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A beautiful, sunny mid-spring day welcomed Expo attendees to a great day of education and fellowship. Equipment demonstrations, below, provided by the Expo gave helpful insights into the special features and abilities of the units present.





Participants review turf plots at the FGCSAfunded research greens

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center which was the sight of the Expo again this year.

Attendees numbered over 170 turfgrass professionals which does not even include the number of suppliers and equipment operators who put on the show.

The Expo is a wonderful opportunity for golf course superintendents to see the latest in turfgrass equipment in a headto-head demonstration, all in one day!

The South Florida board of directors would like to thank Hector Turf, LESCO, Pifer Incorporated, and RSI Holdings of Florida. This year we had an additional demonstration from IPM Systems and Turf Specialties.

We would also like to thank the suppliers who put on the mini turfgrass show. Most of these booths (as well as all of the equipment companies) have been in on the Expo since the beginning, back in 1987.

Once again, this is the type of support that makes turfgrass business what it is today.

The FGCSA Research Green will get even more exposure this year as the Florida Turfgrass Association holds its annual Corn Boil on the grounds of the University of Florida Ft. Lauderdale campus in September.

In 1995, the Expo will again be combined with the annual U of F Field Day which is expected to bring attendance well over the 500 mark.

Congratulations to everyone involved on a very professional event!



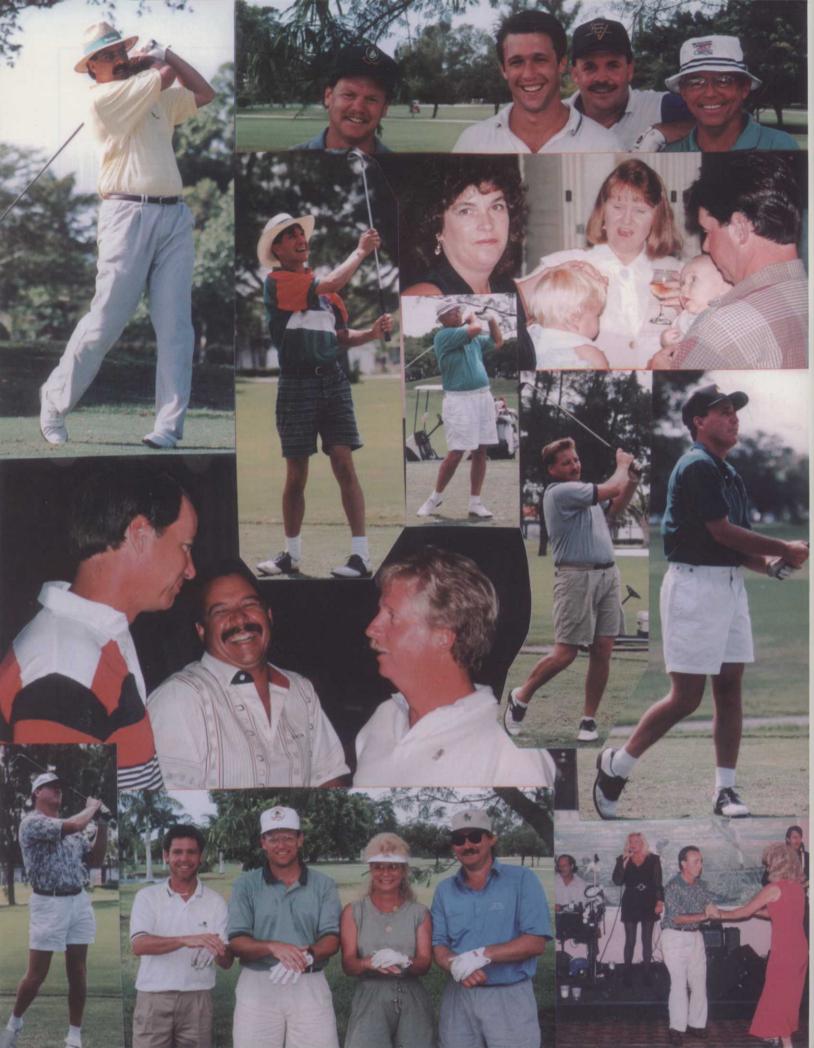
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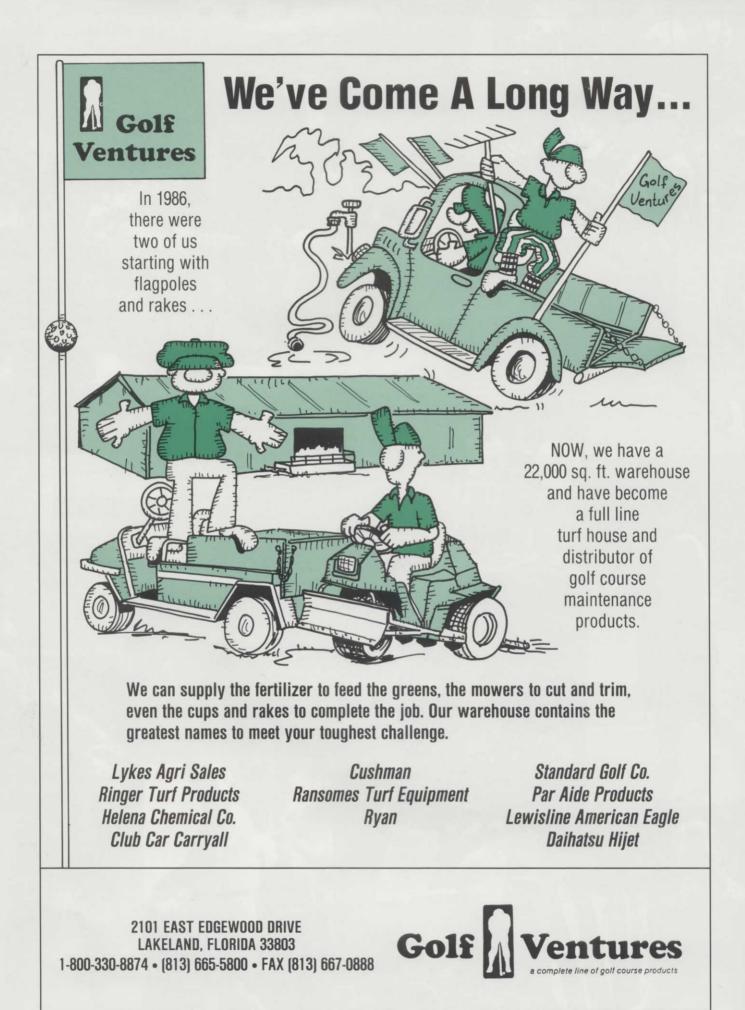
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Seven Rivers event

