

**Chapter Round Up
Social, Educational Events
Highlight Springtime**

Calusa

We are proud to announce that our new Web site, www.calusagc-sa.com, is in the final stages of con-



On behalf of the Palm Beach GCSA, Chapter President Peter Powell (left) presented Greg Pheneger with a donation of \$5,000 to be used by the FGCSA for Government Relations and other operating expenses of the FGCSA. Photo by Joel Jackson.

struction and will be fully operational very soon. We will also be publishing our first chapter membership directory.



Congratulations to chapter president Greg Kriesch and his Heritage Palms G.C. for being the summer cover story in the *Florida Green*.

Central Florida

We had a mid-term change of officers as President Brian Lentz moved to Bradenton to take the

chapter members will be anxious to test out Buck Buckner's Mini Verde greens at the new Eagle Creek golf course. This is the first use of Mini Verde in Florida that we know of. We will host another GCSAA Regional Sept. 30 with Michigan State's turf pathologist, Dr. Joe Vargas.

Congratulations to the team



On behalf of the Jeff Hayden Envirotron Classic, Seven Rivers GCSA's Glenn Oberlander and Buddy Keene (left and right) accept the Golf Ventures, Helena and Jacobsen Championship Donor's check of \$25,000 from David Cheeseman, Don Delaney and Walt McMahon. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Lakewood Ranch G&CC job. Vice President Scott Jamros, CGCS, Hawks Landing GC has become president. We wish Brian and his family all the best and thanks for the years of service to the chapter.

There was a big turnout for the GCSAA Regional Seminar on Bermudagrass Management with Drs. John Cisar and Dave Kopec at the Crown Plaza Resort in Orlando. In June

of Chris Barfield, Joel Brownsberger, Tommy Land and Glenn Thompson for capturing the first Chapter Challenge Cup in a three-way match among the Central Florida, Ridge and West Coast chapters. Thanks to Diamond Players Club for hosting this inaugural event and Superintendent Kevin Baldwin for organizing it.

Everglades

Congratulations to Darren

Davis on being named 2004 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award winner at the Past Presidents Dinner on May 13 and also to Kenyon Kyle of the Shadow Wood C.C. in Bonita Springs on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. We aren't slowing down just because the Poa Annua Classic is over. In June we are hosting a



Paul Crawford (left) outbid all comers to win the Bayer Power Pak auctioned off by Brian MacCarrach at the Blue Pearl at Loblolly Pines. The proceeds are donated back to the chapter. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Vendor Appreciation Day to thank all those affiliate members for their generous sponsorship of our chapter events and education seminars. We will be holding a superintendent/affiliate team event at the Imperial Golf Club with no charge to the affiliate members.

By all accounts the 2004

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Teams playing in the National Minority Golf Championships are introduced as they march into the Opening Session at the PGA Club in St. Lucie. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Poa Classic



FUNDamentally Speaking Dr. Patt Schwab, president of **FUNDamentally Speaking**, believes in taking humor seriously as her seminars are packed with humor, insight and practical tips for working with people. Her topic, *Dealing with Jerks*, resonated with the superintendent audience at the seminar in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.



One of the attractions of playing in the Poa Classic is not all the birdies are on the greens. The Rose-ringed Parakeet is a common sight on the Naples Beach Club G.C. Photo by Joel Jackson.



The 2004 G.C. Horn Endowment Tournament was held at the beautiful and challenging Estuary G.C. at Grey Oaks in Naples. Photos by Joel Jackson.



Marie and Her Boys Ten presidents gather around Association Manager Marie Roberts. She made us all look good when we had the gavel. From left: Paul Crawford ('93), David Court ('02), Don Delaney ('83), Joel Jackson ('89), Marie Roberts (since '84), Darren Davis ('99), Dale Kuehner ('96), Tim Hiers ('78 – the first), Greg Pheneger ('03), Scott Bell ('94) and Kevin Downing ('82). Photo by Casey Harris



