

# THE GREEN SHEET



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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



FGCSA officers elected at 2003 Annual Board Meeting held on July 25th include: (left to right) Craig Weyandt, The Moorings Club, Secretary/Treasurer; Joe Pantaleo, Indian Creek CC - Vice President; Greg Pheneger, Johns Island Club - President; and David Court, CGCS, Boca Lago CC - Past President.

## Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 3      | WCGCSA chapter meeting, Pasadena Y&CC  | Sept. 23 | SFGCSA golf outing, Miami Beach GC. 12:30 start.   | Oct. 16 | Calusa chapter Pro-Super-Supplier, Heritage Palms                                 |
| Sept. 8 - 10 | 51st FTGA Conference & Show, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tampa (see page 7 for details) | Sept. 23 | Everglades/GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Turfgrass Irrigation Water Quality", Dr. Ronnie Duncan and USGA's Mike Huck. Contact GCSAA for registration information. | Oct. 21 | Everglades chapter Pro-Super Golf Tournament, Palmira GC                          |
| Sept. 8      | "Irrigation Challenges for the 21st Century," Dr. David Kopek, Hyatt Regency     | Sept. 27 | FGCSA Golf Championship, Southern Dunes GC. Includes individual superintendents as well as chapter teams.  | Oct. 22 | Central Florida chapter meeting, Grande Lakes                                     |
| Sept. 22     | Central Florida chapter event, The Memorial, Lake Nona                           | Oct. 6   | WCGCSA Bud Quandt Tournament, Tampa Palms  | Oct. 23 | TCGCSA/PBGCSA Joint Meeting, Jupiter Island                                       |
| Sept. 22     | TCGCSA's Blue Pearl Tournament, The Medalist Club                                | Oct. 10  | SFGCSA Missing & Abused Children Tournament, Colony West CC  | Oct. 27 | GCSAA/CFGCSA Regional Seminar, "Employee Safety". Contact GCSAA for registration. |
| Sept. 23     | Suncoast chapter Pro-Supt., Mission Valley GC                                    |          |  | Nov. 7  | LCCC Alumni Tournament, Raptor Bay GC.  |
|              |  |          |  | Nov. 13 | Everglades GCSA Dinner Meeting, Naples National                                   |
|              |  |          |  | Nov. 20 | USGA Regional Seminar, Palm Beach Gardens   |

## President's Message Greg Pheneger

It is an extreme honor to serve as President of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Our association has had many great leaders over the years and we need to keep the lines of communication open. I have tried over the past few years to meet and discuss our association needs with our Past Presidents and leaders to gauge where our association has been and the direction that we should be heading. Many of this year's priorities have been laid out from these past conversations. We can learn a lot about our future by studying our past.

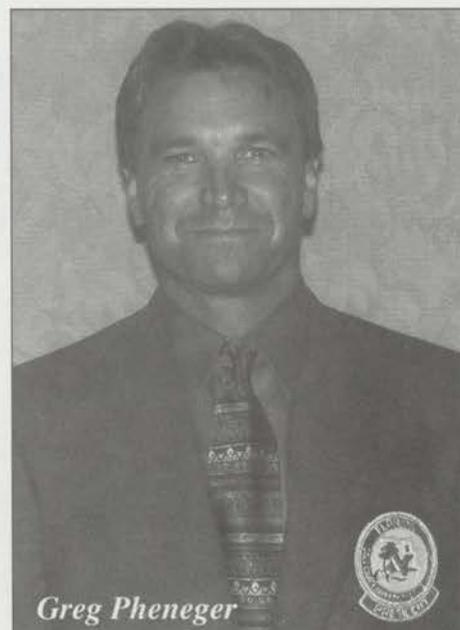
The Board has elected a very talented Executive Committee to help me through this next year. Vice President Joe Pantaleo did an excellent job in getting the Benevolent Fund up and running last year. Secretary/Treasurer Craig Weyandt as Research Chairman continued to reinforce the working relationships between the FTGA, FGCSA, GCSAA and the University of Florida to provide quality, and much needed research within the State. Their enthusiasm and work ethic ensures a very bright outlook for our associations' future.

Past President, David Court, will be a very difficult act to follow. David is one of the most thoughtful leaders I have ever been in-

olved with. He cares very deeply for the superintendent's profession and the role we will play in the future of the golf industry combined with the environmental impact golf has on our communities. He has worked very hard to achieve the 50-in-5 goals of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and the Board will continue to strive to achieve that goal in Florida. I look forward to one more year of his guidance.

