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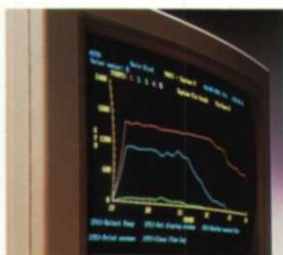
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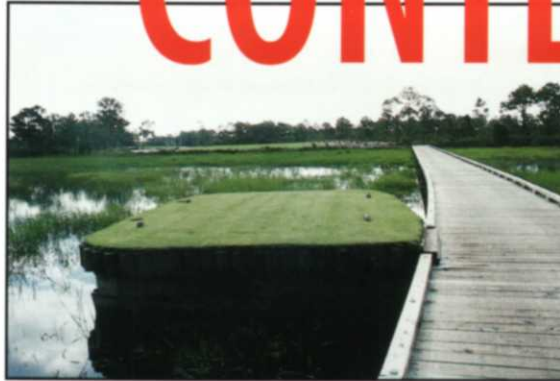
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Three cheers for Arizona Governor Fife Symington, who came forward and spoke about what I hope will soon become reality in our great nation.

Strong words about government and the environmental movement were heard from the governor on June 19 during an environmental policy meeting sponsored by the Heritage Foundation. If others believe in the governor's words as I do, then we will see overregulation of the environment come to a

screaming halt!

During this speech, Symington announced his support for the repeal of the Endangered Species Act. He noted that the act is a complete disaster and has become a tool for radical environmental groups to shut down industry. Also, his measures to help restore "self-government" decision about the environment deserve some looking into. These measures include:

- Imposing term limits on federal judges
 - Adopting a single coherent federal environmental policy
 - Streamlining the EPA by eliminating regional offices and establishing state offices co-located with the state agency. This would allow hand-in-hand decision making and eliminate a lot of second guessing.
 - Adopting expiration dates for all existing federal mandates that are of no use anymore.
 - Reviewing state laws mandating "environmentally conscious" public school curricula
- Reform such as what Governor

Symington is referring to is very much needed. The "environmental movement" as we see it today needs to be redirected. It indeed has some merit to it, but for now it is full of irrational reasoning. Respect for human nature must be given back to the people now. Who are better stewards of the land than those who live and work and play on that very land. It is time to return responsibilities when in comes to environmental protection back to the people.

On a more personal basis, I would like to thank all of you wonderful people in and around the little town of Hobe Sound who have made my move to the east coast an easy transition. At times, when I lived in Tampa, I would comment about how I never wanted to live on the east coast of Florida. Now that I am here, all I can say is, "Try it — you'll like it!"

To all of my friends back in the Tampa area that I never had the opportunity to say good-bye to, I want you to know one thing — the West Coast Chapter will always be very special to me. It is a great association, loaded with a lot of good superintendents and backed by a lot of vendors who truly care about our business. I miss you all, but remember — I am only a phone call away.

I am very much looking forward to serving as president of the FGCSA this upcoming year, but I am going to need some assistance from all of you. Anyone wanting to serve on a committee, please give me a call. The FGCSA is only as strong as the people who work for the association. Let's all get involved and work together in making the FGCSA the best it can be.

Environmental movement needs redirection



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The GCSAA annual chapter relations meeting took place on Sept. 9-10 in Kansas. The meeting was attended by most of the GCSAA's 114 chapters. This gathering occurs every year to help the board of directors decide the course the membership wants to take.

The major topics at this year's meeting were the chapter affiliation agreement and the desire to begin enforcing this agreement once again. Every chapter that is affiliated with the GCSAA has filled out this agreement.

Now the GCSAA wants to update the language in the agreement and add some additional requirements. Some of the new requirements include the incorporation of each chapter, liability and D&O insurance and tax exempt status.

But the issue that drew the most fire was the time table for 100% GCSAA membership for class A, B and C members as a requirement for a chapter to remain affiliated with the GCSAA.

It was voiced by all in attendance that 100% membership in both the GCSAA and a local chapter was an ideal goal. The difficult part of this meeting was how to achieve this goal and how long it should take to get there.

The time table that was originally proposed would require all affiliated chapters to have 51% A, B and C membership in the GCSAA by the year 2000, 75% by 2005 and 100% by the year 2010. For some chapters, this seemed an impossibility; for others, it did not reach 100% quickly enough. Some delegates at the meeting accused the board of "scheming," and concocted grand tales of GCSAA plots to rule the world.

I am here to tell you I saw no evidence of "scheming" in Lawrence. The board was very open to all the concerns and issues raised by the new affiliation agreement.

They genuinely were looking for guidance on what to do with this proposal, as opposed to springing this on us at the national. By bringing these issues out at the chapter relations meeting, they were able to receive alternative ideas on how to approach this *ideal* that all chapters and members could live with.

After two days of intense meetings, it was proposed that after July 1, 1997, all new members wanting to join the national or a local chapter would be required to join both. This will require a bylaw change for the GCSAA and for local chapters.

GCSAA
sealing relationships with local chapters

Kuehner's Corner



Dale Kuehner, CGCS Vice President



Gathered in front of the GCSAA headquarters are Florida GCSA representatives, from left, (front row) Dale Walters, Geoff Coggan, Marie Roberts and Dale Kuehner. In the back row, from left, are Craig Weyandt, Roy Wilshire, Paul Crawford, Ed Guzman and Chip Fowkes.

