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SPOTLIGHT: CHAPTER ROUNDUP, AWARDS, GOLF
All chapters were busy over the summer, reporting growth, successful fundraisers and awards. Bob Sanderson, CGCS was presented the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at his Calusa GCSA chapter meeting; Tom Cowan was presented the Presidents Award for Lifetime Service at a NFGCSA chapter meeting. Courtney Caillavet and Jennifer Bell won Legacy scholarships from the GCSAA. Mark Henderson won the Crowfoot and a spot on the FGCSA team.

COVER STORY: BOCA LAGO C.C.
Boca Lago C.C. is one of the guardians of a greenbelt garden in the 12-mile coastal strip of Palm Beach County, which occupies 10 percent of its land and holds 90 percent of its population. While removing invasive plants, it still provides colorful tropical exotics in beds.

HANDS ON: MECHANICALLY INCLINED
Neatness, precision, well-developed and -honed skills and professionalism are all key ingredients to managing a golf course equipment maintenance operation, according to two veterans. In Super Tips, Darren Davis describes custom-made sod pluggers fashioned from bed knives.

INDUSTRY NEWS: RESPECT, PRESENTATION, DROUGHT
Don Benham, FTGA director of public relations, wonders why the Michigan media do not attack golf courses on water use as do the Florida media.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS: ARE WE GUILTY?
Dr. Charles Peacock, professor of crop science at North Carolina State and former UF professor, shows how the golf industry's BMPs do work in preventing water pollution on golf courses by using the "Treatment Train" approach.

STEWARDSHIP: BIRDS COUNT AS WELL AS BIRDIES
A total of 48 golf courses participated in Audubon International's annual North American Birdwatching Open. One course sighted 98 different species.

AFTERWORDS: JOE KONWINSKI, 1915-2002
Joe Konwinski, golf course superintendent, first president of the FTGA and an ambassador for the turfgrass industry through many civic causes, died Aug. 17 at age 87. Jim Walker notes that association service can be a harrowing ride, but the rebate is greater than the cost of the ticket. Joel Jackson awards some birdies, a par, many bogeys and one triple bogey!

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### CALL FOR ARTICLES

**Hands on Topics:** Share your best practices and tips for these upcoming topics. Photos or slides are encouraged. Digital images that are 5 inches wide at 300 dpi or greater accepted.

1. **Winter 2003 - Pest Control Programs:** Grubs, Mole Crickets and Nematodes
   - Now that chemicals are getting more pest specific and Nematocides and other organo-phosphates are being phased out, what are your evolving programs for controlling some of our worst turf pests? Share any successes with bio-control products? Deadline: Nov. 15.

2. **Spring 2003 - Managing the Putting Surface:** Programs and Equipment
   - New top dressers; brush insets for verticut units; ultradwarf greens; Rolling just a tad now over? Mowing heights and turf health. Share your programs and equipment arsenal. Deadline: Feb. 15.

3. **Summer 2003 - Overseeding Trends & Poa Annua Control**
   - Do new grass varieties mean less overseeding? What types, blends, and rates do you use for greens, tees, fairways? Have water restrictions changed your plans? When do you seed? What is your program for controlling Poa annua and volunteer seed germination? Deadline: May 15.

Please submit articles via email if possible. Attached articles should be saved in Microsoft Word or, if you use another word processor save it as a Text file before attaching or you may just copy and paste it into the email text box. Try to limit articles to 1500 words or less. The Florida Green pays $100 per page and $50 for 1-3 pictures. Please submit articles via email if possible.

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Challenges Ahead

Coggan to help me guide our association in the right direction. In addition Joel Jackson, director of communications and Marie Roberts, association manager are two extremely valuable people we have relied on for years.

I would like to also thank Darren Davis for his insight on the board of directors. Darren did an extra tour of duty as immediate past president after Cary Lewis had to resign last year.

The external vice presidents who serve as directors and committee chairpersons play a vital role for the association. These volunteers take several days out of the year to attend FGCSA board meetings around the state. Please give them your attention at your chapter meetings. They will be updating you on issues important to our profession.

The South Florida Turfgrass Task Force recently made its recommendation on the relocation of the South Florida Turfgrass Research Program. The task force members included Ralph White, chairman, Jim Goins, Mark Jarrell, Steve Pearson, John Foy, Greg Pheneger, Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis, Dr. John Haydu and Joel Jackson. Their preference was to keep the program at Ft. Lauderdale.

According to Dr. Mike Martin, vice president of IFAS, two problems are keeping this from happening. First the area has become “urban bound” which would restrict the things that can be done. Haan’t all of South Florida become that way? We still manage to maintain beautiful landscapes and golf courses just the same. Ft. Lauderdale is the perfect location and that is all I will say on that subject.

