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A Time for Giving and Receiving

Spring came with a vengeance this year. In fact, most say we went from winter right into summer. While the rainfall and lakes might be drying up, the generosity from — and accolades to — our industry peers was bountiful. Please acknowledge the good work being done by our chapters and the recognition to those who have given their time and energy to the betterment of our industry.

Awards

At the March South Florida Turf Expo in Ft. Lauderdale, the SFGCSA celebrated a couple of historic retirements as Marie Roberts made her official retirement from all chapter administration duties. The former FGCSA association manager retired from her state duties in 2007 but had continued to help the Palm Beach and South Florida chapters.



Marcus Prevatte, SFGCSA President, with Marie Roberts upon her retirement and award presentation at the 2011 SFGCSA Turf Expo after 37 years serving the chapter.

to keep busy doing some consulting work. Good luck Doc, and thanks.

Spring is always a busy time for FGCSA chapters and the North Florida GCSA celebrates with its Memorial Tournament in honor of Mike Richards and Alan MacCurrach, a couple of gentlemen in the industry who helped the chapter grow and thrive. This year the association upheld the tradition of rewarding outstanding chapter service by naming Lon Chatfield its 2011 Keeper of the Green Award winner. Lon has served on the chapter's board and committees and has been a respected mentor for young superintendents.



Dr. Phil Busey (right) also announced his retirement at the Turf Expo. SFGCSA President Marcus Prevatte presented him with a plaque commemorating his contributions to our industry during his 35 years with UF.

Meanwhile, also at the Turf Expo, University of Florida professor Dr. Phil Busey announced his retirement from UF/IFAS after 35 years of service. Dr. Busey's teaching, research and extension duties made him a familiar speaker at FGCSA events over the years. He was active in reaching out to regulators and legislators in South Florida on turf issues. Many may not know but he was also very involved with helping to plan the Turf Tour programs for the GCSAA when the GIS came to Florida. Dr. Busey says he plans



Lon Chatfield and his wife Neva celebrate Lon being named Keeper of the Green by the NFGCSA at the 2011 Memorial Tournament in St. Augustine. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Donations

The FGCSA chapters give away more than plaques and awards at these annual events. At their Memorial Tournament, the NFGCSA donated \$1,500 to the First Tee of St. Johns County and made its annual turf student scholarship fund donation to Florida Gateway College (formerly Lake City Community College) in the amount of \$2,000.

At the 18th annual Suncoast Scramble also in March, at the Laurel Oak CC. in Sarasota, the chapter continued its unbroken record of annual donations to the FGCSA Turf Research account with \$2,500. I have been honored to receive those donations on behalf of the FGCSA since 1998, my first year on the job.

The annual Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Classic is hosted by the Seven Rivers GCSA and the World Woods Golf Club. This year's event was a 36-hole sellout. The annual Golf Ventures and Champions Sponsor's donation of \$25,000 has helped to accumulate more than \$750,000 for turf research



(l-r): Glenn Oberlander, Tournament Chairman and Dan Adams, Seven Rivers President, receive the \$25,000 Envirotron Classic Champions Sponsor check from Walt McMahon and Debbie Nipper, Golf Ventures and Buddy Reid, Division Manager for Helena Chemical. Photo by Joel Jackson.

since the tournament began in 1993.

Many chapters events also raise money for local charities and perhaps none better than the Treasure Coast Blue Pearl event, which celebrated its 18th year at the Red Stick Golf Club in early May. With its tournament logo symbolizing our planet, The association has funded various regional environmental projects and facilities, charities and benevolent causes and turf research over the years. This year the TCGCSA gave \$10,000 to the Vero Beach Environmental Learning Center. At Red Stick



Tom Lawrence (left) of the First Tee of St. Johns County thanks Vice President Mike Stevens for the \$1,500 donation from the North Florida GCSA at the April Memorial Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.

FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson accepts a \$2,500 research check from Suncoast President Jeff Strother at the 2011 Suncoast Scramble in Sarasota. Photo by Lee Crosby.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- Aug 5** FGCSA Annual Meeting, Disney's Osprey Ridge GC
- Aug 5** Crowfoot Open Seminar, Grand Cypress Villas Business Center
- Aug 5** Crowfoot Open Reception, Grand Cypress Villas Business Center
- Aug 6** Crowfoot Open Tournament and Awards Luncheon, Grand Cypress
- Aug 10** Seven Rivers Dan Adams Memorial Bowling Outing
- Aug 18** Calusa GCSA & Everglades GCSA Joint Meeting, Copperleaf GC

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 13-16** Florida Turfgrass Association Conference and Show, PGA National Resort
- Sept 21** Seven Rivers GCSA meeting, Black Diamond GC
- Sept 22** Palm Beach GCSA & South Florida GCSA Joint Meeting, Wycliff G&CC

OCTOBER

- Oct 6** Seven Rivers GCSA Pro/Superintendent Meeting, Stone Creek G.C.

