

## Dan Jones, CGCS - Career and Service

- 1965-70. Began superintendent's career at the Fountain Valley Golf Club in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.
- 1970-75. Built two courses at Cerromar Beach Hotel in Puerto Rico. Superintendent over four courses.
- 1975-80. Superintendent of 36 holes at Turnberry Isles GC in South Florida.
- 1978. Recipient of GCSAA's Leo Feser Award.
- 1980-98. Superintendent Banyan Golf Club, West Palm Beach.
- 1981-82. President of the Florida Turfgrass Association.
- 1976-80. Became editor/publisher of *The South Florida Green* Magazine for the South Florida GCSA.
- 1980-89. Continued as editor/publisher of *The Florida Green* magazine, when *The South Florida Green* changed its name and became the official voice of the newly formed statewide Florida GCSA.
- 1987. Recipient of the Florida Turfgrass Association's Wreath of Grass Award.
- 1987. Recipient of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association's Distinguished Service Award.
- Recipient of numerous GCSAA Newsletter Editor awards during his tenure with *The Florida Green*.
- April 1998. Retired from Banyan Golf Club. Now serving as East Coast Sales Manager for Toro Liquid Ag, Inc.

# Service With Distinction

## Florida's Dan Jones, To Receive GCSAA Distinguished Service Award

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has selected Dan Jones, CGCS to receive the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented to Jones during the opening ceremonies of GCSAA's 70th International Conference and Show to be held in Orlando Feb. 8-14.

He is the first Florida superintendent to receive the award. The late Tom Mascaro, agronomist and inventor of many turfgrass maintenance devices, received the Distinguished Service Award in 1976.

Jones's contribution to his profession spans more than 33 years of dedicated, professional service. Throughout his entire career he has been an innovator and experimenter of management practices and products. He has been a champion of the superintendent's professional image long before it became a national objective.

Dan was instrumental in getting the white amur grass carp introduced into Florida. Back in 1976-78, Dan was extolling the virtues of this bio-control measure to reduce the use of chemicals in Florida's waterways. Again he was way ahead of the national environmental movement.

Dan has been actively

involved in testing and evaluating turfgrasses and turf management products on his own golf course and then sharing the results by networking and articles in the *Florida Green*.

When golfers were bent on bringing bentgrass greens to Florida in the late 1980s and early 90s, Dan partnered with Dr. Milt Engelke of Texas A&M to evaluate of heat-tolerant bentgrass selections on his course. He has tried, used, tested and evaluated every

88-96 page, four-color magazine. They shepherded each issue to completion, cajoling and inspiring superintendents to write articles to make it a publication by and for superintendents.

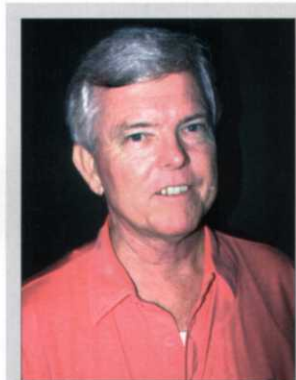
One of the unique features of the magazine is that it did not have an ad sales department. As the magazine grew in stature and prestige, advertisers sought to be included in the most widely read golf course management publication in the state.

Setting standards for quality in photography, Dan and Irene nurtured the publication that now reaches across the nation to golf course superintendents, researchers, educators and professionals in all the allied associations and businesses on the golf industry.

Because of the high quality of the magazine, it also became a public relations tool for superintendents to proudly display in pro shops and locker rooms. It has become a vehicle for educating golfers as well as superintendents about turf management and the value of professional superintendents.

Dan's leadership and modeling of the prototype behaviors of a true professional in his field has been a shining example for three decades of superintendents.

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Dan Jones, CGCS

new product he felt might have merit and shared his successes and/or failures with his peers to help them find better ways to manage turf.

But perhaps one of Dan's greatest legacies is the growth and development of the *Florida Green* magazine into a unique trade publication.

For 13 years Dan and his wife, Irene, gathered information, cut, pasted, and assembled each issue in their own home, taking it from an eight-page, black-and-white newsletter to an



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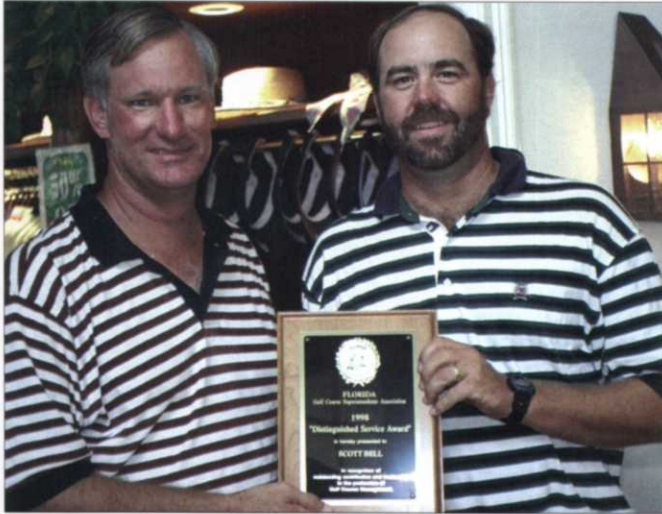
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FGCSA President Mike Perham, CGCS presents Scott Bell with the 1998 Distinguished Service Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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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.

TREASURE COAST PRO/SUPT.

## James Callaghan Presented FGCSA Presidents Award

Jim Callaghan, winner of the FGCSA President's Award this year, was presented his award at the Treasure Coast Chapter's Pro/Superintendent event in September.

Jim came to Riomar Country Club in 1977 at the suggestion of Jim Moncrief, director of the USGA Green Section's Southeast Region. Jim worked under then superintendent Herman Morris for six months before Morris retired and Jim was promoted to golf course superintendent. Twenty-one years later, Jim is still going strong at Riomar.

Riomar is a unique, old-style Florida golf course located along the coast in Vero Beach with almost 2,000 feet of ocean frontage. The original nine holes were built in 1919 on virgin sand dunes and was designed by architect Harold Strong. The course was perhaps the first golf course built on speculation to attract real estate buyers to the Riomar area. This was a new concept at the time but one that we all are familiar with today. The second nine was built in 1962 and was designed by Ernest Smith of Tequesta.

During Jim's tenure, changes have been made to the golf course under the guidance of renowned golf course architect Joe Lee. As Lee stated, "We have put a new dress on the 'old lady'." Joe has also commented on Callaghan's ability "to grow grass on concrete."

Over the years Jim has

been busy preparing to deliver Riomar into the next millennium. A new, state-of-the-art irrigation system is being installed this summer and next summer will bring extensive regrassing of greens, tees and fairways. Jim is currently

researching the different turfgrass variety options available to the club.

In 1999 Jim was given a proclamation by the City of Vero Beach "In recognition of outstanding service to the community and for continuing efforts to

beautify and enhance our city."

Jim was one of the founding members of the Treasure Coast GCSA and served through all chairs of office including a term as president in 1982-83. Jim also served as the chapter



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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  
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FGCSA TEAM TOURNAMENT

### Hurricane Georges Wipes Out Majority of Tourney Field

**H**urricane 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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