



Newly elected Florida GCSA officers, from left: Secretary/Treasurer Gary Myers CGCS, Walt Disney World, Central Florida GCSA; Immediate Past President Matt Taylor CGCS, Royal Poinciana GC, Everglades GCSA; President Shane Bass CGCS, St. James Bay GC, Seven Rivers GCSA formerly Coastal Plains GCSA; and Vice President Bill Kistler (A), Tampa Palms G&CC, West Coast GCSA. Photo by Joel Jackson



The 2008-09 directors and their chapters includes, from left: Steve Pearson CGCS, Palm Beach; Kevin Sunderman (A), West Coast; Rip Phillips (A), North Florida; Tom Barnett (A), Ridge; Wayne Kappauf CGCS, Everglades; Kelly Cragin (A), South Florida, Mark Kann (A), Seven Rivers and Roy MacDonald (A), Treasure Coast. Not pictured: Nancy Miller (A), Calusa and Bob Wagner (A), Suncoast



From left: Capt. Bob Jacks, John Spiwak, Matt Schad, AJ White, Tim Whitaker, and Bill Rayside on the "Teri Ann" took the heaviest dolphin in the PBGCSA Fishing Tournament.

## Summer Isn't Slow Season – It's GO Season

Golf rounds may be slow during the dog days, but summer projects are on GO at many courses as play traditionally slows down.

FGCSA activity also slows, except for The Palm Beach Futures of Golf and Fishing Tournament in June and Central Florida Crowfoot Open in August, two large fundraising and networking events.

In Palm Beach, the Future of Golf returned to Steve



Winning the Palm Beach Fishing Tournament Top Boat and Heaviest Kingfish prizes was the "One & Done" with, from left, Mike Robertson, Brian Sanders, Jimmy Lane, Captain Mike Carver, Jason Maret and David Tandy.



Crowfoot Committee Chairman and Host Tom Alex, left, roasted and toasted the 2008 Larry Kamphaus Award winner Stuart Leventhal, CGCS as Vilma Kamphaus joins in the presentation in August. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Winners of the Palm Beach Future of Golf Tournament at The Falls CC were James Ferber, Jeff Egolf, Frank McKee and Paul Crespo with a net score of 57.

Pearson at The Falls CC after a one-year hiatus for renovation.

Meanwhile, Admiral Ed Miller and Commodore Paul Crawford reported a great haul for the angling fleet that set sail from the Blowing Rocks Marina in Jupiter.

Monthly chapter meetings continued through the summer with annual meetings and election of local chapter officers in July.

Grand Cypress Resort Conference Center in Orlando was the site of the FGCSA summer and annual board meetings, including the election of officers, Aug. 8.

The 32nd Central Florida Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open golf tournament took place on the Grand Cypress New Course the next day, followed by the Awards Reception. Crowfoot Chairman Tom Alex (aka Don Rickles) emceed the reception and paid tribute to tournament namesake, the late Larry Kamphaus and his work, association and family values. Then Alex proceeded to roast and toast this year's award winner, Stuart Leventhal, CGCS from the Interlachen Country Club.



SFGCSA President Ted Hile, left, and Immediate Past President Jason Bagwell, right, present a \$25,000 donation from the proceeds of the 2008 South Florida Turf Expo to John Rowland and Dr. George Snyder from UF/IFAS for the Ft. Lauderdale REC.



Living up to their annual tradition of donating \$3,000 each to the FGCSA and FTGA turf research funds, GASH reps Richard Coyle, left, and Dale Mitchell delivered the FGCSA check to President Shane Bass CGCS at the summer board meeting at Grand Cypress in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.

**2008 CROWFOOT OPEN**

**Superintendent Gross:** 1. Steve Bernard, 2. Stephen Fox, 3. Rob Torri, and 4. Seth Strickland.

**Superintendent Net:** 1. Tom Alex, 2. Rafael Villegeas, 3. Joe Pantaleo and 4. Gary Newcomb

**Vendor Gross:** 1. John Swaner, 2. Jayce Rammage, 3. Billy Browning and 4. Billy Griffith

**Vendor Net Individual:** 1. Chris Leahy, 2. Brad Reano, 3. Richard Coyle and 4. Chuck Garrett

**TWO-MAN SCRAMBLE**  
**Flight A:** 1. Gary Dorsch and



*Steve Bernard won the Crowfoot Open. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

John Gamble; 2. Kevin Czerkies and Nicholas Czerkies

**Flight B:** 1. Don McCommon and Todd Walsworth; 2. Carl Benedict and Jim Kernohan.

Steve Bernard of the Adios Golf Club won the individual tournament with a score of 70. Bernard will join Seth Strickland, winner of the Poa Annuu Classic, on the FGCSA team to compete in the GCSAA National

Golf Championship in Gulf Shores, Ala. in February.

Fall began with the FTGA Conference and Show Sept. 16-19 and many chapters held no meetings that month so that superintendents could reserve "away" time to attend



*FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson (left) presented Past President Craig Weyandt with a bound copy of the issues of the Florida Green for his second term as president as he now leaves the board. Photo by Shane Bass.*

the major education and trade-show event, held this year in Palm Beach Gardens at the PGA Resort and Spa.

**Mark Black Gets President's Award**

The Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association gave the President's Award to J. Mark Black, CGCS July 10. He received the award at the chapter's annual meeting at Kensington G&CC. Black has been a superintendent in Collier County for more than 24 years. Currently at Quail West G&CC, Black began his career as an assistant to Dan Hall Jr. at Imperial GC in Naples.

