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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



The Equipment Demonstration always draws a large crowd at the South Florida GCSA Exposition in Fort Lauderdale. See related story and pictures on page 6.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5-7	51st Annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference, Tifton, GA	May 20	Suncoast chapter Annual Meeting, Sara Bay	June 18	Palm Beach chapter meeting, Atlantis GC
May 8	South Florida chapter meeting, Westview CC	May 21	West Coast chapter meeting, Summerfield GC	June 21	Palm Beach Tournament, Emerald Dunes GC
May 10	TCGCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, Loblolly Pines CC	May 21	Palm Beach chapter meeting, Banyan GC	July	Central Florida Annual Meeting, Lake Nona Club
May 16	FGCSA Seminar, Crisis Spokesperson Training, Naples Beach Hotel. Noon.	June 10	Everglades GCSA chapter meeting, Fiddlesticks	July 21	West Coast chapter meeting, Countryside GC
May 17	Poa Annua Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel	June 10	West Coast chapter meeting, Carrollwood	Aug. 6	GCSAA Regional Seminar, Enhancing Your Value as GCS
May 18	G. C. Horn Tournament Naples Beach Hotel	June	South Florida chapter meeting, Deering Bay CC	Sept. 4	GCSAA Regional Seminar, Lake & Aquatic Plant Mgmt.
		June	Central Florida Tourny, Falcon's Fire Golf Club	Sept. 5 - 7	FTGA Conference & Show, Tampa Convention Center

## President's Message by Dale Kuehner, CGCS

The difference between success and failure sometimes isn't determined by what you know. Like other things in life, many times it is who you know or who can you call. No matter how smart anyone is, nobody knows everything about everything. Many times it is more important to know where to find the correct answers.

In our profession we are fortunate to have many excellent sources of valuable information for us to access about almost anything. Education and the sharing of information among superintendents was the primary reason superintendent's associations were formed. When you have a problem or need some advice or help, most of the time you can pick up the phone and contact another superintendent. It is amazing what diverse backgrounds people in our business have. If you can't find the answers in your own neighborhood don't despair, there are plenty of other places to find what you are looking for.

If you need survey information or statistics about golf or golf maintenance, the GCSAA is an excellent clearinghouse of information. They will either be able to provide you with the information themselves or can find out where you can get it. The staff at GCSAA headquarters is truly a professional and helpful bunch. Ask them to help you with a problem and they seem to make it a personal mission to get the information to you as quickly as possible. The USGA is another source of excellent information. From pamphlets that explain maintenance practices to your members or techniques for green construction, they have a wide array of information for the asking. The USGA's most valuable information source though is their regional agronomists. Anyone who has talked to John Foy will agree that he can provide a wealth of information about the problems that are occurring on golf courses in any given area of the state. The USGA's Turf Advisory Service is a valuable tool to help sell your programs to your members or management. They provide a truly unbiased view of your course operation and the reputation of the USGA carries a lot of weight with most clubs. The FTGA is another valuable source of information. Members receive many informative



*Dale Kuehner, CGCS*

publications ranging from drugs in the workplace to writing an employee handbook. They also provide some very good worker safety posters among other services.

Another valuable source of information is our local suppliers and equipment vendors. Your local sales rep can provide information about many things.

Now that we are in the information age, knowledge is available at your fingertips. You can access a whole host of information from your computer. A good place to start is on GCSAA's web page. They have an excellent discussion forum and also provide links to other sites that may provide the answers you seek. Many of the major suppliers now have web pages that provide excellent product information. Universities also have web sites. They can provide an excellent place to either find information or locate a faculty member you can contact to get the information you seek. A good place to find obscure information on almost any subject is in the newsgroups also referred to as the Usenet. If you are looking for a particular topic on the Usenet, Deja News is a good place to start. This is a storehouse for all the messages sent to

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newsgroups on the Internet. They provide a search engine that allows you to find what you're after. You can find Deja News by searching Yahoo or another web search engine.

In our profession it seems that we are expected to know everything, and you can — if you only know where to look. Have a great spring and, as usual, if you have any comments, please feel free to give me a call.

