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4 SPOTLIGHT: BOB BITTNER RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Education and charity fundraisers marked the fall chapter activities, highlighted by the presentation of the FGCSA Presidents Award for Lifetime Service to Bob Bittner, CGCS, superintendent of the Club at Pelican Bay in Naples.

COVER STORY: 44 YEARS AND 3 SUPERINTENDENTS LATER

Overlooking Payne's Prairie, the Gainesville G&CC clubhouse is a portal for wildlife to meander into the woodsy southwest suburbs of this Florida college town. Located west of I-75 and just off Williston Rd, this certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary's wildlife inventory runs from A to Z.

HANDS ON: SHADE: TURFGRASS ENEMY NO. 1

A superintendent can mow, feed, water, aerify, spray, spike, topdress, install fans and subsurface blowers, but without sufficient light, it is an exercise in futility.

RESEARCH: LIGHT INTENSITY AND ULTRADWARFS

A UF study indicates that TifEagle and Champion bermudagrasses are capable of sustaining quality better than other dwarf bermudagrass cultivars when grown under reduced-light conditions but none of the tested grasses performed well under dense shade or long periods of shade.

48 STEWARDSHIP: ROSEMARY - ENDEMIC NATIVE

The discovery of an extraordinary population of Florida rosemary, an endemic, native plant, at Frenchman's Reserve led to a scientific study conservation and member-education programs that formed part of the course's application process to become a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

54 AFTERWORDS THE ORIGIN OF GREEN

Mark Jarrell brings back some spectacular photographic evidence of a September trip to Ireland, where golf course maintenance is sensible, living is not cheap, drivers have to be the best in the world and the people are as friendly as their reputation.

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