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Fun Fundraisers in the Limelight



Suncoast President Bill Tyde, center, presented \$2,500 turf research checks to FTGA President Todd Himmelberger, right, and FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson at the 2009 Suncoast Scramble. Photo by Lee Crosby.

THE SUNCOAST SCRAMBLE is 27 years old and going strong. The 2009 tournament was another successful inclusive event for golfing, networking and turf research. The Suncoast Chapter presented checks of \$2,500 each to the FGCSA Research Account and the FTGA Research Foundation. The Suncoast GCSA donated an additional \$2,500 through the FGCSA to be used for the Florida Turfgrass Industry's Economic Impact Study being organized by the FTGA. On the golf side, congratulations to the team from Pelican Pointe GC – Dan Haubein, superintendent; Bill Neal, golf professional; Tom Weaver, club official and Eastland Collen, supplier – for winning the tournament.



Ridge Vice President Scott Scamehorn, left, congratulates Gary Newcomb on his victory in the 2009 Jack Harrell, Sr. Memorial Invitational. Photo by Joel Jackson.

RIDGE INVITATIONAL Gary Newcomb, superintendent of the Big Cypress G.C. in Lakeland, won the 18th Annual Jack Harrell Sr. Ridge GCSA Invitational March 9 at the Club at Eaglebrooke, also in Lakeland. The warm, sunny day was ideal for golf and so were the course conditions, thanks to host superintendent Alan Puckett and his staff. While the scores were being tallied during the barbecue dinner following golf, FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson updated the group on all the government relations issues facing the industry.

SOUTH FLORIDA TURF EXPO John Cisar, Ph.D. at the UF/IFAS Research and Education Center in Ft. Lauderdale told the 400-some attendees of the 2009 South Florida Turf Expo and Field Day that it was 22 years ago that the first Expo took place, thanks in large part to the organizational efforts and funding from the Palm Beach and South Florida chapters of the FGCSA. Those chapters cooperated with IFAS and the Florida GCSA to provide materials, expertise and funding to establish the Otto Schmiesser Research Green and to continue to provide funds for the upkeep of the research plots.



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SPOTLIGHT



Expo honchos UF's John Cisar, Ph.D. and South Florida GCSA's Marie Roberts. Photo by Joel Jackson.

On March 26 of this year members of the turf community in South Florida celebrated another year of progress and information on turfgrass management and environmental stewardship with guided tours of the research plots, equipment

demonstrations, a products exposition and classroom and hands on presentations and training.

NORTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Superintendent Greg Tharp of the Jacksonville G&CC once again stepped up to host the 17 Annual NFGCSA Memorial Scholarship Tournament honoring Mike Richards and Alan MacCurrach, Jr. April 13. At this event the chapter also recognizes outstanding service to the chapter and the community by presenting the Keeper of the Green Award. This year's recipient was Clayton Estes from the San Jose CC. Estes has been a leader in the association and

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NFGCSA member Brent Holmes, (left), roasted and presented San Jose CC superintendent Clayton Estes with the 2009 Keeper of the Green Award at this year's Memorial event. Photo by Joel Jackson.

also a mentor to young people in the business who have gone on to become superintendents. John Piersol, director of the Golf and Landscape Operations program at Lake City State College was on hand to thank the chapter for its

annual donation to the General Scholarship Fund.

EVERGLADES SPRING SYMPOSIUM

The Everglades Chapter assembled another dynamite roster of speakers for its annual Spring Symposium April 16. Speakers from all over the state and the US presented a full day of



At the 2009 NFGCSA Memorial Tournament John Piersol, right, thanked President Mike Stevens and the NFGCSA members for their annual donation to the Lake City scholarship fund. Photo by Joel Jackson.



2009 Everglades Spring Symposium speakers included from left: Bob Randquist, CGCS, UF's Laurie Trenholm, Ph.D, Michigan State University's Tom Nikolai, PhD, and Clemson's Bruce Martin, PhD. Photo by Joel Jackson.

education at the Naples Beach Hotel. Highlights included a presentation on bunker maintenance from our own Bob Randquist, CGCS of Boca Rio GC. Randquist is also Secretary/ Treasurer of the GCSAA and will be running for vice president at the 2009 GIS in San Diego.

from all over the state, this event has raised more than \$600,000 for turfgrass research and support for the Envirotron Lab at the University of Florida. As usual the sponsors and volunteers put on another great event culminating with a steak-and-shrimp awards dinner under the big tent.

