

CHAPTER ROUND UP

So Long Summer, Hello Fall

CALUSA

Thanks to Nancy Miller, Maple Leaf G&CC for stepping up to become our new external vice president and representative on the FGCSA board of directors. Thanks also to Terry Stoyer from the Fort Myers Eastwood GC for acting as our representative at the recent Fort Myers-Lee County Fertilizer/Red Tide Forum meeting. Terry is working with Kurt Harclerode, operations manager for the Dept. of Natural Resources on the Fort Myers Fertilizer issue. Super-Pro-Supplier Tournament at a later date.



The Central Florida Meeting Site Calendar features photos of all the host courses for the year and a full membership directory. Photo by Joel Jackson.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

The second edition of the CFGCSA membership calendars for 2006-07 are out. The calendar shows pictures of the host clubs for each monthly meeting and the last two pages are a member directory. The meeting date each month is highlighted by



2006-2007 FGCSA Board of Directors from left: Mike McCulloch, Suncoast; Kevin Downing, CGCS, Palm Beach; Nancy Miller, Calusa; Rip Phillips, North Florida; Mike Bellino, Central Florida; Bill Kistler, West Coast; John Curran, Treasure Coast and Mark Kann, Seven Rivers. Not pictured: Shane Bass, Coastal Plains; Wayne Kappauf, Everglades; Tom Barnett, Ridge and Jim Walker, South Florida. Photo by Joel Jackson.

a red tab in the upper corner of the date box. In June we held our Chapter Golf Championship at the Harmony Preserve GC. Thanks to Jason Moore, GCS and the folks at Harmony for putting on a great event. Winners: Gross — Allan Lichter (74, first) and John Lammrish (74, second) and Net — Jason Throop (69, first) and Jim Purcell (69, second). Both winners were determined by a match of cards. Bran Reano won the Vendor Gross Division with a 75 and the Net Division winner was Matt Gregg with a 67.

See the write up of our big summer event, The Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, and our sponsor thank-you ad elsewhere in this section.

COASTAL PLAINS

Congratulations to Shane Bass, CGCS from the St. James Bay Golf Club on two counts: first on the recent birth of his second son Ethan Oscar Bass — Ethan and mom, Karla are doing fine — and his election as

secretary/treasurer of the Florida GCSA. Shane may be in trouble though. He was on the road headed to the hospital from Orlando when the stork beat him to Tallahassee.

EVERGLADES

We will be hosting a GCSAA Regional Seminar, “Turfgrass Traffic Stress: Physiology and Management,” Sept. 6 at the Naples Beach Hotel. Thanks to Tim Hiers, CGCS and Darren Davis for sitting in on the Naples City Commission meetings concerning water quality in Naples Bay. With all the furor up in Sarasota over fertilizer use and water quality, Tim and Darren are bringing facts to the discussions. Thanks also to Wayne Kappauf, CGCS for volunteering to serve on the EGCSA board as external vice president to the Florida GCSA.

NORTH FLORIDA

Rip Phillips from the Windsor Parke Golf Club is our new external vice president and FGCSA direc-

tor. At the FGCSA summer board meeting in Orlando, Phillips presented a \$5,000 donation from our chapter which will be used for turf research and association operations. Congratulations to Mike Shields and Dana Anderson for qualifying for the BASF People vs. the Pros tournament at Pinehurst. Shields placed 5th overall in the 18-49 age division and Anderson placed 23rd in the 50-plus age division.

PALM BEACH

After many years of bad weather, the sun finally shone brightly on the PB-GCSA 2006 Future of Golf Tournament held on Saturday, June 10 at The Falls CC in West Palm Beach.

Once again, Steve Pearson, superintendent at The Falls CC, hosted a spectacular event. Competition was tight again with only three strokes separating first and sixth places! First Pplace went to the team of John Gallagher from Boca Woods GC and Harold Davis, Jude Eustaquio and Danny Evenly from Winston Trails

GC. One stroke back for second place was the team of Bob Harper, The Club at Emerald Hills, Justin DeLaski, Liquid Ag Systems, and Ed Gifford and Ed Kenny from Martin Downs CC. Longest Drive this year went to Brigid Braun, Precision Labs, on hole No. 13.

