

Thanking you for your cooperation, service and time over the past year

As I write my last President's Message, I would like to reflect back to my first one and the three goals — association growth, research, and pesticide awareness.

During my term as president, we have increased our membership from 685 to 747. We also added a new chapter, Seven Rivers, which brings us to a total of 11. I would like to thank Eddie Snipes, Membership Chairman, and all who helped in this association growth.

Our research green, now dedicated to Otto Schmeisser, has two USGA projects under way as well as fertilizer trials which will give us beneficial information. Thanks to Kevin Downing, the committee, Marcus Prevatte, and all members who made this research green a reality.

During this year we have seen the start of the Florida Golf Council. Already they are lobbying for us against the proposed water-use tax. Fellow superintendents, I cannot stress enough how important this Council can be for all in the golf industry and I urge you to support the Florida Golf Council. Hopefully, Tim Hiers will have the time and energy to stay on this Council.

If this has been a successful year, it is because of the cooperation I received from the membership who put in the extra time to make it one.

Thank you.



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