raises \$22,500 for FTGA's Envirotron

April 18th marked the Seven Rivers Chapter's Second Annual FTGA Envirotron Golf Classic at the World Woods Golf Resort on the Pine Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses.

The purpose of the tournament was to raise contributions for the Envirotron, a state-of-the-art, environmental research facility at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Last year the tournament resulted in an unprecedented amount of contributions with a grand total of \$22,500 to benefit turf research. This year's tournament goal was to raise contributions to purchase equipment for the facility.

The contributions raised topped last year's total with a \$30,500 and grossed \$44,000 specifically for the Envirotron Equipment Fund.

The tournament consisted of a fourman scramble and an individual tournament with a total of 232 players. The scramble winners: 21 under par - Mike Cook, Steve Anderson, Cliff Anderson and Glen Gabriel.

First place with 19.4375 under par -Glen Lakes Golf Club: Ralph Glover, Andy Padova, Rich Saddler and Dave Craighead.

Second place with 15.9375 under par-Pro Equipment, Inc.: Harold Casias, Howard Povey, Ray Arvello and Lou DeVos.

Third place with 15.875 under par -Barbaron, Inc.: Ron Kitchen, Jim Carmen, Rich Snell and Laurie Fruthy.

Fourth place with 15.6875 under par -Roger Hruby, Steve Lyerly, Larry Jeffreys and Tom Oeshslin.

The individual tournament winners were: first place and second place at 73 were Pat Fitzpatrick and Vick Conigliaro. First place handicap low-net at 62 was Mac Baugh and second place handicap lownet at 53 was Jim Leach.

The World Woods Golf Resort, owner Mr. Inoue generously donated the Pine

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Heavy rains, vandals fail to keep Futures golfers from their appointed rounds

BY JOHN GALLAGHER

The 13th annual Future of Golf Tournament was held at Emerald Dunes Golf Club June 11. The PBGCSA was able to host its major fund-raising event at the facility, even though the course had received over 13 inches of rain the previous seven days.

The golf field was filled with over 130 players from around south Florida. The guest of honor for the event was FGCSA/ FTGA Tallahassee lobbyist Mike Goldie. Mike gave an update on the recently concluded legislative session in the state capital. Other notable guests were Palm Beach Post writer Ron Wiggins and Bob Nichols of Channel 12 News.