As usual, one of the highlights of the day was the raffle that was held immediately following the delicious lunch in the Clubhouse. The golfers have always supported this fund-raising event with just about every player purchasing raffle tickets.

Another great tradition at this fund-raiser was also a big success thanks to the generosity of Brian MacCurrach and Bayer Environmental Sciences for the Power Pak Auction that saw John Gallagher (first place winner) out bid his friends and peers to win the package of products offered this year with a bid of \$4,700! Bayer donates the entire proceeds to the PBGCSA and the charities they support. This is the fourth year of the program that sees Brian holding similar auctions at



Mark Kann on the job for IFAS as the Turf Research Coordinator at the new Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra, FL just south of Gainesville. Photo by Joel Jackson.

the Blue Pearl Tournament in Treasure Coast as well as the Missing and Exploited Children Tournament played in the South Florida chapter area.

This year's tournament brought in more than \$40,000. After expenses, the PBGCSA will donate the profits to turfgrass research and scholarship programs. Please see our sponsor thank-you ad for the people and companies that made this possible. Also see the results of our 5th Annual PBGCSA Fishing Tournament elsewhere in this section.

RIDGE

Generally "No news is good news," but you know with this bunch that they are up to something, and really it's usually good. Those Ridge Runners tend to stay under the radar. We do know that Tom Barnett will be their new external vice president serving as a director on the Florida GCSA board. We also know that they have been working very hard with the new First Tee Facility in Lakeland. They are just strong silent types. Wink. Wink.

SEVEN RIVERS

Congratulations to Mark Kann on his new position as turfgrass research coordinator at the G.C. Horn Field Turf Laboratory at the IFAS Plant Science Research and Education Center. That is university-speak for superintendent of grounds, which just happens to include three of the most important holes of golf in Florida, a nine-hole putting course and acres and acres of turf plots that hold great importance to all of us. We saw Mark in his new role at the IFAS Field Day and Grand Opening in July.



North Florida GCSA member Mike Shields from the Naval Air Station GC in Jacksonville, placed fifth in the 18-49 age group at the BASF People vs The Pros tournament at Pinehurst in August. Photo courtesy of BASF.

SOUTH FLORIDA

Congratulations to our traveling golf team as it once again dominated the state's golf events; this time taking the Crowfoot Open individual and team titles. Individual winner Seth Strickland then partnered with teammate Howard Hulesbosch to capture the new Golf Shoot Out held the day following the Crowfoot. But that is history and now we gear up for our big annual Missing and Exploited Children's tournament at Dale Kuehner's Colony West CC in October. We wish Jim Walker, our external vice president and FGCSA membership chairman a speedy recovery from his recent medical procedures.

SUNCOAST

We are busy keeping our eye on a new proposed fertil-

izer ordinance that would drastically reduce the nutrients and number of applications allowed on turfgrass. Thanks to George Cook for taking a leadership role in attending these meetings. We also appreciate Dr. Laurie Trenholm from the University of Florida for making factual best management practice presentations to the Sarasota County Commission on numerous occasions.

TREASURE COAST

This year's Blue Pearl was a fantastic success according to TCGCSA President Harry Hanson. He gave high praise to host superintendent Mark Heater and the Loxahatchee Club staff. The winners, besides local area turf and environmental programs, were Terry Kallam, Tom Phillips, David Tandy and Richard Green in the Gross Division. Best sandbaggers



Reprising their FGCSA Officer roles one more time are from the left: Vice President Matt Taylor, CGCS; President Craig Weyandt and Past President Joe Pantaleo. Not pictured: New Secretary/Treasurer Shane Bass, CGCS, who was on the road hurrying home to meet his brand new baby son Ethan. Photo by Joel Jackson

were Bill Lanthier, Roy McDonald, Bob Markut and Matthew Boyd. See our sponsor thank-you ad for a list of those companies who help us make a difference in our communities.

