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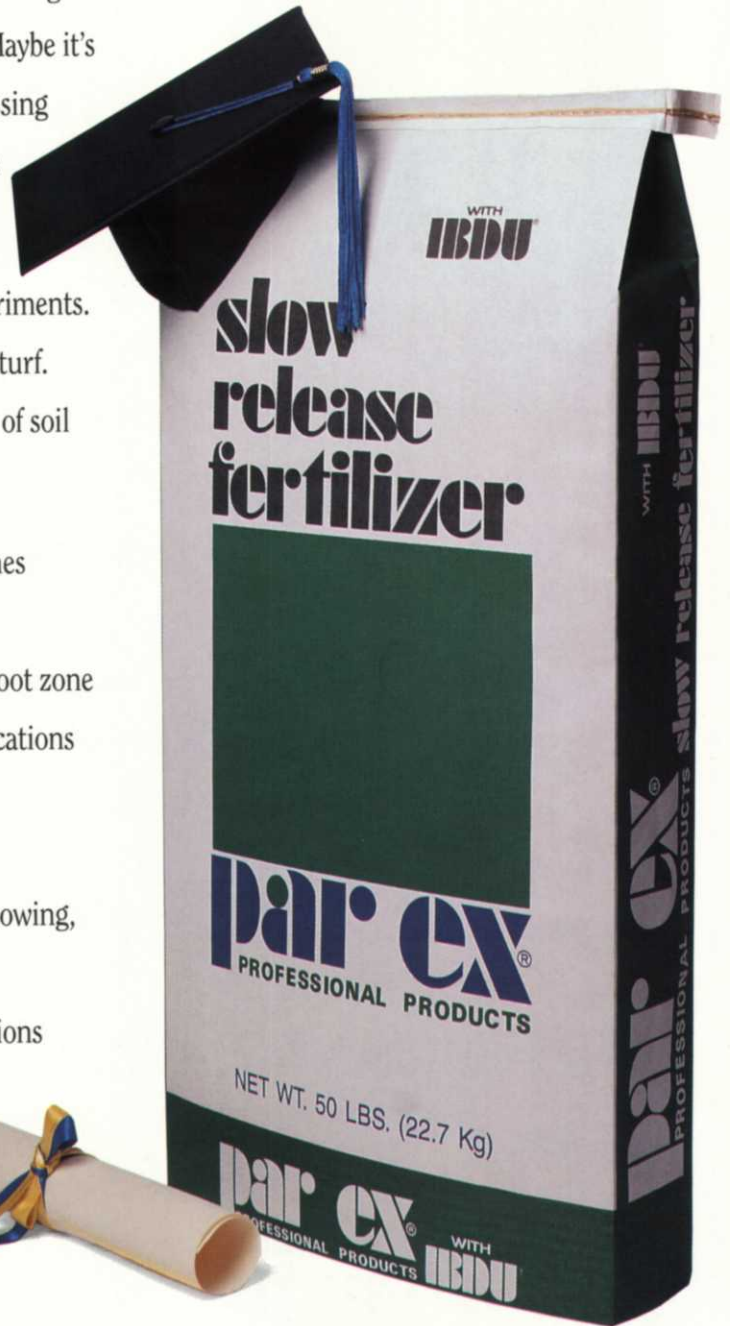
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Poa Annua Classic: productive, educational, fun

The annual Spring gathering of Florida superintendents began on the morning of Friday, May 19, with the FGCSA Board Meeting. At this meeting the CIBA corporation presented a check for over \$25,000 in rebate incentives to be used for turf research. Also at this meeting, funding was approved to partner with the FTGA to sponsor DNA testing of hybrid bermudagrasses.

At noon, Dow Elanco's Issues Manager, Terry Henderson, presented a program called Emergency Response. The second half of the seminar included a lively panel discussion with three media representatives of the Fort Myers-Naples area.