### **Palm Beach Chapter Hosts 17th Annual Future of Golf Tournament**

This year will be the 17th Annual Future of Golf Tournament for the Palm Beach chapter. It will be held on Saturday, June 21st, 1997, at Emerald Dunes GC. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the tournament will go towards the following. The Palm Beach chapter will be giving two scholarships to turfgrass students and dependents, continue to fund our Otto Schmeisser Fund, the FTGA, the Research Green at IFAS, and Hook-A-Kid on Golf. We are presently speaking with Jan Beljan who is working with the Handicap Children's Golf Foundation to build a small golf course for handicapped children. When this project gets underway we have expressed an interest in helping to fund and direct various research projects in Palm Beach County. In the immediate future we have begun two Audubon Cooperative projects under the "Sanctuary of Schools" program. Kids Town, a day care center in Boynton, and Jupiter Farms Elementary have expressed an interest and are currently under consideration. Children and Education are clearly the Future of Golf.

If you need a registration form for sponsorship or to participate in the tournament, please call the FGCSA office.

As we go to press with this Green Sheet, 25 volunteers from the Palm Beach chapter are hard at work as spotters for NBC coverage of the PGA Seniors Tournament at PGA National GC in Palm Beach. The chapter has been fulfilling this service to NBC for the past five years and encourages other chapters to pursue this type of fundraiser by contacting tournament officials well in advance of the tournament. Not only does the chapter reap the financial rewards from NBC but all of the volunteers get to spend the weekend watching their favorite golfers play in an exciting tournament. Thanks to all 25 for volunteering their valuable spare time to participate in this worthwhile fundraiser.

### **Everglades Chapter Hosts Poa Weekend**

Once again the Everglades GCSA is presenting the Poa Annu Golf Classic weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on Friday, May 16th through Sunday, May 18th. Room reservations can be made directly with Group Reservations at 1-800-237-7600.

The FGCSA starts the weekend off with an 8:00 a.m. board meeting on Friday. All interested FGCSA members of all local chapters are invited to attend this morning meeting in the Sunset Terrace Room of the Naples Beach Hotel.

In the afternoon, the FGCSA seminar begins at 12:00 noon. This year's seminar features Dr. Tom Morgan who is touted to be an exciting, interesting and motivated speaker. His topic is "Crisis Spokesperson Training" and Dr. Morgan will be video recording several attendees in a "mock interview". This exercise will demonstrate the proper technique of handling yourself with the media. He will also use pre-recorded examples of past situations to help attendees understand the concept of crisis management. This seminar is one you will not want to miss and is open to anyone who has an interest in the subject. Registration fee is only \$35.00 before May 5th. You do not have to be playing in either the Poa or the G. C. Horn in order to attend the seminar.

The Poa Tournament will be held on Saturday at the Naples Beach Hotel golf course with an 8:30 shotgun start. Superintendent entry fee includes your dinner ticket for the Saturday evening barbeque. Jazz on the Green follows at 7:00 p.m.

The G. C. Horn Tournament will tee off at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Last minute sponsorships and registration forms for both the Poa and the G. C. Horn may be received by calling any of the Everglades GCSA board members.

### **Treasure Coast Chapter Hosts Blue Pearl Tournament**

The Treasure Coast GCSA will sponsor their Fourth Annual "Blue Pearl Charity Golf Tournament" on Saturday, May 10th at Loblolly Pines GC in Hobe Sound. Entry fee for the 9:00 a.m. shotgun event is \$125.00.

The Blue Pearl is a fund raising tournament committed to the education of environmental awareness. The Treasure Coast GCSA through the New York Audubon Society Cooperative Wildlife Sanctuary Program for schools funds environmental and ecological awareness programs in grade schools from Hobe Sound to Vero Beach.

Loblolly Pines is a certified Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary and as you play the course, you will see their efforts for preservation as well as restoration.

Registration forms for sponsors and players can be requested by calling Bill Lanthier at 561-283-3644 or Greg Pheneger at 561-231-1700.

## SF Exposition/ University of Florida Field Day Draws Crowd of Over 400

Thanks to the support of our loyal equipment demonstrators and sponsors, the 10th Annual South Florida Exposition was another spectacular success. The event is held yearly at the University of Florida Research and Education Center in Fort Lauderdale where the FGCSA maintains the Otto Schmeisser Research Green.

This year's event was held in conjunction with the U of F Field Day which increased the attendance figures to over 400 golf course superintendents, parks and recreation personnel, university personnel, and turfgrass vendors.

