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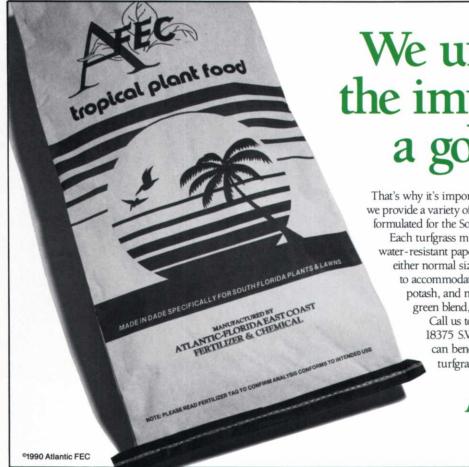
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Industry gets its act together

In one brief meeting in the middle of July, Florida's golf industry got its act together.

And the show goes on Oct. 11-13.

"You can't afford to miss it," touts the postcard mailed to industry leaders at the end of August. "Please mark your calendar for what may possibly be the most important meeting you'll attend this year."

Despite the hyperbole, the postcard is probably correct.

The inaugural Florida Golf Summit at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando will offer a solid day-and-a-half of meetings and discussions sandwiched between golf and social events at the beginning and more golf at the end.

The meat is in the middle.

For the first time, the owners, operators, designers, developers and builders of golf courses will meet with government officials and environmental terrorists and everybody is supposed to be on the same side: protecting the environment while nurturing one of the state's largest industries (Florida golf weighs in at \$5.5 billion, according to a year-old study by the National Golf Foundation).

Theme of the meeting is "Government Relations." Major topics include water resources and restrictions, government permitting process, environmental protection, golf course design and developmental financing. A complete schedule and preliminary speakers roster ac-

companies this story.

"Everybody who has a financial interest in golfshould attend this meeting," said golfcourse designer Jan Beljan, one of the organizers of the event.

Perhaps even more significant than the Summit — and certainly more interesting — is the birth of its sponsoring organization: The Florida



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- · Form alliances with special interest groups.
- Develop a public relationship program and communications medium
- Establish an advocacy position with local, regional and state government
- Promote innovative design for environmental protection
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Golf Council.

Jump-started in Palm Beach July 13-14 at a "Florida Golf Leaders Conference" called by Ron Safford, director of sports promotion for the Florida Department of Commerce, the organization's gestation was so short that it was off and running under its own power before the PGA Tour, golf's major entertainment entity headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, could grab control of it.

"The PGA Tour is willing to assist the Florida Sports Foundation in the formation of the above-referenced program," sniffed Deputy Commissioner Tim Finchem a week after the meeting, apologizing for his absence from it because of a prior commitment. "However, we are curious as to the short notice and not having an opportunity to discuss this subject with you prior to the meeting. In our view, such an important program should be developed with PGA Tour involvement."

Florida's golfcourse superintendents were represented at the leaders conference by FGCSA Public Relations Chairman Mark Jarrell.

Keynote speaker at the conference was Bill Sutton, Florida secretary of commerce.

"We're proud to have a thousand golf courses in Florida and we don't think it's enough," he said. "We think it's a great industry. We certainly don't want to do anything wrong ecologically in Florida, nor do we want to be on the other side like the darter fish a few years back who kept some needed economic development from happening."

Among the facts considered by the leaders:

- Golf is the only industry anywhere near its size without a single lobbyist in Tallahassee. Even state agencies have lobbyists.
- •The 16-mile "Grand Strand" around Myrtle Beach, S.C. outspends the en-

Summit Speakers

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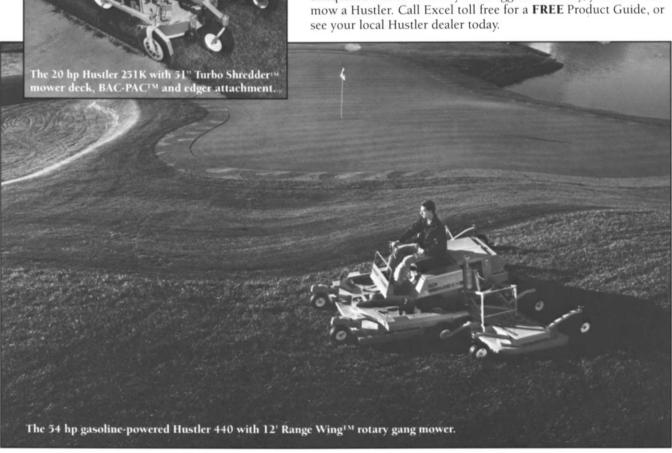
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tire State of Florida in attracting golf destination visitors.

 Several pieces of legislation with potential impact on the industry have been considered without substantial input from the golf industry because no centralized organization represents it.

Regarding the latter situation, the leaders virtually unanimously decided that a broadly-based umbrella organization was needed and an organizational committee at the conference later recommended that the organization be a "positive, accurate, factual, unified, environmentally sensitive voice for the entire golf industry."

Its mission statement also accompanies this story.