Chip Fowkes, golf course superintendent who has hosted the event for the last three years, did a magnificent job of preparing the course. However, the toughest job confronting him was not the daily deluge of rainfall but in dealing with the remains of a vandalism of the maintenance shop a week before the event.

Vandals had broken into his maintenance compound, hot-wired the large equipment and driven them into the nearby woods, rendering them useless. Chip hastily placed phone calls to the major equipThe Futures tournament provides funding to such efforts as the FGCSA Research Green at the IFAS Research and Education Center in Fort Lauderdale. Other recipients of the money are scholarships for turf students and the USGA-sponsored 'Hook A Kid On Golf' program.

ment suppliers in the area asking for their help. And he got it.

Loaners came rolling in from Pifer, John Deere, RSI, Hector and Lesco in time for Chip to get the course up to prime condition.

"That's what's so great about this profession: when the chips are down, (no pun intended,) you can count on your friends to come to your aid, " Chip said.

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A record \$11,000 was raised this year through the hard work of the committee and particularly chairman Robin Goodell.

The event was the brainchild of four superintendents sitting around the maintenance shop of Atlantis Golf Club some 14 years ago. The idea was discussed as to how to support golf in general in Palm Beach County. On that historic meeting

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Mike Goldie, FGCSA/FTGA lobbyist in Tallahassee is flanked by Dr. Tom Latta, left, FTGA Governement Relations chairman, and John Gallagher. Goldie spoke following the Palm Beach GCSA's annual Futures of Golf tournament.

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FGCSA President Paul Crawford, center, accepts a \$22,000 check from Ciba Turf representatives Chuck Buffington and Mickey Lovett as the first year's earnings under Ciba's rebate program

Florida superintendents earn \$22,000 for research from Ciba Turf program

Florida's Golf Course Superintendents have reason to be proud of themselves today as they have earned a record company rebate from the Ciba Geigy Corporation.

At the Spring Board meeting of the FGCSA, representatives from the Ciba Turf and Ornamental Division were on hand to make a presentation. A check in the amount of \$22,000 was presented to President Paul Crawford by state reps Mickey Lovett and Chuck Bluffington.

The check represented the amount of money generated by FGCSA members through the Ciba Geigy rebate program.

The program which was designed by Mickey and FGCSA fundraising chairmen Mark Jarrell and Greg Plotner had just concluded its first full year.

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every case of Ciba Geigy product sold to participating members.

Mark Jarrell speaking on the success of the program, "If we can get the rest of the FGCSA membership signed up for the program we could probably double this check next year."

So congratulations to all of the FGCSA members who participated this year and to those who didn't, please contact your local external vice president to get "with the program."

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of the minds were Kevin Downing, Mark Jarrell, Jack Cunningham and Gary Grump.

Gary Grump hosted the first tournament at Eastpointe Country Club. In the past 14 years the tournament has raised in excess of \$100,000 for turf research and other worthy programs.

Congratulations go to all of the hosts, participants and sponsors for making this year's event the best ever. Keep the home fires burning and hope to see you next year.

A team representing the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach won the tournament.

The Future of Golf prize winners:

Championship Flight — 1, Breakers Hotel: Billy Miller, Paul Leone, Richard Hayduk and Gerald Wygant, 58. 2, Environmental Waterway Management: Gary Wilhelm, Bob Jacks, Mr. Brady and Mr. Kanaiz, 59. 3, Jeff Klontz, CC of Florida; Peter Brooks, Everglades GC; Mark Henderson, Atlantis GC, and John Foy, USGA, 60.

First Flight — 1, Ibis CC: Matt Turner, Mike James, Dave Rozek and Dave Price, 63. 2, Almar: Stuart Cohen, Richard Greene, Mike Monroe and D. Green, 64. 3, Harrell's/Rhone Poulenc: Frank Kynkor, Terry Sauvage, Bill Rayside and Todd Miller, 64.

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Barrens and Rolling Oaks courses for this event. Major sponsors for the tournament included Lesco, Vigoro, Helena Chemical, Tresca/Jacobsen and the Seven Rivers Golf Course Superintendents Association.

For more information on sponsoring the Envirotron facility and becoming a member of the Florida Turfgrass Association please write or call Jane Rea at the FTGA 302 S. Graham Ave., Orlando, Florida 32803 1-800-882-6721.