

# THE GREEN SHEET

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Jim Goins, CGCS (right), President of the South Florida chapter presents a \$22,500 check to Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG, FGCSA President, for the Research Fund. The check represents the proceeds from the 15th Annual South Florida Exposition held at the University of Florida/IFAS Center in Fort Lauderdale in March.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 11 | Everglades Annual Meeting, Tiburon G&CC        | July 22 | West Coast Annual Meeting, Cypress Run GC, Tarpon Springs | Aug. 2      | FGCSA Annual Meeting, Villas of Grand Cypress                        |
| July 14 | Central Florida Annual Meeting, Lake Nona Club | July 23 | Suncoast GCSA meeting, Longboat Key Club                  | Aug. 2 - 4  | Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress                          |
| July 16 | Calusa chapter meeting, Copperhead GC          | July 24 | Treasure Coast Annual Meeting, North Palm Beach           | Aug. 20     | Suncoast GCSA meeting, Long Marsh GC                                 |
| July 16 | Seven Rivers chapter meeting, Ocala GC         | July 25 | Palm Beach GCSA Annual Meeting, Addison Reserve           | Sept. 16-18 | FTGA Conference, Hyatt Hotel, Tampa                                  |
| July 22 | SFGCSA Annual Meeting, Deering Bay Y&CC        | July 29 | North Florida chapter meeting, Timuquana CC               | Oct. 2      | GCSAA/PBGCSA Regional Seminar, "Seashore Paspalum" Dr. Ronnie Duncan |

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## President's Message Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

My term as President of this Association is almost over and this will be my last Presidents message. I have left Marie hanging to the final whistle hoping that one last highly motivational and deep thought may enter my head.

I have pondered analogies between our team of professionals and those of our National Football (soccer to you) Team now playing in Japan and Korea. Craig Weyandt at the Poa meeting asked me how I thought our team would fair in the competition against world-class opponents. I confidently said that I expected us to get through the group stage, which we did, and now after beating Mexico we will face Germany in the quarterfinals. Not since the World Cup in 1930 has America made it this far; unfortunately I think that may be the end of the road.

One thing that can be noted from this team is that unlike most teams at the World Cup whose star players are making millions and are household names, we have a group of guys that are relatively unknown, playing their hearts out for a country the majority

of which hasn't the faintest idea of what is happening.

So, what has this got to do with our Association? Well let's see,...managed by volunteers working hard for the benefit of all and overlooked for the most part by others.

At the Poa meeting a consensus was reached that we have to do more to promote our profession and ourselves by stepping up our pro-active approach to the issues. We must get our message out and we will be looking at ideas to train individuals who can interact with other entities to achieve this. Joel cannot be everywhere.

In my first message I spoke of the need for us all to be involved and this will always hold true. You have an obligation to this profession and your employer to understand the issues that affect us. Your chapter leaders have the responsibility to report back to you from State Board meetings, and you have a responsibility to them to see that they represent the views and concerns of your chapter.

With about 45 days to go I have three chapters left on my tour and as I finish this message I will be on my way to visit the



*Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG*

Seven Rivers Chapter, then to make plans on attending the Suncoast and Coastal Plains chapters.

Unfortunately, my visit to the Suncoast chapter will not be the same. Tom Crawford who passed away recently was one of those Superintendents you looked forward to meeting. He always had a smile and it was a pleasure to chat with him. Tom and I served as External VP's together on the board and we all appreciated his involvement. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know him.

### **FGCSA Annual Meeting to be held Friday, August 2nd**

The 2002 FGCSA Annual Board Meeting will be held on Friday, August 2nd, at the Grand Cypress Villas Executive Meeting Center.

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the Summer Board Meeting so starting time should be approximately 4:00 p.m. We encourage and welcome all members of the Florida GCSA to make an effort to attend this meeting.

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Deadline next issue: August 15.

## What's Up D.O.C.?

by Joel Jackson

**Don't forget to visit our FGCSA Website: [www.floridagcsa.com](http://www.floridagcsa.com)** - for the latest news and upcoming events or to contact the association. Submit your news of meetings and events to me so I can post them. Any new information is posted on the weekends. Other websites of interest to FGCSA members include: Central Florida - [www.cfgcsa.com](http://www.cfgcsa.com); Everglades - [www.evergladesgcsa.com](http://www.evergladesgcsa.com); and Palm Beach - [www.pbgcsa.com](http://www.pbgcsa.com).