SPOTLIGHT

the players got to play on the bentgrass greens for the last time. Superintendent Scott Bell announced the club had decided to convert them to Champion ultradwarf this summer.

Trophies

Following an interesting and entertaining presentation on the global golf business by architects Ron Garl and Ricky Nix, everyone enjoyed the Ritz-Carlton Members Course in Bradenton as the Suncoast GCSA cruised to victory once again over the visiting Calusa members. More golf trophies were earned this spring at the Everglades Poa Classic. Check out the Poa Highlights article.

Blue Pearl: The Treasure Coast GCSA continued their funding of the regions environmental activities with a \$10,000 donation to Holly Hill (center) of the Vero Beach Environmental Learning Center. Present were (l-r) Bobby Wallace, Tim Cann, Shane Wright, Christian Millican, Holly Hill, Chris Gast, Carlos Arraya and Roy MacDonald. Photo by Joel Jackson.



John Piersol from Florida Gateway College's Golf Operations Program accepts a \$2,000 NFGCSA donation from Mike Stevens for the General Scholarship Fund. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Jeff Strother signifies that the Suncoast GCSA is still #1 after the April Ryder Cup match with the Calusa chapter at the Ritz Carlton Members Golf Club in Bradenton. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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EVERGLADES GCSA ROLLS OUT GREEN CARPET FOR **2011 Poa Annuua Classic**

Many of us made the annual May pilgrimage to the Naples Beach Hotel for a weekend of meetings, education and of course golf. The FGCSA kicked off the weekend with its annual spring Board meeting on Thursday, May 12. That evening the FGCSA Board hosted the annual Past Presidents Dinner where annual service awards were announced and presented .

Dr. John Cisar received the 2011 Marie Roberts Award for his outstanding contributions to our members through his turf research projects and turf management presentations over the years. He and Marie Roberts have co-captained the annual SFGCSA Turf Expo for well over a decade. FGCSA President Gary Myers also announced that Past President Shane Bass, CGCS was named Distinguished Service Award winner for 2011. Shane recently moved to a new position at the Glen Arven GC in Thomasville, GA and was unable to attend. We hope to see Shane at our annual meeting in August.

Friday morning was spent in class with a topnotch panel of speakers on current golf management issues and the afternoon was spent on the Naples Beach Club course, playing in the GC Horn Endowment Tournament. Saturday morning the serious golfers headed for Naples National GC to vie for the Poa Classic individual and team championships, while the rest of us played in the annual Scramble Tournament on the Beach Club course. The Palm Beach



Dr. John Cisar receives his 2011 Marie Roberts Award from FGCSA President Gary Myers at the FGCSA Past Presidents dinner in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.



North Florida GCSA President Bob Coffey presented FGCSA President Gary Myers, CGCS a research fund check for \$5,000 at the FGCSA spring board meeting . Photo by Joel Jackson



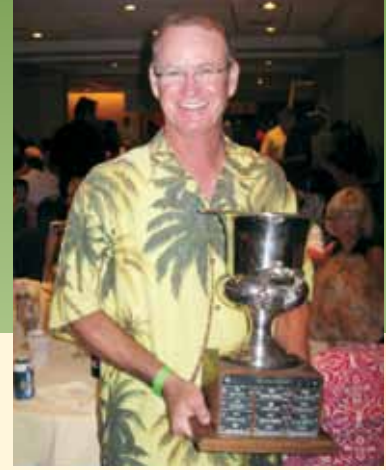
Speakers for the FGCSA/USGA Poa Seminar: Tom Zaras, Florida State Golf Assn.; Kyle Sweet, Sanctuary GC; John Foy, USGA Florida Region; Brian Whitlark USGA SW Region; Steve Smyers, golf course architect and Todd Lowe, USGA Florida. Photo by Joel Jackson.



During the Poa Education Session, John Foy, USGA Florida Section director (left) and golf architect Steve Smyers (right) of the USGA Green Committee, presented GCSAA President Bob Randquist, CGCS with a plaque commemorating his distinguished service to the USGA Green Section Committee. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Steve Wright, CGCS from the Boca West CC shows off his Poa Annua Classic trophy he earned by shooting a 74 at Naples National GC. Wright also earned the first spot on the FGCSA Golf Team for the 2012 GCSAA Championship.



Representing the Palm Beach GCSA team, Mark Henderson from the Gulfstream GC accepted the Poa Classic Chapter Team trophy. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Chapter swept the Classic event with Steve Wright winning low medalist honors and a spot on the 2012 FGCSA Golf Team. The Palm Beach team of Steve Wright, Steve Bernard, Mark Henderson and Matt Tacilauskas took home the Chapter Team Championship Trophy.

This year's Saturday night "Luau on the Lawn" was held indoors in the Everglades Room due to forecast storms. It proved to be a good call by the hotel as a storm did blow through that evening. Thanks to the host Everglades GCSA and its sponsors for another grand event.

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