

Chapter Round Up

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In May we held our annual Cayman Ball Tournament at President Nancy Miller's Maple Leaf G.C.. Our speaker was Bill Schmidt from Golf Ventures who talked about the O. J. Noer Research Foundation. Our annual meeting and election of



By virtue of taking first place in the Poa Annua Classic, Steve Fox from the Harbor Course at the Ocean Reef Club, earned a spot on the 2006 FGCSA Golf Team. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Superintendent Steve Keller and General Manager Kurt Kuebler were kind enough to host our May chapter golf championship at the Isleworth Golf & Country Club, home course to several PGA Tour notables including Tiger Woods. The course underwent a major redesign last year by architect Steve Smyers.



Chuck "Net" Rogers, aided and abetted by his wife Sharon, won the two-person scramble event at this year's Poa Annua Classic in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

of the Poa Annua Classic in May, both held at the Naples Beach Club, we are having our Vendor Appreciation Day at the Bear's Paw C.C. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported these events.

This year's Poa had a different golf format with the "serious" golfers teeing it up over at Billy

many years, and it was our pleasure to recognize him for his time and efforts for our chapter and the industry.

In addition and in keeping with the original intent of this event, we are happy to announce that Hugh Wheat, a senior at Lake City Community College was the recipient of this year's Mike Richards



Golf Ventures' Don Delaney and Cary Lewis pose with the Champion Sponsor check to the Jeff Hayden Envirotron Classic.



With her rubber chicken in tow, Dr. Patt Schwab prepares to deliver her "fun-based" leadership training seminar in Naples at the Poa Annua Classic. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Special guests. Some of the founders of the Palm Beach GCSA's Future of Golf Tournament pose for a photo. From left: Mark Jarrell, CGCS; Fred Klauk, host Steve Pearson, CGCS; Gary Grump, Kevin Downing, CGCS and Glen Klauk. Photo by Ted Owen.

officers was slated for June 22 following a morning golf outing at Leonard Doyle's Cypress Lake C.C. Heron's Creek will host our July meeting and in August we will have a golf and fishing weekend in Clewiston on Lake Okeechobee.

Samantha Kriesch, Association Manager

Central Florida

Golf Course

Just when we wondered if we could top that outing, BASF will help us host the first regional "People vs. the Pros" qualifying tournament in Florida at our June meeting at Harmony Preserve G.C. in St. Cloud. Winners get to vie for a spot to play against Ben Crenshaw and Justin Leonard in a competition to be held later in the year in Texas.

Coastal Plains

We are sending our best wishes to Jeff Heggen on his recovery from his neck surgery. Jeff is at the Hilaman G.C. in Tallahassee and has been unselfishly serving as our external vice president for many terms, keeping us organized and involved in FGCSA projects and programs. Shane Bass at St. James Bay G.C. has agreed to step in and fill Jeff's shoes while he recuperates.

Everglades

After another successful spring season which included a standing-room-only Spring Symposium in April and the 30th anniversary edition

Davidson's Naples Grande course. Steven Fox from the Ocean Reef Club on Key Largo shot a 73 to win low medalist honors. Meanwhile the "hackers" played a two-person team scramble and the husband-and-wife duo of Chuck and Sharon Rogers, from the Saddlebrook Resort near Tampa won the low net title.

In the "did you know?" trivia category, EGCSA President Mark Black, CGCS, just happened to mention that 12 EGCSA superintendents have their boat captain's licenses. Now there's a new statistic for GCSAA to track. How many superintendents want to become general managers or boat captains? Sounds like a future article.

North Florida

We presented our 2005 Keeper of the Green award to Jay McCord of ProSource One at our 13th Annual Mike Richards Memorial Scholarship Tournament at the Jacksonville G&CC in April. Jay has been active in our chapter and the Florida Turfgrass Association for

Scholarship. Hugh is on the staff at the St. Johns G&CC.

Palm Beach

Our members got another look and feel of paspalum turf at our May meeting at Turtle Creek as host superintendent James Sprankle, CGCS had the course in great shape for the superintendent-supplier match-play tournament.

The Silver Anniversary Future of Golf Tournament was held June 4 at the Falls CC with Steve Pearson serving as host superintendent for the seventh year.