**1. Government Relations:** I am serving on the GCSAA Government Relations Committee this year and we had our first meeting via conference call on June 12th. The issue of EPA's handling of pesticide re-registration in light of Dursban, Namacur and now fungicides came up and will most likely lead to another call devoted to that topic entirely. All agreed we needed a better game plan than 11th hour grass roots campaigns after manufacturers have struck out in closed door meetings. I suggested we lobby very strongly for end user participation throughout the process.

One interesting tidbit picked up was that the Mid-Atlantic GCSA hosted a meeting with 30 EPA officials at a local Maryland golf club last year and they reported major breakthroughs in understanding by EPA staffers. I am suggesting that the Mid-Atlantic group might think about inviting reps from other chapters to attend to help more parts of the country interact with a large number of EPA folks. Of course the Maryland location is ideal for EPA to take a much needed "get out of the office and into the real world trip".

The Florida GCSA will have an opportunity to become a regular sponsor and have a site visit on the annual Legislative Tour hosted by Florida Agricultural groups. This is a group that should be an issues alliance partner anyhow. Tim Hiers volunteered this past April and hosted the touring regulators from Florida and U.S. EPA as they toured Ag sites in SW Florida.

GCSAA reports that the Greens and Grass Roots session in Atlanta will focus on the

Americans with Disabilities Act and will have a wide spectrum mix of speakers on the panel that will help superintendents learn the answers to many questions on how to make your course barrier free and also tap the market of challenged golfers who want to participate in the game.

**Water** - Stuart Bozeman's short version of the new SWFWMD rules is that it looks like they have provided a lot more flexibility and common sense with regard to golf course irrigation practices. Those who can't figure out and abide by irrigation BMPs and have trouble sticking to your permitted amounts can fall back on the day of the week method. The usual exemptions for chemical and fertilizer applications and new plantings remain valid and all regular irrigation should be limited to the before 10 AM and after 4 PM times except for emergency hand watering.

**2. Education:** There will be a 1/2 day GCSAA seminar in Tampa at the FTGA Conference on Monday, September 16th. Speaker, Dr. Bob Carrow, U of GA, his topic - "14 Ways a Green Can Fail." We will also have a special panel of golf course architects Jan Beljan, Mike Dasher and Ron Garl speaking on golf course design and environmental impacts with emphasis on water use, turf areas, native areas, and maintenance costs. Make plans to attend the 50th Anniversary of the FTGA Conference and Show Sept. 16-18 in Tampa.

For those needing CEU's, The Palm Beach GCSA will co-host a one day GCSAA Regional Seminar on Wednesday, October 2nd. The seminar is entitled "Seashore Paspalum Management on Golf Courses," presented by Dr. Ronnie Dunan, University of Georgia.

**3. Media/Public Relations** - The Everglades GCSA hosted a two day event on May 22-23, 2002 with Dr. Tom Morgan and Dr. Michael Coffman. In the Answering the Activist program on Day 1, the duo made a tag-team presentation showing the continuing evolution and escalation of activism and media's symbiotic role in broadcasting the bad news - not just the facts. It's the story that counts, not the truth or actual perspective.

On Day 2 Dr. Morgan led a concentrated session on how the media works and how to work with the media. He did several mock interviews with the 7 attendees to give them a feel of how the process works and how to manage the interview to your advantage.

**4. Chapter Events** - The 27th Annual Poa Annuia May 9 - 12 at the Naples Beach Club wrapped up the busy spring season of fund raisers. If you are a regular attendee you know the drill. If you haven't made it there yet, you really should give it a try next year. It is a great event if you can get the family to come along or it's a great gathering place for friends and peers to catch up on what's happening. This year the Everglades Chapter once again swept the Team Event out manning most of the competition. Bob Harper of the South Florida Chapter won the Low Gross Event and will be eligible for the FGCSA Golf Team #1 at the GCSAA Championships at Hilton Head in early 2003.

**5. Research** - The Florida Golf Economic Impact study is in its last week or two of peer review at the University of Florida and should be released soon. There will be some very interesting numbers coming out of that survey which will be very helpful in telling the positive story of what golf does for the state of Florida.

"Necessity is the mother of invention" or so they say. We are awaiting final word on support funding for Dr. Billy Crow's two year study on alternatives for Namacur, which will take a comprehensive look at 12 products over a two year period.

Meanwhile Curfew injection on greens is being looked at seriously by Dow AgroSciences and other older ag chemicals are being looked at in a new way for possible turf applications.

