

"The research interests me," he said, "but I also enjoy being more active and I like working on a golf course. By maintaining the new test green, I'll be able to help the researchers with their experiments and also get some practical experience."

There's a bonus for Prevatte, 26, who is uncertain about his future.

"I enjoy research but I'm also considering becoming an assistant golf course superintendent. The work at the center lets me explore both areas and gives me a chance to meet people in the industry. Right now, this is the best possible place to be."

Prevatte, who is single and lives in South Miami, will tend the green about 30 hours a week. He is paid by the FGCSA from a special research fund raised specifically for building and maintaining the green and other turfgrass plots at the Fort Lauderdale REC.

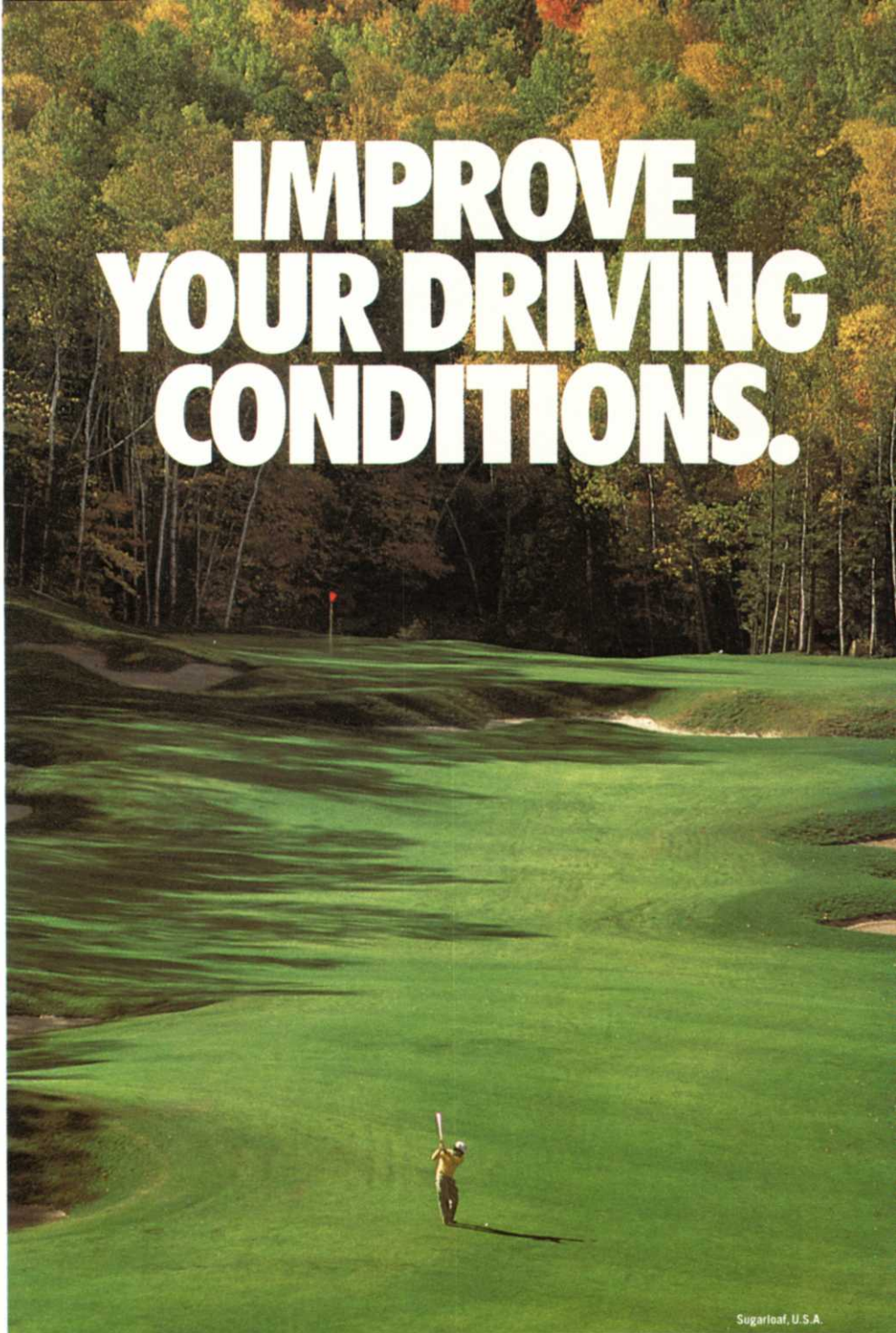
Kit Bradshaw

South Florida Field Day yields \$14,000

A total of 144 superintendents and technicians plus 28 suppliers raised \$14,000 for turf research at the Third Annual South Florida GCSA Field Day April 12 at Rolling Hills Golf Resort in Fort Lauderdale.

In addition, many superintendents and technicians renewed their pesticide licenses and obtained CEUs for certification while suppliers showed off their hardware for two hours at an

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indoor trade show and then demonstrated their heavy equipment for another two hours after lunch. Each distributor was allotted three minutes per machine (photo right). Attendance, limited to members of any FGCSA chapter, was up slightly over last year, according to Marie Roberts,



who serves both the state association and the South Florida chapter as executive secretary.

Oliver wins Poa

Rain shortened the Everglades GCSA's annual Poa Annuu Classic at the Naples Beach Club to nine holes May 22, but David Oliver of Martin Downs CC in Stuart won low gross honors for his third major FGCSA title in less than 12 months. Oliver won last year's Crowfoot Open at Grand Cypress in Orlando and Transition Tournament at Palm Coast.

Team title went to the host chapter: Mark Atwood, Jack Simpson, Wayne Kappauf, Lou Conzelmann. Atwood (photo right) was Master of Ceremonies at



the banquet. Among the honored guests were (above, from left) GCSAA President Jerry Faubel, FGCSA President Joel Jackson and former GCSAA and FGCSA President Dick Blake.



Central Florida mechanics meet

Golf course mechanics in Central Florida organized at the Second Annual Central Florida GCSA Field Day at Orange Tree CC in Orlando April 30. (Photo below) Cary Lewis, CGCS, of the CC of Orlando, addressed the organizational meeting which attracted 19 mechanics. The group will elect officers this month.



Everglades honors Joneses

Dan and Irene Jones, (photo above recently retired editors of *The Florida Green*, were honored with a plaque and permanent invitation to the Poa Annuu Classic by Everglades GCSA President Mark Atwood (center) at the Poa banquet.