get my full attention since my focus is no longer on managing turf. I spent most of my spare time in the Media Room or the GCSAA Services Area networking with staff and asking questions. I know it's a sore point, but I would really like to see this area in the center of the show and not located in Siberia like it is every year. They have some good information available to members and the Member Services area deserves a more prominent location. It was obvious that the suppliers were happy with a good turnout on Friday and Saturday. Sunday was predictably slower as people started heading back home for work on Monday.

Friday night the Florida GCSA held its annual reception and it was a big bash with more than 1,400 in attendance. Entertainment was provided by the Dueling Pianos and they roasted several members of the audience throughout the night. Impresario Paul Crawford put on another spectacular event with the help of the Kilpatrick Turf Company, celebrating their 40th anniversary, as a presenting sponsor. Many thanks to Kilpatrick and the Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsors for helping us celebrate the conference and show.

As the “host” chapter of the event, several of our Florida GCSA members acquitted themselves well in helping to make this a successful week. Take a look at the photos in this section to see some of your peers that gave of their time and efforts during the conference. Next year we go to the Big Easy!

JOEL JACKSON

GCSAA Golf Championship

Good Weather, Great Courses Challenge 700-plus

More than 700 players competed in the GCSAA Golf Championship on five courses on Florida’s West Coast and, for the first time in four years, the field
didn't have to contend with bad weather except for a fog delay one morning.

This year's tournament courses were The Copperhead, Island and Hawk’s Run courses at the Westin Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs and the Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses at World Wood Golf Club in Brooksville along with Southern Woods Golf Club in Homosassa Springs. With the GCSAA Conference and Show coming to Orlando every three years now, the golf committee is trying to offer the players a variety of venues.

Scores for Florida's #1 team: Buck Buckner (151); Jim Torba and Chris Cartin (152); Joe Pantaleo (153) and Joe Ondo (156). All these players were in the top 20 scores. The low gross team was the #1 Team from the Midwest Association of GCSA from Illinois. Chandler Masters, playing out of Henderson, Nev., won the individual low gross title with a 145 and a three-shot margin over defending champion Al Pondel.

The GCSAA Championship, in partnership with the Toro Company, gets better each year. Tee prizes, breakfast each day, 19th hole receptions daily, the victory banquet and great golf courses are included in your entry fee. If you have never played in this event, try it once to see if you don’t agree with me that it is worth the money. Plan now to play in Mobile, Ala. next year when the GCSAA Conference and Show is in New Orleans.

JOE ONDO, CGCS
FGCSA Golf Chairman

1998 FGCSA Presidents Awards
• Jim Callaghan
• Stanley Carr
• Dwight Wilson

Stanley Carr Retires After 30 years at Gulfstream

Thirty years ago Stanley Carr, a graduate of Glasgow Technical School, was appointed superintendent of the Gulfstream Golf Club. Nothing so unusual about that except Carr was an electrical engineer by trade and was in charge of the clubhouse.

But Carr was also a thorough and creative professional in the conduct of his business and that caught the eye of the members.

Carr came to Gulfstream from the Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach where he was employed in the engineering department. He took the hospital job after he immigrated to the United States in 1963 from his native Scotland. His early years after school were spent as an apprentice electrical engineer aboard luxury ocean liners like the Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, the Franconia, the...