

Friday the 13th no ill omen as annual Poa Weekend attracts hundreds to Naples

If you didn't make it to this year's Poa Annua Weekend, you missed one of the great social and business events of the year. Every year hundreds of turf professionals and their families flock to the Naples Beach Club for a weekend full of golf, education, great food and just plain fun!

If this was your first year, I'm sure it won't be your last! And if you didn't make it, talk to someone who did. The event which started over 20 years ago seems to get better and better each year.

This year's Poa Annua started on the very unsettling day of Friday the 13th. Superstition and bad luck were nowhere to be found, however, as the FGCSA Seminar with Dr. Michael Coffman was a huge success. A standing-room-only audience enjoyed an informative and extremely important educational session. Those who attended would have to agree; a valuable lesson was learned by all.

If you missed the seminar, look for the book *Environmentalism* by Dr. M. Coffman

The seminar ended at about 5:30 p.m. and we were all ready for some fellowship and fun. Many opted for a beverage at the pool or a stroll on the beach. Either option seemed appropriate, since the seminar took place only about 50 feet from either place.

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Still others hustled back to their rooms to get ready for dinner and dancing. The Beach Club offers all of the above. The Beach Club also delivers one of the most spectacular sunsets on the planet.

Saturday morning arrives with the ultimate breakfast buffet and the G.C. Horn Memorial Golf Tournament. David Barnes and Dick Naccarato put on one of the most enjoyable tournaments of the year.

But if you think you're having fun, the wife and kids are having a ball across the street soaking up the sun and swimming in the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. When the game is over, get the bathing suit on and spend some time with your loved ones on the beach.

Saturday night approaches and it's time for the famous Poa Annua Banquet. I hope you took a short nap!

Three hundred of your friends, family and colleagues have gathered to share all of the past year's experiences as well as the weekend's events and a few laughs. The band, a magician and comedian all take turns entertaining you as you feast on the bountiful buffet.

My wife Trish said the mahi mahi was the best she had ever tasted and George Bowling set a new records for trips to the buffet table. In between dances and laughs, we eagerly awaited the raffle and drawings. The Beach Club, Marco Marriott and South Seas Plantations all donated fabulous getaway weekends as well as Hidden Acres Nursery donation of a golf bag and putter.

Susan Zeigler was the big winner, as she will be going on Norwegian Cruise Lines for a three-night cruise to the Bahamas, courtesy of the Everglades Chapter. Since she didn't ask me, I assume she'll take her husband. Just outside the banquet room, the waves keep rolling in and the weekend continues.

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Sunday morning hits most of us way too soon as we prepare for the 1994 Poa Annua Classic. Dick Naccarato has his Beach Club layout in championship form and the tournament starts under perfect weather conditions.

As our wives are sleeping in or enjoying their first cup of coffee, we are fighting Dick's tough pin placements and blasting out of traps but having a great time nevertheless. The Everglades superintendents have been working way too hard this spring and fall to keep the coveted cup of Poa Annua.

The Ridge Chapter obviously went to bed early and came to Naples with victory in mind as they walked away with the team championship led by Chuck Rogers winning low net of 65, Ray Cuzzone, Mark Hopkins and Alan Puckett, humbled all the other chapters. Only Steve Ciardullo, a former Everglades president now a mem-

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Sandoz Poll: Pesticide users share the public's concern for safety

The second annual Sandoz National Environmental Poll surveyed more than 2,000 users of pest control products. Some of the positive findings include:

- Users of pesticides feel a sense of partnership with the public and share its concern for pesticide safety.
- They are taking personal responsibility for improvements, especially by using safer products and improving application practices.
- They also support tough regulations aimed at preventing pesticide misuse.

However, the results were far from a whitewash. The respondents were surprisingly candid about areas in which our industry can improve. They said misapplication occurs occasionally. They admit they don't always wear protective clothing or dispose of containers properly. They also believe there are areas needing more regulation.

According to the golf course superintendents surveyed, the most serious issues associated with the use of pest control

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products are safety, environmental impact, proper application and public perception. Safety was the highest response at 33 percent.

More than three-fourths of the golf course superintendents surveyed said they are dealing with more public concern over pest control and the environment compared to five years ago. Almost 70 percent said education is the best way to reduce this concern.

Fifty-three percent said they have not heard any complaints relating to the use of pest control products from the public, their neighbors or customers. Of those who said they have heard complaints, smell/odor was the most frequently mentioned at 15 percent.