Seth Strickland defended his 2003 Poa Annuia Classic title by duplicating his score of 69 from last year. Strickland lost no time in celebrating and chilling out beachside with friend Resa Teproff. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Distinguished Service At the Past Presidents Dinner in conjunction with the Poa Annuia in Naples, FGCSA President Greg Pheneger had the honor of presenting the 2004 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award to Darren Davis for his continuous service to the Everglades and Florida GCSA chapters and the GCSAA. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Poa players gather on the putting green to meet and greet before the shotgun start. The tournament was sold out early this year. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Poa Annuu Classic weekend was a smashing success. The Florida GCSA held its spring board meeting on Thursday afternoon. The Friday morning seminar, "Dealing with Jerks," had one of the largest attendances ever. Presenter Dr. Patt Schwab believes in putting the "Fun" before the "damental" in the learning process. After the seminar, the companion but separate, G.C. Horn Tournament moved down the street to The Estuary Club at Grey Oaks and gave players a look at a



Treasure Coast's Ralph Dain, External Vice President (left) presented Greg Pheneger with a research donation check of \$5,000. Photo by Joel Jackson.

beautiful and challenging course. The Low Gross winners in the three-man scramble team event were Mark Brazinski, Jason DeMartino and Kevin Wasilewski.

The 34th annual Poa tournament was an early sellout leaving some procrastinators miffed at missing the cutoff. Sorry folks — first come, first served. The golf tournament results were announced during the luau and South Florida GCSA member Seth Strickland took home his second consecutive Poa Annuu Classic title by repeating his 69 from last year. The rest of the field could only muster a 74 in response as Joe Pantaleo, Jim Torba, Roy MacDonald and Mark Henderson chased Strickland in vain. The host Everglades Chapter had a large pool of net golfers (sandbaggers) to draw from and easily won the Chapter Team Event with Jay Smith, Gary Higgins, Scott Hamm and Terry Wood shooting the low-net rounds.

If there was one dark cloud over the event it was a brief rain shower that visited the luau Saturday night just as the buffet lines opened. Fifteen to twenty minutes later, everyone re-grouped and the food was served. You can tell the attendees are getting older, most of the dancers enjoying the band were younger children of superintendents and vendors. This event remains the biggest event for superintendents and their families held in the state, thanks to the great location at the Naples Beach Club Hotel.



From left: John Katterheinrich, Hal Hicks, Chris Miller and Chris Deariso took first place in the Blue Pearl Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Chris Ansley, left, external vice president of the West Coast GCSA presented a check for \$7,000 to Greg Pheneger for the FGCSA Research Account. The annual Bud Quandt Fundraising Tournament generated the turf research funding. Photo by Joel Jackson.

North Florida

Congratulations to Andy MacGuire, chapter president for obtaining his CGCS certification. Our Research Tournament hosted by Glen Klauk at the Pablo Creek Club raised \$2,000. We will sponsor a North Florida team to play in the FGCSA

Golf Championship at Southern Dunes in September. The five low gross superintendent scores from our April, May, June and July meetings will make up the team. Rip Phillips hosted our May meeting at the Windsor Parke G.C. The education session was about the proper interpretation of soil reports presented by Bill Bowen of Floratine.

Palm Beach

At the FGCSA spring board meeting in Naples, President Peter Powell made a \$5,000 donation to the FGCSA operating account to

Seven Rivers

The 12th Annual Jeff Hayden Envirotron Classic was another great day for golf and turf research. Tournament Chairman Glenn Oberlander and his teammates John Cunningham, David Hoggard and Cary Lewis shot a 56 to take low gross honors on the Pine Barrens G.C. Meanwhile, the Suncoast Chapter team of Chip Copeman, Robbie Robertson, John Roxburgh and Bill Tyde also shot a 56 on Rolling Oaks to take first place gross.

Championship Sponsors



From left: The team of Mark Brazinski, Kevin Wasilewski and Jason DeMartino and won the 2004 G.C. Horn Endowment Tournament played at the Estuary Golf Club. Photo by Joel Jackson.



