

Crowfoot Weekend at Grand Cypress Resort

FGCSA honors Ray Hansen for Distinguished Service

Paul Crawford passes gavel to Scott Bell...

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Returning to the Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, the 18th Crowfoot Open weekend began at Saturday noon with the FGCSA Summer Board Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting and election of officers. Paul Crawford passed the gavel to Scott Bell for the 1994-95 term. Scott will be announcing committee assignments in the near future. Other newly elected board members are Greg Plotner, CGCS, vice president; Dale Kuehner, CGCS, secretary/treasurer.

On Sunday morning, attendance was low, but the information was excellent as Scott Hunter of Seay Management Consultants conducted the seminar, "Employee Relations in the 90's."

Mr. Hunter began the day with four key points: (1) What's logical is not always legal; (2) The burden of proof is on the employer; (3) Documentation is the name of the game; and (4) Help is available. Seay Management is on a retainer with the Florida Turfgrass Association, so any FTGA member can call 407-423-7329 for advice concerning an employee relations matter. Additionally, the attendees received .5 CEU credits toward GCSAA re-certification.

Sunday evening everyone enjoyed the festivities at the banquet and awards ceremony.

Entertainment was provided by the zany Denny Zavett and his Honky Tonk piano playing partner, Dave Tobiason. The fun and fine dining was capped off by the presentation of service awards to a group of deserving fellows. Ray Hansen, president of the FGCSA in 1991, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Bill McKee - South Florida; Paul Nevers - Everglades; Lou Oxnevad - Palm Beach; Lonnie Stubbs and Joe Snook - Treasure Coast; and Royce Stewart-Suncoast Chapter were given the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service to the profession.

Tense excitement followed dinner as an autographed Arnold Palmer putter generated a fierce bidding duel in a fundraising auction. Steve Burrell of Southern Corporate Promotions took home the putter and the FTGA took home \$1,500. Steve followed up that purchase with a bid of \$500 for a Gary Player putter, which will soon be autographed by Mr. Player. He plans to mount both putters in his Atlanta office.

On Monday morning, 142 contestants dined on a continental breakfast and then tackled the North and South courses at Grand Cypress. Head superintendent Tom Alex gave well deserved praise to superintendent Shane McGuire for the

hard work and excellent condition of the course. The always-tough layout proved to be easy pickings for Central Florida newcomer Cary Stoffel of Baytree National in Melbourne. Cary took low gross honors with an even-par 72, and led the victorious Central Florida team which included Mark Heater, Pat Tomlinson, and Scott Welder. The Central Florida victory ended a possible three-peat by the Ridge Chapter!

By virtue of his victory, Cary Stoffel joins Dave Oliver, winner of the Poa Classic, on the FGCSA team for the GCSAA Championship in San Francisco in February. The remaining two spots on the team will be filled following the FTGA tournament in Ft. Lauderdale. Dave tried to win the second leg of the FGCSA Grand Slam, but he fell short with a 74 along with Mark Henderson another perennial threat. Over in the commercial division, Mark Wheaton and Dick Bessire had to match cards after firing a pair of fine two-under-par 70's.

A special thanks to Larry and Vilma Kamphaus and the Crowfoot Committee for another great event. All of us wish to thank the record number of sponsors for their support of this fine event. We couldn't have done it without you!

FGCSA President's Award winners for Lifetime Service to the Profession

Bill McKee - South Florida
Paul Nevers - Everglades
Lou Oxnevad - Palm Beach

Lonnie Stubbs, Joe Snook -
Treasure Coast
Royce Stewart - Suncoast

