

**Calusa GCSA
FGCSA Honors
Bob Sanderson
With DSA**

The Calusa Chapter was proud to help the FGCSA honor one of its own as Bob Sanderson CGCS was presented with the 2002 Distinguished Service Award by FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS at our July meeting.

(See page 8)

**Central Florida GCSA
Memorial Tourney
Becomes Annual
Event in July**

In June, the CFGCSA Golf Championship was held at the new Victoria Hills GC in Deland. Hal Richburg was the host on this rolling Ron Garl design. Robert Parmer of the Lake Orlando GC walked off with low gross honors. In July, the chapter reorganized the former Danny Burgess Memorial Tournament into The CFGCSA Memorial Tournament to honor all members who have died. The scramble format Memorial Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting each July. This year the event raised \$2,000 for the Memorial Scholarship fund for turf students from Central Florida.

**Coastal Plains GCSA
Smallest Chapter
Enjoys Good
Vendor Support**

Chapter President Jeff Heggen's Hilaman Park Municipal Golf Course has been selected as the cover course to be featured on the Spring 2003 Florida Green. The state's smallest chapter is based in the metropolitan Tallahassee area. With good vendor support the chapter is making plans for a having a more productive 2003.

**Everglades GCSA
Hiers, Davis, Many
Fundraisers Share
Summer Spotlight**

The EGCSA capped off a successful fundraising year by hosting a tournament for Twin Eagles Equipment Technician Greg Angelovich. The event raised over

\$25,000 to help Greg in his battle against cancer. Bonita Bay properties donated use of the golf course to help defray expenses. Other groups benefiting from EGCSA efforts in 2001-02 included: FTGA (Research Foundation, Economic Impact Study and Conference Reception); FGCSA (Research Account & GCSAA reception); GCSAA Platinum Tee Club. Benevolence donations included contributions to GCSAA World Trade Center Relief, Greg Angelovich Fund, Tom Crawford and Chip Fowkes Memorial Trust Funds. EGCSA sponsored teams in events such as The Taylor Tournament, The Lake City Alumni Tourney, The Environtron Tourney, and The Royal Palm Hope Hospice Pro-Am Tourney.

This year the EGCSA nominated Tim Hiers, CGCS for the 2002 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Tim was the first president of the unified FGCSA in 1978 and has remained a vocal advocate for the golf industry on environmental issues. And Darren Davis was named by the GCSAA as the winner of the Leo Feser Award for his article in *Golf Course Management*. Davis, who also won in 1997, is the first repeat winner of the Feser.

**North Florida GCSA
Growing Chapter
Honors Cowan,
Raises \$5,000**

Glen Klauk hosted the NFGCSA Annual Research tournament in June at the Pablo Creek Club. Thanks to all of our members who played in this tournament, and the corporate sponsors who helped with lunch. The NFGCSA raised \$5,000 which was donated to the FGCSA Turf Research Fund. At the Annual Meeting on July 29, NFGCSA Past President Tom Cowan was presented with the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service *(See page 11)*. The past year has seen an increase in members, both in the superintendent and in the vendor categories, in the North Florida area. The board of directors is working hard to provide the group with quality education and a forum for sharing of ideas.

**Palm Beach GCSA
Chapter in Mourning,
Hosts Fundraiser,
Paspalum Seminar**

The Palm Beach Chapter

is mourning the loss of two of its leaders this summer. Chip Fowkes of The Fountains Club died in a motorcycle accident in June and in late July, the venerable turf master and civic leader Joe Konwinski passed away. Joe was 87 and still active until his failing health sidelined him *(See page 64)*.

The PBGCSA's annual Future of Golf Tournament, which supports Hook a Kid on Golf and turf research, was held in June at the Falls C.C. and raised \$20,000. A good portion of the proceeds this year will also go toward helping pay medical expenses of Cameron Jorgensen, son of Erik Jorgensen, assistant superintendent at the Royal Palm Y&CC.

On Oct. 2 the PBGCSA was scheduled to host the one-day GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Seashore Paspalum Management on Golf Courses" with Dr. Ronnie Duncan, U. of Georgia.

