

**Chapter Round Up
Presidents' Awards,
Golf, Hurricanes
Highlight Summer**

CALUSA – At our annual meeting at Cypress Lake CC in June, Mike Mongoven was presented the 2005 President's Award for Lifetime Service (See Box below). Greg Laufer, CGCS



Nancy Miller, immediate past president of the Calusa GCSA presents Lance Allan with the Vendor's trophy at the Calusa Golf Championship.

from the Country Club of Naples won the Superintendents Trophy and Lance Allan of South Florida Pine Straw took the Vendor Trophy in the chapter golf championship. Many thanks to Superintendent Jeff Doyle for hosting the event.

Our new board consists of President Terry Stoyer, Shell Point; Vice President Ryan Willis CGCS, Kings Way; External VP Greg Kriesch, Heritage Palms CC; Sec/Treasurer Jeff Doyal, Cypress Lake CC

Upcoming Events: Su-Pro-Lier on Sept. 28 at Verandah GC. Oct. 19 at Palmetto Pine CC, our speaker will be Lee Berndt, head of the Golf Operations Program from Edison College.

Samantha Kriesch



Greg Laufer (left) won the Superintendent's Trophy at the Calusa Golf Championship held at the Cypress Lake CC.

CENTRAL FLORIDA –

Pat Murphy, superintendent at the North Shore GC in Orlando, won the BASF

People vs. the Pros qualifier at the Harmony Golf Preserve. Murphy will join other qualifiers from around the country

to vie for a spot to go head-to-head with Justin Leonard and Ben Crenshaw in a national event in Austin, Tex.

Mongoven Presented with Presidents Award

The Calusa Chapter honored one of its own at its 2005 annual meeting in June at the Cypress Lake CC in Ft. Myers, when the chapter presented one of their founding members, Mike Mongoven, CGCS with the FGCSA Presidents Award for Lifetime Service.

Mongoven, has been the director of golf and grounds for Shell Point Retirement Community since June of 2000, and has been actively involved in the golf industry since 1984.

He received his BA in history from Colorado University in May, 1981. He then attended Lake City Community College, graduating with an Associate of Science degree in Golf Course Management in June 1984.

He was hired as assistant golf course superintendent at Wildcat Run in July, 1984 and was promoted to superin-

tendent in December, 1986. He held that position until leaving to accept the position of superintendent /assistant director of golf for the Fort Myers Country Club and the Eastwood Golf Course owned by the City of Fort Myers in December, 1990. He remained in that position until accepting the director of golf job at Shell Point in June of 2000.

Mike became a certified golf course superintendent in April of 1992. He served as the president of the Everglades GCSA in 1998. Prior to that he served as the external vice President and sat on the FGCSA Board of Directors as well as all offices in the Everglades GCSA. He was instrumental in the formation of the Calusa GCSA and served as it's external vice president in 1999.

Mike married Louise (Camme) Patterson in December, 1985. Their oldest daughter, Kelly, 18, will be attending Florida State University this fall. They also have two



Mike Mongoven, left, accepts FGCSA Presidents Award from incoming Calusa GCSA President Terry Stoyer.

boys, Jacob, 15, and Joshua, 14. In Mike's spare time in the fall, he serves as an official for NCAA football games.

Samantha Kriesch



Pat Murphy won the BASF People vs. the Pros regional qualifying tournament at The Harmony Preserve GC in June. Murphy played in a national qualifier in Austin, Tex. for a spot to play against Justin Leonard or Ben Crenshaw on ESPN. Photo by Joel Jackson.

to be televised on ESPN.

At the 2005 Crowfoot Open, Butch Singo of Harrell's Fertilizer was presented the Larry Kamphaus Award. Singo is a former superintendent and president of the Central Florida Chapter.

In the golf competition Steve Bernard shot 3-under-par 69 to take low gross honors. Andy Neiswander won low net superintendent; The Central Florida team of Craig Dale, John Kopak, Stu Leventhal and Scott Zakany took the team trophy. In the supplier division, Dean Refram won low gross with a fine score of 66. John Swaner of GASH took low net.

COASTAL PLAINS –

We've been dodging hurricanes.