Things got even better for the Blue Pearl bottom line when Greg Pheneger from the Johns Island Club outbid his friends and peers, especially Ralph Dain from Myacoo Lakes CC for the Bayer Power Pak Auction package with a bid of \$5,100! That's \$9,800 to date that Bayer's Brian MacCurrach has donated back to the chapters this year to raise and there's still the SFGCSA Missing & Exploited tournament left in October. Thanks, Brian. Thanks, Bayer.

WEST COAST

After a very busy spring and a relatively quiet summer, we are looking forward to our 43rd Annual Bud Quandt Tournament over at Bill Kistler's Tampa Palms CC in October. This is our big fund-

raiser and we are looking forward to seeing everyone for a day of golf and fun.

FGCSA

At our Annual Meeting in July, the board approved a second term in office for the current President Craig Weyandt, Vice President Matt Taylor, CGCS and Immediate Past President Joe Pantaleo for two reasons. (1) Incoming Vice President Greg Kriesch decided that due to work responsibilities that for the good of the association he should resign from the board and (2) Since we are in the midst of enacting several of the strategic planning initiatives begun last year, it would be advantageous to keep experienced people on the board. The one addition will be Shane Bass, CGCS as the new secretary/treasurer.

Please see the Research Section to read about all the projects that the FGCSA in cooperation with our allied turf associations is funding.



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FTGA CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Inspirational Speaker, New Executive Director Highlight Annual Show

There was nothing usual about this year's Florida Turfgrass Conference and Show at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Bonita Spring Sept. 12-15. Last year's staff was gone: Amanda Flenghi moved to New Mexico and Susan Feeney went back to school. Up stepped Mike Smith and Tom Wells to help run the FTGA office and help guide yet another conference and trade show to a successful completion.

Meanwhile the FTGA board formed a search committee to look for a qualified executive director to establish continuity and growth to the association's programs and goals. After defining the role, scope, competencies, goals and measurements of the position, the committee advertised the job. The committee received more than 44 resumes.

Jan Beljan, a member of the committee, reported to the summer board meeting that she was "blown away" by the experience and accomplishments of the whole field of candidates. Boiling down so many impressive candidates to four or five was not easy. After the face-to-face interviews, the committee offered the job to Casey Wohl Pace, a native of Sebring. We have published her resume to catalog the work she has done and the skills she brings to the FTGA.

Certainly introducing a new executive director was not business as usual at the FTGA conference, but the



Made a quadriplegic following a car crash six years ago, keynote speaker Scott Burrows, son of former FGCSA President Tom Burrows, gave a dynamic and emotional presentation on overcoming the fears that cripple all of us. His message was validated as he rose from his wheel chair and finished his talk while walking about the stage. Photos by Joel Jackson.

educational sessions were superlative — from the pesticide applicators license sessions to the specific problem-solving seminars on turfgrass. And that is normal for this event.

OK, I lied, the corn boil

...the corn boil was great as usual, and the fishing tournament was bigger and better than last year and the Bay Island and Marsh Courses at Bonita Bay West were immaculate with the greens rolling fast and true...

golf tournament.

Perhaps the next most unusual aspect of the conference was Scott Burrows, son of former FGCSA President Tom Burrows and keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. By the end of his presentation, there were few dry eyes in the audience. A quadriplegic following a terrible car accident in 1984, Burrows talked from his wheelchair about overcoming the fears of failure that limit the human spirit and keep us from achieving the things we want most in life, including success in our personal and professional lives.

After six years of rehabilitation, Burrows has regained the use of his arms and he propelled himself around the stage. But then came the most amazing thing. As he scooted to the edge of his wheelchair seat, the audience gasped and leapt to its feet as this courageous young man rose to his feet and walked — albeit awkwardly — as he delivered the rest of his presentation.

was great as usual, and the fishing tournament was bigger and better than last year and the Bay Island and Marsh Courses at Bonita Bay West were immaculate with the greens rolling fast and true for those in the annual



**2006-07
Officers**

Newly elected FTGA officers and new executive director, from left: Todd Himmelberger, secretary/treasurer; Darren Davis, vice president; Jay McCord, president; Matt Taylor, CGCS, immediate past president; and Casey Pace, executive director. Photo by Joel Jackson.