Geoff Coggan is leaving the board; however, his service to our association is not over and will not be forgotten. He has volunteered to continue to lead the Best Management Practices for Golf Courses Manual. I look forward to the completed version of the manual and thank him on behalf of our profession for his work and dedication.

Marie Roberts and Joel Jackson, the staff of FGCSA, continue to be the backbone of our association. Marie has all of the historical facts of the association and I can see that she will help ease my workload as I plunge off the cliff over the next year. Joel is our spokesman, however, we must all respond when he sends you an e-mail asking for your help or input he needs to relay our thoughts and concerns to the allied associations or government agencies. Joel cannot accurately discuss our good deeds or defend our livelihood without input from the membership. Joel has worked hard to build dialog with



Greg Pheneger

allied organizations that have similar concerns and expectations.

Welcome to all of the new and existing Board Members to a very exciting and busy year. All of the Committee Chair assignments for the Board have not been finalized as I write this message. Most of the committees have initiatives that the Executive Board has distributed as a sense of direction so we can get more involvement from all Board Members and the membership in general. Every Committee Chairman has been given a directive to choose at least two other members of the FGCSA to assist on their committee. They will begin building the committees immediately since many of the initiatives have completion dates approaching quickly. Please call Marie, Joel or myself if you have a particular committee that you would like to work with. The phone calls for special requests will be overwhelming so please bear with the long waits on hold. Seriously, this is a time for you to step forward and help your association.

In a future message I will announce all of the Committee Chairs and their respective initiatives that have been set forth. Any suggestion, comments, or help will be appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President for the next year. Take a chance; get involved at your local chapter level if for no other reason than to gain service points. You will find the work very rewarding...give it a try.

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

by Joel Jackson

**1. Government Regulations:** Methyl Bromide (MeBr) Phaseout - In the last Green Sheet I said I would have more to report on MeBr. Well, there hasn't been much progress made I'm sorry to say. The White House has enough international baggage to deal with, that they don't want to thumb their noses at the global Montreal Accord and look like bad guys on the environment. Unfortunately, this issue is being decided on a geo-political basis and not on scientific evidence. Tim Hiers told me that he recently saw a cable channel show that gathered leading climatologists and meteorologists and other scientists who debunked the global warming position. Our government has abandoned the agriculture and green industries on this issue.

**MSMA/Arsenic** - Nothing new to report other than to emphasize that there will be a MSMA Workshop on September 10th at the FTGA Conference. If you have concerns about your weed management programs for a future without MSMA, you may want to attend. Additionally, you may wish to learn about how arsenic levels in and around your mix/load area as well as the golf course proper can affect your property's economic value and viability for loans and resale.

**Sarasota County Golf Ordinance** - The Suncoast Owners Association has bombarded the County Commission with loads of data and information that should have been presented at the beginning of the ordinance draft process, but for some strange reason invitation to the owners to participate didn't seem to materialize. Under the organizational leadership of Ms. Linda Talbot, the owners have pressed the issue of science based decision making. What is the problem and where is the data to show that there is a problem? In response, the commissioners have pulled the Existing Golf Courses section out of the draft, but it looks like they are going to re-insert costly compliance measures under existing Storm Water Runoff regulations. As Ms. Talbot cautions, counties have their own associations where they network revenue generating ideas, and this "feel good" ordinance of controlling "golf course pollution" is but one

idea that has surfaced in four to five counties already.

I have sent Environmental and Economic Golf Fact Kits to all External VP's and a draft of the Sarasota Ordinance, and I will send the latest version out again. I can only suggest that superintendents engage the owners in this issue. We can provide some technical and practical expertise, but the owners, as business operators, must lead the effort in their respective counties. And that goes for equity clubs as well. The board and club president must view this as a threat to their clubs existence and operating costs. If you are reluctant to go to your owner, talk to your General Manager and alert him/her as well. Don't be left holding the bag when your county starts down the slippery slope of golf course regulations without facts in front of them.

**2. Allied Associations:** The GCSAA Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) held a strategic planning session in Lawrence, KS with 40-50 leaders from industry, government and environmental groups attending. A facilitator led the diverse audience through working sessions to achieve consensus on issues and actions. The outcomes will be mailed out in the next three weeks. I can tell you that a Center for Water Issues was designated as the number one priority for the EIFG's initial efforts. Four other Center's of Concern were identified and will come of age to martial people and expertise to address concerns on the key issues facing golf course management and other environmental concerns.