The original focus of the organization should be "oriented toward promoting better governmental relations, public opinion and preserving the quality of the game and business," says the committee report.

The committee also recommended that the organization be led by a board of 40-60 with operational power vested in a much smaller executive committee. Composition should be one third representatives of associations and government, one third golf course owners, operators and developers, and one third consultants, technical staff, attorneys, etc.

A board meeting is scheduled for the first day of the Summit, although the Florida Golf Council had not announced who the directors are or how they were selected.

The committee foresaw an annual budget of \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Summit Schedule

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando

Thursday, Oct. 11

10:00 a.m. - Noon Florida Golf Council Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Inaugural Florida Golf Tournament

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

Friday, Oct. 12

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome

Keynote Speaker: "The Golf Industry in the 90s"
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Evolution of the Florida Golf Council
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Inter-coordination among agencies

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Water Resources in the 1990s
 Regulations & The Approval Process
 Communications & Marketing

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Buffet Luncheon
1:15 - 1:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Golf Course Design in the 1990s:

Dealing with Government Regulations.

Panel discussion by prominent golf course architects.

3:00 - 3:15 Break 3:15 - 4:45 Concurrent Sessions

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Saturday, Oct. 13

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Confinental breakfast 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Roundtable Discussions The Future of Florida Golf in the 1990s.

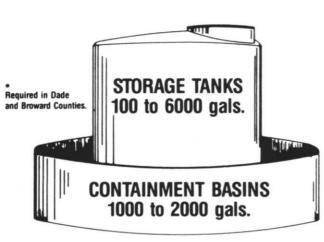
11:00 - Noon Wrap-up session 1:00 p.m. Golf (optional)

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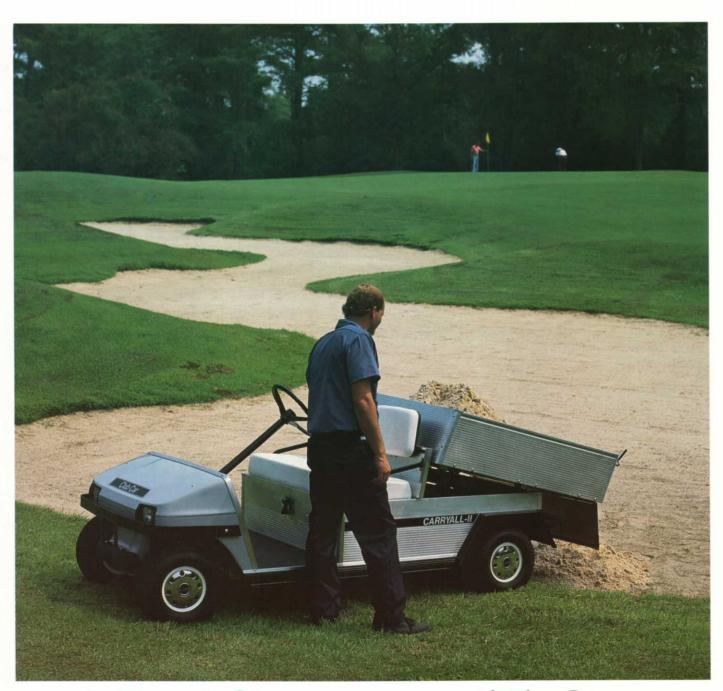
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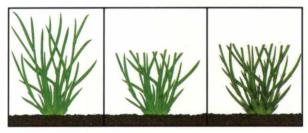
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After only four years in Florida, Ray Hansen is the 10th president of the FGCSA. In all his business dealings, he prefers the direct route.

BY LARRY KIEFFER

Ray Hansen doesn't mess around. Four years ago he came to Florida with no job and one lead from architect Joe Lee. Four days later he was hired as the superintendent at the Ocean Reef Club on Key Largo and never did get around to following up on Lee's lead.

Four years later, on Aug. 4, 1990, the 1960 graduate of Penn State University's turfgrass program became the 10th president of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

"When you see something that needs to be done, you do it," says Hansen, who recently moved to Lee-designed Delaire CC, a 27-hole private club in Delray Beach.

"I got involved with the association because I don't see how any superintendent can stay abreast of developments in the field without it," he says. "Continuous education is the primary function of professional associations and the environmental pressures we face are only going to get worse. If you don't keep up, you're not going to last."

Running a 27-hole golf course and the largest statewide superintendent association in the country would tax most professionals;

for Hansen, who had been general manager of two resort communities in Pennsylvania's Pocono mountains before coming to Florida, it's semi-retirement.

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Ray Hansen Age: 55

Education: A.S. Turfgrass Science, Pennsylvania State University (also two years toward degree in physical education from Panzer College, Montclair, N.J.). **Current Position:** Golf Course Manager, Delaire CC, Delray Beach **Previous Experience:** Ridgewood CC, Fairlawn, N.J. caddie during high school; Essex CC, West Orange, N.J. assistant supt. (summer internship), supt., general manager; Lake Naomi & Timber Trails, Pa. general manager; Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, supt.
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