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Host and speakers at the 2020 CFGCSA/FTGA Research Tournament, from left: Stuart Leventhal, CGCS; CFGCSA Vice President Bill Beasley; FTGA Sec/Treas Armando Campos; and Dr. Kevin Kenworthy UF/IFAS. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Warm Spots in a Chilly New Year

The Central Florida GCSA kicked off its New Year by holding the FTGA Turf Research Tournament at the Interlachen CC in Winter Park. Stuart Leventhal, CGCS and the Interlachen CC have been hosting the event for 22 years. Speakers at the event included Bill Beasley, external vice president of the CFGCSA, Armando Campos, secretary/treasurer of the FTGA, Joel Jackson executive director of the FGCSA.

The principal speaker, Dr. Kevin

Kenworthy from UF/IFASA, gave an update on the turfgrass breeding projects funded by the FTGA in cooperation with the FGCSA. The chapter picks up the cost of the lunch and Interlachen donates the golf, so all entry fees went directly to the FTGA Research Foundation to the tune of \$2,500.

Three-time winner of the event John Lammrish teamed up with golf pro Dave Ragan III to represent the LPGA International GC and capture Low Gross honors.

The FGCSA Winter Board Meeting was held at the Disney's Grand



Treasure Coast GCSAA's scholarship awards winners, from left: Tim Cann, TCGCSA president; Justin Allison, Victor Faconti, Jake Connolly, and Chris Gast, scholarship chairman. Photo courtesy of TGCSA.

Superintendent John Lammrigh, CGCS, left, and Golf Pro Dave Ragan III from the LPGA International GC teamed up to win the CFGCSA/FTGA Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.



found a very competitively priced and unique venue in the rooftop Lounge Six of the Solamar Hotel in the Gas Lamp Quarter just a couple of blocks up from the convention center.

Thanks to the generosity of those attending the reception, we raised \$1,060 for the FGCSA Benevolent Fund. Jim Montgomery of Greensmiths,

Floridian Hotel Conference Center Jan. 22. During the meeting, the board voted to authorize the dual use of the FGCSA and GCSAA logos on official correspondence and e-mails. In 2007 the board authorized the dual logo use on the Florida Green magazine covers. During the research committee report, Kevin Sunderman from the West Coast GCSA presented a \$1,500 check for the FGCSA Research Account to

kick off the 2010 fundraising year.

In February, around 200 members, suppliers and guests attended the FGCSA Reception at the GIS in San Diego. As expected, overall attendance numbers were down about 7 percent, a definite sign of the times. Normally the FGCSA has around 300 to 350 attendees at our West Coast receptions. Association Manager Jennifer Innes did her homework and



Kevin Sunderman, left, presented a \$1,500 check to FGCSA President Bill Kistler for the FGCSA Research Account during the 2010 Winter Board Meeting at Disney. Photo by Joel Jackson.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 6 – FGCSA Spring Board Meeting & Awards Dinner, Naples
- 6 – Palm Beach Chapter Meeting, Broken Sound CC
- 7 – FGCSA/USGA Seminar and Poa Annuu G.C.Horn Memorial Tournament, Naples
- 8 – EGCSA Poa Annuu Classic and Luau, Naples Beach Hotel
- 17 – TCGCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, The Medalist GC, Hobe Sound
- 19 – UF/IFAS Field Day, G.C. Horn Turf Plots, Citra
- 19 – West Coast Chapter meeting, Lake Jovita GC
- TBA – Suncoast GCSAA Annual Meeting

JUNE

- 5 – Palm Beach GCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC
- 17 – Seven Rivers Annual Meeting & Vendor Appreciation Day
- TBA – West Coast Chapter Championship, Old Memorial GC

JULY

- 29 – Palm Beach GCSA Annual Meeting, Polo Club of Boca Raton
- 30 – 8:00 AM Half Day Crowfoot Seminar
- 31 – Annual Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open
- TBA – North Florida Chapter Annual Meeting
- TBA – South Florida Chapter Annual Meeting

AUGUST

- 2 – West Coast Pro/Superintendent Tournament

SEPTEMBER

- 15-17 – FTGA Conference and Show, Caribe Royale Hotel, Lake Buena Vista
- TBA – Central Florida Memorial Scholarship Tournament, Lake Nona Club
- TBA – Joint Meeting Palm Beach GCSA and South Florida GCSA

OCTOBER

- TBA – Joint Meeting Palm Beach GCSA and Treasure Coast GCSA, Jupiter Island Club
- TBA – South Florida M&E Charity Tournament
- TBA – West Coast Bud Quandt Tournament, Tampa Palm G&CC

Thanks to Jim Montgomery, center, for donating his Benevolent Raffle winnings back to the Benevolent Fund at the FGCSA Reception in San Diego. Pictured with Jim are Mark Henderson, Gulfstream GC, left, and Mike Bonetti, Fertigation Specialists, Inc. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Inc. won the Benevolent Raffle and donated his winnings back to the Fund. We hope to see many more of you at the reception in Orlando next year. Jennifer is already searching for another interesting and convenient location.

Also at this year's GIS, a couple of our members were recognized with Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards. This program recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management excellence in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. In

addition, these categories are judged on sustainability, criticality, originality and technology implementation/use.

An independent panel of judges representing national environmental groups, turfgrass experts, university research departments, and members of the golf community selected the 2009 ELGA Florida winners: Chapter Winner - Todd Draffen, TPC Treviso Bay, Naples, Everglades GCSA; and Merit Winner - R. Shane Wright, CGCS; Vero Beach CC, Treasure Coast GCSA.

Jeff Strother, president of the Suncoast Chapter told John Peirsol, head of the Lake City Golf & Landscape

Operations Program that after the chapter's Suncoast Scramble tournament March 25, they will be donating \$1,000 towards the new LCCC environmental project and a new \$1,000 scholarship for a second-year GCO student to be \$500 per semester.

The Treasure Coast Chapter recently awarded three scholarships to local students who have excelled within the industry and in the classroom. Each received a check for \$1000 to assist in their education. Each student's application included scholastic achievements and awards, interests, industry work history and an essay stating the student's career

goals. The winners:

• **Justin Allison**, a student at Indian River State College studying golf course management and an employee at Grand Harbor Country Club in Vero Beach.

• **Victor Faconti** is a student at Penn State University studying golf course management and has worked at Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club in Palm City.

• **Jake Connoly** is a student at Lake City Community College studying golf course management and has worked at Monarch Country Club in Stuart as well as Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club in Palm City. ■

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