**6. Miscellaneous** - Yours truly and family are headed to Minnesota for a week to play tourist. Highlights will include a quick stop at National (or is it World?) Lumberjack Championships in nearby Hayward, WI (quit snickering) and a trip to the very headwaters of the Mississippi River at Lake Itasca, MN where it is no more than a babbling brook.

The Spring 2002 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th at Naples Beach Club.

Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Craig Weyandt - Research Chairman; Jim Goins - South Florida GCSA President; Samantha Kreisch - Calusa Association Manager; and Todd Lowe, USGA.

Geoff Coggan began the board meeting with a moment of silence for Tom Crawford, Suncoast chapter president, who passed away last week due to a massive heart attack. Tom had served on the FGCSA board as External Vice President for three years and was active in his chapter for many years as GCSAA Voting Delegate.

Drs. Gregg Storey and Greg Pagano of Bayer Corporation were then given the floor to address the FGCSA Board to thank all superintendents who helped with the Namacur situation. Dr. Storey thanked Joel Jackson in particular for his diligence in attending meetings, being part of conference calls and spreading the word to other superintendents to contact the EPA to inform them of how much the product means to the turf industry. As a result of the superintendents input in educating the EPA, Bayer has submitted a request to voluntarily cancel all uses of fenamiphos which has resulted in a phase out until May 30, 2005. Bayer will continue to manufacture and distribute fenamiphos during this phase out period. To show their appreciation, Bayer will be sponsoring a dinner for all board members immediately following today's board meeting. In addition, Bayer has committed to fund research at the University of Florida to investigate the possibility of finding a new nematicide to replace Namacur.

Following the Bayer presentation, Steve Farrington of Dow AgroSciences spoke to the Board by telephone to inform the Florida superintendents about their discussion with the DEP regarding Dursban. Dow is prepared to work together with the FGCSA for the benefit of both groups to obtain favorable legislation. Dow has a speakers bureau to help chapters become more aware of pesticide legislation and understand the relationship between the scientists and the legislators in their role as regulators. Steve noted that Erica Santella is working with the FPPA to obtain this same goal.

The minutes of the Winter 2002 Board Meeting were approved.

**AWARDS:** Two nominations for DSA and five nominees for Presidents Awards for Lifetime Service were received prior to the board meeting. The FGCSA Executive Council will meet after today's board meeting to make a decision on the nominees.

**FINANCIAL DECISIONS:** Greg Pheneger then took the floor to explain his recent discussions with Rick Mills, our FGCSA Accountant. Rick suggested that we combine the Operating Account with the Publications Account but still keep the Research funds in a second account. Rick also suggested that the ideal reserve for our association would be a six month reserve to cover Operation expenses and all publication costs. Greg calculated that we would need \$159,000 to meet this reserve figure. Since we currently have \$111,500 in our reserves, he has suggested that we transfer \$47,500 from the excess funds in our Operations to a reserve status. Rick suggested 2/3 of the reserve should be in C.D.'s and 1/3 in Money Market.

As a result of Greg's presentation, three motions were made and approved. They were, (1) Combine Operating and Publications into one account; (2) Keep a six month Reserve for Operation expenses and publication costs; (3) Take the needed dollars from the current Operations Account to be put into the reserves.

Greg then showed the board a five year projection of income and expenses for all FGCSA funds using an Excel spread sheet and a 3% increase each year. As a result of this five year projection, it was determined that the FGCSA is in good financial position and does not need a dues increase this year. Greg suggested that a similar projection be made at each year's winter board meeting to determine the need for a dues increase on an annual basis. This will be added to the list of duties for the Sec/Treas in our FGCSA Standard Operations Manual.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Greg then presented the current financial statements for the third quarter of the fiscal year. The statements were approved. The budget worksheet for the 2002-2003 was discussed with final approval of the budget to be made at the next board meeting. Joel Jackson made suggestions for keeping the costs of the Florida Green down by several different measures but is determined to keep the magazine up to a level that all Florida superintendents can continue to be proud of. He reminded the board that the Florida Green is a great public relations tool for us. Joel will continue to monitor the Florida Green account to be sure that we do not have to dip into the reserves.

**D.O.C. REPORT:** Joel discussed water restrictions and it was noted that the St. John's River WMD Chairman is receptive to the golf industry. Joel expressed his disappointment with the poor response from the Economic Impact Study while board members pointed out that the survey did not necessarily go to the superintendent at all clubs. Joel noted that Dr. Haydu said that the responses were statistically significant enough to project sound information.