In the final film clip, he was shown skiing down mountain slopes in Colorado. He plays golf and SCUBA dives. He is a member of the Million Dollar Council in insurance sales, a status reached by only 6 percent of his peers. He has written a book, “Conversations on Success,” and is a regular on the motivational speaking circuit.

Burrows reminded the audience that his return to near normal came at the price of six years of hard work, numerous setbacks and reassessments of his rehabilitation efforts.

He broke down his message to those who might wish to change their lives into three basic parts: Vision, Mindset and Grit. Like any goal or level of success you

must have a vision or dream of what you want. Then you must have a plan and stick to it. Your mindset does not mean set in your ways, it means having the ability to resist and not be consumed by anger when the original plan doesn’t go smoothly. Adapt, change, create Plan B but keep moving toward the goal. The road to get there just became a different path from the one you had imagined. And that will take grit and determination as in Burrows’s case more than 2,190 days of monotonous repetitive exercises to restore the brain-to-muscle communication system.

Burrows certainly put things into perspective for anyone willing to listen. We are all faced with problems, challenges or whatever you



Erica Santella, left, regional technical director for TruGreen-Chemlawn and past president (1999-2000) of the FTGA, was presented the 2006 Wreath of Grass Award by another past president, Mark Jarrell, CGCS, for her leadership and advocacy for the turf industry. Santella has made numerous presentations to various city and county commission meetings where anti-turf ordinances are being proposed. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Members of the MSMA Manufacturers Research Task Force were on hand to discuss the recent EPA decision not to re-register organic arsenical herbicides, and to get attendees to sign and send comment letters to EPA. From left: Ron Olsen and Dr. Michal Eldan of the MAA Task Force, William Russ from MSMA manufacturer Luxembourg Parnol and John Wildmon from Lake City Community College. Photo by Joel Jackson.

want to call them. Finding solutions is all about what we do and how we choose to live our lives day by day. Are you angry and resentful about unfair things that happen? How much time and energy and adrenalin will you waste on things you can't control and instead focus on finding positive pathways to achieve your desired goals?

It's too bad if you missed Scott's story; it will be tough to top that presentation next year.

Getting back to the Conference and Show, the MAA (Monomethyl Arsonic Acid) Task Force had a booth set up so people could sign and send a letter supporting MSMA and requesting EPA to reconsider its recent decision not to allow the

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**Scholarship
Winners**

Six students received FTGA scholarships to aid their pursuit of degrees in turfgrass science. From left: Troy Abbott, Max J. McQuade Memorial Scholarship at UF; Christopher Knox Mack, General FTGA Scholarship at Lake City CC; Kyle McCarty, James L. Blackledge Memorial Scholarship at Lake City CC; Olga Kostromytska, Col. Frank Ward Memorial Scholarship at UF; Nicholas Greene, General FTGA Scholarship at UF; Michael Bolles, Hans Schmeisser Memorial Scholarship at Lake City CC. The students also helped the FTGA staff during the conference and show. Photo by Joel Jackson.

re-registration of the whole family of organic arsenical herbicides including MSMA. GCSAA, the Florida GCSAA and others are sending letters to EPA requesting at least a compromise decision to allow the use for those grassy weeds for which there are no alternative herbicides. By the

time you read this, the comment period will be over, but this is to let you know your associations did make the effort to challenge the decision.

The feedback from the trade-show exhibitors was good. All the floor space was sold out and they even had

a waiting list. We certainly could have had more people attend the whole event, but the numbers were up slightly from last year. Solving the riddle as to why people won't support the associations that support their profession with research funding, continuing education and taking on

regulators and local legislators will be a top priority this year. The good news is that the FTGA membership is growing again and the board of directors contains representatives of all the major turf commodities and businesses.

Joel Jackson



From left: Golf Agronomic Supply & Handling representatives John Swaner and Richard Colyer presented FTGA President Jay McCord with a research donation check of \$3,000 at the FTGA Trade Show in Bonita Springs in September. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Incoming President Jay McCord, left, presents Past President Matt Taylor with the gavel plaque signifying his service as FTGA president at the Annual Awards and Business Meeting held in Bonita Springs in September. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Crowfoot Golf Shoot Out victors and sponsors pose on the Grand Cypress East Course. Owen Town and Craig Smith from Phoenix Environmental Care are on the left and right with Howard Hulesbosch and Crowfoot Champion Seth Strickland in the middle. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Seth Strickland keeps racking up FGCSA golf victories by shooting a 70 on the difficult Grand Cypress North-South layout at the Crowfoot Open. Photo by Joel Jackson.

