"The research interests me," he said, "but I also enjoy being more active and I like working on a golf course. By maintaining the new test green, I'll be able to help the researchers with their experiments and also get some practical experience."

There's a bonus for Prevatte, 26, who is uncertain about his future.

"I enjoy research but I'm also considering becoming an assistant golf course superintendent. The work at the center lets me explore both areas and gives me a chance to meet people in the industry. Right now, this is the best possible place to be."

Prevatte, who is single and lives in South Miami, will tend the green about 30 hours a week. He is paid by the FGCSA from a special research fund raised specifically for building and maintaining the green and other turfgrass plots at the Fort Lauderdale REC.

Kit Bradshaw

South Florida Field Day yields $14,000

A total of 144 superintendents and technicians plus 28 suppliers raised $14,000 for turf research at the Third Annual South Florida GCSA Field Day April 12 at Rolling Hills Golf Resort in Fort Lauderdale.

In addition, many superintendents and technicians renewed their pesticide licenses and obtained CEUs for certification while suppliers showed off their hardware for two hours at an

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indoor trade show and then
demonstrated their heavy
equipment for another two
hours after lunch. Each dis-
tributor was allotted three
minutes per machine (photo right). Attendance, lim-
it to members of any FGCSA chapter, was up
slightly over last year, according to Marie Roberts,
who serves both the state association and the South
Florida chapter as executive secretary.

Oliver
wins Poa

Rain shortened the Ever-
glades GCSA’s annual
Poa Annua Classic at the
Naples Beach Club to nine
holes May 22, but David
Oliver of Martin Downs
CC in Stuart won low gross
honors for his third major
FGCSA title in less than
12 months. Oliver won
last year’s Crowfoot Open
at Grand Cypress in Or-
dando and Transition
Tournament at Palm
Coast.

Team title went to the host chapter: Mark Atwood,
Jack Simpson, Wayne Kappauf, Lou Conzelmann.
Atwood (photo right) was Master of Ceremonies at
the banquet. Among the honored guests were (above,
from left) GCSAA President Jerry Faubel, FGCSA
President Joel Jackson and former GCSAA and FGCSA
President Dick Blake.

Central
Florida
mechanics
meet

Golf course mechanics in Central Florida organized
at the Second Annual Central Florida GCSA Field
Day at Orange Tree CC in Orlando April 30. (Photo
belos) Cory Lewis, CGCS, of the CC of Orlando,
addressed the organizational meeting which attracted
19 mechanics. The group will elect officers this month.

Everglades honors
Joneses

Dan and Irene Jones, (photo above recently retired
editors of The Florida Green, were honored with a
plaque and permanent invitation to the Poa Annua
Classic by Everglades GCSA President Mark Atwood
(center) at the Poa banquet.