**3. Education: Florida Turfgrass Association Conference & Show** - September 8th through 10th, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tampa. See page seven.

**\*Scholarship Opportunity for Superintendents College Age Students: Aquatrols Scholarship Essay Contest.** CHERRY HILL, New Jersey - August 6, 2003 - Aquatrols is pleased to announce the First Annual Aquatrols Scholarship Essay Contest.

The contest is open to children of turf management professionals who will be attending an accredited college or university during the 2004-05 academic year. Entrants will compete for scholarships of varying amounts,

with a total of \$4,000 in scholarship prizes to be awarded. Full instructions, rules and eligibility requirements will be posted on the Aquatrols website ([www.aquatrols.com](http://www.aquatrols.com)) by September 15, 2003.

For information: [www.aquatrols.com](http://www.aquatrols.com) or Contact: [info@aquatrols.com](mailto:info@aquatrols.com); Phone: 800-257-7797.

**\*2003 USGA Green Section Regional Seminar:** John and Shelly Foy report that there will only be one USGA Green Section Regional Conference in Florida this year due to budget cutbacks. This year the seminar will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott Hotel on Thursday, November 20th. Mark your calendars now.

**4. Communications/PR** - The Democratic and Republican Parties will be holding their annual golf outings to raise campaign funding in August and September. We will once again work with Mike Goldie our lobbyist to set up a golf environmental and economic impact display at these events. I have made up a new display that was previewed at the FGCSA Summer Board meeting and Crowfoot Open reception.

Additionally I have had 100 sets of the 7-page glossy four-color executive summary of the 2000 Florida Golf Economic Study done by the University of Florida Ag Economists Dr. Alan Hodges and John Haydu copied and bound. These are excellent summaries with concise facts and charts and graphs showing golf's contribution not only the economy and the environment. I also included the USGS 2000 Water Use Study showing golf's 3.2% water consumption. A two-pocket folder will include the Economic Study and several articles dealing with the true facts about golf course management and the environment. There is also a 2-page brochure from the USGA on the benefits of golf courses. We will also include a copy of the VHS tape produced by the FGCSA titled "Golf is Good for You and the Environment."

This effort is part of our overall proactive approach to reach out and educate legislators about the facts before they get hammered by the activists. Geoff Coggan has volunteered to host the display at Innisbrook while I am on vacation. Thanks Geoff. I will be back for two other events in late August and early September.

The Summer 2003 meeting of the FGCSA Board of Directors was called to order by President David Court, CGCS, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25th at the Grand Cypress Villas in Orlando.

All officers were present. Coastal Plains chapter was not represented. Other FGCSA members attending the meeting were Joel Jackson - Florida Green editor; Craig Weyandt - Research Chairman; Mark Henderson - outgoing Palm Beach External, Joe Ondo - Golf Chairman; John Foy - USGA; Mike Goldie - FGCSA Lobbyist; Bobby Ellis - FTGA President and Jan Beljian - FTGA Vice President.

FGCSA Past President Cary Lewis and WCGCSA Past President Kirk Sowers gave a presentation on a "Living Memorial for the Turfgrass Industry" being planned for the University of Florida Pine Acres research center. Initial plans call for a brick paver entry to a granite memorial that will include a fountain and benches in a landscaped area of approximately 3 acres. It is their hope that all 3 logos will be included in the memorial - The University of Florida, Florida Turfgrass Association and Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Cary and Kirk discussed fund raising for the project to begin with the sale of brick pavers. No budget has been set as yet. After a discussion, Chris Ansley made a motion to "Endorse the concept of a Living Memorial for the Turfgrass Industry" The motion was approved.

**LOBBYIST:** Mike Goldie gave a report on the 4th Special Session in Tallahassee. Even though the focus of the session is on medical malpractice, there are other bills that have been included in these extra sessions. Mike discussed a few of these bills that are pertinent to the golf industry such as the Workers Comp bill and a water bill concerning Consumptive Use Permits. He also mentioned several fund raising golf tournaments that will be held in August and September.

