

## Class of '81 Dominates LCCC Tourney

The Fifth Annual Lake City Community College Endowment Golf Tournament held at Lexington Country Club was very successful again this year! Our hats are off to Mike Dillinger, GCS, class of '82, and his staff for a job well done.

The class of '81 walked off with the top honors. In the A Flight, Glenn Zakany of Golf Ventures and partner Jim Osburn of Cape Coral CC walked off with bragging rights and the trophies. In the B Flight, Scott Zakany of International Golf Management and partner Todd Wiggington of Admiral Lehigh Resort were top dogs for the day. But the big winner was the Endowment Fund.

At this year's LCCC alumni gathering in Las Vegas, David Fry, tournament co-chairman, presented a check in the



LCCC Tournament Committee: Front row from left, Matt Brock, Dick Bessire, Odell Spainhower, Matt Dillinger and Scott Hamm. Back row, David Fry, Glenn Zakany and John Johnson. Not pictured, Brad Walters.

amount of \$9,100 to John Piersol, chairman of Golf Course and Landscape Operations at Lake City Community College. John indicated LCCC is \$200,000 away from reaching its short-term goal of \$500,000, with a long-term goal of \$1,000,000. In addition, Mike Lee, Foundation director, has been working diligently to match new money raised with

state funds. The state will contribute four dollars for every six dollars raised for the endowment.

Next year's tournament is tentatively scheduled to be held at Lexington Country Club on Friday, January 9. It was apparent after hearing feedback from both players and club management playing 150 golfers just took too much time

## George Elliott of Addison Reserve Uses Georgia Grass on His Greens

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— approximately six hours. To speed up play next year, the field will be limited to the first 130 paying participants. Reserving a spot without payment will no longer be accepted.

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Even if your company was unable to provide a sponsorship in this year's tournament, the committee certainly looks forward to regaining your support in 1998. By working together, your support and involvement can enable LCCC to continue to support academic excellence in the turfgrass industry and provide a valuable resource for professional turf managers for years to come. The tournament committee sends out special thanks to all the Diamond and Gold sponsors for their support.

*See you next year!*



*Pine Barrens G.C. Photo by Grady Miller*

### **Serious (Fun)draising Envirotron Classic raises \$45,000 for UF research facility**

This past April the Seven Rivers Chapter did it again! Glenn Oberlander, Stuart Bozeman and host superintendent Steve Hritsko spearheaded the event which garnered approximately \$45,000 for the Envirotron research facility located at the University of Florida. This five year old event has become the Envirotron's leading fundraiser and is supported more and more by individual chapters through donated entry fees.

The leading supporter though has to be Barbaron, Inc. of Crystal River. This

golf course development company topped the sponsor list for the second year in a row with a gift of \$12,500. The owners of the company, Ron Kitchen, Sr., Ron Kitchen, Jr. and Terry Lagree are to be commended for their vision and confidence in the success and value of what the Envirotron can mean to the future of golf turf management research.

Winning teams of the scramble format event were: Pine Barrens - Low Gross Team: Sam Anderson, Larry Carlson, Bill Reynolds and Mark Revelia with a 56. Low Net Team: Ron Bear, Whit Derrick, Bruce Orr and Rick Wahl with a 59.875. Rolling Oaks - Low Gross Team: Jennifer Adams, John Adams, Scott Fraser and Dale Reash with a 57. Low Net Team: Joe Clay, Bill Fowler, Jack Harrell, Jr. and Tim Orten with a 57.875.



*Rolling Oaks G.C.  
Photo by Grady Miller.*

# Blue Pearl '97

BY SHELLY FOY

*USGA Green Section, Florida Region*

In their four years of hosting the Blue Pearl Tournament at Loblolly Pines Golf Club in Hobe Sound, members of the Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association have put more than \$45,000 back into their communities.

The first year, they gave \$10,000 to the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital. In the past three years, funds raised by the Blue Pearl Tournament have been donated to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. From adopting schools into the program, to buying books for libraries, to funding environmental projects at local schools, to even serving on school committees, the TCGCSA is making a difference for environmental education in schools.

