

## President's Message



I hope 1979 was a good year for everyone. It was definitely a year of change for the South Florida Superintendent. We saw our association divide its territory and the price of gasoline reach \$1.00 per gallon. At the F.T.G.A. Conference our former President Leroy Phillips was elected Director and Bob Sanderson received the "Wreath of Grass Award". Congratulations to both of these men. Two successful tournaments were held, the "Poa Annua Classic" and the "Crowfoot Open".

As we face 1980 our winter visitors are returning to our area. Our talents and knowledge will be put to a true test . . . with heavy play and slower growing conditions we are expected to keep the courses in top condition. Those who could not afford to overseed (or chose not to) are hoping for a mild winter. This is the time of year for many of us to prepare our budgets. This will be harder than growing grass since so much of our materials we use are derived from petroleum.

A few comments about the Florida State Golf Course Superintendent Association. In October officers were elected and By-Laws approved. Our initial goal of unifying the Superintendents in the State of Florida has been accomplished. It is our hope that the National Association will recognize this State Association. The next meeting of FSGCSA will be held during February in St. Louis at the national conference. The Florida State Golf Course Superintendents Association, through contributions from the local associations will have a suite at convention headquarters for all Florida superintendents and their friends to meet.

Hope to see you in St. Louis

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