FTGA President Bobby Ellis discussed the upcoming FTGA Conference & Show coming up September 8th through 10th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Rooms at the hotel will again be at a reduced rate. He reported that as a way of keeping attendance up on the final day (Wednesday), there will be a cash prize drawing held on the showroom

floor - must be present to win. Expanded education will include an Equipment Technicians Workshop, seminars and concurrent sessions as well as an MSMA/Arsenic Workshop on Wednesday. GCSAA education points will be available. The FGCSA will continue to fund a break at the Conference and David Court urged all Externals to request additional financial support from their local chapters for the FTGA.

Bobby Ellis and Jan Beljian then discussed research projects that the FTGA is looking to co-fund with the FGCSA. They have received a total of 18 projects which have been rated into a three tier structure with six projects in the top section, six in the second and six in the third. Bobby will send copies of the top six proposals to us for possible co-funding. This will be presented at the FGCSA Fall board meeting.

The FTGA has decided to close out their current project of recruiting funds from golfers in favor of reaching out to the Club Managers Association to get golf courses interested. Dr. Nell has spoken to the CMA in Jacksonville and was well received. The FTGA will follow up on this concept.

The minutes of the Spring 2003 Board Meeting as presented by Secretary/Treasurer Joe Pantaleo were approved.

Joe Pantaleo then presented a check in the amount of \$29,000 to the FGCSA Research Fund from the proceeds of the SFGCSA Exposition as well as additional funds from their Operating Account.

**AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM:** David Court made an appeal to all Externals to encourage more golf courses chapter to join the ACS program. In addition, he asked for support for the ACS program for schools. He noted that in order to succeed, there must be a strong person at the school to move the program along. Craig Weyandt noted that this is an inexpensive way for chapters to get good publicity in their community. After a discussion, a motion was made by Ralph Dain, "The FGCSA will donate \$1,000 to the ACS for schools." The motion was approved.

**BENEVOLENT FUND:** Chairman Joe Pantaleo discussed the future of the FGCSA

Benevolent Fund. We will do another fund raiser at the FGCSA reception in San Diego. He will form a committee to look at guidelines or criteria for distributing funds to members in need. He also noted that the Benevolent Fund should not be included in the Operating budget with the possibility of creating a separate account for the funds.

**MUSSER FOUNDATION:** David Court explained the structure of the Musser Foundation which distributes funds to Doctoral turfgrass candidates. The FGCSA has contributed to this fund for many years and David felt an explanation of the Foundation should be included in our S.O.P. manual and be part of the Orientation Session for new Externals. After a discussion, Buddy Keene made a motion that the "FGCSA donate \$1,000 to the Musser Foundation." The motion was approved.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT DUES:** Darren Davis has suggested that the FGCSA lower the fees for Class C Assistants in order to get more assistants involved in local chapters. The FGCSA membership now includes 23% Class C members. Geoff Coggan reported that the GCSAA number is 42% Assistants. David Court suggested that all Externals speak on this subject at their next chapter meeting to determine why more Assistants are not members. Is it financial? Do clubs not want to fund their assistants or does the assistant not have an interest in the chapter? Are there special events planned for assistants? Are the assistants who are chapter members looking to become Class A superintendents while non-members do not have this goal? Are the Class A members encouraging their assistant to join the chapter? If the FGCSA lowered Assistants dues to 50%, would the chapter in turn lower their fees for Assistants? David asked all Externals to have answers for these questions for our Fall board meeting discussion and suggested that the FGCSA Membership Committee review our policy and submit a recommendation at the board meeting.

**LAKE CITY ENDOWMENT;** Lake City CC with help from Seven Rivers chapter is establishing a \$40,000 "Jeff Hayden Endowment Fund" for an annual scholarship to be awarded to a GLO student. A motion was made to donate \$1,000 to the Hayden Endowment Fund. The motion was approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Secretary/Treasurer Joe Pantaleo gave the Financial Report for the end of the fiscal year Operating Account and Research Account. The Reports were approved.

**BUDGET:** Before going over the upcoming budget for 2003-2004, the board discussed salary increases for Joel Jackson, Marie Roberts, and Gary Pederson. The new rates as approved by the board were entered into the budget. Government Relations will include 1) Spokesperson Training Session - possibly including the four new Externals as well as other members; 2) Tallahassee trip; and 3) Financial support of the legislators tour of Florida golf courses. The board decided to allocate a total of \$8,000 in this year's Govt Relations budget. Donations in the budget will include LCCC Endowment Fund, Musser Foundation, and the ACSP as well as \$1,250 for FTGA breaks at the Conference and the Pesticide Seminars in January. These changes brought the Expected Expenses to \$129,175 for Operations with Expected Income remaining the same at \$120,700. Adding the Publications income and expense to the Operating totals gives a Grand Total of \$ 310,075 in Expected Expenses and \$303,800 in Expected Income. The Operating and Publications Budget for 2003-2004 stands at a Deficit of \$6,275.00. The amended budget was approved.