The Expo events included an hour and a half equipment demonstration followed by the opening of the booth area where 31 booth suppliers helped the crowd with answers to turf maintenance questions. University of Florida Field Day program included researchers giving tours of the facilities and updates on their research projects.

The SFGCSA raised over \$13,000 with this year's event thanks in great part to all the booth sponsors and the equipment dealers — Florida Coast Equipment, Hector Turf, Kilpatrick Turf and Pifer. Again this year a great majority of the booths have patronized this event from the beginning, ten years ago. The SFGCSA would like to thank Dr. Monica Elliott and her staff for organizing the Exposition.



Afternoon activities at the Expo included guided tours of the grounds with updates on research projects currently underway in Fort Lauderdale.



From left, Bill McKee, Loy Faulk, and Billy Entwistle, Jr.,-- all Past Presidents of the SFGCSA--continue to help their chapter by supporting the Expo.

## More Local Chapter Tournaments Double as Social Events and Major Fundraisers

### Central Florida Chapter:

The Windermere Country Club played host to the CFGCSA's 3rd Annual Danny Burgess Memorial Golf Tournament on March 24th.

The day began with Central Florida chapter president, Kevin Rotti, making a scholarship presentation to two Lake City turf students, Ken Maltby and Walter E. Wells. Eighty-eight golfers teed up for the shotgun start. Host superintendent Mark McKenna had the course ready for play and the wind added length to an already long layout. The winning team with a fine 58 was composed of Jeff Cotton, Mike Higginbotham, Todd Thomas and Lee Zellin. Second place went to the team of Michael Owen, Billy Griffith, Joey Brownsberger and Barry Shuman with a 60.

The CFGCSA would like to thank Mark McKenna, Windermere golf professional Mary Thomas, and the many corporate sponsors for making this tournament another financial success.

The Central Florida chapter also needs to be commended for volunteering their time as spotters for NBC Sports in their coverage of the Bay Hill Invitational. For the efforts of the 30 members who spent their weekend at Bay Hill, the Central Florida chapter received a \$2,000 contribution from NBC. Special thanks go to George Carroll for spearheading this fundraising event.

### North Florida Chapter

The 5th Annual Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament was held on April 7, 1997 at Jacksonville G&CC. This year the tournament was dedicated to the memory of Allan MacCurrach, Senior PGA Agronomist who passed away in January.

The 1996-97 recipient of the NFGCSA scholarship went to David Robinson who

accepted the \$3,000 scholarship during the awards presentation at this year's tournament. David is a second year turf student at Lake City Community College where he currently holds a 4.0 GPA. David is now serving as vice president of the student chapter of the FTGA and has worked at Longboat Key Club and River Wilderness CC. David's wife Kim and six month old daughter Kelsey support his goal of becoming a contributing member of the green industry. The NFGCSA wishes David and his family much luck in the future.

### Suncoast Chapter:

This year's Suncoast Scramble was another outstanding success with proceeds exceeding \$12,000.

The annual event sponsored by the Suncoast GCSA was held on Tuesday, March 18th at Misty Creek Golf and Country Club in Sarasota with Tom Crawford serving as host superintendent.

In keeping with the purpose "to inform, educate and promote a professional bond between those dedicated to the golfing industry within our area", the tournament uses a four man scratch scramble format with teams composed of a superintendent, pro, club manager and association member. We would like to congratulate the teams from Lake Venice and Sunrise Golf Club which turned in a fine 58 and also to Pelican Pointe, Gulf Gate and Laurel Oaks for their 59.

The Suncoast Board of Directors would like to thank all of the sponsors for this event whose loyalty enables this tournament to be such a success.

The Suncoast Golf Course Superintendents Association will hold their Annual Meeting at Sara Bay Country Club on Tuesday, May 20th. Members will be voting on some By Law changes that will enable the Suncoast chapter to fin-

ish their requirements to become an affiliated chapter of the GCSAA. Chapter officers will be elected at this meeting. Suncoast is one of the few chapters that requires a two year commitment from officers and so we congratulate those who are willing to give of their spare time to serve their fellow members.

### West Coast Chapter:

The West Coast GCSA recently hosted their 2nd Annual Benevolent Fund Golf Tournament at Cheval Country Club. A special thank you to Kirk Sowers for hosting this event. The golf course was in great condition and with the little wind that day it played very tough! Everyone should take example of Kirk's dedication, not only to his job, but to his profession. Keep up the good work.

