Panel urges FGCSA to hire technician as subcontractor

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green have been donated and the South Florida GC  will pick up the tab for the balance.

Clearing will be done by Lee Billberry & Associates of Lakeland; coarse sand for the choker layer was donated by
Central Florida Turf of Avon Park; American Peat of Oxford is mixing the soil, while Rain Bird and Toro irrigation
components have been donated by, respectively, Boynton Pump and Hector Turf.

Labor and supervision have been
donated by High Ridge CC in Lantana, Willoughby GC and Palm Beach National GC.

Downing said a technician will be
hired "as soon as we can work out the
details."

The details that must be worked out
involve the mechanism for paying the
technician.

The University's Institute of Food and
Agricultural Sciences, which operates
the Fort Lauderdale REC, does not have
money in its budget to pay for a techni-
cian to maintain the research plot at
normal putting conditions. IFAS
personnel estimated the cost at $30,000
per year, counting supplies, equipment,
administrative costs, and insurance as
well as salary and fringe benefits.

At their May meeting, FGCSA board
members voted to ask the Florida
Turfgrass Association's Research
Foundation to fund the technician
through its Arnold Palmer Endowment
Program, using $13,000 which had been
donated specifically for that purpose by
the South Florida GC S plus another
$14,000 which South Florida superinten-
dents had raised for the project and had
not yet turned over to the FTGA.

The FTGA demurred, however, citing the stringent legal constraints of its 501-
C(3) tax status, which prohibit it from
spending money on equipment, labor or
personnel.

"We're going to ask the FGCSA
Board to fund the technician directly on
a sub-contract basis — the same way we
pay our executive secretary," Downing
said.

"The FTGA (research grant) Awards
Committee seems perfectly willing to
fund proper research on the green. They
just have to stay within their legal
boundaries. They can't pay for labor;
they have to pay for research."

The FGCSA board will consider the
matter at its October meeting during the
FTGA Conference and Show in Tampa.

Longtime Poa Annua host
dies at Beach Club home

NAPLES — Henry Watkins
Jr., 64, operator
of the Naples
Beach Hotel and
Golf Club and
longtime host of
the Poa Annua
Classic each
May, died June
30 in his pent-
house apartment
overlooking the
club.

The Watkins name is synonymous
with the development of modern Naples.
He was instrumental in adding the
Granny Horn Memorial Scramble to the
Poa weekend to raise money for graduate
scholarships for turfgrass students
in honor of the famed University of Florida
turf educator. The event raised more than
$5,000 earlier this year.

Watkins is survived by his wife, Mary;
two sons, Henry of Bronxville, N.Y. and
Michael, now manager of the Beach
Club; two grandchildren; and a sister,
Sally Fitzgerald of Richmond, Va.

Architect Edmund Ault dies;
Famed for public courses

Edmund B. Ault, 81, one of the
pioneers in designing economical
municipal and public golf courses, died
Aug. 13 after suffering a heart attack. He
was 81. The Maryland
architect, president of Ault, Clark & Associ-
ates of Wheaton, placed a premium
on visibility and challenge.

"When a golfer makes a par, he
should feel he has accomplished
something," Ault
was fond of saying.

Among his designs are the Country
Club of Las Vegas; Palmetto at Myrtle-
wood GC, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Carroll-
wood Village, Tampa, Fla.; TPC at
Avenel, Potomac, Md.; and Toftrees GC,
State College, Pa.

A native of Washington, D.C., Ault
received a degree in construction
engineering from Columbia Technical
Institute in Arlington, Va. He was
elected a member of the American
Society of Golf Course Architects in

Poster illustrates Dye's
two-tee system for women

CHICAGO — The American Society
of Golf Course Architects is offering an
illustrated poster explaining the two-tee
system for women.

Text for the poster was written by
Alice Dye, the two-time USGA Senior
Women's Amateur champion and the
only female member of the ASGCA. She
explains the current research, why the
system is gaining momentum, how to
create new forward tees, and the cost of
construction.

Illustrations show exactly how the
two-tee system should be implemented,
both on existing courses and new
courses.

"Men have a choice of playing from
different teeing grounds to accommodate
their various abilities," Dye points out.

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