To celebrate the silver anniversary, the PBGCSA board invited several past board members who were responsible for the inaugural tournament in 1980. Kevin Downing (the "father" of the Future of Golf Tournament) as well as Gary Grump, host superintendent for that first event, and past board members Fred Klauk, Glen Klauk and Mark Jarrell were special guests this year.

The weather has always played a major role in this tournament

and the 25th annual was no exception. Eight straight days of rain would have been enough to dishearten any golf course maintenance crew but Steve and his crew were up to the task once again. Play went off as scheduled at 9 a.m. but that does not mean it was an easy task!

Competition was tight again this year with only four strokes separating first place and sixth place. The team from the Fountains CC took first place while second place was decided by a tie breaker won by the team from Adios GC. Longest drive was won by GCSAA champion Seth Strickland, and closest to the line was won by Dale Mitchell. Kelly Cragin, SFGCSA president, took one of the closest-to-the-pin competitions just 3 inches short of a hole in one.

The event brought in more than \$40,000. After expenses, the profit will go towards turfgrass research, junior golf and scholarship programs.

June will also be busy with our annual superintendent/assistant superintendent meeting at the Deerfield C.C. and our 4th Annual PBGCSA Fishing Tournament.

In July we will meet at Polo Trace for our annual meeting and elections. President Steve Bernard reminds everyone to consider hosting a meeting and to submit ideas for education topics for our meetings.

Ridge

Our chapter has been very involved with a First Tee project in Lakeland. The community has come together behind this project and of course our chapter has played a prominent role and earned a lot of respect for our efforts. We encourage each chapter to consider supporting this effort as part of superintendents' efforts to help grow the game and ensure the future of our industry.

Seven Rivers

After a busy few months of preparation for the Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Golf Classic, the SRGCSA is looking forward to a smooth transition and hurricane-free summer. Once again, the Envirotron Tournament was a huge success. On behalf of the chapter, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed this year.

Our May meeting was held at West End Golf Club in Gainesville. Our guest speaker for the day was Dr. Grady Miller from the University of Florida. Dr. Miller gave us an update on his research being conducted throughout the state concerning water use on golf courses. He also gave us an update on the construction of the new horticultural unit at Pine Acres. Once completed, it should be one of the most impressive turfgrass facilities of its kind.

Our June meeting will be at Ocala Municipal GC, July will be at Silverthorn GC, followed by Meadow Oaks G&CC in August. *Submitted by Mark G. Kann, External VP.*

South Florida

Congratulations to Steven Fox, superintendent of the Harbour Course at Ocean Reef on Key Largo, for winning the Poa Annu Classic and a spot on the FGCSA Golf Team next February at the GCSAA Golf Championship in New Orleans.

Thanks to our sponsors and attendees, the 2005 Turf Expo in Ft. Lauderdale raised \$31,000 to help pay for the maintenance of the FGCSA Research Green at the IFAS Research and Education Center. Chapter president Kelly Cragin presented a check in that amount to the FGCSA Research Account at the spring board meeting in Naples. See Jim Walker's article on the Turf Expo elsewhere in the Spotlight section.

Suncoast

Many thanks to Mike McCulloch and Jacranda West for hosting our 2005 Suncoast Scramble.

It was a great time and super success. Thanks also to Robby Robertson for all his efforts at the Scramble.

Our annual meeting and golf championship in May was at the historic Sara Bay Club and hosted by President Bob Gwodz. Officers elected for 2005-06 were Chip Copeman, president, Lemon Bay GC; Adam Wright, vice president, Laurel Oak CC; Bob Wagner, treasurer, Coral Creek Club; and Bill Tyde, secretary, Mission Valley CC. The golf tournament is one of three qualifiers to send a superintendent to the GCSAA Championships. Robby Robertson of the Bird Bay GC was the winner. Our guest speaker at this meeting was Jeffrey Kommick, an investment counselor.

In July we will charter a bus for a trip across the Skyway Bridge to St. Petersburg for a Devil Rays game against the World Champion Boston Red Sox.

Treasure Coast

President Roy MacDonald reports that this year's Blue Pearl Charity Tournament at The Medalist Club raised close to \$18,000 to support environmental and turf research activities. Kudos to our sponsors and the Blue Pearl committee for their support and hard work. You can thank Barbara Tierney, Tim Cann, Kevin Downing, John Morsut, John Curran, Harry Hanson and Bill Lanthier for making the event a success. Special thanks to host superintendent Tim Rappach who had the course in wonderful shape - firm and fast.

