

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.

# 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

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.

## 2009 POA ANNUA, BLUE PEARL EVENTS

Thankfully the late April showers and especially the record setting May showers held off for the Everglades Poa Annua 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 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.

### 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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

#### **S**EPTEMBER

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

#### **O**CTOBER

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

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