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When I was in the service if you didn't, go to the E.M. club or the N.C.O. club for drinks and conversation you sat in the barracks and looked at the wall. More pool and drinking with the guys. I had been drinking for 10-11 years by now. Believe me, that is a lot of hangovers, headaches, upset stomachs and bad driving. Don't drink and drive! I shudder to think how many times I have driven when I shouldn't have. I remember when we (my wife and I) were out at parties and she would tell me that she should drive. I wouldn't let her when I should have. My wife never was a drinker and I couldn't figure out how she could have any fun at parties without drinking. She used to tell me that I could have just as much fun without drinking but I wouldn't believe her. That was how I started drinking, with a crowd, and I really thought if I didn't drink, my friends wouldn't talk to me. Believe me, that is not the case, as I have found out.

When I first married the couples that we ran around with either belonged to the band that we played in or were groupies that we partied and drank with. Again, playing in bars and at parties all night then loading equipment up and going home at 2 a.m., or to another gig down the road driving half drunk and tired. Fortunately I left the music business and moved into the turf industry some 20 years ago. When I left the group I slowed down my alcohol consumption and have since quit.

One more news release has come into my life since I quit drinking and driving. The lead guitar player and I sat down when our band split and talked about our future with our families and careers. We both were drinking beers at the table and said we would stay in contact every few years and see how each of us was doing. Well, my friend is a certified public accountant but he lost his family by divorce. His ex-wife said drinking caused it (when do you stop?). I couldn't believe it was the booze, even though I think it caused a shaky situation in my own marriage a while back. I thank the Lord again it wasn't me. As I write this article, I hold this news release (accountant runs man down, cited for driving while drunk)—one week later—(man dies, accountant faces 3-5 years in prison). When do you stop? You can quit—I did and I don't want to loose any more friends.

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# The Greatest Show in Turf is Coming Tampa, Site of 1988 Conference & Show

**P**LANS are finalized for the Florida Turfgrass Annual Conference and Show, Sunday through Wednesday, October 9-12, Tampa, Florida. This annual event is one of the largest warm season turfgrass conferences in the southeast.

A patriotic theme will abound in the exhibit hall 3 days. Over 200 exhibitors will display the latest turfgrass equipment and products. Wednesday's Show admission will be free.

*Dr. Glenn Burton, Renowned Re-*

searcher in Turfgrass Breeding will address the General Conference Session Monday.

Educational opportunities include 4 Major Educational Seminars. *Golf Turf, Principles of Turfgrass Management, Lawn and Commercial Turf* on Tuesday morning at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. And *Turfgrass Production* on Wednesday afternoon at Curtis Hixon Convention Center.

Workshops available for members with advanced registration are *Identification*

*and Control of Turfgrass Diseases, Basic Soils for Turf Managers, Elements of Turfgrass Nutrition, Managing Your Labor Force, and Nematode Management in Turfgrasses.*

Other activities for members and their guests are the Sunday Golf Tournament and Neff Machinery Corn Boil, Spouse Program, Awards Luncheon, Presidents Reception, and Bill Wagner Memorial Prayer Breakfast. For registration and schedules contact Florida Turfgrass Association, 302 S. Graham Ave., Orlando, FL 32803, 407-898-6721. ■





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# The First Annual South Florida Turfgrass Workshop and Exposition

by SCOTT WAHLIN  
Miami Lakes Golf Resort

**I**T is with a tremendous amount of pride in this industry that I am pleased to announce this event was a resounding success. There had been some reservations concerning the ability to draw Turf Managers to a purely educational and informative field day. The only reservations we should have next year should be for seats in the class, booths and exposition spots.

The event was co-sponsored by the SFGCSA and IFAS. The cooperation and energy put forth by the sponsors certainly makes them worthy of com-

mendation. Ray Hansen suggested this to the SFGCSA Board as an event that was very successful in the north. The idea is that turf equipment companies spend a great deal of money demonstrating equipment at individual clubs. Why not bring them together with as many prospective buyers as we can muster? Where else can you demonstrate your equipment line for over 100 buyers? The final goal is to have the grounds maintenance supply people see this as being so valuable to them that they become even more active in the planning and preparation to insure a successful outing.

There should be no doubt that this year's South Florida Turfgrass Workshop and Exposition was a success. It was a very productive day for those who were fortunate enough to attend.

Bud Nolder and the Rolling Hills Golf Resort made sure we had excellent meeting facilities and exposition space. We were able to use one of their actual playing holes which was closed for the demonstrations.