**D.O.C. REPORT:** Joel discussed Methyl Bromide, the arsenic issue, the Sarasota Ordinance and IFAS. He reported on a talk by Dr. Jay Lehr who spoke at an FFAA meeting re. a program called "Fertile Minds". They have put together a very helpful kit with the true facts about fertilizers that is available online. Joel distributed one of these kits to each External V.P. for use in their chapter.

Joel reported that Geoff Coggan will substitute for Joel at an upcoming legislators fundraiser event in August, displaying the updated booth presentation. A suggestion was made that the FGCSA consider purchasing a small VCR to go with the display. No support was given for the suggestion. Joel also distributed a copy of an investment policy dealing with short term and long terms gains that may be useful for the FGCSA.

**FLORIDA GREEN:** Joel reported that the Summer issue of the Florida Green will be at

least two or three weeks late. He asked all chapters who are next up in the cover rotation to pick their course as soon as possible to minimize time for the cover photography.

**AWARDS:** The DSA winner will remain a secret and be announced/presented at a local chapter meeting.

Four President's Awards will be presented at their local chapter meetings — Jim Svabek, Suncoast; Clayton Estes, North Florida; Bob Bittner, Everglades; and Joe Pantaleo, South Florida. Clayton urged more chapters to be involved with these awards and to have members write articles for the Florida Green.

**EDUCATION:** Buddy Keene reported on the success of the Poa seminar and the fact that the FGCSA has applied to the GCSAA for another Superintendent Leadership Seminar for next year's Poa. He also presented a list of Regional Seminars scheduled during the next few months.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joe Pantaleo reminded all Externals that their chapter's membership list is due by the first week in August. He also spoke on the subject of getting more Assistants to join local chapters.

**CROWFOOT:** The Crowfoot Open will be Saturday with a field of 160 players at this time. 3 flights by handicap, play your own ball. The banquet will be Saturday evening.

**GOLF:** Joe Ondo reported that the FGCSA Team Championship will be held at Southern Dunes on Saturday, September 27th at a cost of \$80.00 per person. Individuals are encouraged to play in the tournament as well as chapter teams. The winner of the Championship will join Seth Strickland (Winner of the Poa Tournament) in representing the Florida chapter in the GCSAA Championship

**RESEARCH:** Craig Weyandt reported that he has enlisted the aid of John Foy, Kevin Downing, and Steve Pearson to serve with him on the Research Committee. Craig will forward the list of FTGA projects from Bobby Ellis for consideration of funding by the FGCSA Research Committee. These will be voted on at the FGCSA Fall board meeting.

**FTGA:** Joel reported that the FTGA has submitted the paperwork to the GCSAA for

education points for the overall Conference as well as for individual seminars and workshops. This year's education program at the Conference is stronger than ever and superintendents are urged to read the FTGA Registration Form when they receive it next week. If you have not been to an FTGA Conference in a few years, this is one you will want to attend. September 8th - 10th at Hyatt Regency in Tampa.

**GCSAA RECEPTION:** The Florida reception at the GCSAA Conference in California will be held on Thursday, February 12th. Hotel is TBD.

**GCSAA:** Joel gave a report on the GCSAA Chapter Executive Meeting held in Lawrence in April. His article in Golfdom magazine focused on the subject. There was a good turnout by Chapter Executives with lots of important networking opportunities. David Court spoke on the possibility of GCSAA relocation and urged all Externals with questions to call Kevin Downing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David accepted a \$3,000 check from Chris Ansley on behalf of the West Coast chapter. Clayton Estes presented a \$5,000 check from the North Florida chapter. Both checks will be deposited in the FGCSA Research Fund.

David then thanked his fellow officers and all Externals for their support during his year as president. He discussed a few of the highlights from his year such as Dr. Morgan's two chapter presentations; the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program workshops held in January; the FFVA Regulator tour; the Bayer contribution to Dr. Crow's research, and the success of the FTGA Conference in Tampa.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

## Annual Board Meeting

The new slate of FGCSA officers for the 2003-2004 fiscal year were elected at the FGCSA Annual Meeting held immediately following the Summer Board Meeting. Officers as elected are: Greg Phenege, President; Joe Pantaleo, Vice President; Craig Weyandt, Secretary/Treasurer; and David Court, CGCS, Past President.