**Ridge GCSA
Chapter Honors
Founder Barnes,
Hears FTGA Report**

At the June meeting at The Club at Eaglebrook, the Ridge Chapter honored veteran turf professional David Barnes with an FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Barnes is a Gator turf graduate, former golf course superintendent and past president of the FTGA. Barnes helped found the Ridge Chapter in 1988. At the Southern Dunes August meeting, FTGA President Alan Puckett and Vice President Bobby Ellis gave a one-hour State of the FTGA presentation to the Chapter. The two plan to visit other chapters as well to improve relations and get the word out on the mission and accomplishments of the FTGA.

Bayne Caillavet, the superintendent of The Golden Ocala Golf and Country Club, reports his daughter Courtney has received her second \$1,500 Legacy Award. Courtney is studying American



Courtney Caillavet received her second Legacy Award this year.

Studies at the University of South Florida. She also received a 2000 Legacy Award. Students must sit out one year before applying again.

**Seven Rivers GCSA
Chapter Charters
Fishing Boat for
Monthly Meeting**

Buddy Keene reports that Lee Bloomcamp of Syngenta spoke at the August chapter meeting. Her topic was Pesticide Safety and Storage. After fighting a wet summer SRGCSA superintendents are looking for a break. Buddy says tentative plans are in the works for a charter boat fishing trip in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. Buddy also says the scallops are running large out on the flats off the Seven Rivers' Nature Coast. President Bob Marrino also reported great presentations this summer by Dr. Billy Crow on nematode control products beyond NemaCur and the FTGA update by Alan Puckett and Bobby Ellis.

**South Florida GCSA
Chapter Basks in
Glory of Walker's
Commentary**

The SFGCSA won the Jimmy Blackledge Trophy defeating the PBGCSA team in a Ryder Cup format at the annual South Florida -



Proud Pops David Oliver (left) with son Jason and Scott Bell (right) with daughter Jennifer pose with Treasure Coast President John Morsut after the TCGCSA awarded both students \$1,000 scholarships at the August Chapter meeting. Photo by W. Craig Weyandt.

Palm Beach GCSA joint meeting held at the Mizner GC Aug. 12. The next big event will be the SFGCSA Missing & Exploited Children fundraising tournament at the Colony West CC on Oct. 11. SFGCSA Past President Jim Walker has become a regular contributor to *The Florida Green* with his "no holds barred" commentary.

Suncoast GCSA Annual Maintenance Seminar to Feature Dr. James Beard

As the chapter still recovers from the loss of President Tom Crawford this past May, the Thomas Patrick Crawford Memorial Tournament held in his honor at the Bradenton C.C. in July raised nearly \$18,000 for his daughters' scholarship fund. Thanks to the sponsors and players all those who volunteered their time.

This fall will be busy with the annual Best Ball Pro-Superintendent tournament in September at the Lakewood Ranch G&CC, and the annual November Grounds Maintenance Seminar at Selby Gardens. Featured speaker will be Dr. James Beard and .35 GCSAA CEUs will be available.

Treasure Coast GCSA Scholarship Winners, Blue Pearl Event Capture Attention

The chapter's attention this summer has been on organizing annual Blue Pearl Tournament Sept. 23 at the Loxahatchee Club this year. This event is the leading statewide contributor to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and has supported several primary and secondary school environmental and turf programs.

Proud pops, David Oliver of Boynton Pump and Scott Bell, superintendent at Red Stick GC, were pleased to learn that their kids, Jason Oliver and Jennifer Bell, were the recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the TCGCSA. Jason will be attending the University of South Florida in Tampa to study business. Jennifer also received a \$1,500 GCSAA Legacy Award and will be attending Babson College outside of Boston, also majoring in business.

The GCSAA Legacy Awards are funded by Syngenta

Professional Products and administered by the GCSAA Foundation. This year Syngenta increased its funding of this award that benefits children of superintendents that are going into careers other than turfgrass management. GCSAA is now able to award 20 students \$1,500 each.

The TCGCSA will have a joint meeting with the Palm Beach Chapter at the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton on Oct. 16.