Our next event will be a June pro/superintendent tournament at the Indian River Club in Vero Beach. Two-man teams of a pro and superintendent from the same club will play nine holes of alternate shot on the front nine and best ball on the back nine. It should be a fun way for two of the key people at a club to spend some quality time together away from the daily grind.

West Coast

The team of Clark Webb, Brian Mortillaro, Scott Scamerhorn

and Bob Solms from the Ridge Chapter captured first place in our 2nd Annual Chapter Challenge held at Kevin Baldwin's Diamond Players Club. This event is a three-way competition among teams from the West Coast, Ridge and Central Florida Chapters.

Congratulations to Alan Brissenden, CGCS at the Dunedin C.C. for earning three GCSAA Environmental Management Specialist certificates in Employee Safety and Right to Know; Storage, Disposal and Recycling; and Integrated Pest Management. Previously Alan became certified in Golf Course Development and in Water Quality and Application.

Our next meeting will be our chapter golf championship, annual meeting and election of officers to be held at Cheval. We will also be having a vote on a by-laws change. We are also pleased to announce that our annual Bud Quandt Charity Tournament is now classified as a 501(c)3 entity and will be tax exempt for donors and supporters.

Florida GCSA

Our spring board meeting was a full-day event this year as Hannes Combest from GCSAA joined us to facilitate a half-day strategic planning session to help us take a critical look and our current and future operations and goals. A new mission statement and long-range vision and goals were discussed to position the FGCSA to better serve its members today and in the ever-changing future. Paramount in the planning is to make sure we have a smooth transition in staff positions when Marie and Joel implement their retirement plans.

Also at the Poa Annu Classic, the FGCSA hosted a half-day seminar on Situational Leadership with the "guru of guffaw", Dr. Patt Schwab, who is known for her copious use of humor to drive home the serious business of leadership training. Dr. Schwab is the president of "Fun"damentially Speaking and is a



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SPOTLIGHT

favorite presenter of GCSAA seminars.

FGCSA Vice President Craig Weyandt, Polo Trace G&TC Superintendent Frank McKee, Association Manager Marie Roberts and Director of Communications Joel Jackson attended the first Chapter Leaders and Executives Symposium held in Lawrence, Kan. The goal was to find ways for paid staff members and volunteer chapter leaders to build more effective relationships and working strategies.

We will be hosting the second in a series of Assistant Superintendent Seminars on Professional Development Skills in the southeast region of the state in late summer or early fall. Stay tuned to the FGCSA Web site and Green Sheet newsletter for the final date and location.

Darren Davis and Joel Jackson were part of the GCSAA Strategic Communications Committee that met in Kansas City in late April. This committee is charged with helping the board of directors and GCSAA staff in defining and evaluating key messages that are consistent with mission, vision and strategic goals of the GCSAA to key audiences — primarily the members, but also including industry, owners and influential golfers, media, policy makers and others.

Our director of communications, Joel Jackson, completed the hat trick by making a third trip to Kansas in June to serve on the Publications and Online Use and Positioning Task Group. This group is just one of many task groups that will deal in specifics brought up in the strategic planning sessions. This governance model applies to all parts of GCSAA, not just communications, so that rank-and-file members will be identifying key issues and solutions to send to the board of directors for consideration and adoption into practice.

FGCSA Honors David Court CGCS With 2005 Distinguished Service Award

During the 2005 FGCSA Past President's Dinner May 12 in conjunction with the Poa Annua Classic in Naples, President Joe Pantaleo named David Court, CGCS, director of grounds and greens at the Boca Lago CC in Boca Raton as the 2005 Distinguished Service Award honoree. Court's wife Janet was on hand to witness the ceremony.

Court, not unlike many of the former DSA recipients, is a past president of the FGCSA. He served as leader of the organization in 2002, and he is no stranger to handling a gavel as he served two complete tours of duty on the board of directors of the Palm Beach GCSA, culminating in the presidency twice — in 1988 and 2000. In between those years, he also served as the FGCSA education chairman from 1992 to 1995. Three years after his presidency, Court is serving on the FGCSA BMP Committee and is the chairman of the Irrigation section of the statewide Golf BMP Steering Committee.

But man does not live by association service alone; Court has been at the Boca Lago CC for 24 years, which speaks volumes about his approach to the business. Being at one of the few remaining courses that provides housing for the superintendent has its perks, as Janet also serves as his administrative assistant in his office.

