



*Calusa GCSA's Greg Kriesch presents Jennifer Benton of the Abuse Counseling and Treatment Center of Lee County with a check for \$1,500 from the Calusa Christmas Tournament.*

## CHAPTER ROUNDUP Winter's The Season of Hyperactivity

### CALUSA

On Dec. 6, the Calusa CGCSA held its third annual Christmas charity golf tournament at Kelly Greens Country Club in Fort Myers. The CGCSA is comprised of golf course superintendents from Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Collier counties. As in the past, all proceeds from the tournament were donated to the Abuse Counseling and Treatment Center of Lee County Inc. ACT provides safe shelter, food and clothing for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and their children. ACT also attempts to break the cycle of violence through educational programs in local schools and in our community. This year the Calusa GCSA was able to raise \$1,750. External Vice

President Greg Kriesch presented the check to Jennifer Benton of ACT at the conclusion of the event.

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

Tom Alex, director of golf and grounds of the Grand Cypress Resort,

was the guest speaker at our annual FTGA Research Tournament held at the Interlachen CC. The event has raised over \$60,000 for turf research over the years. The team of Nancy Henderson and John Lammrigh from LPGA International Club in Daytona Beach repeated as tournament winners.

Chapter President Chris Cartin hosted our annual superintendent/vendor meeting and golf tournament in February. The event took on a new name in honor of Duane Camps, who died last April. Duane was a sales rep from WescoTurf, the local Toro



*In March, more than 50 Central Florida technicians and superintendents toured three local golf course equipment maintenance operations. Photo by Frank Eckert.*

distributor. The event was renamed the Duane Camps Supt/Vendor Shootout. It was then altogether fitting and touching when Duane's son won the special Long Drive contest sponsored by Lake Masters and Mike Martin, and he also teamed up with Alaqua CC superintendent Jay Buccelato to win the Low Gross division in the Shoot-out. After golf and over a chicken wing dinner, the band Supt Up performed a song list of classic rock tunes.

Congratulations go out to Bob Karnes of Disney for pulling down a 2005 ELGA Merit Award in the Resorts Division up in Atlanta at the GCSAA Conference.

Our chapter and the Central Florida TESTA association of Equipment Technicians co-hosted a shop tour of three golf courses in March. A group of over fifty technicians and superintendents visited Orange Lake, Orange County National and Grande Lakes shops. Each stop was sponsored in order by Coastal Equipment/John Deere, Toro Dealers and Jacobsen dealers. The tour has grown in scope and size each year.



*It was a repeat victory at the 2006 Central Florida FTGA Research Tournament for Nancy Henderson and John Lammrigh, CGCS from the LPGA International Golf Club. Photo by Joel Jackson.*



*The Supt Up Band, aka Uncle Freddy, entertained players and guests following the Central Florida supt/vendor “Duane Camps Shoot-out” at the Tuscawilla C.C. Band members from left: Steve Kulka, Mike Dean, John Kopak, Brett Harris and Steve Kress. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

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## SPOTLIGHT



*Notables at the Central Florida FTGA Research Tournament from left: FTGA Vice President Jay McCord; host superintendent Stu Leventhal, Interlachen C.C.; guest speaker Tom Alex, Grand Cypress Resort; and CFGCSA President Chris Cartin, Tusawilla C.C. Photo by Joel Jackson*



*Bob Karnes, Walt Disney World (second from left), received an Environmental Leaders in Golf Merit Award in the Resort Division at the GCSAA Conference in Atlanta. The presenters, from left, GCSAA Director Mark Kuhns, CGCS, Barbara Booth, Golf Division director for Rainbird and Syngenta's Joe DiPaola. Photo by Joe DiPaola.*

### COASTAL PLAINS

Don Glaser hosted our January meeting at the Capitol City CC. Jeff Heggen did the honors in March at his Hilaman Park GC.

### EVERGLADES

Our members kicked off the 2006 educational calendar by attending the FTGA Regional Seminar at the TECO Arena in January and then trekking up to Atlanta for the GIS. We held a joint meeting with the Calusa chapter in March at Edison College to visit Dr. Lee Berndt's golf operations program. In April we will have our annual Spring Symposium and Matt Taylor has lined up another spectacular lineup of speakers. We are also in full action

mode getting ready for the Poa Annuia Classic in May at the Naples Beach Club. Meanwhile Bill Davidson is planning to leverage our second appearance in the Naples St. Patrick's Day parade into another positive public relations event.

### NORTH FLORIDA

Thanks to Paul Hammrick for organizing our chapter volunteers to work for NBC Sports covering the TPC Championship. March will be a busy month as Glen Klauk will be hosting our annual Research Tournament at Pablo Creek CC on the 13th. Then in April we will all gather at our annual Mike Richards Scholarship Tournament at the Jacksonville G&CC.

**PALM BEACH**

We fielded a team of spotters and scorers to work with NBC Sports to broadcast the Honda Classic at Mirasol. March will be a busy month with our monthly meeting at Aberdeen CC and the South Florida Turf Expo a few days later. Plenty of PDI point opportunities.

We are currently supporting a membership drive by the Palm Beach Equipment Technicians Association. Encourage your technician to join. Contact Hass Mengloi, president at 561-541-9140 or 561-951-3767 or email to hassmengloi@adelphia.net.