West Coast GCSA Past Presidents' Reunion Highlights Bud Quandt Tournament

The regular July Chapter Championship was rained out and rescheduled for September. After a busy and wet summer all hands are eagerly anticipating fall and the annual Bud Quandt Tournament on Oct. 7 at the Pasadena Y&CC. This event also serves as a Past Presidents Reunion meeting and it's great to see many of the legends of our chapter gather and reminisce about the history of the association.

Bob Sanderson Service By Distinguished Gentleman

By Joel Jackson

Bob Sanderson exemplifies many of the old school superintendents who earned their degrees in

credit department at Maas Brothers department store in Tampa. The trouble was, Sanderson figured out that he would rather be outdoors instead of indoors.

Sanderson gave up his 8-to-5 job in 1960 to join his brother-in-law, David Wallace, in building the Saints and Sinners courses at Port St. Lucie. Two years later in a company reorganization move, Sanderson found himself in charge of the Port Charlotte golf course which was in the middle of nowhere at that time. Sanderson was still learning golf course management on the job and relied on the advice and guidance of chemical and fertilizer salesmen. The relative isolation and lack of any viable associations forced Sanderson to learn through a period of trial and error.

In the 1960s, if superintendents wanted to take turf seminars they had to travel to Miami, Tampa or Jacksonville where the South Florida, West Coast and Florida-Georgia associations held meetings. As more courses came on line in the Ft. Myers and Naples area, Sanderson and others figured it was time to organize, and in 1968 the Everglades chapter was born with Sanderson as the first president. He was also intimately involved with the unification and formation of the statewide FGCSA a decade later.

Ever active in association business, Sanderson rose to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Florida Turfgrass Association. He was presented the FTGA's highest honor - the Wreath of Grass award - in 1979. He also served in the same office for the FGCSA in 1982. In 1991 the

Meanwhile, Sanderson was logging a 24-year career at Port Charlotte. Sanderson became a certified superintendent in 1978 and maintained his status until 1998, letting it lapse as he neared retirement.

Around 1985 he left Port Charlotte and managed the Del Tura and then the Del Vera (Heron's Glen) country clubs in North Fort Myers for the next 15 years until his "retirement" in 1999. At 74 years, Sanderson couldn't stand sitting around the house, so he hooked up with Roger Taylor at the Kingsway C.C. and currently works a four-day, part-time schedule.

Sanderson said, "Roger has been really great with my schedule. I can attend Calusa Chapter meeting and three or four times during the summer, my wife Mary Ann and I take off for trips to our home in Highlands, N.C. We have a small place 5,000 ft up the mountain. The daytime highs are in the 70s and the nights run in the low 60's. It's a nice break from the summer heat and humidity."

From those early days of remote isolation to the booming 1990s, southwest Florida became the per capita golf Mecca of Florida. As the Naples-area golf construction skyrocketed, superintendents in the North Fort Myers-Port Charlotte area found themselves driving south for most of the monthly Everglades meetings. The demographics and geography led the area superintendents to consider forming the Calusa Chapter and the experience of Sanderson played a key role as he once again found himself helping to start another chapter in 1999.

Sanderson's never-ending involvement and service to the profession led the Calusa Chapter to nominate him for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for 2002. This tireless veteran came up through the ranks the hard way, but the right way and with distinction. In July 2002 it was with great pleasure that then FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS presented Sanderson with the DSA Award at the Calusa Chapter's monthly meeting.

At the ceremony Sanderson said, "I would like to thank the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association and everyone involved for selecting me for the Distinguished Service Award. This is a tremendous honor and something I will cherish for the rest of my life. These awards are possible only with the help of good employees and lots of good friends. Thank you again."



FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS, right, presented Bob Sanderson with the 2002 Distinguished Service Award at the Calusa Chapter meeting in July.

disciplines other than agronomy. The economics major from Hobart College in New York took his liberal arts degree and set up shop in the

Everglades Chapter nominated Sanderson to receive the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service.



North Florida Past President Clayton Estes, CGCS, left, presents Tom Cowan with the much deserved FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service.

