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KIT BRADSHAW

Paul Turcotte's den in Hobe Sound is decorated with the mementos of nearly four decades of service to the Florida GCSA. He was the association's second president.

You're never too old to keep on learning

BY KIT BRADSHAW

What do you think Paul Turcotte would talk about in an interview?

His early affiliation with the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents' Association and his term as one its presidents?

His presidency of the state association?

The fact that he's attended more than 25 national GCSAA conventions, including the last one in Las Vegas?

No, the winner of the FGCSA President's Award for lifetime achievement talks about education. He's passionate about the need for golf course superintendents to continue to learn throughout their careers.

"It's nearly impossible for a superintendent to come up through the school of hard knocks like I did," Turcotte says. "Superintendents should really consider getting four-year agronomy degrees. That's the best foundation for the job.

"If they can't do that, then they should go to Lake City Community College and get their two-year degrees. But they shouldn't think that because they have a degree they know everything. They need to study all the time to keep abreast of the changes in the industry.

*President's Award
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"I know these young fellas say it's hard to keep up with everything. But I kept learning throughout my career. I'm retired, and I still try to keep abreast of new developments."

A native of Maine, Turcotte was working after school at a local nursery by the age of 11. When he was graduated from high school, he became the general manager of the nursery.

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Five years later, he and his wife, Germaine, and their infant son migrated to Florida, where Turcotte worked with Exotic Gardens, a greenhouse and retail flower operation in Miami. Within a year, he had accepted the job of horticulturist for the City of Miami.

"My horticulture background was one of the best experiences I had for the work I've done all my life," Turcotte says. "It's all the same plants and turf. Horticulture became the basis of everything else I've learned."

And he has learned.

As Miami's horticulturalist, Turcotte was responsible for the citywide street tree planting program and was in charge of the plant and greenhouse nursery.

In 1959, he worked on the Melreese Golf Course, and the following year he became the superintendent of both city golf courses, overseeing a staff of 24. It was also that year that Turcotte became a member of the South Florida GCSA. He served in various capacities with the organization, becoming its president in 1970.

Turcotte was one of the founders of the state association and was its second president in 1971.

"In the early 1970s, we had the bylaws in place, and we rotated the responsibility for the presidency among the chapters," Turcotte says. "At that time, the South Florida chapter went all the way north to Vero Beach. But the organization didn't really get going until 1978, and since then, there have been tremendous changes."

During this time, Turcotte's responsibilities for the City of Miami were changing as well.

In 1972, he became the assistant director



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of the Parks Department and the golf division for the city. In this position, Turcotte oversaw the maintenance of the city's 92 parks, eight swimming pools, 60 tennis courts, two golf courses and 20 football and baseball fields, including the Orange Bowl.

The department was split in 1978 and in 1979 he was named the director of the golf division, where his responsibilities centered on the two city golf courses and the management of a staff of 50. Turcotte retired from the city in 1985.

Throughout his career, Turcotte continually honed his skills. He took correspondence courses from Cornell University in floriculture and attended yearly turfgrass management seminars at the University of Florida. He traveled throughout the country, attending seminars in turf management, irrigation and equipment maintenance.

He estimates he has attended as many as 2,500 turf meetings at the state and local level and, for more than a quarter of a century, was a faithful participant at the GCSAA national conventions and semi-

nars.

Turcotte was even involved with *The Florida Green*.

"*The Florida Green* was started by the South Florida association," Turcotte says. "I was almost thrown out of the organization when I suggested it should be turned over to the state association. But Dan Jones agreed, and now it's grown right along with the state association."

Even though he's retired to Hobe Sound, Turcotte still attends the Treasure Coast and South Florida chapter meetings.

"With all the changes in the regulations, with the Title III and all of it, I don't see how any golf course superintendent could stay away from local, state, or national meetings," Turcotte says. "There is so much to be learned, and golf course superintendents are such an important part of the industry.

"For years, we stressed that it was important for the superintendent to be involved in the beginning of a golf course, to work with the designers from the start.

"In the past, some of the designers got

carried away, and the golf course superintendent who was brought in after the course was built had to work with what was there.

"Now, this is changing. The golf course superintendent is part of the planning team. He has to know the value of planting native plants, he has to know maintenance and pesticides and irrigation. The only way he's going to know what's necessary is to attend the meetings and learn about changes in his business.

Despite his rigorous work schedule, Turcotte was involved in community activities during his years in Miami.

He was a motivational instructor for Miami's city employees, and for 18 years, he held weekly motivational classes for inmates at Dade County prison. He was also active in the Boy Scouts, an activity which led to finding his present home.

"I've been coming to the Hobe Sound area for several years. We used to camp with the Boy Scouts at Jonathan Dickinson State Park," says Turcotte. "So when I retired, we started looking to look for a home in this area.

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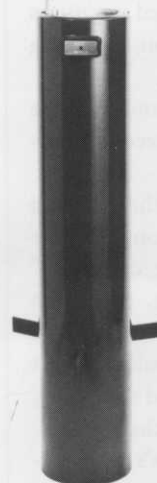
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South Florida Field Day draws crowd

Members of the South Florida GCSA gathered at Rolling Hills Resort in Fort Lauderdale April 17 for the chapter's fourth annual field day. Dr. Houston Couch of Virginia Tech University (seen right talking to Steve Kuhn of Doral CC) was the featured speaker in the education session. Following a trade show and lunch, everyone gathered outside for equipment demonstrations under working conditions (above).



Now that he's not working full time, Turcotte stays busy playing golf, biking every day, and hitting the ocean for vigorous swims. He and Germaine also travel to Alabama to see their son, Richard, and to Kentucky to see their daughter, Joline, and their families.

But his interest in the industry remains. One of the most satisfying occurrences has been the growth of golf in Florida.

"They say now that Florida is number one in the country in golf courses, but I could see that coming years ago," Turcotte says. "Golf was one of the main tourist attractions in Florida for years, and now it

brings in millions to the state.

"I think that's why it's even more important for our association to be strong, to have knowledgeable professionals who work for the betterment of golf involved in the association. The entire country is looking at what we do here in Florida with golf course design, management and environmental issues."

Crowfoot set for Grand Cypress; may move to new Disney course in '92

The 1991 Crowfoot Open weekend will take place this year on August 3-5. The

event will be again held at the Grand Cypress Golf Club and Villas and will include the FGCSA Summer Board Meeting, the FGCSA Annual Business Meeting, Educational Seminar, Banquet and Tournament.

Next year look for a possible change of venue as the Crowfoot Committee investigates the possibility of holding the event on either the new Tom Fazio or Pete Dye courses nearing completion at Walt Disney World.

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