Craig Weyandt reported on his response to a local radio station's claim that golf courses were degrading the Indian River Lagoon.

Joel then discussed a Pro Active Legislative, Media and General Public Awareness saying that there is a definite need to get chapters involved with regulatory agencies in their own legislative districts. Are chapters willing to get ahead of the curve by assigning someone to be Pro-active. Joel mentioned that the Everglades chapter is taking the first step in this direction by hosting a Spokesperson Training to be held on May 23rd. He also noted that he has been invited to participate in the Ag Tour in Tallahassee next year.

Joel reported that Tim Hires has been invited to attend a Golf and the Environment Conference in June. A motion was made that if Tim does attend this Conference, the FGCSA will fund his participation up to a maximum of \$1,200. The motion was approved.

A discussion was held about the sudden death of Tom Crawford, past FGCSA board member, chapter president and young father. A motion was made to have the FGCSA donate \$1,000 to the fund that has been set up for the education of Tom's two young children. The motion was approved.

**PUBLICATIONS:** David Court gave a report of the Publications Committee meeting held on March 21st. A decision was made at the meeting to increase current advertising rates by 10% this year and then at a rate of 2% each year. The Committee also discussed various printing processes, use of envelopes, and ratio of ads to editorial content without lowering the quality of the magazine. It was decided to keep a 50/50 goal of ads to editorial and to continue using an envelope for mailing. The Committee decided to put a disclaimer in the current media kit to insure superintendent image is upheld by advertisers. It was suggested that all chapter External Vice Presidents take on the job of putting Hands On requests in their monthly chapter newsletters. The Hands On Topic for the Summer issue is Long Range Planning and Maintenance Standards with a May 30th deadline. The Fall issue will be Green Speed Management and the deadline for superintendents to submit their input is August 15th.

David reported that he will be representing the FGCSA in Kansas at the GCSAA Chapter Leadership Conference to be held on May 21st and 22nd. Other Florida superintendents representing their chapters will be Bob Harper, South Florida GCSA and Jim Sharp, West Coast GCSA.

**FTGA:** David Court reported that Jane Rea is no longer at the FTGA. A new administrator has been hired to run the office while an outside firm has been contracted to run this year's Conference which will be held from September 16 - 18 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Tampa. The Golf Tournament will be held at Sun City. A motion was made that the FGCSA sponsor the GCSAA seminar at the FTGA for a sponsor fee of \$500. The motion was approved.

Joel and David reported on the movement of the UF research plots from the Gainesville campus to the Ocala area and

reported that the Committee is still gathering information on the future of the Fort Lauderdale research plots.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Dale Walters and Joel discussed the Water Symposium events in Naples and noted that Tim Hiers had participated in a panel discussion during the symposium. Use of effluent water and other environmental issues were part of the program.

**EDUCATION:** John Lammrish noted that 45 superintendents have pre-registered for tomorrow's seminar by Dr. Max Utsler. This figure is about average for the Poa seminar. John asked all chapters to continue to notify him when they have scheduled a GCSAA Regional seminar. John also reported that the FGCSA has reserved a GCSAA Leadership Seminar for the next fiscal year. The GCSAA pays the speaker fee while the chapter will cover expenses. We will probably use this seminar at next year's Poa.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Two applicants were considered for Lifetime Membership. Joe Snook from the Treasure Coast chapter was approved but Michael Swanson was disapproved because he did not meet the requirements of being a long time superintendent.

Joe Pantaleo reported that the FGCSA recruitment brochure and a membership application were mailed with the Spring 2002 Florida Green to non-member clubs within the state of Florida. All External Vice Presidents will be receiving a list of these clubs to contact by phone so that the superintendent may be invited to your next chapter meeting. He also congratulated all chapter membership chairmen and secretary/treasurers for submitting new members to FGCSA. The FGCSA has exceeded its 2002 membership goal with membership now standing at 1,138 Class A, B and C members.

**RESEARCH:** Darren Davis announced that Dr. Crow's proposal submitted to the GCSAA Research Program by the Florida GCSA for co-funding was approved. The GCSAA and the Florida GCSA will co-fund this \$34,000 two year project at the rate of \$8,500 each year for both entities.

