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Continuing with the communication issue I wrote about last time, I was honored to be asked to serve on the GCSAA Golf Course Management publication committee.

GCM is the largest superintendent-owned magazine in the country and is a key communication link for superintendents across the country.

I didn't know what to expect on my first trip to our new headquarters in Lawrence, Kan. The building is very nice.

Is it too large for our present needs? Without a doubt.

Will we grow into it? Time will tell.

Our present board and new executive officers inherited this building and have plans for the unused space that will benefit everybody — most importantly, the bottom line.

The committee meeting itself was fantastic.

At our open forum, we had superintendents, PhDs and — look at this! — 10 (count 'em!) staff members... all with open minds. And everyone felt free to express his opinion.

Committee chairman Paul McGinnis ran a great meeting. Even more impressive was the way our new COO Joe O'Brien pulled thoughts from everyone. Anyone seeing Mr. O'Brien in action for the first time is in for a real treat.

Of course Joe didn't have much trouble getting me to voice my opinion on GCM. I think you will see some changes to our national magazine in the next year as a direct result of superintendent input, executive direction and the staff's professional skill.

Subject to board approval, the magazine will be modernizing its production facilities, using computers to streamline much of the time-consuming work that had been done the old-fashioned way.

I don't have space to tell you all the good things I saw out there but sit back and hold on: you are going to see some great things in the months and years ahead.

I am so impressed with our new executive officers that I am confident they will get done what our members want and deserve.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support during my term as president of the FGCSA. It has been very enjoyable for me and I hope I have lived up to all your expectations throughout the year.
For A Look At The New Mole Cricket Battle Plan, Just Turn The Page.
I had the privilege last month of attending the annual meeting of the Florida Sod Producers Association (FSPA) held in the heart of Polk County. It was an excellent meeting with an educational session, awards presentation and equipment demonstration after the barbecue lunch.

At the morning session an update was given on the status of developing and implementing a state-sanctioned and -regulated sod certification program. All of the FSPA members were very interested in the program, how it would work and what the costs would be. However a major concern was over whether the customer would be willing to pay more for "certified" sod than they would for non-certified.

This is a very valid point. Will you as a customer insist on using "only" certified sod and sprigs? Will you as a customer for Tifdwarf or Tifway 419 bermudagrass pay three to five cents more per square foot for certified sod or $1 per bushel more for sprigs over non-certified?

If the answer is "No," then you have just driven the first nail into the coffin of the sod certification program. If the answer is "No," then you have also decided that you are willing to continue accepting the Heinz 57 mixture of grasses coming out of sod fields all over the state.

You see, the sod certification program will not be without its costs to the producers. Those producers who sign up to participate (and not all in the state will) in the program will have no choice but to pass these costs on to you the consumer.

At the same time, there will be the non-certified producers out there. You can probably tell who they are going to be right now. They will be the ones that cut corners on their production costs in order to undercut prices of legitimate producers. You know... a few more weeds in the sod, a few more diseased pallets in the truckload, a few more different types of grasses than the one they are supposed to be delivering. Hell, maybe with a little luck you might actually get some of the type of grass that you ordered.

And then again maybe you won't.

It is an interesting scenario we have here. What we have right now is everybody in the sod business in a gray area. Maybe they have the real McCoy and maybe they don't; there is no way to be sure.

There are no real good guys and no real bad guys, just a bunch of gray guys... no standards, no controls, no criteria and no demands, just grass. Are you ready to step forward and put your money where your mouth is? Are you ready to pay for the real McCoy?

I hope so. You see, the golf course industry is what is behind this FGCSA/FTGA/FDAC effort to revitalize a certification program. It is because of...
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Friday the 13th no ill omen as annual Poa Annua Weekend attracts hundreds to Naples

If you didn’t make it to this year’s Poa Annua Weekend, you missed one of the great social and business events of the year. Every year hundreds of turf professionals and their families flock to the Naples Beach Club for a weekend full of golf, education, great food and just plain fun!

If this was your first year, I’m sure it won’t be your last! And if you didn’t make it, talk to someone who did. The event which started over 20 years ago seems to get better and better each year.

This year’s Poa Annua started on the very unsettling day of Friday the 13th. Superstition and bad luck were nowhere to be found, however, as the FGCSA Seminar with Dr. Michael Coffman was a huge success. A standing-room-only audience enjoyed an informative and extremely important educational session. Those who attended would have to agree; a valuable lesson was learned by all.

If you missed the seminar, look for the book Environmentalism by Dr. M. Coffman

The seminar ended at about 5:30 p.m. and we were all ready for some fellowship and fun. Many opted for a beverage at the pool or a stroll on the beach. Either option seemed appropriate, since the seminar took place only about 50 feet from either place.

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Still others hustled back to their rooms to get ready for dinner and dancing. The Beach Club offers all of the above. The Beach Club also delivers one of the most spectacular sunsets on the planet.

Saturday morning arrives with the ultimate breakfast buffet and the G.C. Horn Memorial Golf Tournament. David Barnes and Dick Naccarato put on one of the most enjoyable tournaments of the year.

But if you think you’re having fun, the wife and kids are having a ball across the street soaking up the sun and swimming in the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. When the game is over, get the bathing suit on and spend some time with your loved ones on the beach.

Saturday night approaches and it’s time for the famous Poa Annua Banquet. I hope you took a short nap!

Three hundred of your friends, family and colleagues have gathered to share all of the past year’s experiences as well as the weekend’s events and a few laughs. The band, a magician and comedian all take turns entertaining you as you feast on the bountiful buffet.

Sunday morning hits most of us way too soon as we prepare for the 1994 Poa Annua Classic. Dick Naccarato has his Beach Club layout in championship form and the tournament starts under perfect weather conditions.

As our wives are sleeping in or enjoying their first cup of coffee, we are fighting Dick’s tough pin placements and blasting out of traps but having a great time nevertheless. The Everglades superintendents have been working way too hard this spring and fall to keep the coveted cup of Poa Annua.

The Ridge Chapter obviously went to bed early and came to Naples with victory in mind as they walked away with the team championship led by Chuck Rogers winning low net of 65, Ray Cuzzone, Mark Hopkins and Alan Puckett, humbled all the other chapters. Only Steve Ciardullo, a former Everglades president now a mem-

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