mike Perham, CGCS, formerly at the Moorings in Vero Beach has accepted the position as superintendent at The Fountains GC in Lake Worth.

Ron Ford, formerly at Clewiston GC is now Assistant Superintendent at Laurel Oak GC in Sarasota.

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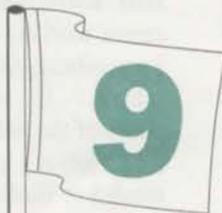
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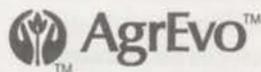
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