SUMMER FUN

Crowfoot Program Expands

At a time of year when hurricanes threaten, projects are cranking and the turf is stressing, the Central Florida GCSA has been giving superintendents a break with a summer shindig call the Crowfoot Open for 28 years now and it's bigger and better than ever. Special thanks to Owen Town and Craig Smith of Phoenix Environmental Care for hosting

a nine-hole, two-man golf shoot-out and a fishing derby on Sunday following the main golf tournament. It was a nice touch and had a good turnout.

Howard Hulesbosch and Seth Strickland won the Golf Shootout and Chuck Garrett and Laurie Eldridge took the top two spots in the fishing derby with 22.5-inch and 21-inch largemouth bass.

Meanwhile on Saturday after the divots had landed, Seth Strickland from the Miami Shores CC shot a 70 and claimed the Individual trophy and a spot on the

Florida GCSA's No. 1 team for the GCSAA National Golf Championship to be played in Palm Springs, Cal. in February. In the Individual Stableford division, Robert Anderson from the Boca West CC took first place.

There was no team championship this year as a two-man scramble was played by those not in the hunt for low gross or Stableford. The scramble winners were Tim Keeney and Richard Kirkland. In the Vendor Division, Gary Wilhem took low gross honors with a 70 also and Fred Marshall won low net.

At the Saturday night banquet, FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson, CGCS Retired, filled in as emcee for perennial host and Tournament Chairman Tom Alex who was in Boynton Beach with his son's Little League team participating in the state playoffs. Jackson presented long-time friend and Disney colleague Scott Welder with the 2006 Larry Kamphaus Award. Welder has been with Disney for 35 years and is a past president of the Central Florida GCSA.

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The 2006 Larry Kamphaus Award presentation to Disney World's Scott Welder, CGCS (right) had deep meaning for both recipient and presenter Joel Jackson; both worked with Kamphaus at Disney World for many years. Welder is celebrating his 35th year with Disney. Photo by Stuart Leventhal.



Anglers Laurie Eldridge and Chuck Garrett took second and first places respectively in the Crowfoot Fishing Derby. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Top Boat with the most fish was captained by Craig Marrett. Kneeling from left: Craig Marrett and Jay Pacholzak. Standing, from left: Joe Hubbard, Tim Rappach and Doug Thomas. Photo by Ed Miller.

NO SKINS, JUST FINS

Palm Beach Chapter Goes Fishing

On June 3, the Palm Beach Chapter held its Fifth Annual Fishing Tournament. Once again it was a great success. Each year participation increases as well as the donations of door prizes, raffle prizes, auctions etc. We had approximately \$5,000 in door prizes!!

We ate well as Detail Sports Turf Construction provided a fabulous “kickoff” barbeque dinner on Friday evening and on Saturday, after the tournament, Florida Superior Sand provided another fabulous barbeque. The weather was great and the seas were flat as a lake.

Winners were Largest Dolphin (17.1 lbs) caught by Erik Thor; Largest Kingfish (45 lbs) caught by Craig Marrett; and the Top Boat was captained by Craig Marrett.

None of this would have been possible without our generous sponsors and the hard work of all Tournament Committee members. We want to thank everyone for a great time and a wonderful turnout.

All the proceeds from the tournament are allocated to the Palm Beach GCSA’s Benevolent Fund. All the details, winners, photos, etc. can be found on the pbgcsa.com Web site.

Once again thank you to everyone and we look forward to next year’s Tournament!

Ed Miller



Erik Thor had the largest dolphin of the day at 17.1 pounds. Erik Thor, left, with Jim McDonald. Photo by Ed Miller.



Tim Rappach had his hands full with this 45-pound kingfish winner. Photo by Ed Miller.

