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Somebody, Turn Down the Heat!

From the coldest winter in 50 years to the hottest summer in 30 years, 2010 will go down as a record year. Mother Nature threw all sorts of curve balls and screw balls at golfmaintenance crews across Florida and the nation. These radical temperature fluctuations sure play havoc with those man-made climate change statistics don't they? They remind us that these changes come in cycles over time regardless of man's activity.

One thing that has remained constant is the vendor and superintendent support for all the FGCSA chapter events that do so much for turf research and local charities. Let's turn the Florida Green Spotlight on some of those events that took place this past summer.

FUTURE OF GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 30th Anniversary of the Palm Beach GCSA's Future of Golf Tournament was the best to date. Even though recent rains had softened the course, the field of 156 players was able to play without any stormy interruption. The only tough part of the day was the heat. Playing in 97-degree weather, no wind, 98 percent humidity and a heat index of 112 degrees definitely had everyone diving for the liquid refreshments. It was hot, hot, and hot!

The course was in excellent shape and the players complimented host superintendent, Steve Pearson CGCS, and his staff for putting on another wonderful tournament. After golf attendees enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner prepared by The Falls CC F&B department.

Once again the chapter benefited from great industry sponsorship and member participation by raising \$28,000 for turfgrass research, scholarships and junior golf. The Future of Golf Tournament has raised over threequarters of a million dollars in the 30 years of the tournament's existence.

The Power Pak Auction by Brian MacCurrach of Bayer Environmental Science raised a record \$6,400 for the products package with all of the money going to the event. In addition to Bayer, Hector Turf (Toro), ShowTurf of South Florida (John Deere) and Kilpatrick Turf



Newly elected 2010-2011 FGCSA Officers (l-r): Vice President Mark Kann, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Miller, President Gary Myers CGCS, and Immediate Past President Bill Kistler. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Richard Colyer (left) and Dale Mitchell (right) of GASH presented their annual \$3,000 check to FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson at the Crowfoot Reception. They will make an equal donation to the FTGA Foundation at the Conference and Show. They have been doing this since 1994. You do the math. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Equipment and Irrigation (Jacobsen) were Diamond Sponsors. It was a successful day for everyone.

CROWFOOT OPEN

Traditionally the last big event of the summer is the Central Florida Chapter's Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot



Winners of the Vendor and Superintendent Divisions of the Crowfoot Open were John Swaner (left) of Golf Agronomics (GASH) and Mark Henderson, Gulfstream GC in Palm Beach. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Open held in the Orlando area. Once again Grand Cypress Resort hosted the event and the full field of golfers enjoyed the excellent conditions on all courses, which are a trademark of this facility. But the weekend is about more than just golf. Preceding the festivities, the Florida GCSA holds its Summer Board and Annual Meetings. Final budget approval for the new fiscal year and the election of new officers are two main agenda items including all the new and old business

discussions.

Two of the new items unveiled at the meeting were the new FGCSA **Industry Partners** Program which will allow advertisers and sponsors of FGCSA publications and events to sign up for various partnership levels crafted to meet the participation needs of old and new sponsors. Also in the works is a new FGCSA interactive Web site which is

currently under construction by Cyber Golf, a group used successfully by several of our peer associations.

Following the morning board meeting, the Central Florida Chapter hosted a half-day education seminar

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Nov 9	FWCGCSA Chapter Meeting,
	Lexington Oaks GC
Nov 14	Suncoast Chapters Tampa Bay Bucs
	Game Bus Trip
Nov 15	Everglades Chapter Meeting,
	Old Collier GC
Nov 18	Calusa Chapter Meeting, Colonial CC
TBA	Seven Rivers Annual Fishing Trip
TBA	NFGCSA Education Conference

DECEMBER

D EC 10	SFGCSA Meeting, Miami Shores GC
D EC 10	12th Suncoast Annual Family
	Christmas Getaway Weekend,
	Gasparilla Island
D EC 14	WCGCSA Proposed Vendor
	Appreciation Day, TPC Tampa Bay
D EC 16	EGCSA Christmas Tournament, Quail
	West CC
TBA	Calusa - Annual Christmas Charity
	Tournament, TBA
TBA	NFGCSA Christmas Meeting and Golf
	Tournament
TBA	Seven Rivers Holiday Meeting & Toys
	for Tots Fundraiser

JANUARY

TBA	CFGCSA-FTGA Research Tournament,
	Interlachen CC, Winter Park
TBA	FGCSA Board Meeting
TBA	SCGCSA Annual Vendor Appreciation Day
TBA	SFGCSA Meeting, Crandon GC
TBA	TCGCSA Meeting
TBA	FTGA Regional Turf Conferences,
	various locations.

FEBRUARY

FEB 7-13 GCSAA / Golf Industry Show, Orlando



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Suzanne and Tom Alex celebrate Tommy's 2010 Larry Kamphaus Award for service to golf, employer and community presented at the Crowfoot Open in July. Photo by Joel Jackson. for those needing to keep up their GCSAA PDI and certification points and Florida Pesticide License CEUs. Later that evening, the Annual Vendor Appreciation Reception was held in the Grand Cypress Villas Conference Center.

During the reception, Tom Alex, director of golf course operations at Grand Cypress was presented the annual Larry Kamphaus Award for his service to the golf industry in Central Florida with emphasis on his chairmanship of this event for so many years. Tom thought he was to

present the award to Brett Harris of Lake Nona, but it was a set-up, and the committee pulled off the ultimate "gotcha" on

Alex, a well known prankster in his own right.

Golf was held on the North and South courses the next day and perennial competitor Mark Henderson from the Gulfstream GC and the Palm Beach GCSA won the event with a sizzling 70 on a blistering hot day, which we all hope signaled the end of the heat wave.

OLD BUSINESS

We're including some photos of the Poa Annua Classic winners and the UF/IFAS Field Day which weren't available at press time for the last issue.



Howard Hulsebosch, from the Hillcrest CC in Hollywood shot a 70 to win the Poa Annua Classic and a spot on the 2011 FGCSA Golf Team. Photo by Brian Beckner.



Lest we forget one of the main missions of all these events, here's a picture of just some of the researchers and attendees at the 2010 UF/IFAS Field Day held last May at the IFAS Research & Education Center in Citra. Photo by Mark Kann.