Darren discussed the U. S. Department of Agriculture ARS Turfgrass Research program as included in the USDA package included with the FGCSA board meeting agenda. The first document outlines current and future high priority turf research needs. The second document from Kevin Morris, NTEP Executive Directory, discusses federal funding for turfgrass research. This document urges a concerted effort by all individuals and groups in the turf industry to help in obtaining this funding. Darren urged all External Vice Presidents to use the sample letter included in this package (or prepare your own letter) to be sent to the individuals listed on the attached list of congressional leaders. Darren suggested that you fax your letter to the individuals on the Agricultural Appropriations Committee and then follow up with a hard copy. He noted that Mike Goldie has already responded to Darren's phone call by contacting Rep. F. Allen Boyd to inform Rep. Boyd about the importance of turfgrass research to our Florida superintendents and the turf industry.

Craig Weyandt reported that the FTGA will be sending requests for research proposals out to the University of Florida researchers and expects to have a list of these grant requests by the beginning of June. Craig will supply a list of current projects being funded by the FTGA for our next board meeting.

**GCSAA RECEPTION:** Mike Perham was unable to attend the board meeting but sent word that the excess funds raised for the Orlando reception will be kept in reserve for this years Atlanta reception or the expenses of the Orlando 2005 reception.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Darren Davis suggested that the FGCSA office send a "Cheat Sheet" with the board minutes to all External Vice Presidents to help them make a more effective presentation to their chapter members and to be included in their chapter newsletter. Darren also asked Externals to bring back questions and/or suggestions from their chapter.

Darren then discussed the Long Range Planning Meeting held in 1997 and was pleased to announce that the FGCSA has  
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...continuation of Spring board minutes.

accomplished all of the goals suggested at that two-day meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The contract with lobbyist, Mike Goldie, will be expiring at the end of July. A discussion was held as to the need for his services with our Florida legislators. It was suggested that the FGCSA officers should give Mike more specific duties in addition to those he is already performing. Darren and Joel both announced that Mike has responded very quickly to the projects or problem areas that he has been called upon to work on in the past year. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to enter into negotiations with Mike Goldie to extend his contract for another year. The motion passed.

South Florida President Jim Goins presented a check for \$22,500 to the FGCSA research fund. This represents the profits from this year's SFGCSA Exposition. Funds raised go to pay the salary of the technician maintaining the research plots at the IFAS Fort Lauderdale site.

Buddy Keene, External Vice President of the Seven Rivers chapter, announced that this year's Environ Tournament raised the sum of \$55,000 net thanks to the generosity of World Woods GC and their long-time sponsors.

Eric Joy, External Vice President of the West Coast chapter, reported that their chapter president is no longer currently employed as a superintendent. He asked a determination of the By Laws regarding this. The By Laws that all affiliated chapters have signed includes an item that states "All officers and a majority of the entire Board of Directors shall be GCSAA Class A or B members." The matter was then referred back to West Coast chapter.

Geoff Coggan discussed a date and time for the Summer Board Meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, August 2nd to begin with a luncheon at noon at the Grand Cypress Villas clubhouse. The FGCSA Annual Board Meeting will be held immediately following.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



**Thomas Patrick Crawford  
Memorial Tournament  
Scheduled for Monday,  
July 29th, at Bradenton CC**

**Crowfoot Open Set for  
Sunday, August 4th**

The Central Florida chapter has announced plans for the 26th Annual Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open to be played on Sunday, August 4th at Grand Cypress Golf Club with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start on the North/South and East Courses. There will be a luncheon and prizes after completion of the round.

Practice round will be available on Saturday, August 3rd at \$40.00 for superintendents and \$60.00 for commercial members plus sales tax. Grand Cypress GC is a spikeless facility.

Activities begin Saturday with a 7:00 p.m. cocktail reception at the Executive Meeting Center at the Villas. The entry fee of \$100 includes the cocktail reception on Saturday evening and the events on Sunday.

Accommodations are available at the Villas for \$150.00 per bedroom plus applicable taxes by contacting the Villas directly at 1-800-835-7377. Ask for the Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot superintendent rate.

Entry forms are available from the FGCSA office or by contacting superintendent Tom Alex at 407-239-1948.

**Heart Attack Claims  
Suncoast's Tom Crawford**

Tom Crawford, president of the Suncoast chapter and former golf course superintendent at Misty Creek Country Club in Sarasota, died May 5 of a heart attack. He was 38.