Tom Cowan-Service with a Smile

Glen Klauk

Those who know Tom Cowan would say he could have been equally successful as a stand-up comedian, karaoke singer, or impersonator. However, he chose the golf and turf industry to become his routine. Cowan started his career at San Jose Country Club like many others in the north Florida area. He started in the food and beverage side of the club business but was promptly fired from his first job by the head chef when he dropped a platter of roast beef in front of 200 members who were waiting for the Sunday Brunch to commence. He quickly found out that outside the clubhouse was the place to be.

During Cowan's career he has worked at Killearn Golf Club in Tallahassee and Rio Pinar in Orlando, helping to host two Citrus Opens (now known as The Bay Hill Classic). While attending Lake City Community College, he worked at John's Island in Vero Beach and Ponte Vedra in Jacksonville. Upon graduation he was hired as Paul Hickman's, superintendent at the Grenelefe Resort in Winter Haven. Under Hickman's tutelage he helped direct the construction and grow-in

of the South Course, completing the 54-hole, Grenelefe Project. After three years with Hickman, he moved back to Jacksonville where he became the superintendent at Deerwood Country Club for 12 years.

While at Deerwood, Cowan became very active in the North Florida chapter. He volunteered for all the positions on the board of directors and helped make the association what it is today. After leaving Deerwood he worked with Vigoro for three years and then went to work with Pike Creek Turf. His enthusiasm has helped Pike Creek become a major supplier in the turf industry today. After three years with Pike Creek, Cowan moved on to work with John Gamble at Wesco Turf Supply where he won the Rookie of the Year award.

Cowan continues to be active in the NFGCSA as an industry advisor to the board of directors. He was the chairman of the Lake City Community College Advisory Board and was the driving force behind the Action for Excellence Endowment program. He is a long-term committee member of the Florida USGA Green Section, having recently published articles in the *USGA Green Section Record*.

Cowan's career has truly touched all aspects of the golf and turf industry. Through all of his endeavors he has never missed the opportunity to help a fellow superintendent. It may be to help solve a turf problem or just to lend a sympathetic ear. We in the North Florida

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Crowfoot Open Chairman Tom Alex (left) presents Joe Ondo, CGCS with the engraved crystal Larry Kamphaus Award for 2002 at the Crowfoot Open reception. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Henderson, Ondo, CFGCSA All Winners at 26th Crowfoot Bash

Grand Cypress Golf Club hosted the 26th Annual Crowfoot Open. The North, South and East nines were ready for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Aug. 4 with 164 players hoping they had brought their A games.

Mark Henderson, Palm Beach GCSA, birdied five of his last six holes to card a fine 69 to edge out defending champion Chris Cartin by two shots in the Superintendent Division. Henderson now joins Bob Harper (Poa winner) in qualifying for FGCSA's national team. Cartin redeemed himself by taking first in the Stableford competition and leading the Central Florida team of Bruce Kosmer,

Chapter can count on Tom as we always have through his lifetime of service.

Upon receiving the award, Cowan as all can imagine, had much to say. He started by introducing some special guests who have meant so much to his career. The gentlemen present for the ceremony were Lloyd Clifton, his son George, Paul Hickman, David Barnes, Jimmy Allen, and John Gamble. As Cowan introduced each of them, he relayed what each of these men had done for him: each one had given him an opportunity to learn and grow within the industry.

Clifton first met Cowan at Rio Pinar when Cowan was a staff member and Clifton had built the course and was acting consultant. He later became Cowan's consultant at Deerwood. Cowan recalled some of the reports and even brought copies to present back to Clifton, whom he called his lifelong mentor.

Hickman took a chance on a student fresh out of Lake City. "Paul was an incredible teacher," Cowan recalls.

David Barnes not only

gave Cowan fishing advice, but also helped him move into the sales and marketing side of the golf industry, which proved to be a perfect fit, as his knowledge, reputation, and gift for gab opened many doors that were closed to those before him.

Jimmy Allen and John Gamble also gave Cowan the opportunity to learn and grow within the industry as the leader of their sales forces.

