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Inc. earning a \$788 rebate check for the FGCSA Research Fund. Unfortunately that was the only club in the state to take advantage of the Blue Tag program last year.

Greg Freyermuth of Turf-Seed said, "We feel that there were several thousands of dollars that could have been dispersed to the FGCSA if the courses were better informed of this program."

The program was advertised in the FGCSA Green Sheet last fall and Freyermuth made a presentation to the FGCSA at the spring board meeting in Naples last year. Distributors are also aware of the program and should be bringing it to the attention of the golf-course customers.

Turf-Seed and Tee-2-Green pledge to contribute 50 cents for every Turf-Seed variety or mixture blue tag and/or \$1 for every Tee-2-Green PennPals variety or mixture blue tag turned in.

The blue tags are sewn on the bag to signify that each seed is certified. The tags must be removed from the bag and sent to Turf-Seed, Inc. with the name and location of the golf course. These funds are distributed to the state chapter to be used for research endowments and educational advancements.

"I would like to look into some way we could promote this program more vigorously," says Freyermuth. It has been in place for 10 years now.

FGCSA President Craig Weyandt agreed that we must come up with a way to create more awareness of this program, which is an easy way to benefit the industry.

If you have any questions about the program, contact Greg at 407-257-7325 or email at greg@turf-seed.com.



Terminator Meets Caddy Shack

New propane-oxygen injection systems like the Rodenator Pro units shown here have become very popular for controlling moles and other rodents on golf courses around the country. Oxygen mixed with propane is heavier than air and sinks into the rodents' tunnels and dens. When it's ignited it produces an expanding force traveling at 5,000 feet per second. The concussion collapses the tunnel network and produces first-pass kill rates up to 90 percent. The exterminator then follows up with trapping to get the surviving stragglers.

Plants of the Year

The first in the Plants of the Year series for 2006. The plants selected for this program have been found to be good performers in the Florida environment and require less maintenance and inputs. Here are two specimens for your consideration. Go to www.fngla.org for more information and suppliers who carry these plants.



Common name: African Blue Basil
Botanical name: *Ocimum kilimandscharicum* X *O. basilicum purpurascens*
Hardiness: Zones 8-10
Mature height and spread: 24-36 in.
Classification: annual, herb
Landscape use: Herb garden or as a fragrant ornamental
Characteristics: Developed by crossing camphor basil (*O. kilimandscharicum*) with purple basil (*O. basilicum purpurascens*), this herb prefers full sun and moist soil with erect purple blooms with a soft extruding flower. Its fragrant leaves can be used for culinary purposes.



Common name: Phalaenopsis Kaleidoscope
Botanical name: *Phalaenopsis* Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'
Hardiness: Zones 10-11
Mature height and spread: 15 in. and up
Classification: Tropical foliage
Landscape use: Accent plant for baskets, typically used indoors
Characteristics: Noted for its stunning coloring and abundant blooming, the flowers have red lips, reddish purple striping and a pale yellow background that starts as strong yellow and lightens as the bloom matures. This *Phalaenopsis* produces multiple flower spikes as it matures.