Responsibility

Manufacturers, golf course superintendents and government were most frequently mentioned as those who have primary responsibility for correcting problems associated with pest control products. Manufacturers received the highest response at 31 percent.

About half of the golf course superintendents surveyed said their personal level of concern associated with pest control has increased over the past five years, and about half said their concern has stayed the same. Of those who said their concern has increased, they said it is primarily due to personal awareness, public awareness, environmental impact and more government regulations. Personal awareness was the highest response at 32 percent.

According to the following percentages of golf course superintendents surveyed, people in their industry always:

- Use safer pest control products when available 70 percent
- Wear protective clothing 65 percent
- Dispose of containers properly 78 percent
- Follow labels closely 93 percent
- Notify their neighbors when using

pest control products 25 percent

- Attend educational classes 59 percent

While 25 percent said their industry always notifies their neighbors when using pest control products, more than 60 percent said notification is important.

More than 65 percent of the respondents said they are making fewer applications of pest control products.

Almost 60 percent said they are familiar with integrated pest management. Of those, more than three-fourths said they have used such a program.

More than 60 percent said they are doing things differently regarding the use of pest control products compared to three years ago. The most frequently mentioned responses as to what changes are being made were using safer products, using less product and improving application methods. The highest response was using safer products at 37 percent.

The most frequently mentioned reasons as to why changes are being made were:

- Public opinion Safety issues
- New products available
- Personal sense of responsibility

More than 20 percent of the golf course superintendents surveyed said they do not plan to make changes in their use of pest control products in the future. However, those planning to make changes most frequently mentioned encountering more regulations, using safer products, using less product and adopting integrated pest management as changes they expect to make.

More than 50 percent of the respondents said golf course pesticide products are never knowingly applied improperly, and only four percent said misapplication occurs frequently.

Almost 75 percent said the enforcement of penalties for misapplying pest control products is adequate. Mandatory

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To all, a fond farewell...

Two years ago, with a strong sense of apprehension, I accepted the position as editor of the Florida Green. I saw a void which needed to be filled and made a commitment to the association and to myself to do my best in helping out. I knew there were big shoes to fill and a proud tradition to uphold.

I also knew that I by myself could not make the Florida Green successful. I knew the key to success was held in the hand of the rank-and-file membership. Its success came. It came primarily not from my efforts but the efforts of hundreds of caring members... members who would write columns for the magazine... who would send in photos for the articles... who would talk to other members and encourage them to take part in making their magazine the envy of other industry publications.

And it worked. You, the members, have molded, shaped and cultured the finest turf maintenance magazine avail-

able. It is a publication which we can proudly show to our club officials and owners. It is an avenue to learn the best ideas from the brightest superintendents in the business. It has character, color and occasional wit and it is all because you care so much.

As for me, I have simply been a caretaker of the Green. I have had the privilege to be associated with such a fine and prestigious publication. And I have grown quite fond of being the editor. But, alas, all things must come to an end. After this issue, I will no longer be the editor of the Green. I have enjoyed it immensely and publicly thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve my association and my friends. Hopefully if the Lord permits I may one day again be able to be of assistance.

A special thanks goes to Marie Roberts whose patience, understanding and efforts have also played a big part in the success of the Green. The new editor of

the Green is an old friend answering the call to duty. Joel Jackson will take this magazine to new heights if you give him the same support you have given to me... his vision and leadership will be a fresh viewpoint that will guide the direction of the Green.

The changing of the guard will serve as a reminder to all of us that no one is indispensable. As Napoleon said, "The graveyards are full of indispensable people."

Time marches forward. Only the romantic and naive are afforded the luxury of reminiscing on the past.

Finally, let me say I have enjoyed your help, your friendship and your fellowship. I hope in some small way I may have added a little humor, hope or wit when it was needed. Until we meet again, may God bless and keep you safe.

TJB

Would a rose by any other name...?

Dear Joel:

It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature.... Your most recent treatise is a sample of Florida reality but contains one slight inaccuracy that we should have clarified with a Milorganite plant tour when you were up at our Wisconsin Turfgrass Symposium several years ago.

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You're always welcome to come up here at any time of year and interview a perma-

nent Wisconsin resident, Old Man Winter...

Please feel free to call if I can assist.