Dr. Wayne Curry conducted the workshop. He was very informative and enter-



*Calibration Team Captain Bill McKee.*



*A variety of spray equipment was used for the calibration exercise.*



*"First Annual South Florida Turfgrass Workshop and Exposition" The Workshop drew 162 participants.*



*Dr. Curry demonstrates the effects of nozzles and spacing on precision coverage.*

taining although he was somewhat sarcastic when it came to the level of precision he had encountered in the field. He demonstrated the effects of nozzle spacing and various nozzles with regard to even coverage. He also discussed various other spray equipment and methods of sprayer calibration. The second part of the workshop consisted of hands on sprayer calibration. Team captains were assigned and participants were divided into these teams. A variety of spray equipment was made available by the dealers. All teams were successful in calibrating their equipment. I spoke with a representative from the Parks Department in Hillsborough County after the work-

shop. He said he had just transferred to that department and was very impressed with Dr. Curry's presentation. He told me he felt he needed to attend more seminars like this and asked how he could join the SFGCSA. I told him we would be glad to have him as a member, but steered him towards membership in the FTGA.

Displays and lunch were in the clubhouse from 11:30 to 1:00. I spoke with several suppliers who were well satisfied with the exposure they received.

Equipment demonstrations began promptly at 1:00. Each company had three minutes to get on, discuss, get

off and shut off all the equipment they offered in a given category. DeBra offers several manufacturer's brands in the category of riding rotary mowers including Jacobsen, Cushman, Steiner, Heckendorn and Hustler. They were able to do all of the above within the three minute time limit. The equipment companies demonstrated equipment at three minute intervals for 3½ hours with only one short break. The logistics of the show were almost as interesting as the equipment. The cooperation and consideration exhibited by the equipment companies towards each other was admirable as well as critical to the success of the show. ■



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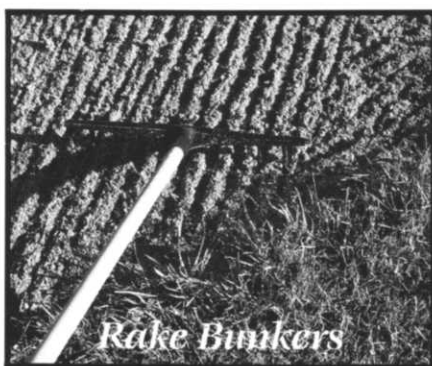
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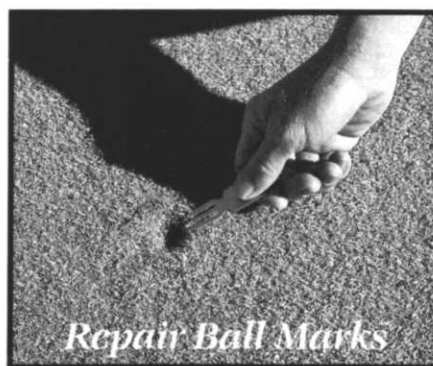
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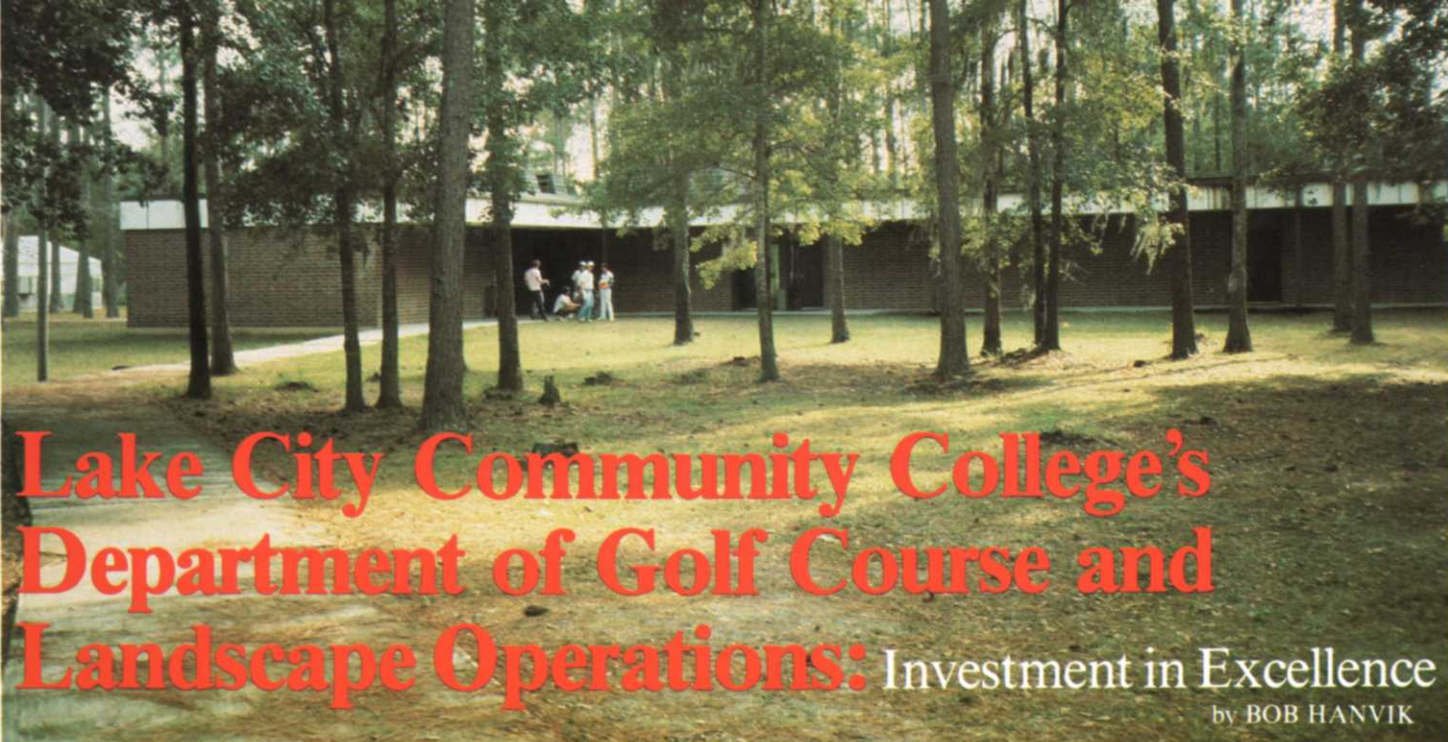


