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Welcome to Suncoast Scramble
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Suncoast President Bill Tyde, center, presented $2,500 turf research checks to FTGA President Todd Himmelberger, right, and FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson at the 2009 Suncoast Scramble. Photo by Lee Crosby.

The Suncoast Scramble is 27 years old and going strong. The 2009 tournament was another successful inclusive event for golfing, networking and turf research. The Suncoast Chapter presented checks of $2,500 each to the FGCSA Research Account and the FTGA Research Foundation. The Suncoast GC SA donated an additional $2,500 through the FGCSA to be used for the Florida Turfgrass Industry’s Economic Impact Study being organized by the FTGA. On the golf side, congratulations to the team from Pelican Pointe GC – Dan Haubein, superintendent; Bill Neal, golf professional; Tom Weaver, club official and Eastland Collen, supplier – for winning the tournament.

Ridge Invitational
Gary Newcomb, superintendent of the Big Cypress G.C. in Lakeland, won the 18th Annual Jack Harrell Sr. Ridge GC SA Invitational March 9 at the Club at Eaglebrooke, also in Lakeland. The warm, sunny day was ideal for golf and so were the course conditions, thanks to host superintendent Alan Puckett and his staff. While the scores were being tallied during the barbecue dinner following golf, FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson updated the group on all the government relations issues facing the industry.

South Florida Turf Expo
John Cisar, Ph.D. at the UF/IFAS Research and Education Center in Ft. Lauderdale told the 400-some attendees of the 2009 South Florida Turf Expo and Field Day that it was 22 years ago that the first Expo took place, thanks in large part to the organizational efforts and funding from the Palm Beach and South Florida chapters of the FGCSA. Those chapters cooperated with IFAS and the Florida GC SA to provide materials, expertise and funding to establish the Otto Schmiesser Research Green and to continue to provide funds for the upkeep of the research plots.
demonstrations, a products exposition and classroom and hands on presentations and training.

**North Florida Memorial Tournament**

Superintendent Greg Tharp of the Jacksonville G&CC once again stepped up to host the 17 Annual NFGCSA Memorial Scholarship Tournament honoring Mike Richards and Alan MacCurrach, Jr. April 13. At this event the chapter also recognizes outstanding service to the chapter and the community by presenting the Keeper of the Green Award. This year’s recipient was Clayton Estes from the San Jose CC. Estes has been a leader in the association and

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**EVERGLADES SPRING SYMPOSIUM**

The Everglades Chapter assembled another dynamite roster of speakers for its annual Spring Symposium April 16. Speakers from all over the state and the US presented a full day of education at the Naples Beach Hotel. Highlights included a presentation on bunker maintenance from our own Bob Randquist, cgcsof Boca Rio GC. Randquist is also Secretary/Treasurer of the GCSAA and will be running for vice president at the 2009 GIS in San Diego.

**JEFF HAYDEN ENVIROTROON CLASSIC**

The 17th annual event was held April 13 at the World Woods GC, which has been the site for all the tournaments. Thanks to superintendent James “Jimbo” Rawlings and his staff for having the courses in great shape for the event. Using all 36 holes at the course and drawing teams from all over the state, this event has raised more than $600,000 for turfgrass research and support for the Envirotroon Lab at the University of Florida. As usual the sponsors and volunteers put on another great event culminating with a steak-and-shrimp awards dinner under the big tent.

**2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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2009 Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotroon Classic. from left: Tournament Chairman Glenn Oberlander, Golf Ventures’ Walt McMahon, Cary Lewis and Debbie Nipper and SRGCSA President Jim Shaffer. Photo by Joel Jackson.
on Managing Turf in Tough Economic Times at this annual April event. The Everglades GCSA hosted three golf outings: the GC Horn Memorial Endowment Tournament on Friday after the education workshop and the Poa Annua Classic for serious golfers and the Poa Annua Scramble for the rest of us.

Mark Henderson from the Gulfstream Golf Club won the individual title and a spot on the Florida GCSA team to compete at the GCSAA Golf Championship in Palm Springs next February. The Chapter title was won by the South Florida team of Stephen Fox, Robert Harper, Joe Pantaleo and Seth Strickland. And last but not least the best of the FGCSA President Shane Bass, cgc's, left, received a $5,000 check for turf research from Mark Kann of the Seven Rivers GCSA at the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Past President Craig Weyandt from The Moorings Club in Vero Beach was presented the 2009 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award during the Past President’s Dinner in Naples May 7. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Golfing Greats from Across the State...

North Florida Memorial Tournament Low Gross winners from left: Matt Howes, Steve Sorrell, Doug Merkel, and Bob Jones

Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Classic Low Gross Team on Rolling Oaks from left: John Lavan, Mike Kenovich, Bill Scheese and Steve Phillips.

Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Pine Barrens Low Gross Team from left: Gary Geiger, Roger Hruby, Dan Morgan and Terry Morgan

Treasure Coast Blue Pearl Tournament Low Gross Team from left: Mark Heater, Wes Dillard, Kevin Downing and Tommy Aeillo
Poa Scramblers was the team of Lance Allen, Dick Bessire, Kevin Scott and Odell Spainhour.

Blue Pearl Environmental Charity Tournament The Treasure Coast GCSA held its 2009 event at the Hawk’s Nest Golf Club May 18. This event provides funding for local environmental projects, education and research. The winning teams this year: Low Gross – Mark Heater, Wes Dillard, Kevin Downing and Tommy Aeillo; Low Net – Bobby Wallace, Roger Edling, Craig Maret and Mike Carver. During the Blue Pearl awards reception after golf, Johns Island West Superintendent John Curran won the bidding in the annual Bayer Power Pak Auction hosted by Brian MacCurrach of Bayer Environmental Sciences.

John Foy, left, director of the USGA Green Section, Florida Region and his wife Shelly were awarded the 2009 Marie Roberts Award for Lifetime Service to the members of the Florida golf industry. FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson made the presentations in Naples at the FGCSA Past Presidents Dinner. Photo by Todd Lowe.

Everglades GCSA Past President Corey McDonough congratulates Mark Henderson on winning the 2009 Poa Annua Golf Classic at the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Brian MacCurrach, left, hosted the annual Power Pak Auction at the Blue Pearl Tournament and John Curran from John’s Island West made the winning bid. Photo by Gary Chaney.