The Central Florida team of, from left, Chris Barfield, Joel Brownsberger, Tommy Land and Glenn Thompson captured the first Chapter Challenge Cup against teams from the Ridge and West Coast Chapters.

help offset Government Relations and Public Relations expenses as the state association represents superintendents on economic and environmental issues. Steve Pearson, CGCS hosted the 24th Annual Future of Golf Tournament at The Falls C.C. in Lake Worth June 5. The team of Mark Henderson, Jeff Klontz, Karl Schmidt and Peter Brooks shot a 58 to win the event. On June 19, we will hold our Third Annual Fishing Tournament.

Golf Ventures, Helena Turf Products and Jacobsen presented a check for \$25,000 to help the cause of turf research. We are extremely grateful to the 46 sponsors who helped support this event, which netted \$40,000 after expenses.

South Florida

Thanks to all the sponsors and attendees of the 2004 SFGCSA

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2004 SFGCSA Turf Expo

Trials, Demos, Seminar Set Stage for Lunch

By Jim Walker

What do you get when you mix a beautiful day, 500 people, the best turfgrass researchers, 46 vendors, a magnificent barbecue lunch, and excellent educational sessions? The 17th Annual SFGCSA Turf Exposition, of course.

The Ft. Lauderdale research center was hopping early with turfgrass managers from golf courses, parks and athletic fields from all over South Florida. Susi and I arrived at 7:00 a.m. to help Marie Roberts with registration.

Field Trials

About 8:25 a.m. Dr. John Cisar came to the front area donning his "pith helmet" and I knew it was time for the field trials to begin. Doc had good news regarding "disease-like" symptoms for the folks managing ultradwarf grasses.

I walked across a bermudagrass test plot with thin spots and spurge, and knew entomologist-nematologist Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis could not be far away. He had more good news for even better control of nematodes in the future. Out with Nematicur and in with parasites!

Next was an interesting trial by Dr. Lawrence Datnoff on fun-

gicide management of bermudagrass greens overseeded with *Poa trivialis*.

We also heard from Dr. Bill Howard about an aphid that is damaging seashore paspalum. Those dirty pests have learned quickly how to damage our hope for a new golf course turf. Because they have been identified early and are easily controlled with sod webworm insecticides, these aphids should only be a minor nuisance.

Other field trials included Dr. Phil Busey with an herbicide update on St. Augustine and bermudagrasses; Dr. George Snyder discussing sodium management; Dr. Bill Kern giving us great tips on capturing all the nuisance critters we find on our golf courses and parks; Dr. Kim Moore showing us beautiful flowering plants in her trial garden; Dr. Ted Carter informing us on evaluating new bio-control agents; Dara Park reporting on the environmental implications of fertilizing St. Augustinegrass; and Dr. Billy Crow discussing which alternative nematicides work on bermudagrass. There were more doctors than you see on General Hospital, and every one was as informative as could be.

Demos and Exhibits

At 10 a.m. the air was



Field trial plot tours at the South Florida Expo covered everything from biocontrols to weeds. Photo by Dara Park



Onlookers check out the newest aerifier from Toro during the equipment demonstrations at the South Florida Expo. Photo by Dara Park

thick with muffled sounds of gas and diesel engines and, at the turn of a key, the equipment demonstrations featuring shiny new machines were under way. There were all types, shapes, sizes and applications. I'm with Tim the Tool Man – More Power (vaaaarrrroom)! At the same time the doors opened for 40 booth displays under the big top tent. Every facet of the turfgrass industry was on display: fertilizers, chemicals, irrigation supplies, and rental equipment.

Lunch

At high noon everyone including Gary Cooper died and went to heaven thanks to Environmental Turf. For the seventh consecutive year, they served up barbecued ribs, green beans, yellow rice and killer cookies. What a treat. There were two lines, no waiting, and Dr. Cisar resplendent in a green apron helping to spoon out the beans. After a little snooze, it was time to trundle off to the auditorium for the seashore paspalum seminar, while mechanics and spray and irrigation technicians had their own concurrent sessions.

