

FTGA Show Marks End of Summer

Chapters have weathered the summer and are falling into the busy golf season. Most chapters did not hold September meetings and instead encouraged their members to attend the FTGA Conference and Show to fulfill their networking and educational needs.

CALUSA: Our 9th Annual Pro-Super-Supplier tournament and meeting will be at Martin Wierengo's Gulf Harbour CC Oct. 11. This is one of our primary fundraisers for the year.

CENTRAL FLORIDA: Congratulations to our President Chris Cartin for winning the Crowfoot Open trophy at Grand Cypress this past August. We held our Memorial Tournament at Brett Harris's Lake Nona Club Sept. 17. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund. The team of Gene Stys, John Raycroft, Mike Sullivan and Jimmy Keufeld won the four-man scramble event.

COASTAL PLAINS: We are



Outgoing president Lon Chatfield, left, received a plaque from newly elected President Rip Phillips for service as president of the NFGCSA from 2005-2007.

looking forward to our November meeting at the St. James Bay Golf Club hosted by Shane Bass, CGCS.

EVERGLADES: Congratulations to FGCSA President's Award recipient Steve Durand of Harrell's Inc. Steve received the award at our annual meeting at the Twin Eagles GC hosted by Bob Volpe, CGCS. Our chapter is also happy to donate to the FGCSA Reception Fund for the farewell celebration for Marie Roberts who will be retiring as FGCSA Association Manager.

NORTH FLORIDA: At our Annual meeting in July we honored two of our members.

Butch Singo with Harrell's Inc. was presented the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Butch has served our chapter faithfully as education chairman for a number of years among other services to our chapter.

Outgoing president Lon Chatfield received a plaque from newly elected President Rip Phillips, for service as president of NFGCSA from 2005-2007.

In August we held a Golf BMP Manual Conference at the Timuquana C.C. with a panel of speakers from government and industry that talked about the various sections of the BMPs.

PALM BEACH: We had an outstanding annual meeting at Aberdeen. Many thanks to Brian Main and the entire staff for making it an outstanding day. We had a dash of excitement during the venomous snakes and reptiles of Florida education segment when the 8-foot king cobra got a little frisky. But handler Jim Mendenhal from Squamata Reptiles had things under control.

Steve Wright, CGCS hosted our annual joint meeting with the South Florida GCSA at BocaWest in August where we unsuccessfully tried to retain the Jimmy Blackledge trophy in our traditional Ryder Cup format match. Congratulations also to Steve's daughter Casey for earning a GCSAA Legacy Scholarship. Casey is studying architecture at Baylor University. In October we will be traveling north for our annual joint meeting with the Treasure Coast GCSA at the Jupiter Island Club.

SEVEN RIVERS: In July we helped IFAS put on the 2007 Field Days in Gainesville and Citra. Our August meeting was at Mike McNeil's Hernando Oaks G.C., and Ron Rood at Glen Lakes CC will host our October meeting. In November we will host our annual fishing trip outing on Crystal River.

SOUTH FLORIDA: Many thanks to Jason Bagwell for hosting for hosting our July meeting at the historic



From left: Dr. Laurie Trenholm, UF/IFAS; Jan Beljan, Fazio Golf Design, Warren Zwanka, SJRWMD; Mike Thomas, FLDEP; Joel Jackson, FGCSA; Katherine Pordeli, SJRWMD and Bob Cook, Williamsburg Environmental reviewed the history and highlights of the new Golf BMP Manual for members of the North Florida GCSA. Also participating was John Wildmon, LCCC. Photo by Rip Phillips.



New FGCSA Officers for 2007-08 are, from left: Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kistler, President Matt Taylor, CGCS and Vice President Shane Bass, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Westview CC. Seth Strickland won the President's Cup and then turned around and won the FTGA Golf Championship at Bonita Bay in September. Congrats

to our team for winning the Jimmy Blackledge Trophy at the joint meeting at Boca West with the Palm Beach Chapter. Our next big event will be our October

charity event, the Missing & Exploited Children's Tournament at Colony West hosted by Dale Kuehner, CGCS.

SUNCOAST: September was a busy month for us with our Annual Pro/Superintendent/Supplier Tournament at Bill Tyde's Mission Valley CC a week after the FTGA Conference. The week after that we will be holding our 12th Annual Make a Wish Golf Tournament at Robby Robertson's Bird Bay G.C. On Nov. 4 we will host an outing to the NFL Tampa Bay Bucs vs. Arizona Cardinals game. Later in November (TBA) we will hold our meeting at the Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande thanks to host Jeff Strother.

TREASURE COAST: Thanks to our successful fundraising efforts during the year, President John Curran is pleased to announce a \$5,000 donation to the FGCSA Research Account. Additionally our chapter is donating to the FGCSA Reception in honor of Marie Roberts.

WEST COAST: We are looking forward to our annual fall events like the Bud Quandt Tournament in October at the Tampa Palms G&CC, our monthly meeting at Isla del Sol in November and our Vendor Appreciation Day in December.

