

Orlando, 2002—A Mic

By Mickey Mouse operation, I mean that in the best sense of the phrase. MAGCS members and GCSAA members from around the world always look especially forward to our International Golf Course Conference and Show when Orlando, Florida, is the venue. What a great way to treat the family to some old-fashioned fun while attending the conference! Orlando offers something for everyone, and it was great to see so many smiling faces at the end of the day, be it the result of a day at one of the wonderful parks or an evening indulging in some local hospitality.



Kevin DeRoo and Fred Behnke make sure every detail is taken care of with our banquet captain at the Rosen Centre, Zineb Capogreco.

The MAGCS Hospitality Suite was once again the talk of the show, with plenty of food, drink and conversation abounding on Wednesday and Thursday in the Rosen Centre. While taking a peek at some of our members enjoying themselves at the show (and after in some cases), remember that this is no small production to pull off. Paul Yerkes of Lesco is responsible for all the details that go into making the event a reality. Kevin DeRoo of Bartlett Hills Golf Course was the man on the scene, finalizing plans with the Rosen staff and making those spur-of-the-moment decisions (like keeping the bar open longer) on the spot—all with financial guru and notorious miser Fred Behnke of Mount Prospect Golf Club looking over his shoulder. Also remember that we enjoyed ourselves to the tune of \$33,000, with \$26,500 having been donated by our truly generous sponsors. These are the people who have made the best hospitality suite in Orlando what it is.



Your photographer demonstrates his prowess by shooting himself with Gene Thompson.



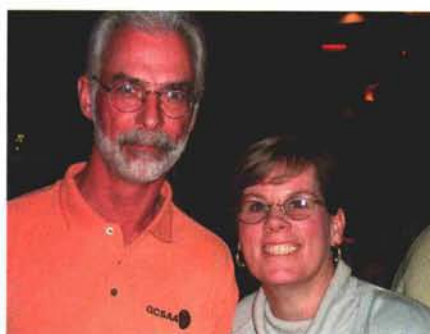
Dan Sterr, Dave Radaj and Don Ferreri.



Mike Bavier enjoys the complimentary turkey sandwich that comes with winning the Charles Bartlett Award.



Chuck Anfield, Paul Winterbottom, Tim Putnam, Chris Gaughn, Chad Morris and Larry Raschko (I don't know either—I think they all had a part in Chuck's being where he is today).

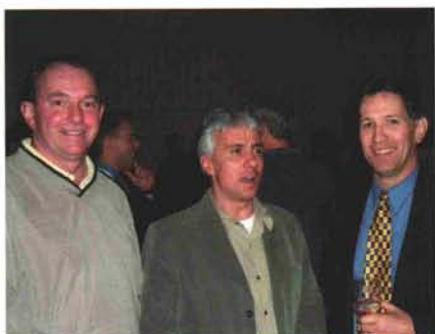


Tim and Jean Davis make a cute couple.



The lure of free food and drinks brought Gene and Donna Thompson to the show.

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Tim Johnson, Chuck Odierno and Warren Shafer mug for the now-impaired photographer.



Dave and Tracy Radaj had a little fun in the room.



Melanie and Jim Keith pose in their finest resort wear.



Shane Kissack and Jeff Hoste (complete with spankin' new business cards still damp from the presses) obviously enjoyed the room.



Tom Healy and Jim Reed, most likely discussing the nuts and bolts of irrigation systems from the ground up.



Don Ferreri, Joel Purpur and Don Cross (the one with all the ribbons on his name tag).

After the show, many of our members stayed around Orlando for a few days of relaxation—walking parks from dawn to midnight, trying to deal with overstimulated, overtired and oversugared kids—or even took the opportunity to explore other Florida attractions. While Disney called many, Key West was once again the next stop for a few. Ed Fischer and his wife Jan, Paul Bastron, Chad Ball and John Maguire rode Harleys from Orlando to Key West (about a six-hour cruise) in a fairly constant downpour, only to be

greeted in the southernmost reaches of our country by beautiful, balmy weather. Try drying leathers in 80% humidity! Mike Mumper and I took the safer route, choosing to drive a car down there and rent scooters (just smaller Harleys) once safely on the island. Mike also had the good fortune to land a huge, swimming, slithery thing called a tarpon while basking in the Florida sunshine; and no, he didn't sweat a drop bringing the protesting sonofagun into the boat . . .



Harley men Ed Fischer, Paul Bastron, Chad Ball and John Maguire, with scooter men John Gurke and Mike Mumper. We had to pay them to be included in their "club."



Mike Mumper brings his tarpon to the boat. The fish weighed 110 pounds and was 6 feet long (as was the photographer, only the photographer avoided being hooked).