

gives attendees a chance to enjoy a libation, some snacks and take in the trade show at the same time.

The FTGA leadership is counting on all segments of the turf industry to support the conference and show. While golf course superintendents have been key in this effort in the past, our numbers have been tailing off the last couple of years.

With universal issues facing the total turf industry these days, the FTGA Conference and Show will be a good place for everyone to gather and join forces.

There are plenty of moderately priced hotels west of campus located at exits 75 and 76 on I-75. Last year I stayed at the Red Roof Inn for only \$34.50 a night. There is also a cluster of hotels on U.S. 441 (SW 13th St.) south of campus.

There is also a new DoubleTree Hotel on campus at the corner of SW 34th St. and Hull Rd. This will be the



*At the FTGA's Spring board meeting in Gainesville, Dr. Mike Martin, vice president of IFAS presented Dr. John Cisar with his thanks and a plaque commemorating his service as IFAS Turf Coordinator for the past two years. Martin announced that IFAS is now installing a Team Working Group approach to communicate with various industry commodities. Dr. Bryan Unruh will be the chairman of the new Turf Working Group for IFAS. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

site of the GCSAA Leadership Seminar. All of these locations are just minutes away from the O'Connell Center.

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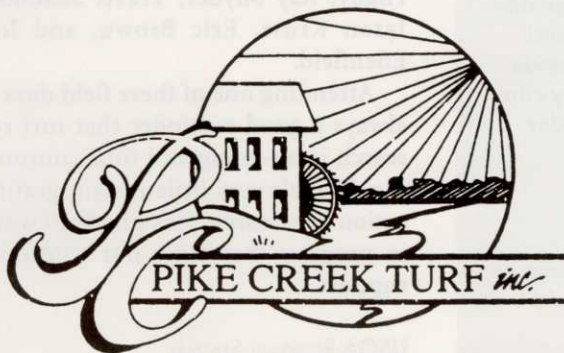
UF/IFAS OVERSEED FIELD DAY

## Combined Event Draws Crowd

**S**uperintendents from as far away as Naples and Miami took advantage of the combined Overseed Field Day and FTGA board meeting to visit the turf plots to make seed variety evaluations and listen to research updates at the G.C. Horn Memorial Field Laboratory and the Envirotron Research Laboratory.

Out at the G. C. Horn turf plots Dr. Al Dudeck reviewed the 1999-2000 Overseed Trial results. Dr. Jerry Sartain updated data on his cool season turfgrass fertility research and Dr. Grady

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New UF/IFAS faculty member Dr. Carol Stiles was introduced by Dr. Everett Emينو at the IFAS Overseeding Field Day held in March. Stiles's specialty is turf pathology and she is looking for input from superintendents on their current disease problems. Photo by Joel Jackson.

## 48th Annual FTGA Conference and Show

### Monday, Aug. 14

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Workshops (2 hours each). Topics include: Weed ID & Weed Control; Lawn, Trees or Shrub Maintenance; Turfgrass Insect Control; Ornamental Troubleshooting; Sprayer & Spreader Calibration; Sod Production; Landscape Beautification; Vertebrate Pests; Personal Protection Equipment; Pest & Weed Control in Sod Production.
- 2:30 PM University Tour (Includes the Envirotron, athletic fields, turf plots)
- 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Golf Tournaments
- 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Toro Corn Boil on the Touchdown Terrace

### Tuesday, Aug. 15

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Equipment Technician Seminar. Buses to Lake City CC.
- 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM GCSAA Leadership Series Seminar - .35 CEU's available.
- 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Long Grass Concurrent Sessions. Topics include: Sod Certification; Annuals; Athletic Field Management; Biostimulants; Florida Fertilizer & Seed Laws; Worker Protection Standards; How To Legally Hire An Employee; Pest Control In Outdoor Structures. Some of the Monday Workshop topics will be presented in a condensed format.
- 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM UF/IFAS Research Reports
- 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM UF/IFAS Research Reports
- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Protecting Our Natural Resources. Special presentation by Wes Skiles. John Wildmon helped in this project which was filmed and shown on the A&E cable network.
- 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Reception and Trade Show Grand Opening

### Wednesday, Aug. 16

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM Short Grass Concurrent Sessions. Topics include: Crisis Management Plan; Management Practices for USGA vs California Sand Based Greens; New Seashore Paspalum Grass. Some of the Monday Workshop topics will be presented in a condensed format.
- 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Trade Show Open

Miller demonstrated the methods used to determine damage to soccer field turfgrass based on cleat design.

There were plenty of replicated plots of seed varieties and fertilizer combinations to give the audience a good look at performance differences.

Dr. Everett Emينو, assistant dean of research administration, introduced the newest member of the IFAS turf team, pathologist Dr. Carol Stiles. Dr. Stiles didn't waste any time getting her feet wet as she distributed a questionnaire asking for turf disease input from the attendees.

Then everyone traveled over to the Envirotron where Emerald Island Turf served up another delicious barbecue lunch. Those guys are putting a lot of miles on that tow-behind grill. Mr. McCall, thanks for the grub.

Before lunch, however, there were more turf plots and greenhouse experiments to check out dealing with *Poa trivialis* seeding rates, nutrient concentrations and leaching, light intensity and cutting heights on ultradwarf greens, soil amendments, tropical signalgrass and torpedograss controls and shade tolerance of St. Augustine.

Principal investigators on these projects include Drs. Grady Miller, Laurie Trenholm, Jerry Sartain, Russell Nagata, John Cisar, and Bert McCarty; plus researchers Jan Weinbrecht, J. R. Higby, Ray Snyder, Travis Shaddox, Jason Kruse, Eric Brown, and Jeff Edenfield.

Attending one of these field days is always a good reminder that turf research is on-going and time consuming. There's very little instant gratification in research. It is a body of work in progress that takes our continual support.

#### USGA REGIONAL SEMINAR

## Topics Are Up, Attendance Down

The 2000 USGA Regional Conferences held in Palm Beach and Tampa this year were chock full of interesting information as usual, but