Sincerely yours,

Terry W. Ward

Sales Manager, Milorganite

Dear Terry,

No aspersions were intended toward such a venerable and respected product like Milorganite. Say Milorganite and the world laughs with you. Say bio-solids and you laugh alone! By the way, I've been trying to reach Old Man Winter, but I hear he's out of the country. Something about a lot of bad press in Wisconsin this spring!

Sincerely,

Joel Jackson, CGCS

Asst. Editor

120 attend seminar on environmental leadership

On Friday, May 13, at the Naples Beach Club, about 120 golf course superintendents and other concerned professionals attended a seminar led by Dr. Michael Coffman.

The focus of the seminar centered around the elite leadership in the environmental movement. This leadership probably comprises less than five percent of those people involved in environmental activism.

Dr. Coffman exposed the political

and quasi-religious agenda behind this small but powerful group. They have been very effective in promoting legislation that has had significant impact on our lives, the economy, and amazingly, even to the detriment of the environment, without having to demonstrate any peer-reviewed scientific evidence or proof.

To counteract the emotionalism, extremism, and fanaticism (that incidentally provides good material for the me-

dia), we must fight this battle on a grass roots and local basis. It must be done using the truth, solid scientific evidence and an ongoing commitment to environmental sensitivity and public education relating to our own operations.

If you're concerned about your profession, free enterprise, private property and government growing out of control, please call 207-945-9878 to obtain a copy of Dr. Coffman's book, *Saviors of the Earth?*

Poa Weekend a professional, social success

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ber of the Ridge Chapter, showed any mercy on the field.

A net 69 on a tough day is a score to be proud of so you can imagine how happy David Oliver of the Treasure Coast Chapter was with his gross 69 good for a four-shot victory over Mark Hopkins. It was Oliver's third victory in

the past four Poa Annuas. Dick Harrell won the Suppliers Division with a solid, even-par 72 followed by Gary Whilhelm. A cookout lunch followed the tournament as wives and children congratulated or consoled their favorite linksters.

It almost seems unrealistic to have so much fun and still make money. Over \$10,000 was raised this year for the turfgrass industry.

Of course, a get together like this takes a lot of hard work and great sponsors. The Naples Beach Club and Dick Naccarato were fabulous as always. The sponsors all deserve our respect, our thanks and our business. On behalf of the Everglades board of directors, it was simply a labor of love for our proud Poa Annua tradition.

Poll: 87% say current safeguards adequate

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education and certification for users, easier-to-understand labels and pesticides prescribed and applied only by licensed applicators were the most frequently mentioned solutions for preventing misapplication of pest control products.

Almost 50 percent said there is an area

regarding the use of pest control products that should be regulated more to prevent practices that are unsafe or risky. Application methods and homeowner use of pest control products were the most frequently mentioned areas needing to be regulated more.

More than 87 percent said they agree the safeguards already in place are suffi-

cient to ensure safety to the environment, the public, animals or wildlife and actual users of pest control products.

At 41 percent, wearing protective clothing was the most frequently mentioned pest control regulation/practice that contributes the most to the safe use of pest control products. Record keeping also was mentioned frequently.

Benefield: Are you willing to pay for the real McCoy?

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horror stories from you the superintendent that this work is being done.

And it is up to you the superintendent to assure that the program succeeds. If you don't insist on "certified" sod and sprigs when you rebuild or re-grass your course,

the program is doomed. If you go to non-certified producers because of their lower price you deserve what you get as far as the grass quality goes.

The larger injustice however will be that you will have let down your profession.

You have an obligation to support those programs endorsed by the professional association you belong to which are progressive and of merit. This is one of those programs. It needs your support and help. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish.



The Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital received more than \$9,000 from the Treasure Coast GCSA as proceeds from its inaugural Blue Pearl tournament at Loblolly Pines Golf Club in Hobe Sound. From left are John Sullivan, owner of Loblolly Pine GC, David Hitzig of the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital, and Tim Cann, TCGCSA president.

Treasure Coast's 'Blue Pearl' event attracts 150 community leaders, raises \$9,000 for wildlife hospital

The inaugural Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association "Blue Pearl" golf tournament was a huge success. Over 150 people participated in the event.

The majority of the participants were from outside of the golf industry with bankers, lawyers and local business owners quickly buying up most of the available player slots. These folks were also instrumental in providing door prizes and tee sponsorships.

The tournament was held at the environmentally sensitive and prestigious Loblolly Pines Golf Club in Hobe Sound.

Golf course owner John Sullivan played an important role in the success of the tournament by donating the use of

his club's facilities.

