



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
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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.

Haines City in September.

With the event rescheduled for Oct. 17, only five chapters were able to field teams as many courses began their overseeding preparations. A cloudy, blustery day greeted the field of diehard golfers, but the weather held off and the event is in the record books.

For the record, the West Coast Team, led by low gross winner Jim Torba of the University of South Florida GC, edged the Treasure Coast team by one shot.

Joining Torba on the West Coast team were Cary Lewis, CGCS, Renaissance Vinoy Resort; Mike Wisher, Bloomingdale GC; and Duane Van Etten, Lansbrook GC.

Torba's score of par 72 earned him a spot on FGCSA's No.1 Team along with Mark Hopkins, winner of the Poa Annua Classic in May and Chris Cartin who won the Crowfoot Open in August. The fourth spot on the team went to Buck Buckner who had the lowest average score in 2 out of 3 of the qualifying events. The team will vie for national honors during the GCSAA Golf Championship to be held in February.

Special thanks to host superintendent Bayne Calliavet and the pro shop and food and beverage staffs for another great event on a great golf course. Thanks also to Tom Benefield of



The West Coast Chapter Team, from left: Cary Lewis, Duane Van Etten, Jim Torba (low gross) and Mike Wisher.

Eco Soil Systems for sponsoring the beverages on the course and after golf.

Mark your calendars now for the last Saturday next September and I hope

to see more chapters send teams next year. Hopefully we won't have to dodge another hurricane!

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