## 2003-2004 OFFICERS FOR ALL FGCSA CHAPTERS FLORIDA GCSA

President ..... Greg Pheneger, Johns Island Club, Treasure Coast chapter  
Vice President ..... Joe Pantaleo, Indian Creek CC, South Florida chapter  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Craig Weyandt, The Moorings Club, Treasure Coast chapter  
Past President ..... David Court, CGCS, Boca Lago CC, Palm Beach chapter

### LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS

#### Calusa GCSA

President ..... Greg Kriesch, Heritage Palms  
Vice President ..... Rick Cirino, Palmetto Pine CC  
External V.P. .... Ken Shakeshaft, Six Lakes CC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Ken McDaniel, Majestic GC

#### Central Florida

President ..... Brian Lentz, DeBary CC  
Vice President .. Scott Jamros, Hawks Landing GC  
External V.P. .... Chris Cartin, Deltona Hills CC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Brett Harris, Lake Nona Club

#### Coastal Plains GCSA

President ..... Jeff Heggen, Hilaman Park  
Vice President ... Mike Echols, Summerbrooke GC  
External V.P. .... Jeff Heggen, Hilaman Park  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Jeff Heggen, Hilaman Park

#### Everglades GCSA

President ..... Kyle Sweet, CGCS, The Sanctuary  
Vice President .. J.Mark Black, CGCS, Quail West  
Ext. V.P. .... Matt Taylor, Royal Poinciana Club  
Treasurer .. Alan Bakos, CGCS, The Moorings CC  
Secretary ..... Bob Volpe, CGCS, Pelicans Nest GC

#### North Florida GCSA

President ..... Andy Maguire, Marsh Creek CC  
Vice Pres. .... Chris Neff, Timuquana CC  
External V. P. .... Clayton Estes, San Jose CC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Chris Neff, Timuquana CC

#### Palm Beach GCSA

President ..... Peter Powell, Boca Greens CC  
Vice President ..... Steve Bernard, Adios CC  
External V. P. .... Steve Bernard, Adios CC  
Secretary .... Terry Kennelly, Delray Dunes G&CC  
Treasurer ..... Frank McKee, Polo Trace GC

#### Ridge GCSA

President ..... Mark Hopkins, Bartow GC  
Vice President ..... Tom Barnett, Bartow GC  
Ext V. P. .... Jeff Brown, Lake Region Y&CC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Clay Marshall, River Greens GC

#### Seven Rivers GCSA

President ..... Buddy Keene, Gainesville G&CC  
Vice President ..... Rick Watts, Royal Oaks GC  
External V. P. .... Buddy Keene, Gainesville G&CC  
Secretary ..... Rick Watts, Royal Oaks GC  
Treasurer ..... Barry Greenwalt, The Villages

#### South Florida GCSA

President ..... Bob Harper, Emerald Hills  
Vice President ..... Kelly Cragin, Biltmore GC  
External V. P. .... Jim Goins, Hollybrook G&TC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Robert Wethy, Deering Bay

#### Suncoast GCSA

President ..... John Van Vranken  
Vice President ..... Bob Gwodz, Sara Bay CC  
Ext. V. P. .... Mike McCulloch, Jacaranda West CC  
Secretary ..... Andy Burmester, Pelican Point CC  
Treasurer ..... Chip Copeman, Lemon Bay GC

#### Treasure Coast GCSA

President ..... Roy MacDonald, Hobe Sound GC  
Vice President ..... Rob Kloska, Jupiter Island  
External V. P. .... Ralph Dain, Sailfish Point GC  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Harry Hanson

#### West Coast GCSA

President ..... Louis de Vos, Tides CC  
Vice President ... Kevin Baldwin, Diamond Players  
External V.P. .... Chris Ansley, Heritage Isles  
Sec/Treasurer ..... Chris Ansley, Heritage Isles



Chris Cartin (left), Robert Parmar and Mark Hopkins all shot 74 to tie for low gross and send the 27th Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open into a playoff which Robert Parmar won with a birdie on the first hole.