EVERGLADES –

Many thanks to Corey McDonough and Kensington G& CC for hosting our annu-

al meeting and chapter golf championship in July. We wish Alan Bakos a fond farewell as he leaves The Moorings Club in Naples to take a new position on the island of Nevis in the West Indies. Good luck, Alan. Nat Hubbard of the International Sports Turf Research Center was our guest speaker at our August meeting at the Hammock Bay Golf Club. We hosted two half-day GCSAA Regional Seminars with Dr. Keith Karnok of the University of Georgia on Sept 7: Managing Turfgrass Root Systems and Understanding Bio-stimulants.

NORTH FLORIDA –

Our June meeting was at Palakta GC. About 25 members came to Palakta and enjoyed a great talk from Dr. Billy Crowe on pest identification and control techniques. After lunch the members enjoyed a great Donald Ross golf course. Unfortunately the rains



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dampened the round but everybody enjoyed what was played. Thanks to host Lynn Davis and his staff.

The July meeting was at the newly renovated Deerwood CC. The agenda for the meeting was a roundtable discussion about future goals and objectives for the NFGCSA. Once the roundtable was done the group enjoyed the heat and the golf course. Glen Klauk and Dana Anderson both shot 76 to lead the pack of great golfers. Thanks to Dave Amirault and his staff for hosting a great event.

Future meetings will be Sept. 29 at Timuquana CC and Oct. 27 at Panther Creek GC. The NFGCSA congratulates board member Butch Singo for being presented the Larry Kamphaus Award.

Butch has contributed a lot of time and effort to help make our chapter great.

Chris Neff

PALM BEACH – The

Fourth Annual Palm Beach GCSA Fishing Tournament was a big success. Thanks to committee members Ed Miller, Tom DeYoung, Mike McDaniels, Alex Kagnus and Andy Arena for their hard work on this event. The best (luckiest) anglers were Kent Turner with the largest dolphin; Tom DeYoung took the largest kingfish with a 44 pounder; second- and third-place kingfish went to Winston Shutt and Billy Cevaal. Tom DeYoung also took the "Total of Five" prize with a total of 98 pounds.

The chapter award-

ed three \$750 Dependent Scholarships to Paris Henderson, Casey Wright and Kelli Crawford at the annual meeting on July 19.

Due to Hurricane Katrina, the FGCSA Assistant Superintendent Seminar scheduled for Aug. 25 at the Quail Ridge CC had to be cancelled and rescheduled.

SEVEN RIVERS –

Congratulations to Mike Swinson, who was presented with a 2005 FGCSA Presidents Award for Lifetime Service at our annual meeting at host Bob Marrino's Silverthorn GC. Although we had to weather a thunderstorm delay at our August meeting at Meadow Oaks G&CC, playing a shorter course on a very hot day was

quite refreshing. Our upcoming meetings and events include Spruce Creek GC in September, annual fishing trip on Oct. 13, Hernando Oaks GC on Nov. 17 and we will wrap up the year at the Brooksville CC on Dec. 15.

Mark Kann

SOUTH FLORIDA –

Our annual meeting was held at the Riviera CC in Coral Gables and was hosted by Bryan Singleton. Bob Klitz was presented with a 2005 Presidents Award for his dedicated service to the chapter and the golf industry. Bob scored a hat trick on that day. In addition to the Presidents Award, it was his birthday and he won the President's Trophy for the golf championship. Mike Bonetti of



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Kelly Cragin, left, presents Orangebrook GC General Manager Bob Klitz, CGCS with the 2005 President's Award for Lifetime Service at the South Florida GCSA annual meeting at the Riviera CC in Coral Gables. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Past President Bryan Singleton, left, helps Kelly Cragin into his green jacket, symbolic of the presidency of the South Florida GCSA, during the annual meeting at Singleton's Riviera CC. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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On his birthday Bob Klitz, left, receives the FGCSA Presidents Award and wins the South Florida GCSA Golf Championship. Mike Bonetti of Fertigation Specialists, Inc. won the Vendor Division in the championship. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Fertigation Specialists, Inc. took the Vice Presidents trophy for winning the Vendor Division. FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson gave an update on issues facing our profession with emphasis on the new mandatory BMPs.

