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FGCSA Members Make Headlines at GCSAA Conference and Golf Industry Show



Opening day of the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans looked almost normal, but when the week was over, total numbers were predictably lower than the past few years as the recession took its toll on attendance and participation. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Superintendent Craig Weyandt shared how he organizes and conducts nature walks on his golf course at one of the GCSAA Innovative Superintendent sessions. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Bob Randquist, CGCS was elected GCSAA Secretary-Treasurer at the 2009 GCSAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Randquist is the director the golf course and grounds at the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton. Randquist had served two terms on the Board of Directors. GCSAA photo.



GCSAA Champion Seth Strickland, left, from Miami Shores CC, met with U.S. Ryder Cup Captain and Opening Session keynote speaker Paul Azinger before receiving the trophy for his second national championship in a row. Photo by Bruce Mathews. Courtesy of GCSAA.



Tim Hiers, CGCS, left, first president of the Florida GCSA, was recognized with the 2009 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award by GCSAA President David Downing, CGCS during the Opening Session at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. GCSAA photo by Bruce Mathews.

People, Donations and a New Golf Gadget



FTGA President Todd Himelberger and Ralph Dain, GCSAA's newest field representative, now serving Florida, made presentations at the Central Florida Turf Research Tournament at the Interlachen CC. The annual event has raised more than \$70,000 for turf research. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: USGA Agronomist Todd Lowe demonstrates the Tru-Firm device invented by the USGA equipment testing department to TPC Treviso Bay Superintendent Todd Draffen and PGA Tour Agronomist Collier Miller during the Ace Group PGA Champions Tour event in Naples in February. USGA Green Section Florida Region Director John Foy looks on. Photo by Joel Jackson.



The Palm Beach GCSA kicked off the 2009 turf research fundraising season by presenting a \$10,000 check at the FGCSA winter board meeting in January at Disney World. Pictured from the left are: PBGCSA President Kevin Downing, CGCS, FGCSA President Shane Bass, CGCS and PGCSA External VP Steve Pearson, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: General Manager Tony Johnson and Superintendent Barry Shuman from the Timacuan CC in Longwood captured the 2009 Central Florida Research Tournament hosted by the Interlachen CC in Winter Park in January. The two-man scramble pairs superintendents and club officials. Photo by Joel Jackson.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FGCSA Chapter Events

MAY

- May 4 or 11 – Treasure Coast GCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, The Medalist Club
- May 7 – FGCSA Spring Board Meeting, Naples Beach Hotel
- May 8 – USGA Workshop/FGCSA Seminar 8 a.m.-Noon, Naples Beach Hotel
- May 8 – GC Horn Endowment Tournament, Naples Grande GC
- May 9 – Poa Annu Golf Tournaments: Classic at Naples Grande GC and Scramble at Naples Beach Hotel GC
- May 9 – Poa Annu Luau Dinner, Naples Beach Hotel 6 p.m.
- May 18 – Central Florida GCSA, Chapter Championship: Orange County National GC
- May 20 – UF/IFAS Turf Field Day, Plant Science Center, Citra
- May 30 – Palm Beach GCSA Fishing Tournament

JUNE

- June 4 – Everglades GCSA Vendor Appreciation Day, Wyndermere G.C.
- June 6 – Palm Beach GCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC
- June 15 – Central Florida GCSA Meeting, The Legacy Club
- June 18 – Seven Rivers GCSA Annual Meeting, Candler Hills GC

JULY

- July 20 – Central Florida GCSA Annual Meeting, Dubsdread GC
- TBA – Everglades GCSA Annual Meeting

AUGUST

- Aug 7 – FGCSA Annual Meeting, Disney's Osprey Ridge GC
- Aug 8 – Central Florida GCSA Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Reunion Resort