All current members of the GCSAA or a local chapter would be grandfathered in, unless they move to a new chapter or try to rejoin after letting their membership expire. This approach seemed to be the best way to achieve 100% local/national membership without alienating any of our current members.

The bylaw issues to implement this approach at the national level will most likely come to a vote in Orlando. Florida and most, if not all local chapters, already meet most of the other new affiliation requirements. Each local chapter wanting to affiliate with the GCSAA will need to change its bylaws to require new members to join the national.

I personally think that having 100% local/national membership throughout the country will only make us stronger and better-equipped for the problems our profession faces in the future.

I will be representing Florida as your voting delegate in Orlando in 1996 and need as much input on this issue as you can give. The chapter affiliation agreement issues will be discussed at the next state board meeting in October.

Please feel free to call me or your chapter's external vice-president to discuss any ideas you have concerning this matter. This will ensure that your views will be represented at the board meeting.

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	Mean Quality	
	Scores	Color
Cypress	5.4	5.3
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LPT-CT (Loft)	6.6	7.8	8.0	6.8	7.16a
PT-GH-89 C11 (Dark Horse)	8.1	7.3	7.8	7.0	6.97a
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Cypress	87	93	86
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BY JOE ONDO, CGCS

The 19th annual Crowfoot Open took place at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club. The weekend started on Friday with a seminar by Richard Kithil on lightning protection for courses. Mr. Kithil discussed helpful ideas on how to protect golfers, computers, pumps, phones, controllers and other aspects of the maintenance program.

At the FGCSA board meeting on Saturday, GCSAA President Gary Grigg discussed and sought input on the proposed GCSAA Chapter Affiliation requirements. He recommended that all concerned chapters be represented at the GCSAA Chapter Relations meeting in September in Lawrence, KS. (See *Kuehner's Corner, Page 6*)

Kevin Downing and his research committee should be applauded for all the hard work being done on the DNA project and the FGCSA Research Green that will benefit all superintendents and others in the industry for years to come.

President Scott Bell's presidency came to a close as new officers were elected as follows: President, Greg Plotner; Vice President, Dale Kuehner; and Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Ondo.

On Sunday evening Dan Riley, with a little help from closet comedian, Larry Kamphaus, entertained all the banquet attendees. Congratulations to Tom Benefield for receiving the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for 1995, and to all the President's Award winners: Mike Barger (South Florida), Paul Frank (Ev-

erglades) and Billy Wright (Palm Beach).

Tournament results. The mysterious hex that the Ridge Chapter has on the Crowfoot Open continued as they once again took team honors. Mark Hopkins, Buck Buckner, Alan Puckett and Steve Ciardullo were masterfully "coached" to victory by Roy Wilshire.

Host superintendent Dwight Kummer and staff had the challenging Bay Hill layout in top condition for the tournament.

A special thanks to all Diamond and Gold sponsors and par 3 and putting contest sponsors for their support of this event.

Also, thanks go to Larry and Vilma Kamphaus and the Crowfoot Committee for another successful event.

OPINION -

Equipment companies need parts on the shelf

Most superintendents will agree that you are only as good as your people and equipment. We all know good help is hard to find, and it seems the more superintendents and mechanics I talk to, the more I hear that replacement parts for equipment are also hard to find.

A common question we are all asking our equipment salesmen is, "Why don't you stock at least the most in-demand parts?"

The problem is not just common in Florida — it exists worldwide. In June I met with a panel of golf course superintendents from all over the world for a research and development meeting for an irrigation system manufacturer. In our discussions about parts and service, the topic quickly changed to turf equipment, parts and service.

The general remark was that distributors were not able to get parts to courses fast enough. This comment, however, was secondary to the question of why distributors don't stock the most common parts.

We all agreed that it should be easy to track the most in-demand parts with inventory computers. We also agreed that

If a supermarket didn't keep a good stock of its most popular items, it would greatly effect their patronage. The same could be said for this situation.

we would be more apt to purchase equipment from a company that had a great reputation of parts availability, because we consider parts availability a key component of service.

One superintendent used this comparison: If a supermarket didn't keep a good stock of its most popular items, it would greatly effect their patronage. The same could be said for this situation.

The theory of the 48-hour parts plan is good on paper, but consider these two points.

First, you must call your order in before a designated time, which raises the question of what to do about equipment

that breaks down at the end of the day.

Second, the companies that deliver the parts work five days a week, and the last time I checked most of us were working seven or eight days a week, so if you order parts on Thursday afternoon you may not get them until Tuesday morning.

The salespeople working for the distributors work hard to earn our \$20,000, \$40,000 or \$100,000 in equipment we buy, and then they listen to our frustration when we don't get the service we expect. It may cost the distributor a little more to stock parts but the risk is minimal when the odds are the part won't be on the shelf more than thirty days.

In our industry, when we encounter problems like this we have to find a way to be heard. Remember, you are giving them your money. The distributors need to earn our business through quality and service. In this situation the best way to be heard may be to quietly change our purchasing habits. A drop in sales gets a lot of people thinking.

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