On Saturday, May 20, the Everglades Chapter buried the competition and took team honors in the annual fund raising Poa Annua Classic. Jim Osburn of Cape Coral CC took individual honors with a sterling score of 68. Kevin Downing of the Treasure Coast was second with a 72.

Michael Swinson of Seven Rivers GCSA was low net superintendent winner with a 62 and Dickie Harrell was the low supplier with a gross 73. Later that evening, contestants and guests enjoyed a "Southwest Fiesta" banquet complete with entertainment.

Sunday morning saw David Barnes and company kick off the Annual G.C. Horn Memorial Tournament which raises endowment funds for the FTGA Research Foundation. Once again, a productive, educational and fun weekend. Our hats off to the Everglades Chapter for another first-class event. All golf events were held on the Naples Beach Club Golf Course, which is managed by Dick Naccarato.

The Envirotron Golf Classic raises \$35,000 for research

The third annual Envirotron Golf Classic, held April 24 at World Woods Golf Resort in Homosassa Springs, raised

\$35,000 for the Envirotron Research Laboratory at the University of Florida.

The tournament's net proceeds will go toward purchasing research equipment and supporting an in-house researcher. The inaugural event, held June 28, 1993, yielded a \$22,500 donation. Last year's tournament brought \$30,000. The Envirotron Golf Classic's overall research contributions total \$87,500.

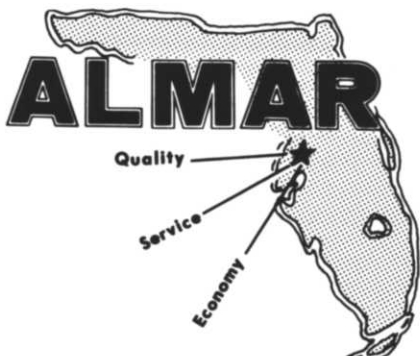
Funded in part by the Florida Turfgrass Association, the 3,100-square-foot, state-of-the-art research field laboratory opened in November, 1993 and includes a greenhouse, four climate-controlled glass houses, two walk-in growth chambers, two laboratories, study areas, classrooms and offices.

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Envirotron Golf Classic

primary studies deal with temperature modifications, noise abatement, pollution and water purification, as well as the aspects of turfgrass culture.

Presented by the Seven Rivers Chapter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, the tournament comprised of a pair of 18-hole, 4-man scrambles, played on two of the nation's top courses — Pine Barrens (rated No. 1 by *Golf Digest*) and Rolling Oaks (rated No. 8 by *Golf Digest*).

Major sponsors included World Woods Golf Club, Seven Rivers Golf Course Superintendents Association, Barbaron, Tresca/Jacobsen, United Horticultural Supply/Bayer, Ag Resources/Helena and Southern Golf Products.

For information on sponsoring the Envirotron or FTGA membership, contact Jane Rea at (800) 882-6721.



The Suncoast GCSA Board meets to plan the scramble.