**RIDGE**

The Ridge Invitational

was held March 6 at the Grassland CC. Thanks Roy Wilshire, CGCS for another great event.

**SEVEN RIVERS**

President Mark Kann hosted the third FGCSA Assistant Superintendent Seminar at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River in February. Tom Ginnetti and Ed Suarez from Intergrated Employer Resources, Inc. teamed up to give morning and afternoon sessions on hiring, communications, interviewing and leadership topics.

**SOUTH FLORIDA**

Our “spring thing” as always is a busy March with Doral Open — oops, I mean the Ford Championship at Doral — and Jim and Susi

Walker rounding up a team of spotters to work with NBC Sports. Tiger hung on for a repeat victory as a windy Blue Monster had the pros chipping out from behind the banyan trees. And soon after the tournament we will be hosting the South Florida Turf Expo at the UF/IFAS Research and Education Station in Ft. Lauderdale.

**SUNCOAST**

Thanks to Renze Berg and the Bradenton CC for hosting our January Superintendent/Vendor Appreciation Day meeting and to Mel Hallack of Golf Ventures for the great barbecue spread. Mike McCulloch is ready for our return to Jacaranda West CC for the

2006 Suncoast Scramble in March. This is one of our major turf research fundraisers and we appreciate everyone’s support. We will be changing the site of our annual meeting and chapter championship to Imperial Lakewoods GC since Bob Gwodz will be busy with a reconstruction project at our traditional venue at the Sara Bay CC.

**TREASURE COAST**

First we are happy to report that we retained possession of the Cavanaugh & Wagner Cup from our joint meeting and golf match with the Palm Beach Chapter. Thanks Rob Kloska for hosting the event once again at Jupiter Island. Our January meeting was a dinner

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meeting with a roundtable discussion. The topic on the agenda was “Managing Ultradwarfs: type, mowing practices, cultural practices, chemical controls, fertility, diseases, insects and no till.” Our March meeting will be at Jim Hill’s Links at Pointe West and our speaker, Mickey Hester, will talk about personal finance. At our February Board meeting we approved the following donations to worthy causes: Citrus Elementary School Audubon Program, \$300; South Fork HS Summer Intern Program, \$3,120; FGCSA Turf Research, \$3,000. Mark your calendars for our annual Blue Pearl Tournament to be held at the Loxahatchee Club June 15.

**WEST COAST**

Congratulations to our own Jason Kubel from the TPC of Tampa Bay. Jason was one of the 2005 ELGA Chapter winners for Public Facilities presented at the GCSAA Conference in



*From the left: GCSAA Director Mark Kuhns, CGCS presents Jason Kubel of the TPC at Tampa Bay with an Environmental Leaders in Golf Award for Public Courses in the Chapter Division. Co-presenters were Barbara Booth of Rain Bird and Joe DiPaola of Syngenta. Photo by Joel Jackson*

Atlanta. Jason also recently hosted the Champions Tour’s Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am at his TPC at Tampa Bay course. Check out Jason’s letter in the Superintendent Journal section.

Thanks to Aaron Cook for hosting our January meeting at the Tampa Bay G&CC and for speaker Jim Mendenhall for his educational presentation on snakes. The granddaddy of all FWCGCSA meeting sites is Gerald Marquardt’s

Largo GC annual February meeting. Thanks, Gerald, for hosting this meeting for 20 years. We are hoping for a big turnout at our annual Benevolent Fund tournament in March being held at Kirk Sowers’ Wentworth Golf Club.

**FGCSA**

Congratulations to the following sons and daughters of FGCSA members who were 2005 Legacy Award winners. They each will receive \$1,500 scholarships from the GCSAA:

- **Ashley Bittner**, University

of Florida, daughter of Bob Bittner, CGCS, Pelican Bay, Everglades GCSA

- **Kevin Klauk**, University of Florida, Son of Glen Klauk (A), Pablo Creek GC, North Florida GCSA

- **Kelly Mongoven**, Florida State University, daughter of Mike Mongoven, CGCS, Shell Point GC, Calusa GCSA

- **Casey Wright**, Baylor University, daughter of Steve Wright, CGCS, Boca West CC, Palm Beach GCSA

So far in 2006, five FGCSA members have completed the requirements to become certified golf course superintendents. Our congratulations go out to:

- **Bryan Cannan**, CGCS, Worthington CC, Everglades GCSA

- **Lynn Davis III**, CGCS, Palatka Municipal GC, North Florida GCSA

- **Kevin Frost**, CGCS, Diplomat/Troon Golf, South Florida GCSA

- **Russ Myers**, CGCS, Card Sound GC, South Florida GCSA

- **Kyle Nygaard**, CGCS, Royal Wood G&CC, Everglades GCSA



*It’s not as easy as it looks. Instructor Ed Suarez (standing) puts assistants through their paces as he asks them to build a “working model of a team” using Lego blocks. Photo by Joel Jackson.*



*The first day of spring at GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, Kan. Marie Roberts and Joel Jackson got to see snow while attending a Chapter Leaders/Executives Symposium. Photo by Roger Goettsch, CGCS*