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During the May FGCSA Spring Board Meeting in Naples, President Mark Kann presented Past President Bill Kistler with the 2012 Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding and continuing service to the association. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Chapter Round Up

Statewide spring events focus on member recognition, education and research donations and good fellowship. We begin by remembering a fellow member no longer with us.

In Memoriam

Thomas McCord 59, of Port St Lucie died Monday, April 23 2012 at Martin Hospital South in Stuart. Born in Olean NY, he was a member of the Treasure Coast GCSA for 20 years. Thomas most recently worked for Upstart Products. He was a Golf Course Superintendent for 25 years. He was a member of the Shriners, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, and NRA.

Survivors include two sisters, Traci Cline of Edgewater. Kathy Grant of Haines City, and two brothers, Jeff McCord of Pacifica, CA, and Scot McCord of Wooster, OH. A memorial service was held at Piper's Landing, Palm City April 27 2012. Contributions in his memory can be made to: Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, 3030 North McMullen Booth Rd. Clearwater, FL 33761.



2012 Suncoast Scramble (from left): Darden Nicks, Mark Todd, George Cook, State Senator Nancy Detert, FGCSA Vice President Nancy Miller, Nick Kearns and Zach Lane. Senator Detert and Nancy Miller were guest speakers at the March event at the Heritage Oaks G&CC. The SCGCSA also presented Miller with an FGCSA research fund check for \$2,500. Photo by Lee Crosby.



Tom Cowan (left) received the North Florida GCSA 2012 Keeper of the Green Award for Lifetime Service from his friend, George Clifton, at the North Florida Memorial Tournament in early April at the Marsh Creek CC in St. Augustine. Photo by Joel Jackson.



FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson and his wife Susie pose with the Marie Roberts Award for Lifetime Service presented to Jackson at the 2012 Past Presidents Dinner in Naples this past May. Jackson was standing by to take a photo of another presentation, when President Mark Kann revealed the surprise award.



In recognition of their longtime Diamond Sponsor status of the NFGCSA Memorial Tournament, (from left) NFGCSA President Mike Stevens and host superintendent Andy Maguire CGCS presented Bill Gamble of WescoTurf a painting of a Florida Keys beach house. The NFGCSA also donated \$1,500 to Florida Gateway College and \$500 to the First Tee of St. Johns County. Photo by Joel Jackson.

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 24

FGCSA Golf Championship, Southern Dunes G.C., Haines City. This year the competition will include a Vendor Division. Chapters may field more than one team, and other less serious golfing FGCSA members are invited to participate on a space available basis. Look for details on our website.

SEPTEMBER 24 – 27

FTGA 60th Annual Conference & Show
September 24-27 - The Caribe Royale, Orlando
Hotel group rate of \$99 (standard sleeping room) reserve hotel room online by 9/3/2012

OCTOBER 5

(New Event!) North Florida Crash Hall Memorial Tournament. This event will include a 5th major golf-qualifying event for the 2013 FGCSA Golf Team now that the GCSAA Golf Championship has expanded state teams to five members. Check your emails and FGCSA website for more details.



Champion Sponsor check presentation (from left): Jeff Brown, Golf Ventures; Glenn Oberlander and Jim Shaffer, SRGCSA; Debbie Nipper, Cary Lewis, Mike Swinson and Walt McMahon all with Golf Ventures. Photo by Joel Jackson.



By capturing Low Gross honors at the 2012 Poa Annua Classic, Deron Zandt from the Banyan GC became the first qualifier for the 2013 FGCSA Golf Team to compete in San Diego next February at the GCSAA Golf Championship. Photo by Joel Jackson.



NFGCSA President Bob Coffey, right, presented FGCSA President Mark Kann with a \$5,000 donation to the Florida GCSA's Research Fund during the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.



SFGCSA President Marcus Prevatte and Dr. John Cisar co-hosted the 22nd Annual South Florida Turf Expo at the UF/IFAS Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center in March. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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