

newsletter editor of The Treasure Coast Tide from 1980-88.

Throughout his career Jim has been available to help his colleagues. His advice to other superintendents, and his personal credo as evidenced by his tenure at Riomar is, "to develop good rapport with your members, be available to answer questions and be the source of information about course conditioning. Get to know your members and understand their views."

Jim is originally from Freeport, Long Island in New York. He graduated from SUNY at Farmingdale in 1972 with a major in turfgrass management. While at Farmingdale, Jim

played on the golf team and their home course was Bethpage Black, the site of the 2002 U. S. Open.

"Bethpage Black was awesome and made me realize the shortcomings on my golf game," Callaghan recalls. Jim decided that spending more time on his studies should take precedence and it paid off.

He received a scholarship from the Long Island GCSA, two scholarships from Georgia and three scholarships from the GCSAA. He transferred to the University of Georgia and received a B.S. in agriculture in 1974.

Jim reflected that much of his success can be attributed to several

mentors including the late Sid Brown, superintendent of St. George's G & CC in Stony Brook, N.Y., and George Kozelnicky, professor of plant pathology emeritus at the University of Georgia and a GCSAA Distinguished Service Award winner.

He credits Riomar's hard-working golf course maintenance staff for sticking it out with him through thick and thin. But most of all, he thanks his family for putting up with all the weird hours.

Jim and his wife Joanne, a Florida native, live in Vero Beach. They have two children, son Justin, 19, and daughter Jocelyn, 12.

BILL LANTHIER, CGCS
Golf Ventures, Inc.

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA EVENT

\$106,000 For Missing and Exploited Children

On Friday October 2, 1998, Colony West hosted the South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association golf tournament to benefit the Florida Branch of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This was the 14th annual SFGCSA golf tournament that has continued to provide support for abused or missing children and their families throughout Dade, Broward, Martin and Palm Beach counties.

The tournament was founded by David Lottes and Bill Entwistle Sr. as a way of

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Joining Entwistle on the 1998 tournament committee were, from left, Bob Klitz, CGCS; Bryan Singleton, Bill McKee and tournament host Dale Kuehner. Photo by Mike Bailey.

channeling the golf course superintendents' fund-raising abilities into a local community charity. The National Center was formerly known as the Adam Walsh Center, which was formed in Hollywood when Adam Walsh was abducted and killed in the early 1980s

Lottes and Entwistle have stepped down from this event that they founded, and turned it over to the very capable hands of Bill's son, Billy Jr., the golf course superintendent at Flamingo Lakes, in Pembroke Pines. He has become the driving force for this event during the past eight years. The joke among former tournament board members is that the only way to escape Billy and this golf tournament is to move away like Mark Richard CGCS, and Ron Wright CGCS.

Each June, former tournament board members receive that fateful phone call from Billy, "Yo, Bob, we need to get going on this golf tournament!" We all try to hide from him, but his persistence pays off. We gather for our first meeting, and the ball starts rolling again.

Many of our Eagle (\$250) and Birdie (\$100) Sponsors have supported this event for all 14 years. These sponsors are so enthusiastic about supporting this event that their checks arrive only several days after we mail out our preliminary tournament information. This type of cooperation from our sponsors, and the sincere care and concern that they express for this cause, are key components for the outstanding success that occurs with this event each year.

On Oct. 2, Entwistle presented Nancy McBride, the Center's director, with a check for \$13,000. Every year our fund-raising goal increases, every year our sponsors respond.

More than \$106,000 in 14 years! I don't believe David Lottes and Bill Entwistle Sr. ever dreamed about this type of success, or that this event

would continue for so long.

This year Colony West provided an excellent site for an event of such complex planning and last-minute adjustments. Dale Kuehner, CGCS and his staff again provided outstanding course conditions after another tough September of growing grass under water.

South Florida had just sloshed through 22 inches of rain prior to this event and, after reviewing course



Superintendent Bill Entwistle, Jr., has assumed the role of permanent chairman of the South Florida GCSA's Missing and Exploited Children Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.

conditions, Dale's course appeared unaffected from the challenging grass-growing environment.

The intricacies of hosting this event — including grill placement for cooking 400 hot dogs, installing 45 tee and green sponsor signs, 144 very critical players, and an overbearing tournament director (Billy) — can be a challenging experience for most superintendents. Dale and his staff have done an excellent job in making this event such a success

The 1998 SFGCSA Tournament Committee included Bill Entwistle Jr., Dale Kuehner CGCS, Bob Klitz CGCS, Bill McKee, and Bryan Singleton. All of the SFGCSA Board members, would like to thank the tournament participants and our volunteers for making this tournament a consistent success. See you all next year

Volunteers: Angela McCommon; Erik Thor, Rayside Truck and Trailer; Tom McCulley; and Richard Levy. Special thanks to: Bill Rittberger, Rayside Truck and Trailer for the Hot Dog (400 Hot Dogs, and then we go eat lunch!) Eagle One Golf Products for donating all the sponsor signs.

BOB KLITZ, CGCS
General Manager
Orangebrook GC

FGCSA TEAM TOURNAMENT

Hurricane Georges Wipes Out Majority of Tourney Field

Hurricane Georges threw a kink in the plans to hold the Third Annual FGCSA Chapter Team Championship at Southern Dunes GC in

Results

1st Low Gross (59) Bob Burns, Ramon Perez, Chris Schibt, and Paul Blockens.

1st Low Net (61) Paul Thompson, Mark Owen, Mike Tchebanoff, and Brian Moldenhauer.