The association's goal is to create a String of Pearls across the country by challenging other superintendent chapters to host Blue Pearl Tournaments to raise money for schools. They are well on the way, with several chapters across the country now planning Blue Pearls.

Blue Pearl 97 had some special guests in town for two days of events:



*Third Annual Helicopter Hole-In-One sponsored by the Hobe Sound Women's Club. Helicopter donated by Greg Norman drops numbered golf balls purchased by participants. Closest to the pin wins! Photos by Shelly Foy.*

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- Ken Mangum, director of golf and grounds, Atlanta Athletic Club and a member of the GCSAA Board of Directors;
- Rod McWhirter, national specifications manager, Rain Bird Golf Irrigation;
- Lee Mangum, manager, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, Audubon International;
- Kristi Frey, marketing specialist, GCSAA;
- Teri Harris, director of communications, GCSAA;
- Jeffrey Litrenta, writer/producer, EPIC of Wisconsin, Inc.;

GCSAA, in partnership with Rain Bird, are sponsors of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary School Program. The dignitaries were in town to see for themselves what has been going on in the Treasure Coast with superintendents and schools. They interviewed at least 17



TCGCSA President Dick Gray presents a \$12,000 check from the '97 Blue Pearl to Audubon International for its School Program. Photo by Shelly Foy.

people, and got lots of footage from the Blue Pearl for an upcoming Par for the Course show on June 21st.

During the two days of events, the special guests took a tour of the first fully certified Audubon School Sanctuary, Hobe Sound Elementary. It was a good opportunity for them to see first hand how schools and superintendents work together on environmental education projects.

Then, Rob Kloska, GCS, and his staff at the Jupiter Island Club hosted 31 fifth graders from Hobe Sound Elementary and guests for a tour of the golf course. The tour also tied in with Career Week at the school. The students had the opportunity to meet various other staff members, such as the assistant superintendent, mechanic, irrigation technician, and general manager. Highlights from the golf course tour:

Soap Flush for mole crickets — the boys loved it, so did most of the girls .

Computerized Irrigation — Rob explained how the system worked, then demonstrated by having the kids watch No.18 fairway while he programmed the system to come on via radio.

Excitement was evident on the kids' faces when discussing wildlife, particularly when they saw the incubator for the ducks.

There were several good questions from students on equipment washdown, pesticide storage, and even an interesting discussion of a reverse osmosis plant Jupiter Island plans to build.

My favorite comments about the field trip:

"In my 20-something years of teaching, this is the most informative field trip I have ever taken a group of kids on." Sandy Pisano, 5th grade teacher

"This is the first time I've ever been on a field trip where they gave us a soda!" David Hebb, 5th grader

On Friday evening, the TCGCSA hosted a casual dinner for 50 at the Jupiter Island Beach Club. Guests, superintendents, teachers, school administrators and kids were all on hand for a lovely dinner outside, with the ocean as our backdrop and osprey flying overhead.

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EPIC Productions was on hand to film interviews with those involved in the Blue Pearl Tournament and the Audubon School Program.

The Blue Pearl 97 tournament was a huge success. The tournament field was sold out a couple of weeks before the event. A total of 144 golfers tested their skills against Loblolly Pines Golf Club and Fred Hinkle's challenging hole locations. For this four-man scramble, winning scores of 53 and 54.5 were posted in the gross and net divisions.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with the TCGCSA and the Blue Pearl Tournament for the past three years. What they have accomplished, working with local schools and the Audubon School Program, is a wonderful model for all superintendent chapters across the country.

"Being involved in the Blue Pearl tournament is truly a rewarding experience," says Bill Lanthier, CGCS, Mariner Sands Country Club. "It is an opportunity to be active in your community and help children learn more about their environment."

Current TCGCSA President Dick Gray says, "Have you ever seen a picture of this planet taken from a satellite? It looks like a blue pearl floating in a sea of black. One of our chores is to polish the pearl. Clean it up, restore it. We are hosts; we are guests; we are company, and we need to behave accordingly."



