



that have had an impact on the club's bottom line. One such occasion was after a presentation by a private insurance carrier. Al was able to make insurance-plan adjustments that earned significant savings for his club.

Through all these years Al has shared many experiences with his friends and peers.

His most rewarding experiences on the job include receiving compliments from golfers and reading newspaper articles about someone who played Sunrise and enjoyed the experience.

Having spent nearly half of his life maintaining Sunrise, Al deeply appreciates the recognition for the extra effort that he and his staff put in on a daily basis.

Al has participated in many local and national superintendent events during the last 20 years. He enjoys renewing old friendships at the GCSAA conference and show, and late-night conversations after the day's formal education has ended.

Al's favorite local SFGCSA event is the annual benefit golf tournament for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Al will only play golf if he is forced to. What Al lacks in golfing ability, he makes up for in entertainment value on the golf course. Al enjoys this event because it makes him feel good about contributing to a worthy cause and helping the children in our community.

Al resides in Coral Springs with his wife

Candace and his son Alfred. Al and Candace have been married 28 years and also have two daughters, Courtney and Melissa, and a 6-month old granddaughter Aaliyah. Al's interests include fishing, boating on his 18-foot Bayliner and traveling throughout the USA.

Al has enjoyed his long-term employment at Sunrise, and his career in the golf course industry. His goal is to stay in the business for another 20 years, and remain loyal to the club that has supported him. That is Al Ross, CGCS.

FGCSA BOARD/ANNUAL MEETING

Board OKs Budget, Employee Plan, Considers Web Site

In conjunction with the Central Florida GCSA's Larry Kamphaus-Crowfoot Open, the FGCSA held its summer board meeting and annual meeting at the



Chris Leahy, left and Richard Colyer, right from Golf Agronomics Supply and Handling present Past President Mike Perham, CGCS with a \$3,000 check for the FGCSA Research Account. Photo by Joel Jackson

Grand Cypress Conference Center in Orlando July 31. Since the FGCSA's fiscal year ends on June 30 each year, the first order of business was to approve the 1999-2000 operating budget.

Included in the new budget was a new employee wage and benefits program that was approved to cover the association's two fulltime employees, Marie

Roberts, association manager and Joel Jackson, director of communications.

Also discussed were education expenses; internal control review by our CPA; government and public relations; the 2000 FGCSA Reception in New Orleans; Florida Green ad rate increase; \$25,000 donation to the FTGA Research Foundation; \$500 sponsor-



FGCSA officers for 1999-2000 from left: Secretary/Treasurer Geoff Coggan, CGCS; Vice President Cary Lewis, CGCS; President Darren Davis; and Past President Mike Perham, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.

ship of the Etonic Seminars at the FTGA Conference and Show; official notification of a new local chapter, the Calusa Chapter; and continued funding of the shared lobbyist with the FTGA.

The FGCSA will continue to support the GCSAA Platinum Club and the Musser Foundation with annual donations and its five-year commitment to the GCSAA Foundation.

Richard Coyler and Chris Leahy from Golf Agronomics were on hand to present a \$3,000 donation to the FGCSA Research Account. This donation from GASH's profits-rebate program brings the company's participation to a total of \$36,000 over the

past several years. The board expressed gratitude to Dale Mitchell and Richard Coyler on behalf of all those who benefit from GASH's continued generosity and support.

The FGCSA also approved a motion to explore the proposal by Jared Grigg to establish a Florida GCSA website. The only obligation to the FGCSA will be to provide current information to the webmaster maintaining the site. Darren Davis, Gary Grigg and Joel Jackson will serve on the Website Committee to get it started and provide all chapters with a list of features to be included on the site.

Immediately following the summer board meeting,

the annual meeting was convened for the election of new officers. The FGCSA Officers were pleased with the 100 percent representation by all Chapters. The new executive council for 1999-2000: Darren Davis, GCS, president; Cary Lewis, CGCS, vice president; Geoff Coggan, CGCS, secretary/treasurer; and Mike Perham, past president.

New directors coming on the board: Brett Harris, Central Florida; Ed Neumann, North Florida; John Van Vranken, Sun-coast; and Eric Joy, West Coast.

Continuing members of the board: Doug Abbuhl, Coastal Plains; Gary Grigg, CGCS, Everglades; David Court, CGCS, Palm Beach;

Roy Wilshire, CGCS, Ridge; Buddy Keene, Seven Rivers; Jim Goins, South Florida; and Craig Weyandt, Treasure Coast.

CENTRAL FLORIDA GCSA

Kamphaus Crowfoot Draws Record Field; Delaney Honored


A record 172 players teed it up on the North, South, and East nines at the Grand Cypress Club in Orlando for the 23rd Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open. A Stableford points scoring system was used and most players finished their rounds in less than five hours.

Tom Alex and his staff plus the Golf Operations staff had everything ready

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