FGCSA board votes to fund technician at Fort Lauderdale

NAPLES — A Florida superintendent has become the second woman in the nation to become certified, the University of Florida’s Research and Education Center at Fort Lauderdale will get a turf technician and the FGCSA will oppose the establishment of a second community college program to train assistant superintendents.

Those were the items of general interest to come out of a five-hour FGCSA board meeting May 21 at which President Cecil Johnston announced that the herbicide Hoelon most likely will be labeled for special use in Florida.

Kim Hemauer, superintendent of the Oak Bridge CC in Ponte Vedra Beach, earned her certification early in April. Had the paperwork been completed a few days earlier, she would have beaten Terri Heaphy of Norfolk, Va., who became the nation’s first female certified golf course superintendent March 29.

The FGCSA board voted to pay half of a $60,000 proposal by the UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to finance a turf technician for two years at the Fort Lauderdale Center if the Florida Turfgrass Association will fund the other half from the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation.

Dennis Lyon, president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, is flanked by FGCSA President Cecil Johnston, right, and Vice President Joel Jackson. Lyon said that, according to preliminary surveys, the international convention in Orlando next February will set an attendance record.
One of the technician's primary jobs will be to maintain playing conditions on a new 20,000-square-foot putting green to be built for research at the center with volunteer labor and donated materials.

The FTGA should have no trouble coming up with its half of the money, said Ray Hansen, FGCSA secretary-treasurer, since the FTGA’s research foundation already is holding $13,000 donated by the South Florida GCSA and earmarked specifically for support of the new green.

“And we’ve raised another $14,000 this year that will be donated to the FTGA and earmarked for the same thing,” said Hansen. “That means all you have to come up with is $3,000,” he said to John Luper, FTGA president.

“I’m sure the (FTGA) board won’t have any problem coming up with the $3,000 (out of the general fund) if it is sure that is what the Florida superintendents want,” Luper said.

A poll of the external vice presidents — Gulf Coast and Suncoast chapters were not represented — indicated unanimous support.

Action on the community college issue came in response to preliminary inquiries by Palm Beach Community College and other institutions interested in starting programs modeled after the highly successful one at Lake City.

“It’s very lucrative for the colleges because it is agri-business and they can get matching federal funds,” said Kevin Downing, former FGCSA president and current chairman of the research committee.

“This is very premature,” said one board member. “Lake City can graduate 50 assistant superintendents a year. Any more than that would flood the market.”

“What is needed,” said Downing, “is a program that would give credits that can be transferred to a four-year program at the University of Florida.”

He also cited the need for short-term certificate programs for irrigation technicians, equipment operators, pesticide applicators and other skilled workers.
Lake City sends out 103 interns worldwide

LAKE CITY — A total of 123 students at Lake City Community College’s schools of Golf Course Operations, Landscape Technology and Turf Equipment Service Technology are getting on-the-job training at 103 locations this summer, including three in foreign countries and 14 others out of Florida.

Golf Course Operations students must complete two summer internships in order to qualify for associate of science degrees, while landscape and TEST students take only one.

Participating companies:

NORTH & WEST FLORIDA — Turkey Creek G&CC, Alachua; Specialty Products & Services, Lake City; Gainesville G&CC, Gainesville; Killearn CC, Tallahassee; Curry Landscaping Nursery, Williston; Tallahassee Nurseries; Sandestin Beach Resort, Destin; Greenery Scenery, Tallahassee; West End GC, Gainesville.

JACKSONVILLE WEST — Jacksonville Public GC; North Florida Landscape; Duval Landscape; Magnolia Point G&CC, Green Cove Springs; Willow Lakes; Zaun Equipment Co.; Pineview G&CC, Macclenny.

JACKSONVILLE EAST — Poyer Horticultural Services; Deerwood CC, Hidden Hills CC, Ponte Vedra Inn & Club; Tresca Industies; Selva Marina CC, Atlantic Beach; Marsh Creek CC, St. Augustine; Queens Harbour; Tigerhole Landscape Co.

TAMPA BAY - SARASOTA — Mainlands GC, Pinellas Park; Clearwater CC, Clearwater; Debra Equipment Co., Tampa; TPC of Sarasota; Sun City Center; Avila G&CC, Lutz; Bradenton CC, Bradenton; Walden Lakes Polo & CC, Plant City; Diamond Hill G&CC, Valrico; Feather Sound CC, Clearwater; Saddlebrook G&T Resort, Wesley Chapel.

ORLANDO — Bay Hill Club; Heathrow CC, Heathrow; Foliage Design System; Hunters Creek; Tresca Industries; Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista; Oyler Brothers Co.; The CC of Orlando; Isleworth CC, Windermere.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA — Bonita Bay Club, Bonita Springs; Wildcat Run, Estero; Wyndemere CC, Naples; Kelly Greens G&CC, Fort Myers; Fiddlersicks CC, Fort Myers; Eagle Creek CC, Naples; Landmark Growers, Punta Gorda; Landscape Plus, Arcadia; Pelican Bay West, Bonita Springs; Wildcat Run, Estero; Vines CC, Fort Myers.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA — Sugar Mill CC, New Smyrna Beach; Black Diamond Ranch, Lecanto; Patrick AFB GC; Pelican Bay G&CC, Daytona Beach; Marion Oaks CC, Ocala; LaCita CC, Titusville; Palm Coast.