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After a lot of recent questions about pending retirements of our FGCSA staff let's set the record

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straight. Marie Roberts is retiring from service at the state level. She will continue to serve both the Palm Beach and South Florida Chapters. As noted in Matt Taylor's President's Message, the FGCSA search committee narrowed down 42 resumes to four possible candidates and, after interviews in August, made an offer to Jennifer Innes. Jennifer resides in Jensen Beach a scant four miles from Marie. She will begin her formal training with Marie on Oct. 1. Jennifer attended the FTGA Conference in September to meet and greet members, vendors and other industry leaders.

At the same time Joel Jackson will assume the title of Executive Director of the



FGCSA directors for 2007-08, from left: Mark Kann, Kelly Cragin, Rip Phillips, John Curran, Tom Barnett, Nancy Miller, Gary Myers, CGCS and Wayne Kappauf, CGCS. Not pictured, Bob Wagner and Kevin Downing, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson

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President Matt Taylor, CGCS checks in with Jennifer Innes and Marie Roberts at the FGCSA booth at the FTGA Trade Show. Jennifer is in training to replace Marie when she retires later this year. Photo by Joel Jackson.

FGCSA. While Joel will still be focused on large-scale issues like government,

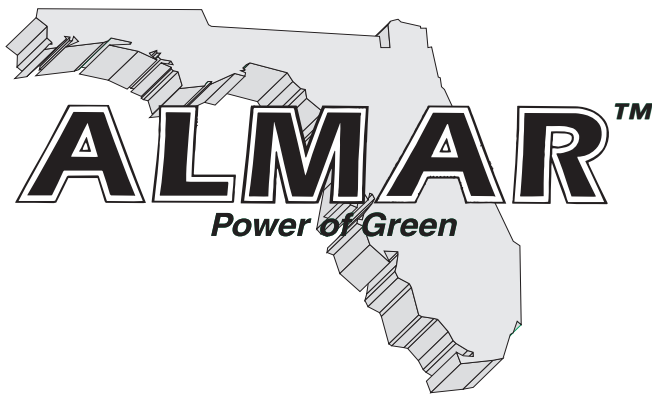
media, public and allied industry relations, he will also take a more active role

in internal affairs working with Jennifer and the board on publications, membership

growth, member and chapter services and non-dues revenue projects. So Joel is not retiring any time soon.

Please welcome the 2007-08 FGCSA officers and directors recently elected at the annual meeting Aug. 3 at Grand Cypress in Orlando: President Matt Taylor, CGCS; Vice President Shane Bass, CGCS and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kistler (A). Shane and Bill will also serve as their chapters' external vice presidents and FGCSA directors.

Directors are Nancy Miller, Calusa; Gary Myers, CGCS, Central Florida; Shane Bass, CGCS, Coastal Plains; Wayne Kappauf, CGCS, Everglades; Rip Phillips, North Florida; Kevin Downing, Palm Beach;



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FGCSA Association Manager Marie Roberts received a bouquet of flowers at the annual meeting from Tom Alex and Lisa McDowell of Grand Cypress in token of her service and likely her last FGCSA Board meeting at their conference center. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Tom Barnett, Ridge; Mark Kann, Seven Rivers; Kelly Cragin, South Florida; Bob Wagner, Suncoast; John Curran, Treasure Coast and Bill Kistler, West Coast.

The FGCSA has donated \$500 to the Ag Institute of Florida's public relations campaign designed to survey and define the actual public perceptions about Florida's agriculture and green industries. After the data are gathered, talking points, written materials and public service messages will be created and disseminated to target audiences including the general public, lawmakers and the media. This initiative is being mounted to have an arsenal of prepared facts to not only defend against unfounded attacks on our industry but

to also do some positive pre-emptive education. All 12 FGCSA chapters have been asked to support this effort with small donations.

We'd like to thank those superintendents from various chapters who have attended recent county commission and water management district meetings to discuss local fertilizer ordinances and watering restrictions. By speaking up and presenting facts to counter unfounded allegations about golf course operations, these superintendents have helped bring common sense and fairness to the discussions. But we need more general managers and club members to get involved as citizens and community leaders to help guide public policy concerning natural resources and golf courses.

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31ST ANNUAL CROWFOOT OPEN

Sizzling President Shoots Cool 70

It was a scorching hot day Aug. 4 when a full field of golfers teed it up on the North and East Nines at the Grand Cypress Golf Club in Orlando to contend for medalist honors and a spot on the FGCSA team in the GCSAA Golf Championship. There was also a two-man scramble event for those seeking more fun than glory. In the end most players wilted except Central Florida's own President Chris Cartin who carded a 2-under par 70 to beat his nearest competitor, Seth Strickland by six shots. Trailing Strickland's 76 was Jim Torba at 79 and Steve Wright with an 80.

In the Net Division, Dave Hoggard from Citrus Hills finished first with -3 in the Stableford points event. Top vendor was Gary Wilhelm with 78. Scramble team winners were Ryan and Jason Peters in the A Flight and Bobby "Darkside" Ellis and partner Travis Wellman in the B Flight.