Named the "Blue Pearl" by the tournament committee, the tournament is meant to be a fundraising avenue for the environment we all live in on this planet which looks like a blue pearl from outer space. The beneficiaries will be local charitable organizations who share common goals with golf courses.

The first event raised and donated over \$9,000 to the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital. TCWH is a non-profit organization which receives and treats wounds of endangered wildlife that have been injured. The major goal of TCWH is to release the wildlife when they are healthy enough to go back into the wilderness.

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Fishing tournament, moonlight cruise added to FTGA conference & show

An ocean fishing tournament on Sunday and a moonlight cruise on Tuesday are the new events for the 42nd annual FTGA Conference and Show at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale Sept. 18-21.

The events underscore this year's theme — Turf 'n Surf Adventure.

The fishing tournament will be held at the same time as the traditional research golf tournament Sunday. Fishing enthusiasts will sail after billfish, tuna, dolphin, wahoo, kingfish and other game fish off the South Florida coast; golfers will scramble after birdies over the tough Jacaranda CC layout.

Both events will offer individual and team prizes and will conclude in plenty of time for the annual Sunday night corn boil sponsored by Toro and Nutri-Turf, this year set for the University of Florida's Agricultural Research and Education Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Fishing is \$165 per person; golf is \$105 per person. Entry fee for both events includes the corn boil. Tickets for the corn boil only are \$35. All proceeds from these events go to the FTGA's research programs.

Following Sunday's get-reacquainted social events, the conference gets down to business Monday with concurrent education sessions in three categories: golf/sports turf, general turf, and governmental regulation/environmental policy.

The trade show — the largest warm-season turf show in the Southeast — opens at 1:30 p.m. Monday, immediately following the annual business meeting and awards luncheon. The trade show remains open until 6 p.m. Monday and exhibitors may remain in the hall for a reception that runs until 7 p.m.

The Bill Wagner Memorial Prayer Breakfast begins Tuesday's events at 7 a.m. The prayer breakfast is open to everyone at no charge, but advance reservations are required.

Research Reports — the payoff for all

Conference and Show Schedule	
Sunday, Sept. 18	
7am-4pm	Exhibitor set-up
9am-11am	FTGA Board of Directors Meeting — Marina Marriott
10am-2pm	Pre-Registration Packet pick-up — Convention Center
10:30am-12:30pm	Golf Tournament Brunch — Jacaranda Country Club
1pm-6pm	Research Golf Tournament — Jacaranda Country Club
6pm-9pm	Toro Corn Boil — AREC, University of Florida IFAS
Monday, Sept. 19	
7am-6pm	Registration Open — Convention Center
8am-12noon	Concurrent Educational Session — Convention Center Rooms 301, 302, 304 & 305
12noon-1pm	Annual Meeting/Awards Lunch — Convention Center — Ballroom "A"
1:30pm-	TRADE SHOW GRAND OPENING
1:30pm-6pm	Show Open
6pm-7pm	Exhibitor Reception inside hall
Tuesday, Sept. 20	
7am-5pm	Registration open, Convention Center
7am-8am	Bill Wagner Memorial Prayer Breakfast — Convention Center
8am-10am	Workshops — Convention Center Rooms 203-218
10am-12noon	Research Reports (CEUs pending) — Convention Center Room 304
12noon-5pm	Show Open
12noon-1pm	Lunch in hall (concessions)
1pm-3pm	Workshops — Convention Center Rooms 203-218
3:15-5:15	Workshops — Convention Center Rooms 203-218
7:30pm-12:30am	President's Reception — SEASCAPE
Wednesday, Sept. 21	
7am-8am	Past President's Breakfast — Convention Center
8am-10am	Workshops — Convention Center Rooms 203-218
1:00pm	FTGA Board of Directors — Marina Marriott

the FTGA research fund-raising activities throughout the year — fill Tuesday morning's schedule. Highlights are expected to be updates on the Envirotron and the Turf Survey and Economic Impact Study.

The ever-popular hands-on work-

shops also begin Tuesday morning. A total of 33 two-hour sessions will be conducted through Wednesday afternoon.

The trade show opens for another five hours at noon Tuesday, giving attendees lots of time to get ready for the 7:30 p.m. Presidents' Reception aboard the cruise

Prior to Aug. 19, registration for the conference and show is \$175 for members and \$200 for non-members.

