

continue to lend his support to the FGCSA. He had a hard time describing his emotions about winning the award. He is a quiet person who enjoys working behind the scenes, and out of the limelight. His involvement at all levels forced him to become a better speaker, and to be more comfortable when addressing large groups. But his actions speak louder than words!

Kuehner's service and support of his associations will continue, but the birth of his son has him enjoying the special feelings of fatherhood. He says he has adapted well to the schedule changes that come with parenthood, and he describes Ian's easy going

disposition with much love, affection and wonderment.

Kuehner used to get excited about a new Rain Bird irrigation program to play with; now it's Ian's photo on his computer screen saver. Dad can't quit smiling about the tours Ian takes with him on the golf course and Cindy's dressing Ian up in little reindeer antlers for the holidays. It's going to be a special holiday season in the Kuehner household this year!

Dale, thank you for your many years of support and energy you have dedicated to the local, state, and national superintendent associations. If the rest of us could make a commitment that was 10 percent of yours, we would have more

volunteers than we could possibly use. Thanks, Dale, and congratulations!

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EVERGLADES GCSA

Dale Walters Recognized with President's Award.

Dale Walters is an Ohio buckeye who took root in Florida 24 years ago.

As a 12-year-old lad in Dayton, Ohio, Dale somehow made the connection between his youthful lawn mowing jobs and his growing love of golf. When college time rolled around, he enrolled in Ohio State, but transferred into the Lake City Community College Golf

1999 FGCSA President's Award Winners

- Paul Hickman
- Dave Hollar
- Steve Pearson
- Al Ross
- Dale Walters

Course Operations program to finish his training since Ohio State did not have a similar program at the time. He graduated from Lake City in 1975.

Nearing graduation at Lake City, Walters saw an article in *Golf Digest* magazine talking about the John's Island Club putting in another 18 holes. He took a

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Everglades Past President Dale Walters, left, is presented a 1999 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service by Gary Grigg at the EGCSA September meeting. Photo by Joel Jackson

chance and submitted his resume and landed the job. The following year Dale moved to Naples, FL to assume the duties of superintendent of the Moorings Country Club. In 1991, Dale moved to the Royal Palm CC where he remains today.

When asked about those people who had the biggest influences on his career Dale responded, "Dr. (Gene) Nutter from Lake City

certainly was the biggest academic influence in learning the business. Superintendents Charlie Jarrell and Bubba Luke were early mentors who gave me a job, let me do my job and gave me good advice on how to deal with people. I would have to also give credit to all of my past green committee chairmen (about 20 of them) who influenced me for the good, the bad and the ugly."

Gary Grigg named for GCSAA DSA

Florida's own Gary Grigg, CGCS, MG of the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples has been named as the recipient of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award for 2000. He will be presented this prestigious award during the opening ceremony of the 71st International Golf Course Conference and Show in New Orleans Feb. 16.

Grigg served as president of the GCSAA in 1995. He didn't retire from association service when he moved to Florida. He is currently serving as the external vice president of the Everglades GCSA, and he is still active on GCSAA committees. Congratulations to Gary from all of his Florida friends and peers, and thanks for all the time and effort spent to make the golf course superintendents profession and associations just a little better.

Walters became involved in the Everglades GCSA and the Golf Course Superintendents Association, volunteering his time to serve on committees and the board of directors of the EGCSA. He completed his CGCS certification in 1986.

Walters is a past president of the Everglades GCSA and served as the chapter delegate to GCSAA for three years. He has been a speaker at two GCSAA International Conferences and he is currently serving on the GCSAA Information Services Committee. He has also taught turf management classes at Edison Community College on Disease Identification and Introduction to the Golf Course Industry.

About his personal work and life philosophies Walters says, "I'm still a work in progress. I pray for rain then I pray for rain to stop. I pray for the bugs and disease to go away and I pray for the crew to show up for work. I also pray for the members to be happy. My faith is an influence on everything I do or say and how I manage my life, my work and my family."

As far as memorable moments go Dale reverts to his buckeye beginnings. He says, "The best moments are when Ohio State beats Michigan, which doesn't happen often enough." He quickly adds that among his most treasured memories were the 11 days he spent with his wife touring England, Scotland and Wales.

Walters has been married to his wife Connie for 29 years and has four children, Carrie Hope (24); Amanda

Faith (20); Joshua (13) and Charity Grace (12). Dale says his hobbies and interests include watching Josh catch fish while he doesn't and being active in his church.

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GCSAA REGIONAL SEMINARS

Regional Seminars Wrap Up 1999 Education Calendar

As 1999 came to a close, three FGCSA Affiliated Chapters held GCSAA Regional Seminars to provide continuing education credits for Florida superintendents seeking certification or recertification.

The FGCSA works with the local chapters to coordinate the dates and seminar selections to avoid schedule and topic conflicts.

The South Florida Chapter held a seminar in July at the Orangebrook GC in Hollywood. Dr. Charles Peacock presented a program on "Protecting Natural Resources on Golf Courses." Then in September in Orlando, the Central Florida Chapter presented "Human Resource Management" with longtime GCSAA faculty member, Dr. Bree Hayes. The North Florida Chapter in Jacksonville finished off the series of regional seminars in November with a program on "Integrated Disease Management for Bermudagrass Golf Courses." presented by University of Florida turf pathologist, Dr. Monica Elliott.

These eight-hour, college-level presentations are worth .7 CEUs each for the attendees who must attain a