



President's Message

The many long volunteer hours put in by our associations workers; past and present, are beginning to show some results. Our strength nationally in GCSAA speaks for itself. The media acceptance to our Golf Course Superintendent Recognition Program at PGA and LPGA events have been very effective. Golf course superintendents names were mentioned and highlighted on every televised tour event in Florida that I watched. Florida Golf Day accomplished some turfgrass research funding needs and also initiated communication between golf course superintendents and the general public on anticipated problems with golf turf in the future. The second FGCSA Management Seminar at the PAL Annual Classic was close to capacity. We have put a crack in the much talked about public awareness wall.

The dedicated volunteer commitment by a small number of members has made our programs possible. How much more can we expect from these small numbers to help our progression. Finding association members to put forth the volunteer hours to carry out and through projects we will have to do in the future will be difficult.

The Florida GCSA can fill a very important void in our profession, like statewide job referral services for clubs and superintendents, education and public relations. In order to accomplish these programs professionally, our association needs a full time employee with the use of an office area and telephone. The funding for the project will be very difficult but not impossible.

The Florida GCSA is in very good condition at the present time. I have received phone calls from all over the country asking how we have been so effective. My concern is how do we progress and be as effective as we could be?

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