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SPOTLIGHT: CHAPTER ROUNDUP, AWARDS, GOLF

All chapters were busy over the summer, reporting growth, successful fundraisers and awards. Bob Sanderson, CGCS was presented the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at his Calusa GCSA chapter meeting; Tom Cowan was presented the Presidents Award for Lifetime Service at a NFGCSA chapter meeting. Courtney Caillavet and Jennifer Bell won Legacy scholarships from the GCSAA. Mark Henderson won the Crowfoot and a spot on the FGCSA team.

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COVER STORY: BOCA LAGO C.C.

Boca Lago C.C. is one of the guardians of a greenbelt garden in the 12-mile coastal strip of Palm Beach County, which occupies 10 percent of its land and holds 90 percent of its population. While removing invasive plants, it still provides colorful tropical exotics in beds.

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HANDS ON: MECHANICALLY INCLINED

Neatness, precision, well-developed and -honed skills and professionalism are all key ingredients to managing a golf course equipment maintenance operation, according to two veterans. In Super Tips, Darren Davis describes custom-made sod pluggers fashioned from bed knives.

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INDUSTRY NEWS: RESPECT, PRESENTATION, DROUGHT

Don Benham, FTGA director of public relations, wonders why the Michigan media do not attack golf courses on water use as do the Florida media.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS: ARE WE GUILTY?

Dr. Charles Peacock, professor of crop science at North Carolina State and former UF professor, shows how the golf industry's BMPs do work in preventing water pollution on golf courses by using the "Treatment Train" approach.

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STEWARDSHIP: BIRDS COUNT AS WELL AS BIRDIES

A total of 48 golf courses participated in Audubon International's annual North American Birdwatching Open. One course sighted 98 different species.

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AFTERWORDS: JOE KONWINSKI. 1915-2002

Joe Konwinski, golf course superintendent, first president of the FTGA and an ambassador for the turfgrass industry through many civic causes, died Aug. 17 at age 87. Jim Walker notes that association service can be a harrowing ride, but the rebate is greater than the cost of the ticket.

Joel Jackson awards some birdies, a par, many bogeys and one triple bogey!

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