SUNCOAST – The USGA held a regional meet-

ing of golf course officials, interested members and superintendents on Aug. 12 at the University Park GC. Common issues discussed were overseeding, putting greens (speed, consistency and cultural practices), the impact of trees on golf courses: shade and shot values. Bill Tyde will be hosting our annual Pro/Superintendent

Tournament at the Mission Valley CC on Sept. 21.

TREASURE COAST – The Johns Island Club will host a “golf only” outing of the chapter on Aug. 30. We will not have a September meeting as our members are urged to attend the FTGA Conference and Show Sept. 11-14 in Bonita Springs. In

October we will have a joint meeting with the Palm Beach GCSA and contest our annual challenge golf tournament at the Jupiter Island Club.

WEST COAST –

Congratulations to Jeffrey Huelsman, CGCS, from the Sandpiper GC at the Sun City Center for becoming certified. Bill Moore will host our September meeting and Gary Grigg of Grigg Bros. Fertilizer will present a program titled, “Understanding Foliar Fertilizer. Our big chapter fundraising event will be the annual Bud Quandt Tournament on Oct. 3. Winners of our 2005 Pro/Superintendent tournament were Dave Bishop and Gary Newcomb first place gross and Matt Auen and Adam Wright first place net. Thanks to Duane Van Etten and the staff at Cypress Run for hosting the tournament.

FLORIDA GCSA –

The Isleworth G&CC was the site of our annual meeting where we elected a new slate of officers, ratified the operating budget for the new fiscal year and voted to submit a Critical Use Exemption (CUE) application to EPA for the use of Methyl Bromide under the



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production reduction and phase-out conditions of the Montreal Protocol. New President Craig Weyandt has been busy not only confirming committee chairman assignments but also rebuilding his clubhouse that was destroyed by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne.

Congratulations to the following Florida equipment managers and technicians who were nominated for the Superintendent News Technician of the Year Award: Howard Horne, Black Diamond Ranch G&CC; Rick Reed, Mission Inn and Albert Sizemore, Bay Hill Club. Sizemore was selected as one of the four finalists from the 22 nationwide nominees for the Golden Wrench Award.



FGCSA Officers for 2005-2006, from left: Immediate Past President Joe Pantaleo, President Craig Weyandt, Vice President Matt Taylor, CGCS, and Secretary/Treasurer Greg Kriesch. Directors are pictured on the following page. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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FGCSA directors representing the local chapters for 2005-2006: Front row from left: Greg Kriesch, Calusa; John Curran, Treasure Coast; Peter Powell, Palm Beach and Chris Neff, North Florida. Back row: Bill Kistler, West Coast; Shane Bass, Coastal Plains; Matt Kann, Seven Rivers, Jim Walker, South Florida and Mike Bellino, Central Florida. Vice President Matt Taylor also serves as the external vice president for the Everglades chapter. Photo by Joel Jackson

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Dwight "Butch" Singo was the pleasantly surprised recipient of the 2005 Larry Kamphaus Award at the Crowfoot Reception. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Central Florida GCSA hosts 29th Annual Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open

The New Course at Grand Cypress was the 2005 host for the 29th Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open. The course is modeled after The Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland. Complete with huge double green, fairway pot bunkers and diabolical mounding, the Jack Nicklaus-designed layout proved to be a challenge for all who played. Meeting that challenge most effectively was Steve Bernard, superintendent of the Adios CC in Coconut Creek. Bernard carded a sweet score of 3-under-par 69 to take low gross Individual honors and earn a berth on the FGCSA Golf Team to com-

scored well in the tournament.

Resorting to a loose interpretation of the Ridge Rules section on eligibility, the Chapter Team Division was captured by the Central Florida GCSA quartet of Craig Dale, John Kopak, Stuart Leventhal and Scott Zakany. Each member of the team scored at least plus-8 points in the Stableford competition. Zakany, who has a traveling membership in several chapters, was selected as the wild card member of the four-some.