His usual sense of humor was laced throughout each story along with moments of emo-

tional gratitude. Tom finished his acceptance speech with a poem about friendship and remembering those friends (*See sidebar*).

How soon we tend to forget, and not stay in touch with those that really mean so much to us as friends, colleagues, and mentors. We all get bound up in our own little piece of life, but it really is never too late to tell people what they mean to you and say, Thank you for what you do or have done for me. We can all take a lesson from that little poem, I know this writer did. Thanks Tom.



The Crowfoot Committee for 2002 From left, front row: Bob Lloyd, Jan Lloyd, Vilma Kamphaus and Tom Alex. Back row: Joel Jackson, Joe Ondo, Dwight Kummer and Lisa McDowell. Not pictured Stuart Leventhal.



The Central Florida chapter nets the team trophy, thanks to players who brought their A games to Grand Cypress. From left: Bruce Kosmer, Kevin Rotti, Brett Harris and Chris Cartin. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Brett Harris and Kevin Rotti to defend the chapter team title with a 10-shot win over the Ridge and Palm Beach Chapters. In the Commercial Division, the low gross winner was Keith Nicoletta followed by Gary Wilhelm and Ken Ezell. Net Division winners, in order, were Tom Diggins, Fred Marshall and Rich Skorepa.

Special thanks to all our sponsors and especially to our presenting sponsors Harrell's Fertilizer, Howard Fertilizer, and Lesco for their extra support of the reception, tourna-

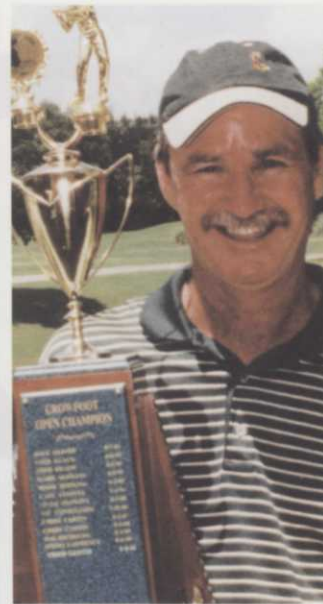
ment and after-golf luncheon. We'd also like to thank all the players and spouses who participated in this year's activities.

Tournament Chairman Tom Alex and his superintendents, Jeff Clark, Jim Sullivan and Pat Gibaratz and the golf maintenance staff had the courses in excellent condition. It's always a pleasure to play a great golf course and Grand Cypress is one of the best. If you didn't win something on the golf course or at the reception raffle, I still hope you enjoyed the fine facilities and camaraderie.

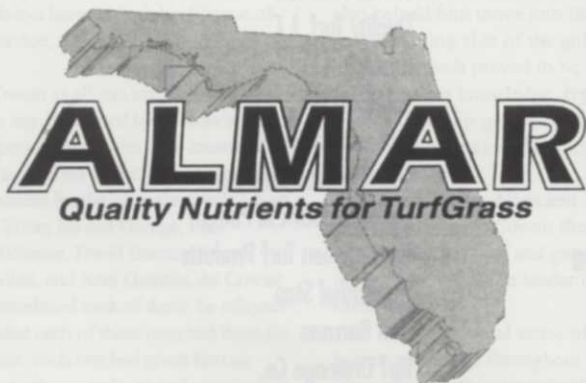
Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end.
Yet days go by, and weeks rush on,
And ere I know it, a year has gone.
And I never see my old friend's face.
For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell,
 and he rang mine.

We were younger then,
And now we are busy and tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow," I say, "I'll call on Jim,
Just to show I am thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes.
 Around the corner, yet miles away.
 "Here's a telegram sir - Jim died today!"
And that's what we get and deserve in the end;
Around the corner - a vanished friend."

Tom Cowan



Perennial Palm Beach competitor and past Poa champion Mark Henderson added another title to his career "Superintendent Slam" by birdying five of his last six holes. He joins Bob Harper from South Florida on the FGCSA's 2003 national golf team. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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We can't sign off without a big thank you to Lisa McDowell, Tommy's assistant, and her parents Jan and Bob Lloyd who take care of all the invitations, registration, and sponsor details behind the scenes to make this a successful event. The remainder of the Crowfoot Committee providing sponsor contacts and follow-up were Joel Jackson, Dwight Kummer, Stuart Leventhal and yours truly.