EAST FLORIDA — John’s Island West, Wabasso; Rood Landscape, Tequesta; Orchid Island, Vero Beach; Town & County Landscape, Melbourne; Sandridge GC, Vero Beach; Sailfish Pointe GC, Stuart; Jenkins Landscape, Hobe Sound; Mariar Sands CC, Stuart.

SOUTH FLORIDA — Hector, Inc., Deerfield Beach;

Boca Woods CC, Boca Raton; Boca Lago CC, Boca Raton; Coral Oaks GC, Cape Coral; Eagle Trace, Coral Springs; St. Andrews CC, Boca Raton; Tropical Plant Rentals, Lake Worth; Pine Island Ridge CC, Fort Lauderdale; Atlantis GC, Atlantis; Boynton Landscape, West Palm Beach.

GEORGIA-TENNESSEE — Royal Oaks G&CC, Cartersville, Ga.; Atlanta CC, Atlanta; Chattanooga G&CC, Chattanooga, Tenn.; The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn., CC of Columbus, Columbus, Ga.; Calloway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.; Fox Creek GC, Smyrna, Ga.; Athens CC, Athens, Ga., Ansley GC, Atlanta; Turf Care Products, Atlanta.


OUT OF REGION — Boyd Nurseries, Newport News, Va.; Daly Landscape Design, Kenner, La.; Finnish Sports Institute, Vierumaki, Finland; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Parks, Bermuda; Blue Mountain at Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, N.C.; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; Harbor Point, Everett, Wash.; Birdwood GC, Charlottesville, Va.; Blackwolff Run GC, Kohler, Wisc.; Taylor Made Landscaping, Farmingdale, N.J.; Busch Properties, Williamsburg, Va.; Hazeltine National GC.

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Palm Beach, Buckner win Poa Annua titles; scramble nets $4,300

NAPLES — Palm Beach won the team title, Marlon Buckner and Dick Harrell took the individual trophies and Glen Klauk and Mark Henderson won the scramble but the real winner of the Eighth Annual Poa Annua Classic May 20-22 will be a graduate student in turf research at the University of Florida.

Nearly $4,300 was raised by 116 players for the Dr. G.C. Horn Endowment Fund at the second annual Granny Horn Memorial Scramble, which kicked off activities of the three-day weekend sponsored by the Everglades Chapter at the Naples Beach Club and Hotel.

Horn, mentor of a generation of University of Florida turf students, was killed in an automobile accident in December, 1987. Proceeds from the endowment in his honor help finance graduate studies at the university.

Sandwiched in between the two tournaments was a five-hour seminar on architecture by Brian Silva and, for FGCSA board members, a four-plus-hour meeting. The hundred-or-so others not involved in either of Sunday's official activities had the day for sand, surf and sightseeing before the annual buffet banquet.

GRANNY HORN MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE
(May 20, 1989, Two-man teams net, using 35 percent of lowest player’s handicap)


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Orlando; Daron Murrell, Jacksonville; Bobby Perez, Naples; Roberto Rowley, Republico; Panama; James Sprankle, Lake Worth; Ronald Turner, Gadsden, Ala.; Matt Willacker, Naples; Ronald Williams, Gainesville.

TEST CERTIFICATES — Darby Bailey, Lake Park; Johnny Collins, East Point; Charles Dufrene, East Point; Ray Hohenstein, White Springs; Owen Kane, Tallahassee; Steve McNeill, Lake City; Chet Marlowe, Daytona Beach; Mark Majel, Lake City; Paul Merritt, Wellborn; Robert Paisley, Franklinton, La.; Steve Plummer, Newberry; Chris Rhoden, Macclenny; Linda Smith, Fort Myers.

GCSAA President Dennis Lyon, far right, watched as the team from Palm Beach GCSA accepted its trophy. From left are Dick Blake, Bocaire CC; Glen Klauk, Delray Dunes G&CC; Peter Brooks, Everglades Club; Walt McMahon, The President CC.
Spots going fast for Crowfoot Open at Grand Cypress Resort Aug. 6-7

ORLANDO — All 144 spots in the annual Crowfoot Open will be gone shortly after The Florida Green arrives in the mail, according to Larry Kamphaus, superintendent at nearby Walt Disney World. "Some people are going to wait too long and get left out," he said. "It happens every year."

Entry fee of $65 includes a banquet Aug. 6 and the tournament on the New Course, which begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun Aug. 7.

Entry blanks were distributed to FGCSA external vice presidents at the Poa Annua Classic in Naples May 21. The Grand Cypress Hyatt is extending a special room rate of $85 per night. The education program scheduled Sunday morning, Aug. 6, had not been finalized at press time.

Dick Campbell .... 104-84  Joe Churchill .... 124-100  Dana Hager ........ NC
Adrienne Jahna .... 102-87  John Barrett ........ NC  Sonny Smith .......... NC
Dennis Niemayer ... 116-90  Steve Demillo ........ NC  Steve Tubbs .......... NC

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