Seventh annual South Florida GCSA Expo raises nearly $25,000 for research green

The South Florida chapter hosted its biggest fund raiser ever, and it wasn’t even a golf tournament! For the seventh year in a row, the chapter has put together a winning combination of equipment demonstrations, workshops, research reports and a mini turfgrass show that rivals any in the country for content and funds raised.

Total income for this year’s event broke all records, just short of $25,000. Most of the profits go to support the research green at the University of Florida.
A beautiful, sunny mid-spring day welcomed Expo attendees to a great day of education and fellowship. Equipment demonstrations, below, provided by the Expo gave helpful insights into the special features and abilities of the units present.
Participants review turf plots at the FGCSA-funded research greens

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center which was the sight of the Expo again this year.

Attendees numbered over 170 turfgrass professionals which does not even include the number of suppliers and equipment operators who put on the show.

The Expo is a wonderful opportunity for golf course superintendents to see the latest in turfgrass equipment in a head-to-head demonstration, all in one day!

The South Florida board of directors would like to thank Hector Turf, LESCO, Pifer Incorporated, and RSI Holdings of Florida. This year we had an additional demonstration from IPM Systems and Turf Specialties.

We would also like to thank the suppliers who put on the mini turfgrass show. Most of these booths (as well as all of the equipment companies) have been in on the Expo since the beginning, back in 1987.

Once again, this is the type of support that makes turfgrass business what it is today.

The FGCSA Research Green will get even more exposure this year as the Florida Turfgrass Association holds its annual Corn Boil on the grounds of the University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale campus in September.

In 1995, the Expo will again be combined with the annual U of F Field Day which is expected to bring attendance well over the 500 mark.

Congratulations to everyone involved on a very professional event!