Former Lake City Community College classmate Mark Henderson, now at the Gulfstream Golf Club in Delray Beach, speaks to Court's longevity, "Dave's a great listener and more patient than Job. I guess that leads to longevity in this business and probably in any other pursuit. Dave has influenced many in this business and hopefully many more to come." Henderson also



David Court, CGCS, left, recipient of the 2005 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award with FGCSA President Joe Pantaleo. Photo by Joel Jackson.

commented on Court's service to the Palm Beach Chapter, "I'm proud to say I graduated with David at Lake City. Dave was always trying to find a way to get more superintendents to attend meetings. It was not easy, as you well know."

One of those people influenced by Court was current South Florida GCSA president, Kelly Cragin, who had this to say about his former boss and mentor, "I worked for David Court as his assistant at Boca Lago C. C. for about three and a half years and one of the many things I learned and admired about David was his ability to give the membership what they wanted. David was able to put his own ego in check, which can be a challenge for many people, and find a way to make their requests a reality.

"I know that many superintendents understand the ability that they possess to bring knowledge and experience to a club has to be joined with the desires of the membership. I realize that this is a simple idea we should learn early in this profession and obviously some of us are better at it than others. I believe David has a firm grasp of this concept and contin-

ues to put it in practice. David's capabilities are rewarded with support for him from the members and the proof is his employment at the same club for over 20 years."

Court is also an avid golfer, who plays his own course three times a month and on the fourth week he plays somewhere else to check out the competition. A couple of his memorable golfing highlights include playing in the John Deere Classic Pro-Am in 2000 and the LPGA's 50th Anniversary Founders Tournament. Court recalled, "The Pro-Am was just a small part of the overall event, but it was great being inside the ropes and I even matched birdies with the golf pro on the first hole. Then I got to play with LPGA pro Shelly Furlong and actor Jamie (Klinger) Farr from the hit TV show M.A.S.H. at the Palm Beach Par 3 course.

Paul Crawford, also a past president of the FGCSA and fellow Palm Beach Chapter member, praised Court, not just for his service, but for his overall demeanor as a person, "David court is one of the most deserving people for the DSA. He is a true gentleman, a great golfer and one of the nicest men I know. You must

also mention Janet his wife, as she is always at David's side, and they are a great couple, a real partnership. Janet actually knows the business because she works with David during the day. I cannot say enough about David Court. He is pleasure to serve on boards with, to play golf with or just to have a talk with, I am honored to call him my friend."

Court had this to say about receiving the DSA award: "I am truly honored to be selected this year and to join the list of outstanding persons who have been named before me. There are so many others among us that also deserve this honor that I am truly humbled to be selected. Thank you so very much to those who nominated me for this honor. I couldn't accept this award, this honor, without acknowledging the love, support and assistance from my family, especially Janet, who has been there with me every step of the way."

Court has two sons: Tibe (32) is married to Christina (three years now) and teaches speech and communications at Kyser and Everglades Colleges in the Fort Lauderdale area. Son Chris (30) is following in dad's footsteps in the golf business and is currently working under the tutelage of Bob Randquist, CGCS at the Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton. "That's nice that Chris wants to be in the business," Court says, "but I'm happy as long as they are both doing what they enjoy the most."

Current FGCSA President Joe Pantaleo has acknowledged on several occasions how the thoughtful approach Court took to his presidency and in dealing with the issues helped prepare him for his tenure as president. Their styles are not too dissimilar, and Pantaleo has been grateful for Court's input and continued committee service as a valuable resource to the association.

Thus it was with great delight that the FGCSA accepted and approved the nomination of David Court, CGCS for the 2005 Distinguished Service Award.

Marie Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award

Association Manager First Recipient of Award Named in Her Honor

FGCSA President Joe Pantaleo stood up at the Past President's Dinner at Zoe's Restaurant in Naples this past spring and asked the group for their attention. Everyone assumed it was time to honor the past presidents with a toast and thanks for their past and current leadership in the



Marie Roberts, FGCSA association manager, with FGCSA President Joe Pantaleo, definitely had no idea "her boys" planned to honor her with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her two decades of service. Photo by Joel Jackson.

industry and the association.