## 27th Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open

This year's Crowfoot Open was held at Grand Cypress Resort. At the banquet Saturday evening, there were plenty of door prizes and (a little) good humor provided by host superintendent and Committee Chairman Tom Alex. The winner of this year's Larry Kamphaus Award was Gary (Casper) Morgan. Gary now works for UHS but was a past president of the Central Florida chapter and committee member of the Crowfoot Open for many years.

Golf was held on Sunday with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start on the North, South and East nines of Grand Cypress Resort. Sorry for the mix-up on tee assignments and tee markers to be played as there was obviously a lack of communication on my part. Everyone played their own ball all the way to the end this year if they wanted to win something. In the superintendent's championship, Robert Parmar won a sudden death playoff over Chris Cartin and Mark Hopkins with a birdie on the first extra hole. All three had tied at 74. Robert wins a spot on the FGCSA team to play in the GCSAA Championship in San Diego. Low net superintendent was won by Wayne Kappauf in the 0-9 flight. Flight B gross was won by Jimmy Murphy and low net winner was Rick Hoopes. Flight C gross was won by Chuck Rogers and net by John Cunningham. The Vendor Championship was won by J. R. Gall with a 74 and low net by Jim Turner. First flight vendor gross was won by Jim Wells and low net by Butch Singo. Second flight gross was Jamie Garrett and low net was Gary Morgan.

In the chapter team competition, the Central Florida chapter won by 5 shots over the Ridge. Members of the winning team were Robert Parmar, Rodney King, David Pleir and Mike Gwaltney. In the closest to the pin contests, congratulations to all the winners and to Brad Seiler for his hole-in-one on #8 East. Winning shots were swung by Jim Guggenheim, Jim Turner, John Schmidt, Joel Jackson, J. R. Gall and Brad Seiler.

A special thank you goes out to the corporate sponsors...Harrell's for sponsoring the dinner, Howard Fertilizer for the lunch, and Coastal Equipment for the golf. A thank you to all our vendors for your Platinum, Diamond and Gold sponsorships and to all superintendents and guests for supporting this event. Thanks to all of you, \$3,500 was raised for research. Kudos to Tom Alex and Jeff Clark, who had all three nines in excellent shape for all to enjoy. A special thank you to secretary Lisa McDowell and her parents, Bob and Jan Lloyd, for all their hard work. And a final thank you to the committee members - Tom Alex, Joel Jackson, Stuart Leventhal, Dwight Kummer and Joe Ondo for another successful event.

## Florida Turfgrass Assn. Conference & Show Hyatt Regency, Tampa

The Florida Turfgrass Association's 51st Annual Conference and Tradeshow is set for the Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tampa on Sept. 8th - 10th.

With PDI and CGCS needs in mind there will be the following educational opportunities: Monday, Sept 8th: 1/2 day seminar: Irrigation Issues Facing the Golf Course Superintendent with Dr. Dave Kopec; Tuesday, Sept 9th: Golf Concurrent Session: Tip and Tricks of Soil Amendments, Dr. Dave Kopec; USGA Florida Region Update, John Foy; Coping With Budget Reductions, Kevin Downing, CGCS; Florida's Golf Economic Impact, Dr. John Haydu. Wednesday, Sept. 10th: MSMA Workshop: Overview of Dealing with Arsenic in Florida, Dr. Dennis Howard, FDACS; Arsenic in Fertilizers-What's the Impact on Me?, Dale Dubberly, FDACS; Fate of MSMA in the Environment, Dr. Michal Eldan, MAA Taskforce; Remediation of Arsenic Contaminated Sites, Stuart Cohen, Environmental Turf Services; Alternatives to MSMA, Dr. Barry Brecke, IFAS. CEU's/ Education and Service Points have been applied for.

The annual golf tournament will be played on Monday, September 8th at WCI Communities Sun City Center Sandpiper GC. Shotgun start is 1:00 p.m. The Fishing Tournament will be held on Monday from 8:00 a.m. to noon from the Grady Boat Ramp. The Corn Boilis set for 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening at the Hyatt Regency.

The Trade Show will be open on Tuesday, September 9th from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. with the last two hours doubling as the Presidents Reception. On Wednesday, Sept. 10th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, there will be a cash prize drawing held on the showroom floor - must be present to win for an extra incentive to stay for the show!

Rooms at the Tampa Hyatt Regency are at the special conference rates which range from \$97.00 to \$127.00 per night. Visit [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org) for online registration and other information. Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle with your peers.



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