Skillful golfers included "Atomic" Tommy Land, long drive winner and closest-to-the-pin winners Dale Dexter, Travis Wellman, Jeff Klontz and Mike Gwaltney.

On a more serious note, the Crowfoot Open Committee named Chuck Garrett from Florida Irrigation as the 2007 Larry Kamphaus Award Winner. The award is alternated between Central Florida chapter superintendent and supplier members and given in recognition to outstanding service to the chapter, the industry and community.



Chris Cartin, superintendent of the Tuscowilla CC won the 2007 Crowfoot Open with a cool 70 on a sizzling hot day. Photo by Joel Jackson.



12-year old Robert Jennings shown here with his dad, T. J. Swaford, and brother, James Swaford, won the Sunday morning fishing contest. He not only caught the biggest fish, he caught the only fish. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: Tom Alex and Vilma Kamphaus congratulate Florida Irrigation's Chuck Garrett as the 2007 Larry Kamphaus Award recipient during the Crowfoot Reception Aug. 4 in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Stephen Fox from the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, left, and host superintendent and Crowfoot Open Chairman Tom Alex teamed up to win the Sunday Shoot Out. Photo by Joel Jackson.

PRESIDENTS AWARDS

Chapters Honor Lifetime Service

North Florida Chapter Says, 'Dwight Got It Right!'

In a career spanning 34 years so far, Dwight "Butch" Singo has been from Lake Placid to Jacksonville and a few stops in between. Singo began his career at the Sun 'N Lake Executive Golf Course in 1973 in Lake Placid. A few years later his company opened the Sun 'N Lake Resort of Sebring and Singo transferred to head up the new operation where he remained for four more years.

In 1979 Singo moved to Winter Springs to take over the Big Cypress Golf Club working with Dr. Harry Day. Big Cypress was originally the Devlin-Von Hagge course called Sheoah G.C.

Even in his early days Singo was volunteering and long before the Ridge Chapter was born, Singo commuted to the Orlando area to serve on the Central



President Lon Chatfield proudly presents Dwight "Butch" Singo with a 2007 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service at the chapter's annual meeting in Jacksonville for his 16 years of service to the North Florida GCSA.

Florida GCSA Board of Directors beginning in 1975. Once in central Florida, Singo moved through the board and officer chairs to become chapter president in 1979.

In 1984 Singo went to work for Vigoro Industries. Who doesn't remember Par Ex products? Well maybe not the young whipper snappers. After nine years with Vigoro, Singo accepted a sales representative position with

Harrell's Inc. in 1993. He been there 14 years and Singo says he hopefully expects to retire from Harrell's.

Beside his tenure as an officer and board member of the Central Florida Chapter, Singo served on the Crowfoot Committee for approximately five years before becoming a commercial member and board member of the North Florida GCSA for the past 16 years. Singo has been handling chapter meeting

Singo previously has been awarded the Larry Kamphaus and Jack Harrell Sr. Awards for Lifetime Service

reservations for at least the past 12 years.

Singo's service has not gone unnoticed by his peers in the industry. In August 2005 he was given the Central Florida Crowfoot Open Larry Kamphaus Award; in December 2006 he was presented the Jack Harrell Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award; and this year the North Florida Chapter has presented him with the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service.

A man's character and his actions tell the whole story. The quiet unassuming steady and dependable Butch Singo has been getting it right for a long time and his friends in the North Florida wanted to add their thanks and recognition for a job well done.

Everglades Recognizes Durand's 4 Decades

By Wayne Kappauf, CGCS

On July 12, the Everglades GCSA held its annual meeting at Twin Eagles Country Club in

Naples. Long time FGCSA and Everglades member Steven Durand was given the FGCSA's Presidents Award for Lifetime Service.

Outgoing Everglades President Billy Davidson made the presentation and gave an emotional account of Durand's service to the industry and his own personal history with Steve.

Steve Durand has been

in the turf industry for over 30 years and has been a superintendent in four states and in four different decades. Originally from the Northeast,

Steve made his way to Florida in the 80's and never looked back.

Steve has experience from both sides of the superintendent's desk and is currently one of

Now with Harrell's, Steve Durand has been a superintendent in four states over four different decades

Harrell Fertilizer's top representatives. Prior to his Harrell's position, Steve was superintendent at Quail



At the EGCSA Annual Meeting President Billy Davidson (left) paid tribute to veteran superintendent Steve Durand in his remarks and presented him with a 2007 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service.

Creek Country Club in Naples for 13 years. During this period he served on the Everglades Board of Directors and is a past president of the chapter.

Steve's wife Vicki attended the meeting and was thrilled to see her husband so warmly received by nearly a hundred of his peers and friends.

Steven Durand has made his mark on the golf course industry and we all know he had a great time doing it.

From all of us who have known and worked with Steve over the years we say, "Thank you for your service and friendship and congratulations on receiving the 2007 FGCSA's Presidents Award."



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