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# Lake City Community College's Department of Golf Course and Landscape Operations: Investment in Excellence

by BOB HANVIK

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**O**FF of Highway 90, right next to Lake City's airport, is a seemingly quiet, winding country road. From the highway, all you see is a sign announcing the existence of Lake City Community College ... somewhere down the road. As you drive down "College Road," though, you begin to realize the size and scope of the community college that soon comes into view.

Lake City Community College (LCCC) currently serves the needs of about 2,600 students, and is one of only two Florida community colleges that provides on-campus residence facilities. The college comprises 23 campus buildings, and its district includes 2,682 square miles—twice the size of Rhode Island—although many students come from outside the college's mandated district.

LCCC comes from humble beginnings, however. It was founded in 1947 as the Columbia Forestry School. At that time, the college's classrooms and labs were housed in structures that remained from a World War II air base (some of those buildings are still used today). Fifteen years later, the state of Florida created Lake City Junior College on the site of the old forestry school, with approximately 400 students enrolled. The school's name was changed to its current form in 1970.

LCCC provides programs in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as vocational programs such as business administration, computer programming, cosmetology, criminal justice, electronic technology, forest engineering technology and allied health.

One of the college's proudest and most successful departments, though, is its department golf course and landscape operations.

## **School of Golf Course Operations**

The School of Golf Course Operations at LCCC is the only program in the nation offering a three-year, 128-semester-hour curriculum. The accredited program is designed to develop total golf course operations professionals. Program graduates are qualified to enter their careers as assistant superintendents, with many opportunities to advance to superintendent, golf course construction supervisors or specialists in related areas of turf management such as sod production and athletic field management.

The program is divided into two phases. Phase I includes a year of study of golf course mechanics, with classes that were developed in response to industry needs and demands. Other classes included in Phase I are math, reading, communications and typing (these classes are known as the Mechanic Core Curriculum). After completing these first two semesters, students are eligible for the first of two summers of paid, on-the-job training (OJT) at a selected golf course within a 500-mile radius of the college. When they've finished Phase I, including their first OJT, students receive a certificate qualifying them as turf equipment service technicians (or golf course mechanics), a fast-growing field within golf course operations.

Phase II of the program consists of

coursework in management, plant materials, landscape design, soils and fertilizers, pest control, turfgrass management systems and the second summer OJT. Upon successful completion of Phase II, the student receives an Associate of Science degree in Golf Course Operations.

## **School of Landscape Operations**

Landscape Operations graduates are qualified for positions such as designers, salespeople, installation and maintenance foremen and interiorscape specialists. Graduates may also work in nurseries, lawn and garden centers, pest control services and other related areas of landscaping and ornamental horticulture. For experienced graduates, advancement opportunities in landscape contracting are possible.

Course emphasis is placed on exterior design, installation and maintenance; interiorscape concepts are also discussed. The curriculum includes courses in plant materials; soils and fertilizers; pest control; irrigation and drainage; landscape construction; and landscape design, installation and maintenance. Upon successful completion of the two-year program, the student receives an Associated of Science degree in Landscape Operations.

## **The Department's Success**

Each year, the number of available positions in the fields of golf course and landscape operations exceeds the number of graduates from LCCC's department of golf course and landscape operations. In addition, Lake City graduates are among

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