



FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presents Scott Bell with the 1998 Distinguished Service Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Bell Receives Fla. GCSA Distinguished Service Award

Following in a long list of FGCSA past presidents who remain active after their formal board service is over, Scott Bell's selection for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award was announced at the FGCSA Annual Meeting at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando in August.

FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presented Bell with his award at the Treasure Coast Chapter's pro/superintendent event at the Indian River Country Club in September.

In his acceptance remarks, Bell thanked his fellow Treasure Coast superintendents for their friendship, help and support over the

years. He especially thanked those members who founded and guided the Treasure Coast Chapter for making it the kind of association that one was proud to be part of. He said he was humbled and proud to join the ranks of previous DSA winners.

The Distinguished Service Award was traditionally presented at the Crowfoot Open Banquet in August, but the FGCSA Board recognized that it meant more to the recipients and the nominators to receive the award in front of their local chapter members, so the DSA and Presidents Award presentations have been shifted to local chapter meetings.

Bell, who was the president of the FGCSA in 1994-95 has continued to serve the members by writing many articles for the *Florida Green* and in fact his interest and participation led to his being named assistant editor to replace Mark Jarrell who stepped down because of time commitments to the Florida Turfgrass Association.

Bell is now writing topical editorials, reviewing editorial plans and proofreading articles for each issue. Asked to take a more active role to learn the mechanics of putting the magazine together, Bell unselfishly agreed to learn more about the magazine production in case he must take over for the editor. He will be given specific assignments each issue and may become the coordinator for a complete section to get a feel for story acquisition and the production process.

Bell has been the superintendent at the Bent Pine Golf Club in Vero Beach since 1986. He is originally from Ohio but attended high school in Fort Lauderdale. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Landscape Horticulture and credits CSU professor Dr. Jack Butler with getting him to switch from forestry to the fledgling turf program.

Bell's career brought him from an assistant

superintendent's job at the Pinery Club in Denver to the fun and sun capital of Ft. Lauderdale where he cut his teeth on Florida turf management as an assistant at Eagle Trace under the watchful eye of TPC legend Fred Klauk. Bell moved up to his first superintendent position at the TPC Monte Carlo golf club in 1984, and two years later he moved on to Bent Pine.

Bell is a devoted family man and spends quality time with his wife Debbie and his children Jennifer (14), Sara (12), Scott (10) and Allison (5). His hobbies include golf, waverunner riding, home improvement projects, travel and snow skiing.

In addition to his Treasure Coast, FGCSA and GCSAA service, Bell has been involved with the Indian River County School Board - Gifted Student Task Force, and he helped supervise improvements and construction of a community soccer field complex.



FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presents Jim Callaghan with his 1998 Presidents Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.