

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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The West Coast Chapter walked off with the Low Net Team Championship at the 1999 Crowfoot Open. Team members are: (l-r) Tony Joanow, Avila G&CC; Mike Blanchard, Westin Innisbrook Resort and Buddy Carmouche, CGCS, Palma Ceia G&CC. Photo by Joel Jackson.

to go for the 8 o'clock shotgun start on the first Monday morning of August.

Central Florida's Hal Richburg, Heathrow CC shot a sizzling 73 on a sweltering hot day to win



Hal Richburg, superintendent of the Heathrow CC, captured the Crowfoot Open Low Gross trophy and a spot on the FGCSA team at the GCSAA Championship. Photo by Joel Jackson.

low gross honors and a spot on the FGCSA team at the GCSAA tournament to be held in Mobile, Ala. this year. Kevin Rotti, Errol Estates CC, was second with a 74, followed by Paul Bondeson, Jr., Mariner Sands CC, in third with a 75.

In the net points division, the winner was Mike Blanchard, Innisbrook Resort with plus 10. Second was Tony Joanow, Avila G&CC. Ray Cuzzone, Bartow GC picked up third place. The strong showing by Mike and Tony led the West Coast Chapter in capturing the Crowfoot Open Team Trophy. Buddy Carmouche, Palma Ceia CC and Dave Datema, Disney's Magnolia GC rounded out the West Coast team.

In the Commercial Divisions, Jim Staub took first place low gross ahead of Dick Bessire who nudged out Troy Parker in a match of cards. Todd Perkins was first in the net division after matching cards with John

Gamble. Fred Marshall finished third.

A special thank-you to the record number of sponsors that helped make this year's event such a great success. Kudos also to Tom Alex's administrative assistant, Lisa Richards, and her parents Jan and Robert Lloyd for their help in staging the event and preparing the sponsor board. A big hand for course superintendent, Tom Diggins his assistants Jeff Clark and Andy Smith and staff for having the course in its usual immaculate condition. Special thanks to golf professional Ryan Kidwell for helping to score the results of the tournament.

The 1999 Crowfoot Committee was: Chairman Tom Alex; Vilma Kamphaus; Dwight Kummer; Joel Jackson; Stuart Leventhal; Joe Ondo; Lisa Richards; Jan Lloyd; and Bob Lloyd.

Crowfoot Banquet

Crowfoot luck held out as the scheduled poolside banquet on Sunday got a tentative start while severe thunderstorms lurked around the Grand Cypress property. Only a couple of miles away as the crow flies, the Lake Buena Vista area was getting pummeled by 1.75 inches of rain. After a few feeble sprinkles, the party got under way.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Larry Kamphaus Award. The award was instituted to honor the memory of longtime Crowfoot chairman and Disney superintendent Larry



Don Delaney of Golf Ventures, Inc. was named the 1999 Larry Kamphaus Award winner at the Sunday night Crowfoot banquet. Delaney received an engraved crystal bowl and a David Pursell commemorative drawing of Larry. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Kamphaus, who passed away in 1997. Larry and his wife Vilma co-chaired the Crowfoot committee for 13 years, and Larry was with the Walt Disney Company for 27 years.

Each year now the selection committee looks for a Central Florida member who depicts loyalty and tenure with his employer, service to his profession, and dedication to family and community.

This year's winner was caught by surprise when he was announced. Don Delaney, former superintendent and president of the FGCSA, was practically speechless when his name was called. Delaney is now with Golf Ventures, Inc. Delaney's name was inscribed on two crystal bowls, one that goes with him and



Ridge Chapter members from left, Ray Cuzzzone, Alan Puckett, Jeff Brown, Tom Barnett and Mark Hopkins pose with guest of honor Aaron Bledsoe and his new bike at their July meeting.

provided the labor to install it so Aaron's new bike can be kept secured.

On July 22, 1999 Aaron Bledsoe was the guest of honor at the Ridge Chapter's July meeting at Puckett's course where he and his mom thanked the Ridge Chapter for helping them coordinate the efforts and funds that came in to help Aaron. Later Puckett took Aaron on a golf cart tour of his course to show him some alligators.

Puckett said, "Aaron asked me if I had a bike. I told him I did. He asked me if I would come over and ride with him some time. What a neat kid! He has great spirit and he doesn't let his condition stop him from living life to the fullest.

"I was at Aaron's house when they delivered the new bike. When he was trying it out in the carport there was one spot where he got hung up trying to turn. When I got him clear and he looked up at me and said, 'Thank you, Mr. Puckett!' I got teary eyed.

the other that resides at the Kamphaus home.

RIDGE GCSA

8 Chapters Join to Replace Stricken Boy's Stolen Bike

Alan Puckett, GCS at the Lake Region Y&CC in Winter Haven, spearheaded an effort to right a wrong in his community. Alan read a story in the local newspaper about a young boy afflicted with spina bifida who had his new bicycle stolen from his front yard.

Alan called the paper, the Lakeland Ledger, to see if something was being done to replace the bike for 8-year-old Aaron Bledsoe. Alan put out a call for donations from FGCSA

chapters and the Central Florida, Everglades, North Florida, Palm Beach, Seven Rivers, Treasure Coast and West Coast chapters each responded with \$100. Through his inquiries and interest and a follow-up story in the Ledger, the Sunshine Fund became involved and not only replaced the bike, but did so with a specially built three-wheeler customized for spina bifida patients.

With the donations in hand, Puckett asked Debbie Bledsoe if Aaron had any other special needs that could be met with the funds. Mrs. Bledsoe mentioned that Aaron could use a special wheelchair to help him get around on shopping trips and outings. The Ridge

Chapter then partnered with the Bledsoe's insurance company to provide the wheelchair, using the donations to help defray the cost. In addition, Puckett purchased a utility shed and



Host superintendent Steve Pearson, CGCS, left and Palm Beach Chapter President Chip Fowkes, right present UF turf coordinator, Dr. John Cisar, with a check for ultradwarf BMP research at the 1999 Future of Golf tournament at the Falls CC. Photo by Joel Jackson.