During the annual Crowfoot Reception held at the Grand Cypress clubhouse, Butch Singo of Harrell's was named the 2005 recipient of the Larry Kamphaus Award. Kamphaus, who served as chairman of the Crowfoot Open for 13 years, was a manager of golf course maintenance at Disney World for nearly 30 years. The award was initiated to recognize golf industry notables who exemplify the principles that Larry

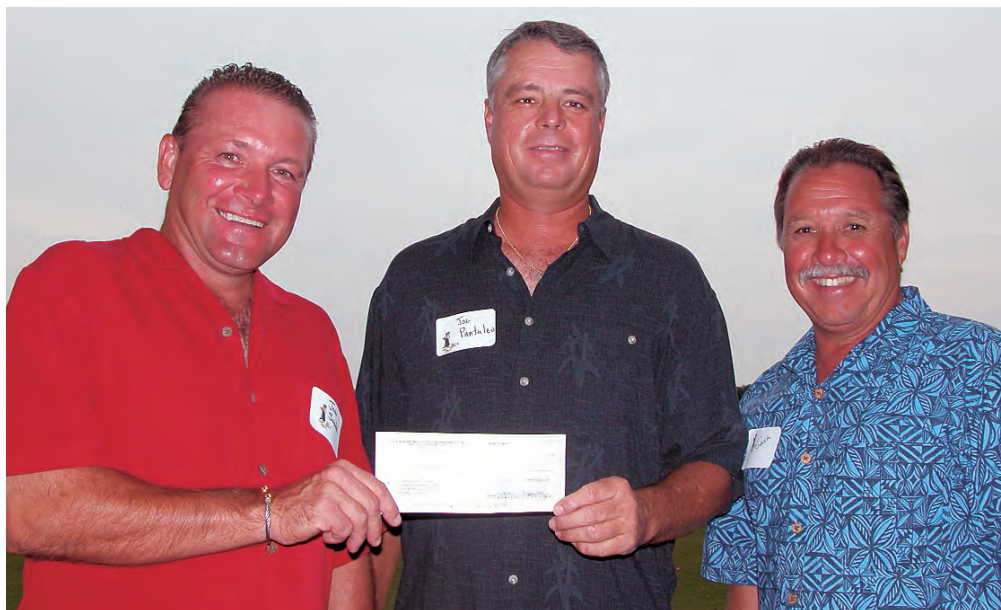


Steve Bernard from the Adios C.C. in south Florida played his way onto the FGCSA Golf Team by winning the Crowfoot Open with a fine 69 on the Grand Cypress New Course. Photo by Joel Jackson.

lived and worked by in service to his employer and his church and community.

Singo, who now lives in Deland and covers the

pete in the 2006 GCSAA Golf Championship to be held in Houston next February. See the sidebar for the names of others who



Joe Pantaleo, FGCSA president, center, accepts a \$3,000 turf research donation check from John Swaner, left, and Dale Mitchell of Golf Agronomic Supply & Handling. GASH has donated more than \$50,000 to the FGCSA research fund over the years. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Quick witted Crowfoot Chairman and host Tom Alex doesn't mind laughing at himself as he emcees the annual Crowfoot Reception Raffle. Photo by Joel Jackson.

northeast Florida and south-east Georgia territory for Harrell's, is a former golf course superintendent and past president of the Central Florida chapter. The unpretentious, loyal Singo continues his volunteer services as the education chairman for the North Florida GCSA. His years of unselfish service to others

earned him this well-deserved recognition.

Crowfoot Chairman Tom Alex, 20-year veteran director of grounds maintenance for Grand Cypress, was his usual comical self as he emceed the door prize raffle. Meanwhile, New Course Superintendent David Hill and his staff were all about the

serious business of preparing the course for the tournament for a jury of his peers. The verdict is in – great job David! We do have one word about some of the pin placements however – ouch!

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And speaking of sponsors, we'd like to thank Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling — or GASH, as the company is more commonly called — for its generous ongoing turf research donations. The guys from GASH presented a check for \$3,000 to the FGCSA which brings their total contributions to more \$50,000.

I am sure Larry

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Kamphaus is looking down on us and smiling, knowing that everyone is supporting the Crowfoot and enjoying the competition and friendships that each year brings.

Joe Ondo, CGCS

Crowfoot Golf Results

SUPERINTENDENT DIVISION

A Flight

Low Gross: Steve Bernard (69)

Low Net: Andy Neiswander

B Flight

Low Gross: Scott Zakany

Low Net: Stuart Leventhal

C Flight

Low Gross: John Kopak

Low Net: Craig Dale

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