

Crowfoot weekend grand at Grand Cypress

On Aug. 5, the Grand Cypress Resort performed to perfection its swan song as the host for the Crowfoot Open. The original 18 holes, the north and south nines, were used this year to separate the hackers from the duffers, which left the golfers to take home the prizes.

Using combinations of the North, South and East nines, and the New 18-hole course, Grand Cypress has been the site for this event for the past five years. Next year the committee expects to move the tournament and weekend activities to either The Bay Hill Club or Walt Disney World.

The weekend got started Saturday, Aug. 3, with the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association Summer Board Meeting and Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1991-92. Special guests addressing the Board were GCSAA President Stephen Cadenelli, and Bobby Brantley, former Florida Lt. Governor



Ed Ramey of the South Florida Chapter presents Tom Mascaro (left) with one of the FGCSA's 1991 President's Award for Lifetime Service to the Turfgrass Industry.

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and current Executive Director of the Florida Golf Council.

The highlight of the meeting was an extensive presentation by the Government Relations Committee chaired by Tim Hiers, CGCS. Tim's plea for a proactive approach to dealing with regulatory and environmentally sensitive issues was supported by the board. It was also agreed that The Florida Golf Council is our best vehicle for unifying all golf interests to present our industry's concerns to the legislature and to educate the public about the true nature of our business.

Bright and early Sunday, those seeking to improve their skills in communicating with their bosses, club members, staff, and the media were treated to a presentation by Dr. Bree Hayes, clinical psychologist and motivational speaker. Not one to stand up and lecture, Dr. Hayes had the attendees form smaller discussion groups to work on exercises. The idea is to gain confidence in speaking in small groups and then eventually transfer that confidence to the podium or public forum or other more pressure packed situations.

Later that night at the Crowfoot Open Banquet, honors and awards were bestowed on several deserving individuals. FGCSA President Tom Benefield announced Cecil Johnston, CGCS as the winner of the 1991 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award. Cecil is currently in Thailand helping develop several golf courses. Also announced were the winners of the 1991 FGCSA President's Award. This award, now in its second year, is given in recognition for those who have helped pioneer the association and promote the profession. John Hayden and Tom Mascaro were present to receive their award. Other honorees unable to attend were: Bud Pearson, Harvey Phillips, and Carl Smith. They will receive their awards at local chapter meetings.

In addition to legends and pioneers in the turf industry, a new generation of turfgrass professionals was present to re-



Dr. Bree Hayes

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ceive scholarships for turfgrass education. The Central Florida Chapter awarded \$500 scholarships to Ed Batcheller, Mike Bellino, Todd Bonnett, Andrew Chesler, John Morrison and Steve Whaley.

On Monday, Aug. 5, the tournament field was treated to golfing perfection as Tom Alex, CGCS, director of golf maintenance, and Mark Heater, superintendent of the north and south courses had the turf in outstanding condition. There was a brief suspension of play when a morning thunderstorm drifted across the southern edge of the course flashing enough lightning to cause concern.

Blessed with almost a home-course advantage, the Central Florida team of Joe Ondo (Winter Pines), Dale Reash (La Cita), Steve Sorrell (MetroWest and former Grand Cypress Superintendent), and Mark Heater (Grand Cypress) won the Crowfoot Trophy. Fred Klauk (TPC) won the Low Gross honors with a 71.

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Lots to crow about at Crowfoot weekend



The Central Florida Chapter awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarship funds to these turfgrass students. Honored guest, GCSAA President Steve Cadenelli, CGCS (green coat) is seen with students (l-r) Andrew Chesler, John Morrison, Todd Bonnett, Mike Bellino, Ed Batcheller and Steve Whaley.



The Central Florida Chapter that successfully defended the Crowfoot Open Title are (l to r): Joe Ondo (Winter Pines), Dale Reash (La Cita), Steve Sorrell (MetroWest), and Mark Heater (Grand Cypress).



FGCSA Officers for 1991-92 are (l to r) Mark Jarrell, CGCS, vice president; Ray Hansen, immediate past president; Tom Benefield, CGCS, president; and Paul Crawford, secretary/ treasurer.



Fred Klauk, superintendent at the Tournament Players Club, Ponte Vedra Beach won the individual low gross with a score of 71.

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John Hayden, CGCS, (left) received his President's Award for Lifetime Service from Eddie Snipes, CGCS of the North Florida Chapter.



Winners of the Ugly Knees Contest were (l to r) Steve Wright, Joe Ondo, Tom Alex, Larry Kamphaus, Rick Walker, Jim Ellison, and Gary Morgan. Jim Ellison was disqualified for wearing long pants. Actually these hard-working gentlemen are the 1991 Crowfoot Committee.