But he went on to announce that as of this night, the FGCSA was going award from time to time a Lifetime Achievement Award to persons who were not superintendents but who have had a meaningful and long lasting effect on the association and industry. Joe then turned the floor over to Tim Hiers, the first FGCSA president to make the presentation. It wasn't until Hiers was well into his speech at the Naples that Marie Roberts began to catch on,

when unavoidable words and clues were spoken. I could see her face in a reflection on the mirrored wall and watched her slowly realize in amazement that it was she he was talking about.

She accepted the award graciously as those who know her would expect and thanked the board and the past presidents and recounted how these were “all my boys” through the years. Marie’s first reaction after receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award was to wonder, how did they find out where I got all those plaques for them? Several of the past presidents gave short anecdotes about how Marie was their right hand when they had the gavel and how she kept the FGCSA moving forward by taking care of the administrative details while we did all the talking.

It all began in 1984 when FGCSA President Tom Burrows called on his neighbor, Marie, two doors down in the North River Shores neighborhood in Stuart and asked if she would do him a favor and type a letter needed for his association. He knew she had a background as an administrative assistant and likely could type. Well, one letter led to

another and then there were some board meeting minutes to be done, and when the FGCSA decided they needed to do a newsletter and a membership directory, somebody said, “Who the heck is going to do all this?” Tom suggested the FGCSA hire Marie permanently. The motion passed and the rest is history.

While she has watched “her boys” and their families grow up, she has a brood of her own who have staked their claim in the medical field and have given her grandchildren to boot. Her oldest daughter Colleen Patterson, a registered nurse, is currently being a full time mom to her three kids: Shannon (15), Taylor (12) and Michael (4). They live just a little way down the street. Marie’s son Mark is a pediatric respiratory therapist and recently moved back to Stuart from Colorado. Mark is a master wake boarder and mountain bike aficionado. Her youngest daughter, Suzanne Turner, lives in Ft. Myers with her hubby and two kids Jackson (6) and Hayden (5 months). Suzanne is a clinical pharmacist.

But Marie has an even larger family that she tries to keep tabs on and with over 1,100 members mem-

bership renewal and directory time get pretty hectic. She really appreciates those volunteers at the chapters who take the time to get information and reports to her on time and she knows it can be tough when you have a full-time job as a golf course superintendent. But when the deadlines to IRS and the State of Florida and GCSAA come due, they’re due. It’s not nice to stall the IRS.

“This is a great job,” Marie said. “I could never have imagined the scope and changes that have occurred over 21 years. Meeting the people and traveling to conference and show and now GCSAA chapter executives meetings and comparing notes with my peers who do similar work from New York to California. It’s been a great experience. It’s not an 8 to 5 type of job, although I have to admit during those first five years, I would get phone calls from superintendents who just naturally assumed that since they were in their offices at 5:00 am so was I. Thankfully, they got over that. My days can be flexible and that’s a nice aspect to this job. I can play tennis with my girl friends in the morning and then work the rest of the day as needed. It really has been a

fun job.”

Marie observed how association life has changed across the state and nation. She said, “I am amazed at the chapters locally and nationally that still expect or think a full-time superintendent will be willing to do his full time job all day and then come home and conduct chapter business into the night, or that he or she even has the time. While a lot of chapters have wives of superintendents acting as administrative assistants or even executive directors, some chapters have hired professional association executives to help the various boards of directors to achieve their goals. One of these days Joel and I will be retiring, I wonder what route the FGCSA will take.”

I can tell you as a former president of the FGCSA and now as a staff member of the association, there is no way we would be where we are without the continuity, experience, dedication and determination that Marie has put into her job over the past two decades. All of us owe her a debt of thanks, and we tried to pay that debt by establishing the Marie Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award in her honor. Thank you, Marie.

The Little Expo That Thought It Could

By Jim Walker

It was Wednesday, March 23 in the afternoon. All the hard work was done. The tents were up for lunch and the booth displays. Other tents were in place for the equipment distributors and Dr. John Cisar and his staff were all set for the big day on Thursday. Only problem is they forgot to tell Mother Nature. A thunderstorm driven by a cold front came roaring through the Fort Lauderdale Research Center and wreaked havoc on the whole shebang.

This is the same front that almost kept the Players Championship in Jacksonville from taking place. When Susi and I arrived at the center at 7 a.m. Thursday, South Florida President Kelly Cragin told us about the small tornado which had come through the previous afternoon. He and a small army of people from the South Florida chapter went to work trying to reassemble the display area.

