

## Panel urges FGCSA to hire technician as subcontractor

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green have been donated and the South Florida GCSA will pick up the tab for the balance.

Clearing will be done by Lee Billberry & Associates of Lakeland; coarse sand for the choker layer was donated by Central Florida Turf of Avon Park; American Peat of Oxford is mixing the soil, while Rain Bird and Toro irrigation components have been donated by, respectively, Boynton Pump and Hector Turf.

Labor and supervision have been donated by High Ridge CC in Lantana, Willoughby GC and Palm Beach National GC.

Downing said a technician will be hired "as soon as we can work out the details."

The details that must be worked out involve the mechanism for paying the technician.

The University's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, which operates the Fort Lauderdale REC, does not have money in its budget to pay for a technician to maintain the research plot at normal putting conditions. IFAS personnel estimated the cost at \$30,000 per year, counting supplies, equipment, administrative costs, and insurance as well as salary and fringe benefits.

At their May meeting, FGCSA board members voted to ask the Florida Turfgrass Association's Research Foundation to fund the technician through its Arnold Palmer Endowment Program, using \$13,000 which had been donated specifically for that purpose by the South Florida GCSA plus another \$14,000 which South Florida superintendents had raised for the project and had not yet turned over to the FTGA.

The FTGA demurred, however, citing the stringent legal constraints of its 501-C(3) tax status, which prohibit it from spending money on equipment, labor or personnel.

"We're going to ask the FGCSA Board to fund the technician directly on

a sub-contract basis — the same way we pay our executive secretary," Downing said.

"The FTGA (research grant) Awards Committee seems perfectly willing to fund proper research on the green. They just have to stay within their legal boundaries. They can't pay for labor; they have to pay for research."

The FGCSA board will consider the matter at its October meeting during the FTGA Conference and Show in Tampa.

## Longtime Poa Annuia host dies at Beach Club home



Henry Watkins

NAPLES — Henry Watkins Jr., 64, operator of the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club and longtime host of the Poa Annuia Classic each May, died June 30 in his penthouse apartment overlooking the club.

The Watkins name is synonymous with the development of modern Naples.

He was instrumental in adding the Granny Horn Memorial Scramble to the Poa weekend to raise money for graduate scholarships for turfgrass students in honor of the famed University of Florida turf educator. The event raised more than \$5,000 earlier this year.

Watkins is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Henry of Bronxville, N.Y. and Michael, now manager of the Beach Club; two grandchildren; and a sister, Sally Fitzgerald of Richmond, Va.

## Architect Edmund Ault dies; Famed for public courses

Edmund B. Ault, 81, one of the pioneers in designing economical municipal and public golf courses, died Aug. 13 after suffering a heart attack. He



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was 81.

The Maryland architect, president of Ault, Clark & Associates of Wheaton, placed a premium on visibility and challenge.

"When a golfer makes a par, he should feel he has accomplished something," Ault

was fond of saying.

Among his designs are the Country Club of Las Vegas; Palmetto at Myrtlewood GC, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Carrollwood Village, Tampa, Fla.; TPC at Avenel, Potomac, Md.; and Toftrees GC, State College, Pa.

A native of Washington, D.C., Ault received a degree in construction engineering from Columbia Technical Institute in Arlington, Va. He was elected a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1973 and a fellow in 1984.

## Poster illustrates Dye's two-tee system for women

CHICAGO — The American Society of Golf Course Architects is offering an illustrated poster explaining the two-tee system for women.

Text for the poster was written by Alice Dye, the two-time USGA Senior Women's Amateur champion and the only female member of the ASGCA. She explains the current research, why the system is gaining momentum, how to create new forward tees, and the cost of construction.

Illustrations show exactly how the two-tee system should be implemented, both on existing courses and new courses.

"Men have a choice of playing from different teeing grounds to accommodate their various abilities," Dye points out.

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