



1997-98 FGCSA Board of Directors from left: Cary Lewis, CGCS, West Coast; Geoff Coggan, CGCS, Central Florida; Craig Weyandt, Treasure Coast; David Court, CGCS, Palm Beach; Jim Goins, South Florida; Paul Illgen, Seven Rivers; and Gary Grigg, CGCS, Everglades. Not pictured: Todd Carlton, Coastal Plains; Steve LaFrance, North Florida; Roy Wilshire, CGCS, Ridge; and Tom Crawford, Suncoast. Photo by Joel Jackson.

## Crowfoot renamed in honor of Kamphaus

### FGCSA leaders take office at annual event

BY JOE ONDO, CGCS

AND JOEL JACKSON, CGCS

The 21st Crowfoot Open weekend began Saturday, August 2, 1997 with the Summer FGCSA Board of Directors meeting and FGCSA Annual Meeting for election of officers.

The new officers for 1997-98 are Joe Ondo, CGCS, president; Mike Perham, CGCS, vice president; and Darren Davis, secretary/treasurer. Other highlights of the meeting included:

- Adoption of the 1997-98 operating budget
- A report from Roy Bates, president of the FTGA on the final stages of the IFAS Turf Coordinator selection
- Roy also gave an update on the movement to found a Florida Golf Alliance of all major golf entities in the state. The FTGA and FGCSA remain key players in this endeavor.
- Golf Agronomics donated \$6,000 from proceeds of their rebate program. This makes six straight years of participation by GASH. Their donations have exceeded \$30,000.
- Review of the 1997 Florida Legislative session by consultant, Mike Goldie.



FGCSA President Joe Ondo, CGCS, left; Mike Perham, CGCS, center, vice president; Darren Davis, secretary/treasurer.

The Fall FGCSA Board Meeting is scheduled to be a two-day affair, Nov. 7-8, at the Grenelefe Resort in Haines City. The meeting will feature Joe O'Brien of the GCSAA as facilitator of a one-day planning and organizational assessment session on Saturday following the regular board meeting on Friday. All chapters should send their representatives to this informative working session.

Sunday, Aug. 3 was spent in practice rounds and theme park visitation as superintendents' families took advantage of the Crowfoot Open's proximity to Disney World, Sea World and Universal

Studios. Later that evening, the traditional banquet got a new look as a casual pool party held at the host Grand Cypress Villas. After a sumptuous buffet dinner, the crowd was entertained by a Polynesian revue complete with hula dancers who selected willing subjects from the audience.

Host Tom Alex announced that the Crowfoot Open will be known as the Larry Kamphaus-Crowfoot Open in honor of Walt Disney World superintendent Larry Kamphaus who served as chairman of the event for the past 17 years.



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James Goins, left, president of the South Florida Chapter, presents Joe Ondo, CGCS, with a check for \$12,000 for the FGCSA Research Fund. The money was raised at the 1997 South Florida Turf Expo.



Dale Kuehner, CGCS, right, immediate past president, is presented a plaque for his service by former FGCSA president Greg Plotner, CGCS.



Dale Mitchell, left, and Richard Coyle, right, present Dale Kuehner, CGCS, with a check for \$6000. This donation marks over \$30,000 in support for the FGCSA from Golf Agronomics.

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Larry died unexpectedly of a heart attack in June. Joel Jackson presented a framed picture of Larry and the eulogy that appeared in the summer issue of the *Florida Green* to the Kamphaus family.

Larry's wife, Vilma, continues to serve as co-chairman of the Crowfoot Committee.

An 8:00 AM shotgun start was the order of business for 120 players on the New Course at Grand Cypress on Monday, Aug. 4.

The low gross superintendent this year was Chris Cartin who fired a fine 69. Cartin won a spot on the FGCSA team to compete in Anaheim, Cal. in 1998.

Finishing second was Mark Hopkins and third was Buck Buckner. In the net division, first place went to Ron Rood with Chad Sartain and John Lamrsh taking second and third.

Ken Ezell of Clifton, Ezell and Clifton topped contestants in the commercial gross division besting Dick Bessire and J. R. Gall. Meanwhile, Kent Busser led

Gary Ray and Will Cassidy in the commercial net division.

The team of Chris Cartin, Chad Sartain, Tom Diggins and John Lamrsh brought the Crowfoot Open trophy home to the host Central Florida chapter.

Special thanks to Lisa McDowell and her parents Bob and Jan Lloyd for their help at the banquet and tournament registration; to Jim Hagstrom, tournament coordinator at Grand Cypress for help in the scoring. A big pat on the back to Tom Alex and his staff for having the golf course in excellent condition and to all the employees at Grand Cypress who make each event there a special occasion.

