



“...His work with the *Florida Green* magazine created the foundation for what has become the premier magazine of its kind. The *Florida Green* proved that an interesting and high quality “newsletter” could be used as an extremely effective vehicle for educating superintendents and elevating our profession. Dan has been a progressive leader and innovator. His ideas have helped make the Florida superintendents one of the most respected groups in the country...”

*Don Hearn, CGCS
GCSAA Past President
1987.*

“...Dan is truly a person of values, integrity and solid principles within the greenkeeping world. If our association has ever had a person that projects an image of what our profession is, Dan has portrayed that on a daily basis with dignity and a touch of class. He has worked tireless hours for his association’s benefit. I have known Dan for many years, he has always helped many of us during our years in office. I would be remiss to say that he has helped so many golf course superintendents to get into the business, to become active members of GCSAA and their own local chapter, that we all owe him this award and more.”

*Melvin B. Lucas, Jr,
CGCS, GCSAA Past
President, 1980.*

profession and his unwavering dedication to the art and science of turf management, the Florida GCSA nominated and now congratulates Daniel Jones, CGCS for receiving the GCSAA’s 1999 Distinguished Service Award.

FTGA CONFERENCE & SHOW

**Attendance Up,
Superintendent
Participation High**

The 1998 Florida Turfgrass Association Conference and Show, “Turf Web ’98” was a success in a many ways. The overall attendance doubled from the 1997 show, which pleased the exhibitors. There were more opportunities for superintendent-specific education and CEUs. More superintendents got involved. The FTGA named Tim Hiers, CGCS as the 1998 Wreath of Grass Award Winner.

While a lot more people in the turf industry could have shown up at the conference and trade show, exhibitors were pleased with the improvement over the ‘97 show. They recognized the hard work by the FTGA to make the ‘98 show a success.

In addition to traditional education sessions on insects, weeds and disease, there were plenty of opportunities for superintendents to get some inside information. The FGCSA coordinated three half-day GCSAA Etonic Seminars for those seeking certification credits. Those topics included Personnel Performance Management, Communications, and

**FGCSA Presenters at FTGA
Conference & Show**



Superintendents Matt Taylor and Rick Tatum and USGA’s John Foy at the ultradwarf forum.



Fred Klauk, left, and Tom Alex discussed



Darren Davis made two presentations.



Cary Lewis, CGCS, left, Prentis Knotts, CGCS, and Steve Pearson, CGCS, talked about managing people and flamingos.

Managing Hispanic Work Forces. The FGCSA also coordinated a workshop on poisonous snakes and organized two Innovative superintendent concurrent sessions and a forum on ultradwarf grasses.

In the forum, superintendents Rick Tatum and Matt Taylor teamed with USGA Green Section Florida Region Director John Foy to discuss the

characteristics and management practices observed in the new ultradwarf grasses for putting surfaces. That forum drew a packed house, and gave attendees a glimpse into the future.

In the concurrent sessions, Fred Klauk and Tom Alex took the audience through the paces of preparing golf courses for major professional golf events. In the second



Etonic Speakers at FTGA Conference



Former golf course superintendent *Gary Sweda* told his audience to be managers, not just “doers.”



Jennifer Thomas gave tips on communicating with Hispanics



Dr. Pat Schwab discussed “noise” in the communication channels.

session, Cary Lewis, CGCS and Prentis Knotts, CGCS discussed tips on how they organize, train and evaluate

employees for performance on the job. Steve Pearson, CGCS gave the audience a change of pace with a slide

presentation of the challenges of establishing a population of flamingos on his golf course.

Meanwhile, FGCSA Vice President Darren Davis was making presentations in FTGA Workshops and

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Partnering for success, the FTGA and FGCSA shared booth space to meet and greet old friends and prospective members. Pictured from left, Chuck Garrett, Don Benham, David Bailey, Marie Roberts and Paul Illgen. Photo by Joel Jackson.

concurrent sessions. Davis teamed up with Matt Taylor in a workshop on Modern Golf Course Turfgrass Management Facilities. Davis partnered with Steve Beeman on "Where Turf Meets the Wetlands."

The commitment to

cooperation between the FGCSA and FTGA was never more apparent than the long-overdue pairing of the associations' host booths on the trade show floor. FGCSA Association Manager Marie Roberts and Director of Communica-

tions Joel Jackson worked hand-in-hand with newly appointed FTGA Director of Public Relations Don Benham to answer questions and hand out literature.