Suncoast Scramble raises funds for projects

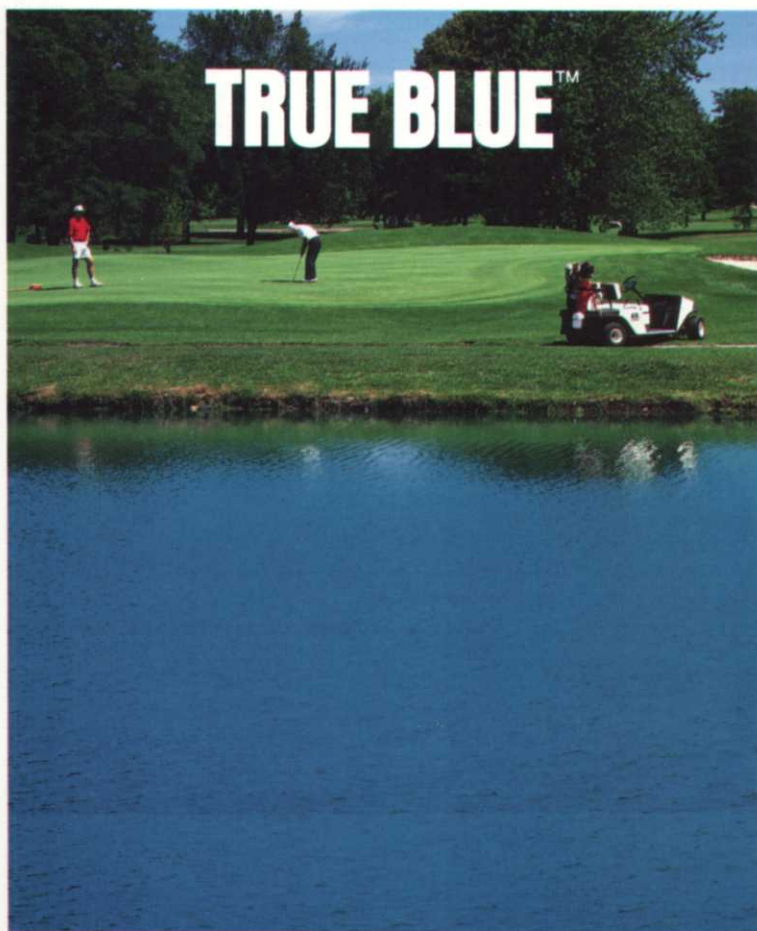
Misty Creek G & CC hosted the Twelfth Annual Suncoast Scramble. Thirty area club teams participated in the tournament this year. Each team was made up of manager, pro, superintendent, and supplier. Each player had the opportunity to purchase two mulligans and an unlimited number of raffle tickets.

Host superintendent Tom Crawford

had the golf course in top condition with "Sunday" pin placements and quick rolling greens that everyone enjoyed.

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At Lake Nona, Orlando, FL

"I normally utilize a 50/50 blend of bentgrass/*Poa trivialis* for my greens overseeding program. This year however, because our tournament schedule dictated a later overseeding window, I will use straight Laser *Poa trivialis* at a slightly higher rate. This will be the fourth year I've used Laser. During those years, we've experienced a variety of weather conditions and traffic challenges. Laser has consistently exhibited good color and the drought tolerance that is so important in achieving a smooth spring transition. That was the reason I tried Laser in the first place and it has performed very well." Ken Glover

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At Hunter's Creek Golf Course, Orlando, FL

"For the past five years, we have overseeded our greens with straight Laser. Year after year, Laser has out-performed the other *Poa trivialis* varieties we've compared it against. It has consistently proven to have better color, quicker establishment, better disease resistance and better durability under high traffic. Laser produces an excellent putting surface. Our observations have convinced us that Laser is the superior choice of *Poa trivialis*." Craig A. Shelton



