President's Message

Platitudes seem inappropriate .......... 6

No boring farewell address — it just doesn’t seem appropriate. We have too many projects in the working stages to rest on any laurels. Our worst battles are still ahead of us. We must marshal our forces to have a chance of winning them. Strength lies in numbers. And it takes money to accomplish anything.

FGCSA Spotlight

Granny Horn Memorial in Photos ................. 12

A lot of people had a lot of fun raising more than $6,000 for the Granny Horn Endowment Fund at the memorial tournament named for the late University of Florida turf educator.

Cover Story

Osprey Cove .............................................................. 16

Osprey Cove, Georgia’s best-kept secret, is beautifully manicured and maintained all the way from the main gate to the maintenance facility. It looks like a model for the way all golf facilities should look. Neat and clean. Everything in its place from the superintendent’s office to the enclosed soil bins. A truly professional atmosphere that reflects the countenance of its confident and mild-mannered superintendent.

Hands On: Mole Crickets

Sharing Techniques ...................................................... 28

With an enemy like this, you need a few friends. Courses spend upwards of $50,000 annually to control the mole cricket. A baker’s dozen Florida superintendents share their techniques for keeping this South American scourge under control. We also focus on the program at one course and review the situation with the parasitic nematode.

Heads Up:

Management Principles, Communication, Safety ...... 38

Instead of using their own technical skills, managers must do things through their crew, they must communicate carefully and effectively, and they must always keep safety in mind. Three management articles by and for golf course superintendents.

Tech Report

Greens Aerification ...................................................... 56

While the superintendent must have an understanding of the short-run impact of aerification to the club, his job is to represent the case for the long-term positive effects of the procedure on the life of the golf course. Chip Fowkes of Emerald Dunes looks at every aspect in a 10-page report.

Green Side Up

Radios, beepers and cellular phones ............... 72

Techo-Supt can’t do his job these days without his radio, beeper, and his Novatel Mark IV Trans-Stellar Intergalactic cellular phone and coffee maker. Or can he? And should he?