And finally at the

Banquet and Awards event, Matt Taylor gave the introduction and career highlights of Tim Hiers, CGCSA who was presented the FTGA Wreath of Grass by David Barnes president of the FTGA. Tim has been



FTGA President Dave Barnes, left, presents Tim Hiers, superintendent at Collier's Reserve, with the FTGA's highest honor, the Wreath of Grass Award. Matt Taylor, right, introduced Hiers and presented the highlights of his career. Photo by Joel Jackson

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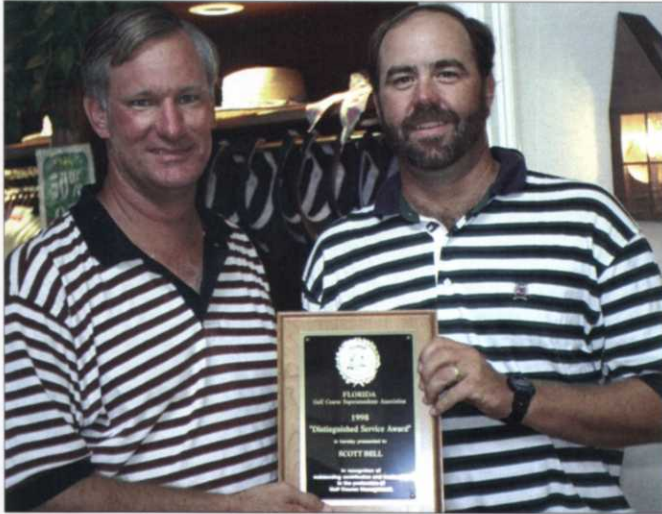
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FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presents Scott Bell with the 1998 Distinguished Service Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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TREASURE COAST PRO/SUPT.

Bell Receives Fla. GCSA Distinguished Service Award

Following in a long list of FGCSA past presidents who remain active after their formal board service is over, Scott Bell's selection for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award was announced at the FGCSA Annual Meeting at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando in August.

FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presented Bell with his award at the Treasure Coast Chapter's pro/superintendent event at the Indian River Country Club in September.

In his acceptance remarks, Bell thanked his fellow Treasure Coast superintendents for their friendship, help and support over the

years. He especially thanked those members who founded and guided the Treasure Coast Chapter for making it the kind of association that one was proud to be part of. He said he was humbled and proud to join the ranks of previous DSA winners.

The Distinguished Service Award was traditionally presented at the Crowfoot Open Banquet in August, but the FGCSA Board recognized that it meant more to the recipients and the nominators to receive the award in front of their local chapter members, so the DSA and Presidents Award presentations have been shifted to local chapter meetings.

Bell, who was the president of the FGCSA in 1994-95 has continued to serve the members by writing many articles for the *Florida Green* and in fact his interest and participation led to his being named assistant editor to replace Mark Jarrell who stepped down because of time commitments to the Florida Turfgrass Association.

Bell is now writing topical editorials, reviewing editorial plans and proofreading articles for each issue. Asked to take a more active role to learn the mechanics of putting the magazine together, Bell unselfishly agreed to learn more about the magazine production in case he must take over for the editor. He will be given specific assignments each issue and may become the coordinator for a complete section to get a feel for story acquisition and the production process.

Bell has been the superintendent at the Bent Pine Golf Club in Vero Beach since 1986. He is originally from Ohio but attended high school in Fort Lauderdale. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Landscape Horticulture and credits CSU professor Dr. Jack Butler with getting him to switch from forestry to the fledgling turf program.

Bell's career brought him from an assistant

superintendent's job at the Pinery Club in Denver to the fun and sun capital of Ft. Lauderdale where he cut his teeth on Florida turf management as an assistant at Eagle Trace under the watchful eye of TPC legend Fred Klauk. Bell moved up to his first superintendent position at the TPC Monte Carlo golf club in 1984, and two years later he moved on to Bent Pine.

Bell is a devoted family man and spends quality time with his wife Debbie and his children Jennifer (14), Sara (12), Scott (10) and Allison (5). His hobbies include golf, waverunner riding, home improvement projects, travel and snow skiing.

In addition to his Treasure Coast, FGCSA and GCSAA service, Bell has been involved with the Indian River County School Board - Gifted Student Task Force, and he helped supervise improvements and construction of a community soccer field complex.



FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presents Jim Callaghan with his 1998 Presidents Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.