Another great job by Vilma Kamphaus and the Crowfoot Committee. It was hard to stay focused this year without Larry being there, but his spirit was with us. He will continue to be remembered and honored in all the Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Opens to come. Thanks to all the participants and sponsors. We hope to see all of you again next year.

*Superintendents well represented on FTGA Board, Executive Committee*

# Fun(d)-raising, education, trade show highlight annual FTGA Conference & Show

The 1997 Florida Turfgrass Conference and Show held in Sept. 4-7 had a lot to offer. There was a GCSAA seminar on aquatic weeds on Thursday; golf and fishing fund-raising tournaments on Friday; the annual Toro Corn Boil Friday night; workshops and concurrent educational sessions Friday and Saturday; and the trade show on Saturday and Sunday.

The new FTGA officers and directors for 1997-98 elected at the Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon:

• **President, David Barnes**, vice president/general manager of Greg Norman Turf Company. David, a 20-year veteran in the turfgrass industry is, among other things, a former golf course superintendent. His rich turf background extends back to his student days under the tutelage of the legendary Dr. G. C. Horn. David co-chairs the G.C. Memorial Fund Raising Tournament in Naples at the Poa Annu Classic every spring.

• **Vice President, Scott Wahlin**, CGCS, is currently the superintendent of the Longboat Key Club. Scott has been active in the FTGA since 1980 and the GCSAA

since 1985. Scott was certified in 1992.

• **Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Jarrell**, CGCS. Mark is another turf student who learned his turf lessons under Dr. Horn at the University of Florida. Mark has been an ardent supporter of the FTGA since 1972 and has served on the board for nine years. He was awarded the FTGA's Wreath of Grass Award in 1995 for his many years of service to the association. Mark has been the superintendent of the PGA National Golf Club in Lake Worth since 1979.

**Directors:**

• **Jan Beljan**, design associate with famed architect Tom Fazio for 18 years. Jan has served as a panelist for the Women in Golf Summit and as an instructor for the GCSAA. She is a two-year board member of the FTGA

• **Stuart Bozeman**, golf course superintendent and general manager of the Seven Rivers Country Club. Stuart was chairman of this year's Envirotron Classic hosted by the Seven Rivers GCSA at World Woods.

A member of the FTGA since 1979,

Stuart is looking forward to his first term on the Board of Directors.

• **Paul Crawford**, golf course superintendent at the Palm Beach Country Club for 17 years. This Michigan State grad has been active in FGCSA, FTGA and GCSAA committees and boards for over a decade. Currently the Business Manager for the *Florida Green*, Paul brings a wealth of organizational experience to the FTGA Board.

• **Christy Feary**, sales representative for Pro Plus Fertigation for 3-1/2 years. A member of the Central Florida and Treasure Coast GCSAs, Christy brings a degree in public relations to the FTGA Public Relations/Publicity Committee which she chairs.

• **Jay McCord**, marketing for Nutri-Turf, Inc. This Jacksonville resident has been an FTGA member since 1985 and served on the FTGA Board for the past four years. Jay has been a director in the North Florida GCSA. Jay is very active in other turf organizations serving on Turf and Horticulture advisory boards and councils.

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On behalf of the Everglades chapter, I wish to thank each and every sponsor for their support of this event. Many of these companies have been with us for quite a few years and it is wonderful to have that kind of dedicated support. It was great to see some new faces involved this year. Without supplier sponsorship this and many other events would not be possible. It has been very interesting to see the "Poa" evolve over the years. It should continue to change for the better with the new board taking over the reigns. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year and until then, may God bless you and your families. Thank you.

Terry Wood.

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# 1997 FTGA Conference and Show



**DAILY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**FRIDAY**

9:00 am - 3:30 pm Pre-Registration  
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Busch Gardens Technical Tour  
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Research Fishing Tournament  
 10:30 am - Research Golfing Tournament  
 10:00 am - 12:00pm Workshops  
 1:00 pm - 3:00pm Workshops  
 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm Workshops  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm "Mardi Grass Jubilee"

**SATURDAY**

7:30 am - 6:00 pm Registration  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Educational Sessions  
 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm FTGA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon  
 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm Trade Show  
 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm University Research Updates  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm President's Reception

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am - 9:00 am Bill Wagner Memorial Breakfast  
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Registration  
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Trade Show  
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm University Research Updates  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Turf Students Workshop  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Turf Technicians Forum  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Workshops

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