

Chris Cartin from Deltona Hills GC shot a 74 over the rolling, windswept course for the low round of the day and earned a spot on the Florida No. 1 team competing in the GCSAA Golf Championships to be held in Mobile, Ala. in February 2000. Cartin joins Mark Hopkins, Poinciana GC, winner of the Poa Annua Classic and Hal Richburg, CGCS, Heathrow CC, winner of the Crowfoot Open. The fourth spot, determined by the superintendent with the low average in two out of three of the above events, was claimed by Joe Ondo, CGCS, Winter Pines GC.

The Central Florida Team No. 1 of Joel Brownsberger, Chris Cartin, Jim Lawrence



1999 Blue Pearl Committee heads up event at The Medalist Club that earned \$17,200 for turf and environmental programs for Martin County schools. From left, Steve Keller, Bo Estey, Barbara Tierney, Bobby Ellis, Greg Pheneger, Roy McDonald, Bill Lanthier and Craig Weyandt. Photo by Joel Jackson.

and Hal Richburg and Kevin Rotti took won the low gross division by three shots over Central Florida Team No. 2 made up of Buck Buckner, Joe Ondo, Chad Sartain and Barry Shuman. By virtue of their strong second-place

finish, Central Florida Team No. 2 captured the Low Net honors.

The FGCSA Golf Committee would like to thank host superintendent Bayne Caillavet and Southern Dunes head golf professional

Eddie Frye for helping make this another great event.

JOE ONDO, CGCS
FGCSA Golf Chairman

TREASURE COAST GCSA

Blue Pearl Dodges Floyd, Beats Harvey to the Punch

Postponed by Hurricane Floyd and just beating Tropical Storm Harvey to the punch, the 1999 Treasure Coast Blue Pearl Tournament managed to fulfill its mission on Oct. 4 at Greg Norman's Medalist Club in Hobe Sound.

Begun as a fund raiser for the Audubon Sanctuary Program for local schools, the success of the event has expanded the beneficiaries to include a new turf program

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From left: Nancy McBride and Mike Christiansen of the Florida Branch of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children receive a check for \$14,000 from South Florida GCSA members Bryan Singleton, Bill McKee, Dale Kuehner, Jim Goins, Bill Enwhistle, Jr., and Bob Klitz. Photo by Steve Pearson.

at South Fork High School. This year TCGCSA President Greg Pheneger was able to present a check for \$10,000 to Southridge as well as a check for \$7,200 for the ACSP program.

The Treasure Coast wishes to thank host superintendent Tim Rappach and the entire staff of The Medalist Club for the excellent condition of the course and the impeccable service and operation of the event.

JOEL JACKSON, CGCS
Dir. of Communications

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA

15th Annual Event Raises \$14,000 to Benefit Children

The 15th Annual SFGCSA Benefit for Children's tournament was held at the Colony West C.C. in Tamarac Oct. 8.

Another fun and financially successful event was enjoyed despite the relentless rains of this year's tropical season. Even though the golf had to be canceled after nine holes, the food and festivities continued which included a presentation by Nancy McBride and Mike

Christiansen of the Florida Branch of the Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

They reported that due in part to the loyal support by the SFGCSA and others:

135-170 cases are reviewed every month

257 child recoveries were performed in 1999 through September

76 educational presentations were made to 2,038 people

42 training sessions were performed with 1,180 law enforcement officers

Child safety literature and materials were developed and distributed.

This year's contribution from the SFGCSA tournament came to \$14,000. This brings the total contributions to the M & E Children's Center to \$125,000 over the history of the event.

BOB KLITZ, CGCS
SFGCSA M&E Committee

WEST COAST GCSA

36th Quandt Event Aids Research and Education Funds

The 36th Annual Bud Quandt Turfgrass Research and Benefit



Tim Williams, public relations director for Gatorland, discussed gator management on golf courses at the 1999 West Coast Bud Quandt Turf & Benefit Tournament. Photo by Cary Lewis.

Tournament came off without a hitch on Oct. 11 at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club in St. Petersburg.

The primary fund-raising event for the West Coast GCSA provides monies for turf research, scholarships and donations to benefit local charities.

The day-long event includes a welcome breakfast buffet at registration, a business meeting and educational session, a four-

man scramble tournament followed by an awards ceremony and reception.

University of Florida IFAS Turf Coordinator Dr. John Cisar was on hand to update the audience on IFAS personnel changes and research projects to the turf program. Tim Williams, public relations director of Gatorland in Kissimmee talked about facts, myths and safety issues when dealing with alligators on golf courses. The bottom line is there are ways to manage alligators on your property without resorting to trapping and removal.

The golf tournament followed the meeting and the team of Duane Van Etten, Mark Wheaton, John Robertson and Jim Ahern took low gross honors with a 55. The low net winner was the team of Roger Hruby, Steve Lyerly, Johnny Nevill and Chip Powell. Skill contest winners were: Closest to the Pin No. 2 Terry Teats, No. 8 Bill Moore, No. 11 Buddy Carmouche and No. 16 Alan Niblett. Long Drive - S. M. Johnson. Accurate Drive - Bob Ley. Putting



University of Florida's IFAS Turf Coordinator, Dr. John Cisar gave an update on turf projects and personnel during the business meeting at the West Coast GCSA Bud Quandt Tournament. Photo by Cary Lewis.