



**John's Island Club gives \$6000**

Trevor Wright, right, general manager of the John's Island Club in Vero Beach, presented \$6,000 to the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation. Accepting the check is Bob Yount, FTRF vice president of development. "John's Island Club expects to make this an annual contribution and we encourage other private, semi-private and daily fee courses to make a similar investment in the future of Florida turf," Wright said.

**Old Marsh gets Women's Mid-Am; USGA Jr. at Bay Hill delayed**

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GC in Palm Beach Gardens will host the 1992 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Oct. 3-8.

It will be the first USGA championship at the two-year old Pete Dye course that plays to 4974 yards from the ladies' tees. It measures 6914 from the tips. The 1992 Women's Mid-Am will be the second in Florida: the 1988 event was played at Amelia Island, also designed by Dye.

Jimmy Ellison at Bay Hill Club in Orlando got an extra year to get his course ready for the Junior Amateur. Originally scheduled to host the 1990 event, Bay Hill switched dates with Merced G&CC in Daly City, Calif., and will now challenge the young limberbacks July 23-27, 1991.

Tom Mackanos has until 1992 to get

the Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter ready for the USGA Senior Amateur Oct. 19-24.

**USGA to distribute \$660,300 in turfgrass research grants**

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The USGA will distribute a record \$660,300 in turfgrass research grants in 1989, an increase of more than \$190,000 over 1988's total.

The USGA turfgrass research program, now in its seventh year, is a cooperative venture with the GCSAA. Including the 1989 grants, the USGA will have provided nearly \$3 million in grants in an attempt to develop new turfgrasses and management techniques that will reduce golf course maintenance costs and water use by 50 percent by 1993.

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**Drought-resistant bermudagrass first product of USGA program**

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Progress has been made since the project's inception in 1983. One notable contribution has been made by Dr. Arden Baltensperger at New Mexico State University, who has developed a new seeded bermudagrass named Sahara, which has shown excellent resistance to drought. The first improved grass produced by the the USGA research program, Sahara will be commercially marketed for the first time in 1989.

"Our achievements of the last six years are just beginning to show," explained Dr. William H. Bengeyfield, chairman of the USGA Turfgrass Committee. "The program will succeed. We are confident of that."

Copies of the 1988 Turfgrass Research Summary are available from GCSAA headquarters or from the USGA.

Grants will be awarded in 1989 for 19 projects too numerous institutions for studies involving turfgrass breeding, cultural practices and the USGA Turfgrass Information File at Michigan State University.

TGIF is a computer-based bibliographic database with more than 13,000 entries covering published materials on turfgrass research and maintenance.

Innovations are proving to be of great assistance to researchers. With computer access to the database now available, data can be retrieved almost immedi-

ately. Also in development is a turfgrass thesaurus, a supplement to the thousands of keywords already entered and available.

Additional information concerning TGIF is available from the USGA Green Section office in Far Hills, N.J. or from the Michigan State Libraries in East Lansing, Mich.

**Florida leads nation in total courses, new developments**

JUPITER — Florida led the nation in golf-course development for the most recent two-month reporting period, according to the National Golf Foundation.

In the May/June issue of *Golf Market Today*, the NGF reported that Florida had 38 golf courses in the planning stage, under construction or recently opened. California was second with 18.

Florida also had the most golf course openings in 1988, the NGF said, with 35 out of a total of 211 for the entire nation. Texas was second with 20.

Overall, Florida now leads the nation with 932 golf courses at 745 facilities. California is second with 836.

With 412, Florida has more private courses than any other state and is second to Michigan in daily-fee courses with 432. Michigan has 489.

The Sunshine State ranks sixth in municipal courses with 89. California leads the nation with 166.

Of the 38 projects reported in the last

two months, 22 are listed as private, 11 as daily fee, 2 as municipal and 3 as unknown.

Jacksonville led the way with seven projects, followed by Naples with three.

Unless otherwise indicated, all are 18-hole courses. The complete list:

**Recently opened**

- Alaqua CC, Longwood
- Great Oaks GC, Marianna (9 holes)
- Hunter's Ridge, Naples
- Sabal Springs, Cape Coral (9 holes)
- St. Johns GC, Elkton (9 holes)
- Vineyards of Naples, Naples
- Willoughby GC, Stuart

**Under construction**

- Cape Haze Links, Rotonda
- Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, Clearwater
- Cobblestone CC, Stuart
- GC of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach
- Indian River Colony Club, Indian Harbour Beach
- Julington Creek, Jacksonville (9 holes)
- Oakbridge CC, Lakeland
- Old Trail at Jonathan's Landing, Jupiter
- PGA Tour Course at Jacksonville
- Plantation Club/Sugarmill Woods, Homosassa
- Polo Club, Boca Raton (9 holes)
- Rotonda G&CC, Rotonda
- Sabal Springs, Cape Coral
- The Cedars, New Port Richey
- The Enclave, Port St. Lucie
- Unnamed, Jacksonville
- Victoria Estates, Port Charlotte
- Wellington GC, Wellington

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