1995 Poa Annua Classic



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Poa Annua Classic: productive, educational, fun

The annual Spring gathering of Florida superintendents began on the morning of Friday, May 19, with the FGCSA Board Meeting. At this meeting the CIBA corporation presented a check for over \$25,000 in rebate incentives to be used for turf research. Also at this meeting, funding was approved to partner with the FTGA to sponsor DNA testing of hybrid bermudagrasses.

At noon, Dow Elanco's Issues Manager, Terry Henderson, presented a program called Emergency Response. The second half of the seminar included a lively panel discussion with three media representatives of the Fort Myers-Naples area.

On Saturday, May 20, the Everglades Chapter buried the competition and took team honors in the annual fund raising Poa Annua Classic. Jim Osburn of Cape Coral CC took individual honors with a sterling score of 68. Kevin Downing of the Treasure Coast was second with a 72. Michael Swinson of Seven Rivers GCSA was low net superintendent winner with a 62 and Dickie Harrell was the low supplier with a gross 73. Later that evening, contestants and guests enjoyed a "Southwest Fiesta" banquet complete with entertainment.

Sunday morning saw David Barnes and company kick off the Annual G.C. Horn Memorial Tournament which raises endowment funds for the FTGA Research Foundation. Once again, a productive, educational and fun weekend. Our hats off to the Everglades Chapter for another first-class event. All golf events were held on the Naples Beach Club Golf Course, which is managed by Dick Naccarato.

The Envirotron Golf Classic raises \$35,000 for research

The third annual Envirotron Golf Classic, held April 24 at World Woods Golf Resort in Homosassa Springs, raised \$35,000 for the Envirotron Research Laboratory at the University of Florida.

The tournament's net proceeds will go toward purchasing research equipment and supporting an in-house researcher. The inaugural event, held June 28, 1993, yielded a \$22,500 donation. Last year's tournament brought \$30,000. The Envirotron Golf Classic's overall research contributions total \$87,500.

Funded in part by the Florida Turfgrass Association, the 3,100-square-foot, stateof-the-art research field laboratory opened in November, 1993 and includes a greenhouse, four climate-controlled glass houses, two walk-in growth chambers, two laboratories, study areas, classrooms and offices.

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