Registration fee includes the show, conference sessions, awards luncheon and president's reception.

ship Seascope. The cruise, featuring full buffet dinner, entertainment and gambling, will last until shortly after midnight. Jackets are required for the cruise.

Workshops and business meetings fill Wednesday's agenda. The presidents might cruise until after midnight, but they'll be up before 7 a.m. if they want to attend the annual past presidents' breakfast. The FTGA board of directors meets at 1 p.m. and workshops run from 8 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Prior to Aug. 19, registration for the conference and show is \$175 for members and \$200 for non-members (\$335 including membership). Registration fee includes the show, conference sessions, awards luncheon and president's reception. Prices are higher after Aug. 19. Additional meal tickets are \$15 for the awards luncheon and \$35 for the president's reception.

Workshops are \$35 per session and are limited to full-paying registrants only. They are not included in the basic fee. Golf, fishing and the corn boil also are not included in the registration fee.

Daily tickets for the trade show only will be available at the convention center for \$10 each.

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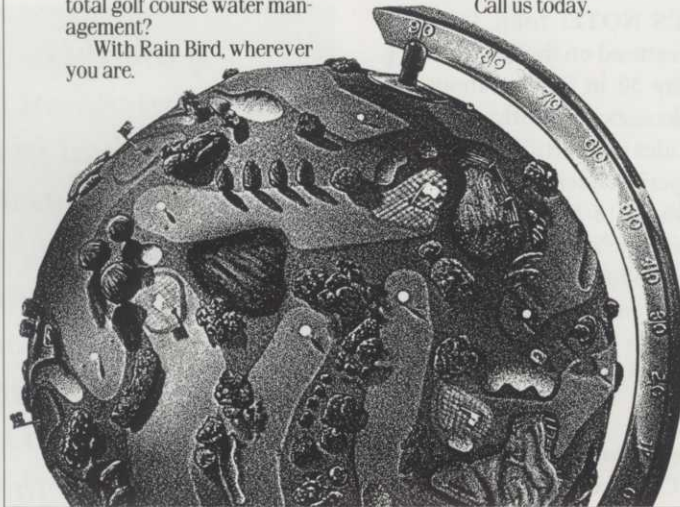
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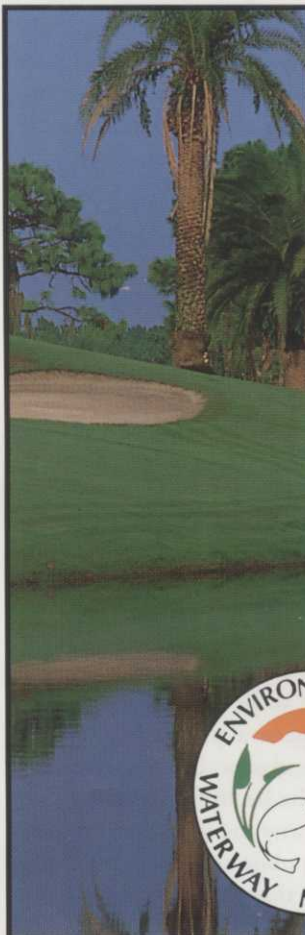
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Superintendent discusses pesticides on network TV... and lives to tell about it!

EDITOR'S NOTE: John Carlone, CGCS, was featured on the CBS Evening News on May 30 in a story about the perceived risks associated with golf course use of pesticides and fertilizers. Carlone has been superintendent at Middle Bay Country Club, an 18-hole private course in Oceanside, New York, for almost nine years. In the following interview with GCSAA *Government Relations Briefing*, Carlone explains why he agreed to appear in the CBS segment and how he prepared for it.

Q: How were you approached to appear on the CBS broadcast?

A: The article that appeared in the May 2 issue of *The Wall Street Journal* in which golf courses were denounced as health hazards disturbed me, and I faxed a copy of it to the GCSAA headquarters.

Evidently one of the CBS executives, who happens to be an avid golfer, also saw the article and suggested to a CBS producer that she do a story on it. She called GCSAA and was given my name, since I originally responded to the article with some interest. So she called me, and I agreed to do the interview.

Q: Why did you agree to do it?

A: The number-one reason was because I feel that golf courses are continually and wrongly accused of endangering the environment with misuse and over-application of pesticides and fertilizers, when — in fact — I think we are the most judicious users of those products in the world. I thought we should get some positive publicity out of it.

Q: What did you do to prepare yourself for the interview?