An outstanding day was had by all. Special thanks to Eric Joy for his assistance and for taking care of the sponsor board. It should be noted that almost everyone who participated left with a prize. This is due to the hard work of chapter members who generated a tremendous number of contributions both in cash and in golf related articles. There cannot be another chapter that is able to list more than 100 donated items! Yes, that is over 100 donations!! Congratulations to Gerald "Mr. Lucky" Marquardt for winning the grand prize — 32" TV and entertainment center in the massive raffle that was held after golf.

The team of Eric Joy, Jeff Harrison, Blake Heydinger and Jerry Zimmer took 1st place net honors. Chip Lewison, Gary Lewison, Mike Cook and Jim Kinzch held on for 1st place gross honors.

The tournament raised over \$5,300 for the West Coast chapter's Benevolent Fund with donations still coming in. If any chapter is interested in starting a Benevolent Fund of their own for their chapter members, please feel free to contact Garth Boline, West Coast chapter president for help.

## Fifth Annual Envirotron Golf Classic

Beautiful weather greeted the full field of golfers teeing off for the Fifth Annual Envirotron Golf Classic on Monday, April 21st at the World Woods Golf Club. Host superintendent Steve Hritsko had the Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses ready for the challenge by preparing the courses, dealing with the hectic scheduling of the day, and the Post Tournament clean up. He and his staff are top shelf.

The success of this tournament is due to the hard work and dedication of the Seven Rivers GCSA Tournament Committee headed up by Glenn Oberlander. Glenn has shown the kind of dedication and willingness to give of himself and of this time that is rarely seen. Starting in September of each of the past five years, Glenn begins the voyage few of us would care to take. "If this phone rings again, I'm going to scream," becomes the battle cry by Mid April, so call Glenn now to say thanks and keep up the support.

Probably the most important participants in the success of this tournament are our Sponsors. Let us take this opportunity to list this years sponsors:

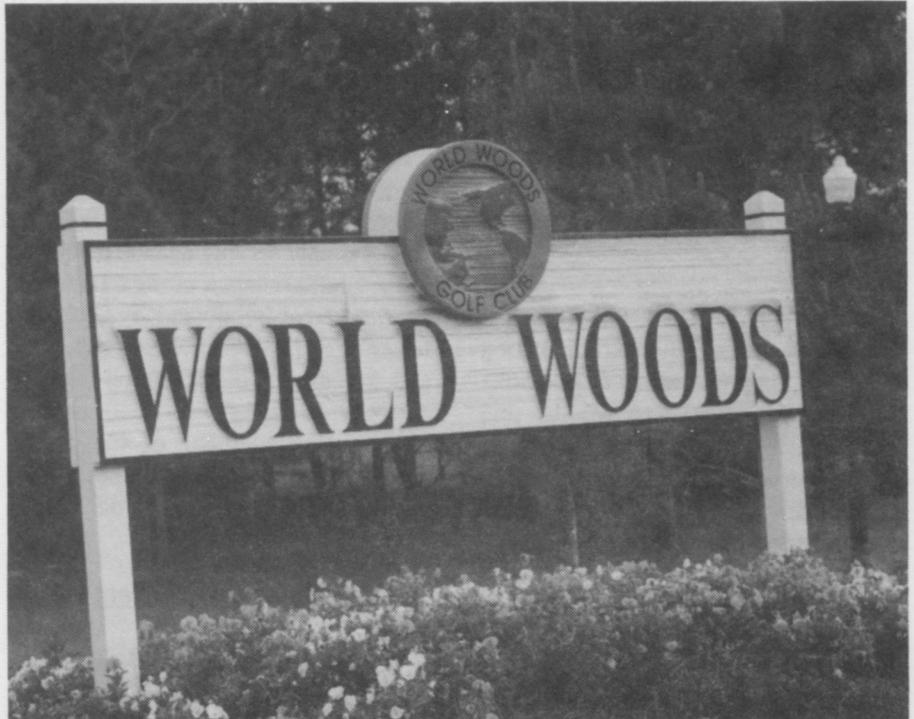
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Central Florida Turf  
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See the next issue of the FTGA Turf Digest and the FGCSA Florida Green for the results. Again, thanks to all who participated and **THANK YOU SPONSORS!!!**



### Ridge Invitational

This year's Ridge Invitational was the most successful of all. Over \$8,500 was raised thanks to our sponsors and participants in the tournament. Grasslands and Roy Wilshire, CGCS, proved to be an outstanding host for the sixth year in a row and, once again, the food and comraderie was outstanding.

