Your FGCSA/GCSAA team in Tallahassee. From left: Joel Jackson, Jennifer Bryan, Ralph Dain, Nancy Miller, CGCS and Mark Kann. Photo by Bill Miller.

Equipment won the 50/50 raffle for the FGCSA Benevolent fund and gave back $420 to make the total raised for the fund over $1,000. Jeff thanks for your generous gift.

On March 18, the FGCSA, in conjunction with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, will hold its annual spring regulator tour of federal and state regulators at the Old Collier Club in Naples. This is the first stop on a weeklong tour of agriculture and green industry operations in South Florida. Several area superintendents will attend to assist the tour and answer one-on-one questions from the regulators as they tour the course and maintenance facility.

2013 Calendar of Events

MAY

May 7	Palm Beach GCSA Meeting, Atlantic National GC
May 16	FGCSA Board Meeting, CC of Naples
May 17	FGCSA/USGA half-day seminar, Naples Beach Hotel
May 17	Poa Annua Classic G.C. Horn Tournament, Naples Beach Hotel
May 18	Everglades Poa Annua Classic Tournament & Luau, Naples Beach Hotel
May 28	Suncoast GCSA Annual Meeting, Mission Valley GC

JUNE

June 1	Palm Beach GCSA, Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC
June 4	West Coast GCSA Championship, Bellaire CC
June 20	Everglades GCSA Assistant Superintendent Meeting, Quail Creek
June 20	Seven Rivers GCSA Meeting, Candler Hills GC
June 21	Calusa GCSA Meeting, Crown Colony CC

Suncoast

The Suncoast Chapter kicked off the year in a very charitable fashion. In January at the annual Vendor Day meeting the chapter raised 377 pounds of food and $800 for the All Faiths Food Bank. At the 30th Annual Suncoast Scramble at the Laurel Oak CC in Sarasota in March, Nicole Double of the Food Bank told the audience that amount of donated food and money translated to 5,300 meals.

One of the other annual beneficiaries of the proceeds from the Scramble event has been the Ronald McDonald House. Allison Barrick from that organization gratefully accepted a check for $2,500 for that worthy cause. She talked about how the program worked to provide a place for relatives to stay when their children are in one of the local children's hospitals.

And last (but not least) the Suncoast Chapter also presented FGCSA Vice President Kevin Sunderman with a check for $2,500 to the FGCSA Research Fund. Other speaking guests at the event were Rich Smith, North Florida PGA Section, Jim Demick, Florida State Golf Association, Ralph Dain, GCSAA Regional Representative, Kevin Sunderman, FGCSA Vice President and Joel Jackson, FGCSA Director of Communications. Attendance for the event was around 140-150 people.

At the 2013 Suncoast Scramble at Laurel Oak CC, Suncoast Vice President Nick Kearns presented a $2,500 check to Kevin Sunderman for the FGCSA Research Fund. Photo by Lee Crosby.