A: I only had 24 hours. The producer called me the day before, and we basically talked about everything that she would ask me about in the interview. I responded with the knowledge that I had acquired through my own research and reading. A lot of that material had come from GCSAA, as well as other golf- and agri-

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culture-related periodicals, particularly the *USGA Green Section Record*. I also have learned a great deal from university research, which is often presented at local and regional educational seminars.

Q: Explain your position on pesticide and chemical use on the golf course.

A: I believe that most — if not all — superintendents apply pesticides only when they have to.

We're just waiting and watching and making applications when we need to, instead of making blanket scheduled applications. The benefits of this are twofold: 1) we save our employer money; and 2) it's safer for the environment.

Q: Why is it important for superintendents to do what you did?

A: We are the ones who are using pesticides and fertilizers, and we are trying very hard to be professional about our jobs. The general public does not see us preparing and educating ourselves. All they see are the beautiful results of our work. That's why the more we put ourselves in the public arena, the more the public will see that turf management is a

sophisticated science and that golf course superintendents are professional about what they do.

Q: Were you nervous about the interview?

A: No. I would have been had they walked in with their cameras and immediately started taping, but they were here from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and they didn't start to interview me until after 5 p.m. So by that time I was very comfortable with these people. They knew nothing about golf. The producer wouldn't have known a green from a bunker, so they relied on me to guide them. The only thing they knew for sure when they arrived was that they wanted a picture of my spray equipment applying pesticides to the course.

Q: Do you think the producer was fair?

A: She was very fair. She wasn't negative at all. I was unhappy however, that the other two women who were interviewed didn't have any data to support their claims. I cited several studies that proved that pesticides are not a danger, including the Cape Cod water study and a Cornell University study in which 36 miniature greens are bombarded with pesticides and fertilizers and then irrigated to encourage leaching. Both of these studies show that the danger to the groundwater or the environment is minimal.

The media tends to blow these things out of proportion. Our studies are backed up with sound scientific evidence.

Q: What type of reaction have you received from the segment?

A: Superintendents from all over the country saw it and called me. All of them have been favorable, even though the overall segment was somewhat negative. It had to be negative to make the news. Still, the small amount that I was shown and also the light in which other superintendents were mentioned was somewhat positive.

Q: Would you advise other superintendents to take a stand as you did?

A: If another superintendent or any individual in this field ever has a chance to go before the media to make our profession look better, he or she should go for it. Don't be scared of the media; be careful what you say, but don't be scared. When I read something, I don't think of it as coming from an individual, I think of it as more of a profession-wide position.

Q: Was your club supportive of your decision to do the interview?

A: The club was very supportive. They wanted me to do it. They wanted me to look as good as possible. But, they didn't want their name mentioned. I even asked the president of my club before I agreed to do it. With all the lawsuits that are being filed against private clubs these days, they just didn't think it was a good idea to have the club's name mentioned. I agree with them.

Interview conducted by Laura Schaffer for the July 1994 issue of GCSAA Government Relations Briefing. Reprinted with permission.

Groups sue EPA over inert ingredient list

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two private groups filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency on May 18, accusing the agency of breaking the law

by refusing to release the names of all ingredients in pesticides.

The EPA allows pesticide manufacturers to keep some inert ingredients off pesticide labels by claiming they are trade secrets, said the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides and the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides.

Inert ingredients can be any of more than 2,300 substances, including chemicals that are active and, possibly, toxic, the groups said.

A substance qualifies as "inert" if it plays no role in killing the pest the product was designed to eliminate, they said.

The suit asks the court to declare the policy illegal and order the agency to give the groups a list of all ingredients six pesticides: Roundup, Aatrax 80W, Tordon 101, Weedone LV4, Velpar and Garlon 3A.

"This is one of few laws that precludes access to basic information about toxic ingredients," said Jay Feldman, NCAMP executive director. GCSAA members who attended the 1992 New Orleans Conference and Show may remember Feldman from his presentation at the first-ever Environmental General Session.

"People have a right to know when it comes to exposure to toxic substances," Feldman said.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner was named as a defendant in the suit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington.

The groups asked the EPA for a list of ingredients in the six pesticides in April

1991, under the Freedom of Information Act.

The EPA initially denied the request, saying the ingredients were "confidential business information" and exempt from disclosure rules, according to the suit. But the agency said it would issue a final decision after consulting manufacturers of the chemicals.

The EPA gave the groups a list of the ingredients in three of the pesticides the following December, but all inert chemicals were blacked out. Makers of the remaining three pesticides claimed blanket confidentiality for all ingredients, the agency said.