Joe Ondo, CGCS

Editor's Note: At the Saturday night reception, Tom Alex gave an eloquent tribute to former Crowfoot Chairman and Disney Superintendent Larry Kamphaus for whom the event was renamed. Alex recounted Kamphaus's career and his contributions to the Central Florida golf industry. Since Kamphaus's death in 1997 the Crowfoot Committee has annually presented the Larry Kamphaus Award to those in the business who exemplify those traits modeled by Kamphaus, including service to the industry and the association. This year's recipient was a totally surprised and most deserving Joe Ondo, who has unselfishly given his time and service to our profession for nearly 20 years.

2002 Summer Board Meeting Highlights

DOC: GCSAA will file a Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption application on behalf of the U.S. golf industry. Loss of this product in 2005 will affect grass certification and require more use of conventional pesticides during grow-in.

Editor: Fall Florida Green Spotlight section will feature comprehensive chapter news that will highlight every chapter's activities.

Awards: Bob Sanderson announced as the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Service Award.

Education: Dr. Bob Carrow will speak on "14 Ways Greens Can Fail" at the FTGA Conference Sept. 16. The Palm Beach Chapter will host Dr. Ronnie Duncan's "Seashore Paspalum Management on Golf Courses" Oct. 2. Tommy Witt will be the speaker at the 2003 Poa Annua Classic. All of these GCSAA seminars will be eligible for CEUs.



Chris Leahy, left and Dale Mitchell, right, of Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling stopped by the board meeting at Grand Cypress on their way to a Crowfoot practice round to give FGCSA President Geoff Coggan their annual donation of \$3,000 to the FGCSA Research Fund. Thanks gentlemen. Your steadfast support is appreciated.



FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson presents outgoing President Geoff Coggan with a framed cover of the Fall 2001 Florida Green which profiled Coggan and his course, The Great Outdoors. Photo by Darren Davis.



Newly elected FGCSA President David Court, CGCS presents the mounted gavel to Immediate Past President Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG in recognition for his service in leading the association in 2001-02.

Membership Jim Miller of the Suncoast Chapter was approved as a Lifetime FGCSA member.

Golf: The FGCSA Golf Championship will be held at Southern Dunes GC Sept. 28.

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2002 Summer Board Meeting Highlights

Government/Public Relations: The GR committee is going to look at possible public relations efforts associated with professional tournament site during the March golf swing.

IFAS: The South Florida Turfgrass Task Force has listed Immokalee REC as best site for relocating turf research plots from the Ft. Lauderdale REC.



North Florida GCSA President Glen Klauk (left) presents the \$5,000 from its summer fundraiser at Klauk's Pablo Creek Club to FGCSA President Coggan for the state association's turfgrass research account. Thank you, First Coasters, for your donation to the cause.

Long Range Planning: The FGCSA will fund three Spokesperson Training sessions this year. The FGCSA will partner with the USGA and Audubon International to conduct four hands-on workshops the first week of December to help new members apply and old members obtain certification.



In recognition for serving two terms as past president, Geoff Coggan presents Darren Davis with a bound collection of all of Davis's Super Tip articles for The Florida Green. Davis will also be honored in Atlanta at the GCSAA Conference with his second Leo Feser Award for his writing in Golf Course Management. He's the first repeat winner. Photo by Joel Jackson.



FGCSA officers for 2002-03 from left: Dale Walters, CGCS secretary/treasurer; Greg Pheneger, vice president; Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG past president and David Court, CGCS president. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Local chapter external vice presidents make up the board of directors for the FGCSA. Directors for 2002-03 from left; front row: Mark Henderson, Mike McCulloch, Chris Ansley, and Glen Klauk; back row: Jeff Brown, John Lammrish, GCSS, Darren Davis, and Joe Pantaleo. Not pictured: Doug Abbuhl, Clayton Estes, CGCS and Buddy Keene. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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