The vendor who supplied the tents had a crew on site by 8 a.m. and they began to try to set the tents

back up. As I walked from the registration tables up front where 500 people were being processed to the research green in the back, I recalled the children’s story about the little engine trying to pull a train up a steep hill. “I think I can, I think I can.” it said to itself as it chugged up the grade. Finally as it neared the top the “think I can” was replaced with, “I know I can, I know I can” and it rolled over the top!

The tent for the booth suppliers was righted as were all the other

small tents, but the big top which was to house the lunch crowd was damaged beyond repair. The twisted metal frame was hopelessly mangled. Alternative arrangements would have to be made for lunch. Our little Expo train was almost there but not quite yet.

8:30 a.m., it was time for the field trials to begin. Dr. George Snyder presented research findings on the interactive effects of potassium and sodium on bermudagrass. Dr. Billy Crow discussed nematode control programs with Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis. Drs. Ron Cherry and Russell Nagata talked about new chinch bug-resistant St. Augustinegrass. Dr. Greg Nuessly reported on the control and biology of the recently observed greenbug aphids on seashore paspalum. Dr. Raymond Snyder discussed his work on soil



South Florida GCSA President Kelly Cragin, left, presents a check for \$31,000 raised at the 2005 South Florida Turf Expo to FGCSA President Joe Pantaleo at the FGCSA spring board meeting in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson

topdressing, rolling – performing all the wonderful things we call “cultural practices.”

While all this was going on, it was time to get our Expo train over the hill. Twenty or more people began moving tables and chairs 200 yards south to the Courtyard lawn for 500 diners.

At high noon, Wiley and Nancy McCall and their staff began ferrying a Bar-B-Que rib lunch with all the trimmings to the hastily arranged lunch site. The McCalls from Environmental Turf get the South Florida chapter’s standing ovation each year for their generous and gracious gesture in coming from Ft. Pierce with their Texas-sized grill and providing the wonderful lunch. To the McCalls,

techs and equipment managers and in the main auditorium an address by Dr. Phil Harmon centered on turf diseases and control options for the turf manager. Matt Brecht followed with a research program update, and then a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Monica Elliot, and consisting of Dr. Lawrence Datnoff, Dr. Carol Stiles, Dr. Phil Harmon, and Matt Brecht, focused on preventive programs, recent trends in turf disease and the use of disease ID labs. It was a most informative and interesting afternoon!

The little Expo train is over the hill, as is this article. Everyone is off to get their CEU forms and be on their way, but before we go, we need to pass out the thank-



Turf Expo Coordinator Dr. John Cisar (left) and South Florida GCSA President Kelly Cragin survey the remains of the tents blown down the night before the 2005 Turf Expo. Photo by Dara Park.

amendments and their effect on turfgrass establishment and management.

A new feature at the Expo was project updates by graduate students Dara Park, Matt Brecht, Paucic McGroary and Claudia Arrieta. Subjects discussed: new technologies for documenting water stress and turf quality; ultradwarf bermudagrass disease programs on curvularia and bipolaris; nematode dynamics and application timing; and impact of compaction on goosegrass competition with turf.

Also, Dr. Kimberly Moore hosted a tour of the annuals trial gardens. Dr. Bill Howard led a discussion on insect pests of palms; and Dr. Bill Kern talked about animal problems in the landscape and demonstrated methods to ward off these pests.

At 10 a.m. the booth displays opened – 33 strong, and the air was alive with the sounds of all kinds of bright new equipment that was to die for. Zooming over the research green spraying, mowing, aerifying,

thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are a big part of making each year’s event bigger and better than the last. We raised \$31,000 this year for turfgrass research, and you are such a big part of it. You have no idea!

People are visiting while eating lunch and relaxing after a very busy morning. You need a little nourishment and rest, because the afternoon sessions begin at 1:00 pm.

There were concurrent sessions for spray techs, irrigation

you’s; first to Dr. John Cisar and the staff at the FLREC; to Wiley and Nancy McCall, and their wonderful lunch; to all the booth vendors, and equipment suppliers; to Kelly Cragin and the South Florida GCSA board; to Marie Roberts, our association manager who keeps us going in the right direction, making sure all the t’s are crossed and the i’s are dotted and most of all, to all of you who attended and supported the Expo. Thank you one and all. See you next year.