The groups were able to get some ingredients by making direct requests to the manufacturers.

Pesticide companies should not be allowed to keep any ingredients secret, Feldman said.

"Business interests are not what's being protected. The actual ingredients can be determined by reverse engineering," he said. "The only people who don't know is the public."

The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, based in Eugene, Ore., has about 1,600 members. The Washington-based National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides comprises 200 community groups across the nation.

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Head-to head equipment competition is standard fare at the Expo.

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Seventh annual South Florida GCSA Expo raises nearly \$25,000 for research green

The South Florida chapter hosted its biggest fund raiser ever, and it wasn't even a golf tournament! For the seventh year in a row, the chapter has put together a

winning combination of equipment demonstrations, workshops, research reports and a mini turfgrass show that rivals any in the country for content and funds raised.

Total income for this year's event broke all records, just short of \$25,000. Most of the profits go to support the research green at the University of Florida



The cool shade of the tent was the perfect place to enjoy the barbecue lunch.



No one should have got lost, although Benefield can't explain why he was late.



A beautiful, sunny mid-spring day welcomed Expo attendees to a great day of education and fellowship. Equipment demonstrations, below, provided by the Expo gave helpful insights into the special features and abilities of the units present.





Participants review turf plots at the FGCSA-funded research greens

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center which was the sight of the Expo again this year.

Attendees numbered over 170 turfgrass professionals which does not even include the number of suppliers and equipment operators who put on the show.

The Expo is a wonderful opportunity for golf course superintendents to see the latest in turfgrass equipment in a head-to-head demonstration, all in one day!

The South Florida board of directors would like to thank Hector Turf, LESCO, Pifer Incorporated, and RSI Holdings of Florida. This year we had an additional demonstration from IPM Systems and Turf Specialties.

We would also like to thank the suppliers who put on the mini turfgrass show. Most of these booths (as well as all of the equipment companies) have been in on the Expo since the beginning, back in 1987.

Once again, this is the type of support that makes turfgrass business what it is today.

The FGCSA Research Green will get even more exposure this year as the Florida Turfgrass Association holds its annual Corn Boil on the grounds of the University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale campus in September.

In 1995, the Expo will again be combined with the annual U of F Field Day which is expected to bring attendance well over the 500 mark.

Congratulations to everyone involved on a very professional event!

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Seven Rivers event raises \$22,500 for FTGA's Envirotron

April 18th marked the Seven Rivers Chapter's Second Annual FTGA Envirotron Golf Classic at the World Woods Golf Resort on the Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses.

The purpose of the tournament was to raise contributions for the Envirotron, a state-of-the-art, environmental research facility at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Last year the tournament resulted in an unprecedented amount of contributions with a grand total of \$22,500 to benefit turf research. This year's tournament goal was to raise contributions to purchase equipment for the facility.

The contributions raised topped last year's total with a \$30,500 and grossed \$44,000 specifically for the Envirotron Equipment Fund.

The tournament consisted of a four-man scramble and an individual tournament with a total of 232 players. The scramble winners: 21 under par - Mike Cook, Steve Anderson, Cliff Anderson and Glen Gabriel.

First place with 19.4375 under par - Glen Lakes Golf Club: Ralph Glover, Andy Padova, Rich Saddler and Dave Craighead.

Second place with 15.9375 under par - Pro Equipment, Inc.: Harold Casias, Howard Povey, Ray Arvello and Lou DeVos.

Third place with 15.875 under par - Barbaron, Inc.: Ron Kitchen, Jim Carmen, Rich Snell and Laurie Fruthy.

Fourth place with 15.6875 under par - Roger Hruby, Steve Lyerly, Larry Jeffreys and Tom Oeshlin.

The individual tournament winners were: first place and second place at 73 were Pat Fitzpatrick and Vick Conigliaro. First place handicap low-net at 62 was Mac Baugh and second place handicap low-net at 53 was Jim Leach.

The World Woods Golf Resort, owner Mr. Inoue generously donated the Pine

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Heavy rains, vandals fail to keep Futures golfers from their appointed rounds

BY JOHN GALLAGHER

The 13th annual Future of Golf Tournament was held at Emerald Dunes Golf Club June 11. The PBGCSA was able to host its major fund-raising event at the facility, even though the course had received over 13 inches of rain the previous seven days.