*(Back to front) GCSAA Director Ken Mangum, CGCS; Lee Mangum, Audubon International; and Rod McWhirter, Rain Bird, Inc. help a kindergarden class plant a butterfly garden during a tour of the Hobe Sound Elementary School. Photo by Shelly Foy.*

The TCGCSA has published *The Blue Pearl Primer*, a three-page document describing the Blue Pearl Tournament and its philosophy. The members encourage every chapter to get involved with the

Audubon School Program and host a Blue Pearl of their own to raise money for local schools. For a copy of this document, call Bill Lanthier at 561-283-3644.



*Rob Kloska, center, demonstrates his computere-controlled irrigation system to a group of fifth graders during a tour of the Jupiter Island Golf Club as part of the Blue Pearl weekend activities. Photo by Shelly Foy*

# Business and pleasure... and all that jazz

*1997 Poa Annua Classic combines business meeting with outstanding seminar, golf and entertainment*

The 1997 Poa Annua Classic weekend was a combination of business and pleasure for those who participated. The weekend began on Friday, May 16 with an 8 a.m. continental breakfast board meeting of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association to discuss association business and ongoing projects.

After committee chairman reports, FTGA President Roy Bates gave an update on the independent peer review of IFAS and the Turf Coordinator selection progress. Darren Davis previewed the almost finalized version of the new FGCSA video. The board devoted the rest of the morning to the budget worksheet for next year.

In the brief transition period between the morning board meeting and the afternoon education seminar, the first meeting of the FGCSA Past Presidents Advisory Council took place to organize and define its mission and purpose. The Council is being formed as a resource group primarily for incoming boards to help provide continuity and support when needed.

The members of the group will be available to assist on committees and answer any questions the current board may have. Since each past president has



*The FGCSA Board Meeting gets an early start Friday morning to address association business. Unfortunately, not all chapters were represented. Photo by Joel Jackson.*



*President Dale Kuehner, center, is flanked by past presidents, from left, Paul Crawford, Joel Jackson, Tom Burrows and Scott Bell. They met to discuss formation of the Past Presidents' Advisory Council.*



*Seminar speaker Dr. Tom Morgan told the crowd that news is big business and not always the search for truth. Photo by Joel Jackson.*



Superintendents seeking CEUs and information learn how to deal with the media and prepare for interviews at this year's Poa Seminar. Photo by Joel Jackson.

served at least four years on the board and in many cases remains active in local chapters and on FTGA and GCSAA committees, the council is seeking to organize all that service and leadership experience to provide a ready resource to the officers and directors of the association.

The year's seminar, "Crisis Spokesperson Training," was presented by Dr. Tom Morgan, a former radio broadcaster and university professor of mass communications. Dr. Morgan presented a very illuminating yet somewhat dark picture of the news media in today's visually oriented society.

Statements like "News is what I say it is!" and "Don't let facts get in the way of a story!" and "Reality doesn't matter; it's what the Great Public thinks!" were sobering thoughts to digest.

Dr. Morgan cited examples from Hitler to Madison Avenue to prove his points. Since news has become big business, Dr. Morgan then gave numerous tips on how to get organized and handle yourself in an interview if you must be the spokesperson in a given situation.

The moral of the seminar was that turf and agribusiness interests need to have a definite plan and hopefully trained spokespersons who can deal with the media. Dr. Morgan said, "Issues management is cheaper, more effective and more rewarding than crisis management. Get ahead of the issues in your field and position them where you want them."

After a day of business and education, it was time for friendly competition on the links Saturday morning as individuals and chapter teams vied for victory.



Receiving the Poa Annuu trophy for the Everglades Chapter were, from left, Wayne Kappauf; Terry Woods, EGCSA president; Dan Surman; and Nat Hubbard. Team members not pictured were Roy Bates and Scott Hamm. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Jim Torba, GCS of the Univrsity of South Florida course in Tampa shot a 69 to win the Superintendent Division. Photo by Joel Jackson.

The overcast skies threatened rain, but spared the field and the Poa Annuu tournament was completed on schedule.

The host Everglades Chapter took the coveted team trophy. Jim Torba, golf course superintendent at the University of South Florida Golf Course in Tampa shot a 69 to take top honors in the Superintendent Division. John Swaner of Kilpatrick Turf Equipment was victorious in the Supplier Division.