A Lake City Community College graduate, Black landed his first superintendent's position as director of golf course operations for the Bonita Bay Group. He has said for more than 20 years that

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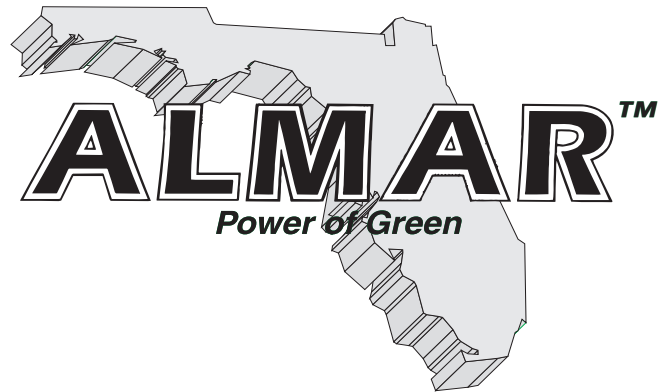
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Bill Gamble of Wesco Turf, a longtime friend who presented the President's Award to Black, praised the commitment and love he has shown for his family. His mother and wife, Sue, attended the award ceremony.

the key to his success was providing his members a course that was "tournament ready" every day. Quail West has hosted the PGA Champions Tour ACE Classic the past two years.

Equally impressive is the growing list of his assistants who have made their own marks on the industry. Among them are FGCSA Immediate Past President Matthew R. Taylor CGCS and the late Rick Tatum .

Active in all many superintendent organizations, Black is former EGCSA president and GCSAA committee member. He has spoken to groups on behalf of the USGA, GCSAA, The Club Managers Association and others.

Bill Gamble of Wesco

Turf, a longtime friend, presented the President's Award to Black.

-Wayne Kappauf



Shane Bass CGCS.

## Shane Bass Wears Many Hats

Shane Bass, CGCS is wearing many hats these days.

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*The wildflowers are in full bloom in the natural areas on the 16th hole. Photo by Shane Bass*

Not only is he the new FGCSA president, he also happens to also be the superintendent and assistant general manager at the St. James Golf Club. You can also throw in “coach” if you count his son Bryce’s T-ball

and soccer teams.

Originally from Titusville, Bass now lives with his wife Karla and sons Bryce, 6 and Ethan, 2 just a block from his office on the St. James Bay property in Carrabelle.

Bass has a B.S. in psychol-

ogy from Florida State and a B.S. in ornamental horticulture from Florida A&M. He worked on the Killlearn CC in Tallahassee while getting his college degrees, but his original interest in the golf industry was sparked while working as a cart boy at the Royal Oaks CC in Titusville while in high school. Influenced by GM/pro Steve Hill, Bass originally went to FSU to become a general manager.

But while attending school he got a job on the Killlearn course to help prepare for an LPGA event. Working for superintendents Geri Bucheit and Floyd Robinson changed his mind and he went back to school at Florida A&M to get his horticulture degree.

Bass said of his mentors, “Floyd was old school and had been in the business for 30-plus years and Geri was a Texas A&M grad with lots of PGA and LPGA tournament experience. I had a great learning atmosphere of the old and new ways of doing things. I also owe a big debt of thanks to my parents who taught me never to quit on anything, no matter how difficult it might be.”

Bass has been at the St. James Bay Golf Club since 2001 and serves not only as the superintendent but also as the assistant general manager for the development. He says his biggest accomplishment to date was opening the golf course, getting his CGCS status and certifying

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*Dawn breaks on the 1st hole at the St. James Bay G.C. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

the course as an ACSP Silver Sanctuary all in the same year.

Since then Bass has been busy getting the whole St. James project certified as a FireWise Community, which involved cutting fire breaks around the property and conducting a

control-burn program on undeveloped lots and natural area on the course.

Bass hopes to get Bryce's school into the Audubon Sanctuary program now that the FireWise project is established. For his own relaxation he enjoys fishing, surfing and golf.

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## TS Fay Dumps Lots of Water

Tropical Storm Fay dominated Florida's weather and TV coverage for more than a week in late August. The GCSAA even called to remind everyone that they stood ready to offer financial assistance to any members suffering hardships from the storm.

Darren Davis shared a photo, reporting that his Olde Florida GC received 12-14 inches of rainfall, which caused some flooding. Davis also shared a video of crew members hosing silt and debris off fairways.

A few reports came from east Central Florida where Fay stalled for a day or so, dumping 24-33 inches of rain in Brevard County:

### VIERA EAST GC

Yes we were flooded; we took on just under 20 inches over here at Viera East GC. I had my guys work all Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 22-24) to make up for lost time. We only had two trees down, a lot of debris, mostly just a bunch of rain. The storm stalled right over us, I was able to open the front nine yesterday (Aug. 26) at noon, and the back will not be open till probably first of next week (Labor Day). I still have Three cart paths holding 4-8 inches of water on them. I also have about 100 pictures of the storm from start to finish. Some really good ideas for future plans down the road.

*Scott Mosher,*  
Superintendent



*Is this a water hazard or a bunker at the Olde Florida GC? Thanks to Tropical Storm Fay it's hard to tell. Photo by Darren Davis*

### MANATEE COVE GC

My course flooded. I'm at Manatee Cove GC on Patrick AFB. We had 26 inches of rain. We were closed from Tuesday, Aug. 19 through today, Aug. 27. We are re-opening tomorrow.

*Kevin Czerkies, CGCS*

There was also a report that the DeBary G.C. had half of a green washed away. The Deltona – DeBary area of western Volusia County still has lots of standing flood water in residential areas as well.



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