There were 108 golfers in this years event; the competition was fierce. The Overall Gross champion with the score of 74 was Dale Reasch, CGCS, of Countryside CC. The champion in the Net Division was Joe Ondo, CGCS, of Winter Pines GC, with a 71.

We are pleased to report that the Ridge team won the chapter event and we are looking foward to defending our championship at the Poa next month. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this year's event.

## 1997 Legislative Session Report by Mike Goldie

"As we approach the midway point of the 1997 Session, I have prepared a list of bills effecting our members.

### WATER RESOURCES:

One of the most important issues and one which causes the most debate and disagreement is "minimal flows and levels" (MFLs). The term means the maximum sustainable usage of a water body or source which will still protect the environment, i.e., wildlife, etc. Who sets the MFLs, how are they set, and the impact of MFLs are the points of disagreement.

#### **HB 715 Rep. Laurent:**

- Addresses the establishment of MFL's, including requirements that DEP or WMDs develop strategy to aid in the recovery of water resources that have fallen below their MFL;
- Address WMD appointment, budgeting and personnel issues, including requirement that the Governor appoint the executive directs of each WMD;
- Specifies that WMDs are responsible for water resource development;
- Establishes criteria by which water-use permits can be issued for up to 20 years and;
- Promotes "Local Sources First".

#### **HB 1321 Rep. Bitner:**

- Specifies criteria for DEP/WMD establishment of MFLs, including a requirement that those agencies offset any advisers impact to existing permitted water users, or other legal users, due to adoption of an MFL prior to implementation.

- Declares that water resource development is the responsibility of the WMDs and water supply development is the responsibility of local governments, utilities, regional water supply authorities and special taxing districts; and

- Directs DEP/WMDs to offset any adverse impact to existing permitted water users, or other legal users, due to adoption of a reservation of waters, by developing and funding sufficient water supply, prior to implementing a reservation.

This is the "Coalition" Bill.

#### **HB 1339 - Rep. Goode:**

- Establishes linkages among the Florida Water Plan, District Water Management Plan, and Regional Water Supply Plans
- Specifies what constitutes water resource development and water supply development, and who is responsible for each;
- Addresses WMD budget submission to the Governor, and
- Directs Public Service Commission to presume as correct or prudent when determining rates those costs which a utility incurs in order to comply with DEP or WMD environmental permitting requirements.

This is the Governor's bill.

### TAXES:

#### **HB 209 - Rep. Ziebarth**

This bill exempts sales tax on farm equipment over a three year period (turf farming.)

### New FGCSA Members

**John Drossos**, Class B, Zephyrhills GC, Zephyrhills  
**Shawn Murphy**, Class A, Bay Tree GC, Winter Haven  
**Mark Pincket**, Class A, Raintree Golf Resort, Fort Lauderdale  
**Paul Wargo**, Class A, Sabal Trace GC, North Port  
**Charles Bess**, Class A, Betmar Acres Club, Zephyrhills  
**David Datema**, Class A, Golf and Sea Club, Apollo Beach  
**Eric Kellum**, Class C, Pebble Creek CC, Tampa  
**David Wilson**, Class A, Sun Aire CC, Haines City  
**Damian Falso**, Class B, Villa del Ray, Wellington  
**John Luper**, Class A, Grenelefe Resort  
**Scott Corwin**, Class A, Belleview Mido GC  
**Ashley Wilkenson**, Class C, Pine Tree GC, Boynton Beach  
**Tom Gerlach**, Class B, Lone Pine GC, West Palm Beach  
**Mark Petsch**, Class B, Golden Bear, North Palm Beach  
**Thomas Paulson**, Class C, Bear Lakes, West Palm Beach  
**Aki Polvikoski**, Class B, The Fountains GC, Lake Worth  
**Pasi Pussinen**, Class B, The Fountains GC, Lake Worth

### Newly Certified Golf Course Superintendents

Tom Vlach, Pine Tree GC, Boynton Beach, earned his certification status in November.

Ron Wright, CC of Mobile, Alabama received his certification in April. Even though Ron has moved out of state, his heart remains in Florida.



**FGCSA Board Meeting: Friday, May 16th, 8:00 a.m.,  
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