Paspalum Seminar

John Foy filled in for Todd Lowe, who had a family emergency, and began a discussion of this new hope for the future of golf course turfgrass. He was joined by Dr. Phil Busey, who served as moderator of the panel consisting of Tim Hiers, CGCS from the Old Collier Club; Mark Henderson, CGCS from Gulfstream Country Club; and Jim Torba from the

Miami Beach Golf Club, all of whom are managing paspalum on their courses. Although Foy is not as keen on paspalum as others, there appear to be some big plusses for this grass. It seems to require less fertilizer, provide an excellent playing surface, can be irrigated with reclaimed or brackish water and its divot recovery seems to be quicker than bermudagrass.

Thanks to All

After the educational sessions ended, refreshments were served at the gazebo and folks picked up their continuing education forms.

The South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association would like to thank the following people for a wonderful and very successful day: Dr. John Cisar and all the staff at the UF/IFAS Research Center; FGCSA Association Manager Marie Roberts; John Foy from the USGA Green Section; Bob Harper and Kelly Cragin from the South Florida GCSA board of directors; major sponsors Hector Turf, Kilpatrick Turf, Environmental Turf, Disbrow Enterprises and Nucrane Machinery. Special thanks also go to our 40 booth suppliers and, most of all, to everyone who attended the event. Without all of you there wouldn't be an Expo.

We are glad you came, hope it was informative and enlightening and most importantly, we hope to see you again next year with a friend under each arm.



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SPOTLIGHT

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Turf Expo for making it another big success. See Jim Walker's report elsewhere in this section.

Suncoast

President Bob Gwodz hosted our 2004 Annual Meeting at the Sara Bay C.C. in May, and we are looking forward to our annual Pro-Superintendent Tournament at the Mission Valley C.C., and the always well-attended Grounds Management Seminar at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

Treasure Coast

The Johns Island Club hosted a USGA Green Section Program in April that discussed golf course maintenance issues including aerification and shade. Jim Snow, John Foy and Todd Lowe gave the audience of general managers, green chairmen, and other club officials along with superintendents the whys and wherefores of turf maintenance. Most dramatic were the slides showing the effects of shade on turfgrass and how much the turf improved when sunlight was allowed to shine on the grass.

External Vice President Ralph Dain presented the FGCSA with \$5,000 Research Fund donation at the spring board meeting in Naples. Cody Butte, superintendent of the Loblolly Pines Golf Club, had the course in beautiful shape for the 11th Annual Blue Pearl Tournament, which raised around \$20,000. This annual charity event benefits our area schools and their commitment to environmental awareness.

Nobody scored an ace in the hole-in-one contest on the No. 2 hole to take home the \$10,000 cash prize, but the team of Hal Hicks, Chris Deariso, John Katterheinrich and Chris Miller took first place in the four-man scramble. Thanks to Joel Jackson, FGCSA director of communications, for coming down and being our spotter on the contest hole. Contestants got a look at the

Florida Golf Environmental and Economic Impact display board that we use to educate legislators, regulators and the media about the golf industry in Florida. Brian MacCurrach from Bayer Environmental Sciences auctioned off a Bayer Power Pack for \$2,000 to Paul Crawford who picked up nice savings on Chipco Choice, Revolver, Signature, Delta Guard and Finale. Proceeds of the auction are donated back to the chapter.

West Coast

External Vice President Chris Ansley proudly presented a \$7,000 Research Donation check to FGCSA President Greg Pheneager at the spring board meeting in Naples. The funds were the result of our annual Bud Quandt Tournament held this year at the Tampa Palms G.C.

Florida GCSA

Joel Jackson, FGCSA DOC, participated in National Minority Golf Foundation's Career Expo, which was held in conjunction with its annual Minority College National Golf Championship May 6-9. It is the 18th year for this event and the seventh year it has been held at the PGA Club in St. Lucie. One hundred twenty-five players from 21 Division I & II colleges and universities participated. In a follow-up event, Andy MacGuire, president of the North Florida GCSA, participated in a panel discussion for an NMGF Interns Orientation program held at TPC Headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach. This weekend event was to familiarize minority college interns who would be working in various aspects of the golf industry during the upcoming summer.

Joel joined golf course architect Ron Garl on a cable TV show hosted by Ron Heller. The show was taped on June 7 and aired the following Tuesday and Friday on the Bighthouse Network at 9 p.m. The topic was the positive benefits of golf courses to the community and environment.