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**ON THE COVER:** Coral Oaks CC, Cape Coral. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.

## We Are A Team



Summertime and the living is easy. Well, maybe not so much. Seems like once again we've gone from winter right into summer, skipping spring altogether. Weed pressure seems to be a higher than normal this year due to the abnormal winter we had. I'm sure after seeing the hurricane predictions, we have all dusted off our hurricane preparedness folders. If that isn't enough, we are all watching what is happening with the BP oil spill in the Gulf.

These are definitely interesting times.

Since this is my last President's Message in the *Florida Green*, I would like to remind everyone once again to please support your local superintendent chapters. Use those opportunities not only to gain formal education points, but to network and make friends with your fellow superintendents. Reach out to someone who has not attended a meeting in some time and invite them to join you at the next meeting.

Get out there and see other facilities. Learn what others are doing. Exchange information. Just like the crews at your facilities, we are a "team." No one can do it all by themselves. I would encourage anyone who has an interest to serve on their local board to do so. You will find that it is quite rewarding.

As I look back on this past year I can't believe how quickly the time has

passed, from water-quality issues to fertilizer regulations at individual city and county levels. Most of these ordinances do not affect golf at this time, but between local and federal rules, they soon enough will. That is why it is important for all of us to make sure we are completing the BMP checklist located in the back of our Golf BMP manuals.

Looking ahead, I see continued progress for the FGCSA. With the development of a new Web site with credit card payment ability, we are moving forward into the electronic age. Having the ability for the state office to coordinate membership renewals and create a database of individual chapter members accessible by password are a few things that are on the horizon.

We have a very strong organization that will continue to thrive in the future thanks to the leadership and vision of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. We have recognition and working relationships with allied turf industries and government regulators thanks to our Executive Director Joel Jackson serving as the point person of the FGCSA. The modernization of our association infrastructure has been the result of Association Manager Jennifer Innes wearing many hats as she keeps the association running smoothly.

And with that, I would like to end my last message by thanking everyone for their help and support during this past year. It has been an honor and extreme privilege to serve this organization as President.

It is with pleasure that I pass the gravel to your next president, Gary Myers, CGCS at the annual meeting in July.



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