

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.

The Fort Lauderdale Marina Marriott is the official convention hotel. The special rate of \$85 per night, single or double, is good Sept. 16-23. Marriott telephone number is 305-463-4000.

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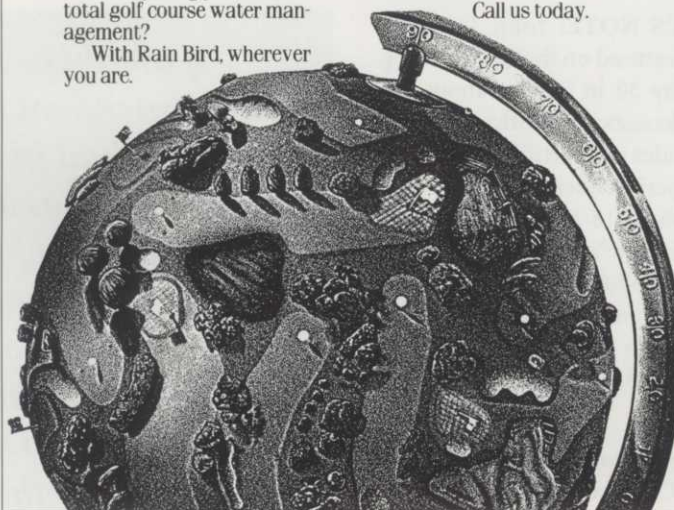
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