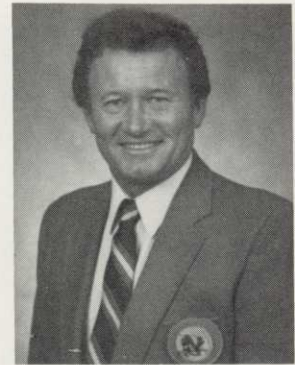


TOM BURROWS: FGCSA'S Man of Action



In a recent telephone interview with The Florida Green Tom Burrows discussed his views and opinions about The FGCSA together with some future goals.

Florida Green: Why did you agree to another year as president of FGCSA?

Tom Burrows: There was much membership enthusiasm and momentum in the FGCSA happenings. To me, being a part of that program was very enjoyable.

Florida Green: What, in your opinion, were the greatest accomplishments of 1985?

Tom Burrows: Almost everything accomplished during 1985 was forthcoming from previous years planning by the Board of Directors. Some of these happenings were:

- 1) Establishment and approval of a formal budget/dues increase,
- 2) Hiring Executive Secretary, Marie Roberts,
- 3) New publications: The Green Sheet and Membership Directory,
- 4) The FGCSA Distinguished Service Award,
- 5) A Membership Services program,
- 6) Another educational seminar held at the FTGA Conference,
- 7) A Job Referral program,
- 8) A TV promotional program,
- 9) The Research/Fund Raising amount was doubled.

Florida Green: What were the major goals set for 1986?

Tom Burrows: 1) Continue to improve all aspects of

- our association in promoting Turf Management and Chapter unification,
- 2) The hiring of Past President, Paul Turcotte, as Emissary and to assist in Fund Raising and Public Relations,
- 3) Our Research/Fund Raising Goal set at \$45,000,
- 4) Increased Membership Services,
- 5) Conduct an extensive Membership Drive,
- 6) Initiated a membership Benevolent Fund.

Florida Green: What do you foresee in the future for the FGCSA?

- Tom Burrows:**
- 1) All 9 chapters working closely together as a unified group for the total benefit of golf and Turfgrass Management,
 - 2) Working very closely and jointly with the GCSAA, USGA, FTGA and other Florida Golf Associations,
 - 3) A state-wide Golf Manager Licensing program,
 - 4) The majority of our Turfgrass managers becoming GCSAA certified,
 - 5) Our Fund Raising annually exceeding \$100,000,
 - 6) Employment of a full time Executive Director and a Secretary.

The powerful combination of Tom Burrows and a hard working Board of Directors is being felt in all areas of our industry here in Florida. The Florida Green urges all G.C.Supts. in Florida to lend their support to our association for the common good of all. ■