JEFF HAYDEN ENVIROTRON CLASSIC

The 17th annual event was held April 13 at the World Woods GC, which has been the site for all the tournaments. Thanks to superintendent James "Jimbo" Rawlings and his staff for having the courses in great shape for the event. Using all 36 holes at the course and drawing teams

2009 POA ANNUA, BLUE PEARL EVENTS

Thankfully the late April showers and especially the record setting May showers held off for the Everglades Poa Annuia Classic and the Treasure Coast Blue Pearl events, but they did ease the threat of water restrictions. The Florida GCSA held its spring board meeting and hosted a USGA Workshop

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- AUG 7 FGCSA Annual Meeting, Disney's Osprey Ridge GC
- AUG 8 CFGCSA – Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Grand Cypress Resort
- AUG 10 FWCGCSA – Pro-Superintendent Tournament, Cypress Run GC

SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 14 CFGCSA Memorial Scholarship Tournament, North Shore Golf Club, Orlando
- SEPT 14 FWCGCSA Monthly Meeting, Isla Del Sol Y&CC
- SEPT 16-19 FTGA Conference and Show, PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens

OCTOBER

- OCT 5 FWCGCSA – Bud Quandt Tournament, Tampa Palms G&CC
- OCT 12 CFGCSA Monthly Meeting, Venetian Bay Golf Club, Orlando
- OCT 14 EGCSA – Pro/Superintendent Tournament, La Playa GC
- OCT 22 Joint Meeting of TCGCSA and PBGCSA, Jupiter Island Club



2009 Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Classic. from left: Tournament Chairman Glenn Oberlander, Golf Ventures' Walt McMahon, Cary Lewis and Debbie Nipper and SRGCSA President Jim Shaffer. Photo by Joel Jackson.



FGCSA President Shane Bass, CGCS, left, received a \$5,000 check for turf research from Mark Kann of the Seven Rivers GCSA at the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

on Managing Turf in Tough Economic Times at this annual April event. The Everglades GCSA hosted three golf outings: the GC Horn Memorial Endowment Tournament on Friday after the education workshop and the Poa Annua Classic for serious golfers and the Poa Annua Scramble for the rest of us.

Mark Henderson from the Gulfstream Golf Club won the individual title and a spot on the Florida GCSA team to compete at the GCSAA Golf Championship in Palm Springs next February. The Chapter title was won by the South Florida team of Stephen Fox, Robert Harper, Joe Pantaleo and Seth Strickland. And last but not least the best of the



Past President Craig Weyandt from The Moorings Club in Vero Beach was presented the 2009 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award during the Past President's Dinner in Naples May 7. Photo by Joel Jackson.

GOLFING GREATS FROM ACROSS THE STATE...



North Florida Memorial Tournament Low Gross winners from left: Matt Howes, Steve Sorrell, Doug Merkel, and Bob Jones



Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Classic Low Gross Team on Rolling Oaks from left: John Lavan, Mike Kenovich, Bill Scheese and Steve Phillips.



Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Pine Barrens Low Gross Team from left: Gary Geiger, Roger Hrubby, Dan Morgan and Terry Morgan



Treasure Coast Blue Pearl Tournament Low Gross Team from left: Mark Heater, Wes Dillard, Kevin Downing and Tommy Aeillo



John Foy, left, director of the USGA Green Section, Florida Region and his wife Shelly were awarded the 2009 Marie Roberts Award for Lifetime Service to the members of the Florida golf industry. FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson made the presentations in Naples at the FGCSA Past Presidents Dinner. Photo by Todd Lowe.

Poa Scramblers was the team of Lance Allen, Dick Bessire, Kevin Scott and Odell Spainhour.

Blue Pearl Environmental Charity Tournament The Treasure Coast GCSA held its 2009 event at the Hawk's Nest Golf Club May 18. This event provides funding for local environmental projects, education and

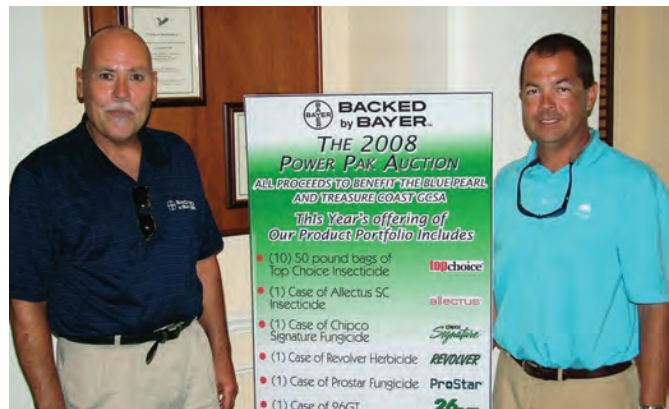
research. The winning teams this year: Low Gross – Mark Heater, Wes Dillard, Kevin Downing and Tommy Aeillo; Low Net – Bobby Wallace, Roger Edling, Craig Maret and Mike Carver. During the Blue Pearl awards reception after golf, Johns Island West Superintendent John Curran won the bidding



Everglades GCSA Past President Corey McDonough congratulates Mark Henderson on winning the 2009 Poa Annua Golf Classic at the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

in the annual Bayer Power Pak Auction hosted by

Brian MacCurrach of Bayer Environmental Sciences.



Brian MacCurrach, left, hosted the annual Power Pak Auction at the Blue Pearl Tournament and John Curran from John's Island West made the winning bid. Photo by Gary Chaney.

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