The second reason for the relocation is the deferred maintenance cost to the facility of $3,314,500. It is highly unlikely that we would see this kind of money go into this facility for repairs, but with that amount a new facility could be built. Would anyone out there like to make a donation? I’m sure that we would name the facility after you. Seriously, it looks like the relocation might be to Immokalee at the Southwest Research and Education Center as recommended by the Task Force. Consideration was also given to Belle Glade, Ft. Pierce and the Ag Reserve Land in Palm Beach County.

Dr. Martin’s goal is to build the best program in the country. This will require change. Change in the long run is usually for the best. We need to accept this move to Immokalee and continue to support research in South Florida. The transition from Ft. Lauderdale to Immokalee will take time. Research is still taking place at the FLREC and will continue for a few years until the new location is established.

My vision for the FGCSA is to get more member involvement with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Golf course superintendents are often referred to as “Stewards of the Environment.” We all need to be able to live up to this title.... We can be good sources to set the record straight. We need to learn how to handle ourselves when the television camera is bearing down on us.

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I would like to see increased membership and meeting attendance for all chapters. Many of you know superintendents who aren’t members. Invite them to your meetings. Introduce them around and get them involved with the education programs. Let them see that meetings can be productive as well as educational for all members and maybe they will join and become active.

Spokesperson training with Dr. Tom Morgan will be another service available to our members this year. Golf has been a target in the media. We can be good sources to set the record straight. We need to learn how to handle ourselves when the television camera is bearing down on us. We will offer three programs around the state this year.

If anyone has any comments they would like to share with me, please feel free to call, write or e-mail. I’m looking forward to a productive year.

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Calusa GCSA
FGCSA Honors Bob Sanderson With DSA

The Calusa Chapter was proud to honor the FGCSA colleague Bob Sanderson with the 2002 Distinguished Service Award. Sanderson was presented with the award at the Calusa Chapter meeting in July. (See page 8)

Central Florida GCSA
Memorial Tourney Becomes Annual Event in July

In June, the CFGCSA event became an annual occurrence. Rich Buigess, the host on this rolling golf course, walked off with the low gross honors. The event was held at the Lake Orlando GC and raised $20,000. A good portion of the proceeds will go toward helping pay medical expenses for a Hook a Kid on Golf and turf research, held in June at the Falls C.C. and raised $20,000. A good portion of the proceeds this year will also go toward helping pay medical expenses for Cameron Jorgensen, son of Erik Jorgensen, assistant superintendent at the Royal Palm Y&CC.

On Oct. 2 the PBGCSA was scheduled to host the one-day FGCSA Regional Seminar, “Seashore Paspalum Management on Golf Courses” with Dr. Ronnie Duncan, U. of Georgia.

Ridge GCSA
Chapter Honors Founder Barnes, Hears FTGA Report

At the June meeting at The Club at Eaglebrook, the Ridge Chapter honored veteran turf professional David Barnes with an FGCSA President’s Award for Lifetime Service. Barnes is a Gator turf graduate, former golf course superintendent and past president of the FTGA. Barnes helped found the Ridge Chapter in 1988. At the Southern Dunes August meeting, FTGA President Alan Puckett and Vice President Bobby Ellis gave a one-hour update by Alan Puckett and Bobby Ellis.

South Florida GCSA
Chapter Basks in Glory of Walker's Commentary

The SFGCSA won the Jimmy Blackledge Trophy defeating the PBGCSA team in a Ryder Cup format at the annual South Florida -
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Palm Beach GCSA joint meeting held at the Mizner GC Aug. 12. The next big event will be the SFGCSA Missing & Exploited Children fundraising tournament at the Colony West CC on Oct. 11. SFGCSA Past President Jim Walker has become a regular contributor to The Florida Green with his “no holds barred” commentary.

Suncoast GCSA Annual Maintenance Seminar to Feature Dr. James Beard

As the chapter still recovers from the loss of President Tom Crawford this past May, the Thomas Patrick Crawford Memorial Tournament held in his honor at the Bradenton C.C. in July raised nearly $18,000 for his daughters’ scholarship fund. Thanks to the sponsors and players all those who volunteered their time.

This fall will be busy with the annual Best Ball Pro-Superintendent tournament in September at the Lakewood Ranch G&CC, and the annual November Grounds Maintenance Seminar at Selby Gardens. Featured speaker will be Dr. James Beard and .35 GCSAA CEUs will be available.