An industry leader in the Sarasota area, Crawford was best known as the most recent organizer of his association's annual Suncoast Scramble tournament which not only raised thousands of dollars for turfgrass research and local charities, but fostered closer working ties among all segments of the golf industry. "This is one chapter that really reaches out to build superintendent relationships with golf pros, club officials and the community," wrote Joel Jackson. "This sense of community makes the Suncoast Chapter one of the most stable in our business." The event celebrated its 20th anniversary in March and Crawford organized and hosted the event "for at least the last six years."

A native of Meadville, Pa., Crawford came to Florida from Pennsylvania in 1983. After receiving his degree from Lake City Community College, Tom served as superintendent at Plantation G&CC in Venice. He transferred to PGA National in Palm Beach in 1991 and then returned to the Suncoast area to become head superintendent at Misty Creek in 1994. He served on the Florida GCSA Board as External Vice President for the Suncoast chapter from 1996 to 1999. Tom became President of the Suncoast chapter in 2001.

Crawford became ill late Sunday evening, May 5th and was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. He had a history of health problems related to heart disease. Crawford is survived by his wife, Kathy and two daughters, Kasey and Kirby.

The Suncoast chapter is planning a Thomas Patrick Crawford Memorial Scramble set for Monday, July 29th at Bradenton CC. Tournament is limited to the first 40 four man teams. Fee is \$300 per team with proceeds to benefit the Kasey and Kirby Crawford Scholarship Fund. Contact the FGCSA office for registration forms or John Van Vranken at (941)741-8482.

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**Mediterra Receives Audubon International Certification**

Mediterra has been certified as the world's first private 36-hole Audubon International Silver Signature Sanctuary, according to Nancy Richardson, Signature program director for Audubon International. Mediterra is the 1,697 acre master-planned community being developed by The Bonita Bay Group in North Naples.

The certification includes the two Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses--The South Course, which opened in December 2000 and the North Course which opened in January.

"The North Course departs from most others in several areas," said Scott Whorrall, Mediterra's Director of Golf Course Operations. "On this North Course, ninety percent of the plants, trees and vegetation are native. We created and enhanced the natural areas and wildlife habitat with materials transplanted from areas within the community where roads or other infrastructure were constructed, vegetation that would have otherwise been lost during construction. This dramatically reduces, and in most areas eliminates, watering and pest control, because native plants are pest resistant.

The North Course was designed with soft mounding areas and subtle lines with no artificial features, such as railroad ties, waterfalls or retaining walls. "The result is a golf course that looks like it is part of the natural Southwest Florida setting," Whorrall added.

**Local Chapters Nominate Lifetime Service Awards**

Five Florida GCSA President's Awards for Lifetime Service will be given to deserving candidates at local chapter meetings this year. Recipients are:

Central Florida -Stuart Leventhal, CGCS Interlachen CC and past president of the chapter; Everglades GCSA - Tim Hiers, CGCS, Old Collier GC and past president of Everglades and the Florida GCSA; North Florida chapter -Tom Cowan, Wesco Turf Supply; Ridge chapter - David Barnes, past president of Ridge chapter and the Florida Turfgrass Association; and Treasure Coast chapter - Kevin Downing, CGCS, Willoughby GC and past president of the Treasure Coast and the Florida GCSA.



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Lakeland, Florida-Golf Ventures is pleased to announce the addition of Jason Gray as Territory Manager for the Naples/Ft. Myers area that consists of Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry and Collier counties. Jason comes to Golf Ventures from Pro Source One and we feel his experience will be a great asset to the Golf Ventures Team.

Jason has over 20 years experience in the Turf and Ornamental Industry and most recently he was a Territory Manager in this same area with Pro Source One. Jason is a member of the Everglades and Calusa Chapters of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Jason received his degree at Florida State University. Jason and his wife Lisa have two children, Christine 6 years old and Bryant 3 months, and they reside in Cape Coral, Florida.

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Lakeland, Florida-Golf Ventures is pleased to announce the addition of Scott Ford as Territory Manager for Southwest Florida area that consists of Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry and Collier counties. Scott joins another Golf Ventures Territory Manager, Jason Gray, to cover Southwest Florida. Scott comes to Golf Ventures from Southern States and we feel his experience will be a great asset to the Golf Ventures Team.

Scott has over 17 years experience in the Turf and Ornamental Industry and most recently he was Regional Manager for Southern States. Scott is a former superintendent and helped start the Calusa Superintendents Association. Scott received his degree at Lake City Community College. Scott and his wife Teresa, have two children, Scott Jr. 16 and Matthew 3.

## Suncoast Chapter Plans Fundraiser for Tom Crawford Scholarship Fund

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