

## USGA Green Section's annual Florida educational conferences set for WPB, Orlando March 8, 10



The annual USGA Green Section educational conferences for Florida are scheduled 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. March 8 at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott and March 10 at the Orlando Marriott.

The fee is \$45 per person for representatives of USGA-member clubs and \$55 per person for others. The price goes up \$10 after Feb. 25. The fee includes lunch.

Featured speakers include Jim Snow, national director of the USGA Green Section; Jerry Pate, professional golfer and golf architect; and Chuck Gast, USGA agronomist for Florida. Co-hosts for both conferences are Roger Harvie, USGA Regional Affairs manager for the Southeast, and John Foy, USGA Green Section director for Florida.

FGCSA members will receive recertification credit towards their pesticide licenses and members of the GCSAA, PGA of America and CMAA will receive recertification credits for attending the conference. To receive credit, individuals must have their membership numbers available at the time of the conference.

The agenda:

- 8:00 Registration.** Coffee and Danish
- 8:45 Welcoming Remarks.** Roger Harvie, manager, USGA Regional Affairs; John Foy, director, USGA Green Section Florida
- 8:50 Management of High Sand Root Zone Greens.** Chuck Gast, agronomist, USGA Green Section, Hobe Sound.

**9:20 Environmental Research — What We've Learned.** Jim Snow, national director, USGA Green Section, Far Hills, N.J.

**10:05 Break**

**10:20 Soil Sampling — Analysis and Interpretation.** Dr. Edward H. Hanlon, extension soil management specialist, University of Florida, Gainesville.

**10:50 Labor Law Update and Employee Motivation Tips.** Whit Collins, president, West Coast Employers Assn., Inc., Tampa.

**12:15 Luncheon**

**1:30 Safe Handling and Storage of Pesticides.** Jeff Wharton, environmental manager, United Horticulture Supply, Lakeland.

**2:30 Nuisance Wildlife on Golf Courses.** Dr. William Kern, assistant extension scientist, Pinellas County Extension Office, Largo.

**3:00 Design and Maintenance Perspectives.** Jerry Page, PGA Tour golf professional and golf course architect. Pensacola.

**4:15 Adjourn**

Reservations are limited to 200 in West Palm Beach and 175 in Orlando. Questions should be directed to Roger Harvie, USGA Regional Affairs office in Marietta, Ga. at 404-951-0766 or to John Foy, USGA Green Section office in Hobe Sound at 407-546-2620.

## More than 200 see Envirotron become a reality

More than 200 friends of turfgrass showed up in Gainesville Nov. 19 to witness the formal dedication of the Envirotron turfgrass research facility behind Fifield Hall on the campus of the University of Florida.

The one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art research facility, comprising a rhizotron, greenhouses, a laboratory, classroom and conference space, and living quarters for graduate students, was built for \$700,000 — \$350,000 from the Florida Turfgrass Association matched by a grant from a state capital improvements fund.



Florida golf course superintendents helped raise most of the FTGA's share.

Featured speaker was Steve Melnyk, former Gator golfer and PGA Tour player who now divides his time between run-

ning a golf management firm and analyzing golf tournaments for CBS Sports.

Other speakers included Dr. John Lombardi, UF president; Jim Davidson, UF vice president for agriculture and natural resources; Dr. Terril Nell, chair of the UF environmental horticulture department; Nick Dennis, FTGA president; State Rep. Bob Casey, D-Gainesville; and James R. Heekin Jr., Board of Regents.

The Envirotron will complement the

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