Treasure Coast GCSA Scholarship Winners, Blue Pearl Event Capture Attention

The chapter’s attention this summer has been on organizing annual Blue Pearl Tournament Sept. 23 at the Loxahatchee Club this year. This event is the leading statewide contributor to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and has supported several primary and secondary school environmental and turf programs.

Proud pops, David Oliver of Boynton Pump and Scott Bell, superintendent at Red Stick GC, were pleased to learn that their kids, Jason Oliver and Jennifer Bell, were the recipients of $1,000 scholarships from the TCGCSA. Jason will be attending the University of South Florida in Tampa to study business. Jennifer also received a $1500 GCSAA Legacy Award and will be attending Babson College outside of Boston, also majoring in business.

The GCSAA Legacy Awards are funded by Syngenta Professional Products and administered by the GCSAA Foundation. This year Syngenta increased its funding of this award that benefits children of superintendents that are going into careers other than turfgrass management. GCSAA is now able to award 20 students $1,500 each.

The TCGCSA will have a joint meeting with the Palm Beach Chapter at the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton on Oct. 16.

West Coast GCSA Past Presidents’ Reunion Highlights Bud Quandt Tournament

The regular July Chapter Championship was rained out and rescheduled for September. After a busy and wet summer all hands are eagerly anticipating fall and the annual Bud Quandt Tournament on Oct. 7 at the Pasadena Y&CC. This event also serves as a Past Presidents Reunion meeting and it’s great to see many of the legends of our chapter gather and reminisce about the history of the association.

Bob Sanderson Service By Distinguished Gentleman

By Joel Jackson

Bob Sanderson exemplifies many of the old school superintendents who earned their degrees in disciplines other than agronomy. The economics major from Hobart College in New York took his liberal arts degree and set up shop in the credit department at Maas Brothers department store in Tampa. The trouble was, Sanderson figured out that he would rather be outdoors instead of indoors.

Sanderson gave up his 8-to-5 job in 1960 to join his brother-in-law, David Wallace, in building the Saints and Sinners courses at Port St. Lucie. Two years later in a company reorganization move, Sanderson found himself in charge of the Port Charlotte golf course which was in the middle of nowhere at that time. Sanderson was still learning golf course management on the job and relied on the advice and guidance of chemical and fertilizer salesmen. The relative isolation and lack of any viable associations forced Sanderson to learn through a period of trial and error.

In the 1960s, if superintendents wanted to take turf seminars they had to travel to Miami, Tampa or Jacksonville where the South Florida, West Coast and Florida-Georgia associations held meetings. As more courses came on line in the Ft. Myers and Naples area, Sanderson and others figured it was time to organize, and in 1968 the Everglades chapter was born with Sanderson as the first president. He was also intimately involved with the unification and formation of the statewide FGCSA a decade later.

Ever active in association business, Sanderson rose to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Florida Turfgrass Association. He was presented the FTGA’s highest honor - the Wreath of Grass award - in 1979. He also served in the same office for the FGCSA in 1982. In 1991 the FGC S A Vice President David Court, CGCS, right, presented Bob Sanderson with the 2002 Distinguished Service Award at the Calusa Chapter meeting in July.

Sanderson’s never-ending involvement and service to the profession led the Calusa Chapter to nominate him for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for 2002. This tireless veteran came up through the ranks the hard way, but the right way and with distinction. In July 2002 it was with great pleasure that then FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS presented Sanderson with the DSA Award at the Calusa Chapter’s monthly meeting.

At the ceremony Sanderson said, “I would like to thank the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association and everyone involved for selecting me for the Distinguished Service Award. This is a tremendous honor and something I will cherish for the rest of my life. These awards are possible only with the help of good employees and lots of good friends. Thank you again.”

Meanwhile, Sanderson was logging a 24-year career at Port Charlotte. Sanderson became a certified superintendent in 1978 and maintained his status until 1998, letting it lapse as he neared retirement.

Around 1985 he left Port Charlotte and managed the Del Tura and then the Del Vera (Heron’s Glen) country clubs in North Fort Myers for the next 15 years until his “retirement” in 1999. At 74 years, Sanderson couldn’t stand sitting around the house, so he hooked up with Roger Taylor at the Kingsway C.C. and currently works a four-day, part-time schedule.

Sanderson said, “Roger has been really great with my schedule. I can attend Calusa Chapter meeting and three or four times during the summer, my wife Mary Ann and I take off for trips to our home in Highlands, N.C. We have a small place 5,000 ft up the mountain. The daytime highs are in the 70s and the nights run in the low 60s. It’s a nice break from the summer heat and humidity.”
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