The golf field was filled with over 130 players from around south Florida. The guest of honor for the event was FGCSA/FTGA Tallahassee lobbyist Mike Goldie. Mike gave an update on the recently concluded legislative session in the state capital. Other notable guests were Palm Beach Post writer Ron Wiggins and Bob Nichols of Channel 12 News.

Chip Fowkes, golf course superintendent who has hosted the event for the last three years, did a magnificent job of preparing the course. However, the toughest job confronting him was not the daily deluge of rainfall but in dealing with the remains of a vandalism of the maintenance shop a week before the event.

Vandals had broken into his maintenance compound, hot-wired the large equipment and driven them into the nearby woods, rendering them useless. Chip hastily placed phone calls to the major equip-

ment suppliers in the area asking for their help. And he got it.

Loaners came rolling in from Pifer, John Deere, RSI, Hector and Lesco in time for Chip to get the course up to prime condition.

"That's what's so great about this profession: when the chips are down, (no pun intended,) you can count on your friends to come to your aid," Chip said.

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A record \$11,000 was raised this year through the hard work of the committee and particularly chairman Robin Goodell.

The event was the brainchild of four superintendents sitting around the maintenance shop of Atlantis Golf Club some 14 years ago. The idea was discussed as to how to support golf in general in Palm Beach County. On that historic meeting

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Mike Goldie, FGCSA/FTGA lobbyist in Tallahassee is flanked by Dr. Tom Latta, left, FTGA Government Relations chairman, and John Gallagher. Goldie spoke following the Palm Beach GCSA's annual Futures of Golf tournament.



FGCSA President Paul Crawford, center, accepts a \$22,000 check from Ciba Turf representatives Chuck Buffington and Mickey Lovett as the first year's earnings under Ciba's rebate program

Florida superintendents earn \$22,000 for research from Ciba Turf program

Florida's Golf Course Superintendents have reason to be proud of themselves today as they have earned a record company rebate from the Ciba Geigy Corporation.

At the Spring Board meeting of the FGCSA, representatives from the Ciba Turf and Ornamental Division were on hand to make a presentation. A check in the amount of \$22,000 was presented to President Paul Crawford by state reps Mickey Lovett and Chuck Bluffington.

The check represented the amount of money generated by FGCSA members through the Ciba Geigy rebate program.

The program which was designed by Mickey and FGCSA fundraising chairmen Mark Jarrell and Greg Plotner had just concluded its first full year.

The program is designed around a \$25-per-case rebate to the FGCSA for

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- Mark Jarrell

every case of Ciba Geigy product sold to participating members.

Mark Jarrell speaking on the success of the program, "If we can get the rest of the FGCSA membership signed up for the program we could probably double this check next year."

So congratulations to all of the FGCSA members who participated this year and to those who didn't, please contact your local external vice president to get "with the program."

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of the minds were Kevin Downing, Mark Jarrell, Jack Cunningham and Gary Grump.

Gary Grump hosted the first tournament at Eastpointe Country Club. In the past 14 years the tournament has raised in excess of \$100,000 for turf research and other worthy programs.

Congratulations go to all of the hosts, participants and sponsors for making this year's event the best ever. Keep the home fires burning and hope to see you next year.

A team representing the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach won the tournament.

The Future of Golf prize winners:

Championship Flight — 1, Breakers Hotel: Billy Miller, Paul Leone, Richard Hayduk and Gerald Wygant, 58. 2, Environmental Waterway Management: Gary Wilhelm, Bob Jacks, Mr. Brady and Mr. Kanaiz, 59. 3, Jeff Klontz, CC of Florida; Peter Brooks, Everglades GC; Mark Henderson, Atlantis GC, and John Foy, USGA, 60.

First Flight — 1, Ibis CC: Matt Turner, Mike James, Dave Rozek and Dave Price, 63. 2, Almar: Stuart Cohen, Richard Greene, Mike Monroe and D. Green, 64. 3, Harrell's/Rhone Poulenc: Frank Kynkor, Terry Sauvage, Bill Rayside and Todd Miller, 64.

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Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses for this event. Major sponsors for the tournament included Lesco, Vigoro, Helena Chemical, Tresca/Jacobsen and the Seven Rivers Golf Course Superintendents Association.

For more information on sponsoring the Envirotron facility and becoming a member of the Florida Turfgrass Association please write or call Jane Rea at the FTGA 302 S. Graham Ave., Orlando, Florida 32803 1-800-882-6721.