Later that night, everyone participated in the annual banquet and awards ceremony. Entertainment for the evening

was the annual Naples Jazzfest held this year under the stars on the Naples Beach Club Hotel grounds.

On Sunday morning, the final event of the weekend was held as 50 two-man teams played a nine-hole scramble and a nine-hole alternate shot event in the G.C. Horn Memorial Tournament. Proceeds from sponsorships and entry fees go into the G.C. Horn Endowment Fund for scholarships and research funding in tribute to one of Florida's leading turf pioneers, Dr. Granville C. Horn.

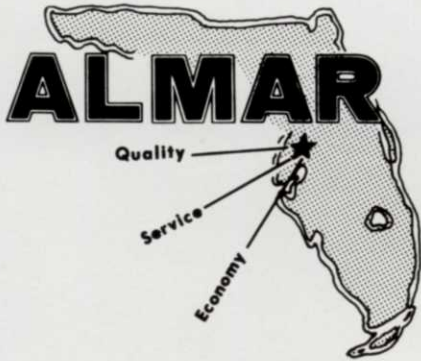


John Swaner took low gross honors in the Supplier Division. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Contestants warm up Sunday morning for the G. C. Horn Memorial Tournament which raises money for turf student scholarships. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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## Turf industry mourns passing of true legend

Thomas Mascaro of Pompano Beach died May 6 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; sons John and Bobby; daughters Tammy Shackelford, Linda Owens and Stella Churchill; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Tom had been active in the golf course industry for the past 65 years. He also was an inventor with eight patents and over 70 turf-related products to his name. His greatest claims to fame are the 1946 development of the aerifier for cultivating turfgrass and the verticut mower in 1952 for removing thatch. These inventions revolutionized golf course management.

He also won the prestigious USGA Green Section award, the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award and hundreds of other turf-related awards. He even has a museum, named the Mascaro-Steiniger Turfgrass Museum, on the campus of Penn State University.

He was former president of West Point

Products in West Point, Pa., and also former president of Turf-Tec International in Oakland Park, which is now being run by his son, John.

A private service was held on May 17. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Golf Course Superintendents Association Foundation's Historical Preservation Fund, (913) 832-3607.

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*Every member of the turf industry has been affected by Tom Mascaro. Our very thinking of modern cultural practices originated from his vision and inventions. He was the truest of turf professionals in our time, and we will miss his envelope-pushing creativity.*



Tom Mascaro with UF pathologist Dr. Monica Elliott. Janlark photo.

*We could fill pages with anecdotes, stories and tributes from those who have known and worked with Tom over the years, but instead we offer a poem submitted by David Bailey that was written by Tom and was read at his funeral. It comes from the hand, the heart and soul of one of turf's greatest stewards.*

Joel D. Jackson, CGCS

## 26-year Disney vet Larry Kamphaus passes away

Larry Kamphaus, CGCS, of Disney's Magnolia G.C. in Orlando died Monday, June 9, 1997 at the age of 54.

Larry had been with the Walt Disney World company for 26 years.

He started with Disney by working in landscape helping to plant the now majestic oaks on Hotel Plaza Blvd when Disney World was just a one building Preview Center off Interstate 4.

He moved into golf course maintenance to grow in the Magnolia and Palm courses and had been involved in the development of all the remaining 99 holes



of golf at Disney World, including the Lake Buena Vista, Oak Trail, Eagle Pines and Osprey Ridge courses. He became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1985.

From 1980 to 1996 he had served as the head superintendent of Disney's Golf

Course Maintenance, hosting two GCSAA Golf Championships and had been involved in all 26 of the Disney-Oldsmobile Golf Classic PGA Tour events and the three LPGA Healthsouth events.

Larry was a member of the GCSAA, FTGA and Florida GCSA. He served on GCSAA Conference and Show Committees; was a Director of the FTGA; and held all offices in the Central Florida Chapter.

He and his wife Vilma had co-chaired the Central Florida Crowfoot Open Committee for over a decade. He also served many years on the Turf Advisory Council for the Orange County Extension Service. In 1992 Larry was awarded the President's Award for Lifetime Service by the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

He is survived by his wife Vilma; daughter Nicole; sons Larry, Jr. and Lance; and grandson Austin.