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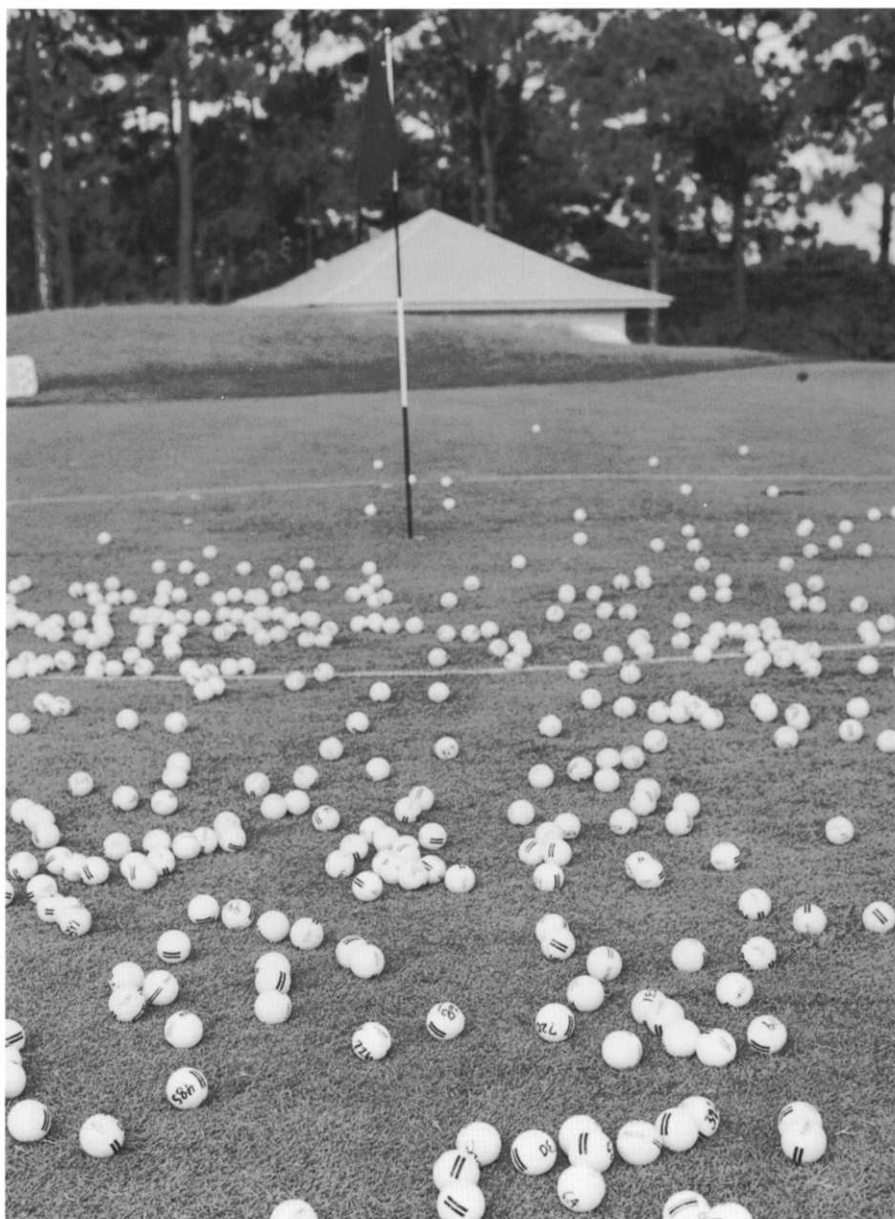
Have you ever seen 1,000 golf balls dropped from a helicopter onto a green? Well, it happened at Loblolly Pines just before the Blue Pearl Tournament.

Shelly Foy organized this fundraiser for the Hobe Sound Women's Club, and they raised \$6,000 in six weeks! With the help of Greg Norman's helicopter and pilot, 1000 numbered golf balls were dropped onto a temporary green.

Shelly says it was the "coolest" thing she had ever seen and was most definitely a lot of fun! Each numbered ball was sold for \$10, and the ball that landed closest to the pin won \$1,000.

Proceeds will be shared between the Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools and the Hobe Sound Women's Club Education and Scholarship Fund.

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Blue Pearl Tourney benefits program

The Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association hosted their 2nd Annual Blue Pearl Charity Tournament at Loblolly Pines Golf Club Saturday, May 13th.

Proceeds from this years event will benefit the Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. The TCGCSA will adopt 10 schools, provide reference materials on native plants, wildlife and habitat, as well as establish a \$5,000 grant fund so the adopted schools will have a funding source for projects they wish to work on.

The TCGCSA has received recognition from the Audubon Society of New York for providing the first fundraiser for the Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. They have also been recognized by the GCSAA for leading the way with the School Program, as it was announced at the FGCSA Poa Annua meeting that the GCSAA will become the sponsor of the Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools.

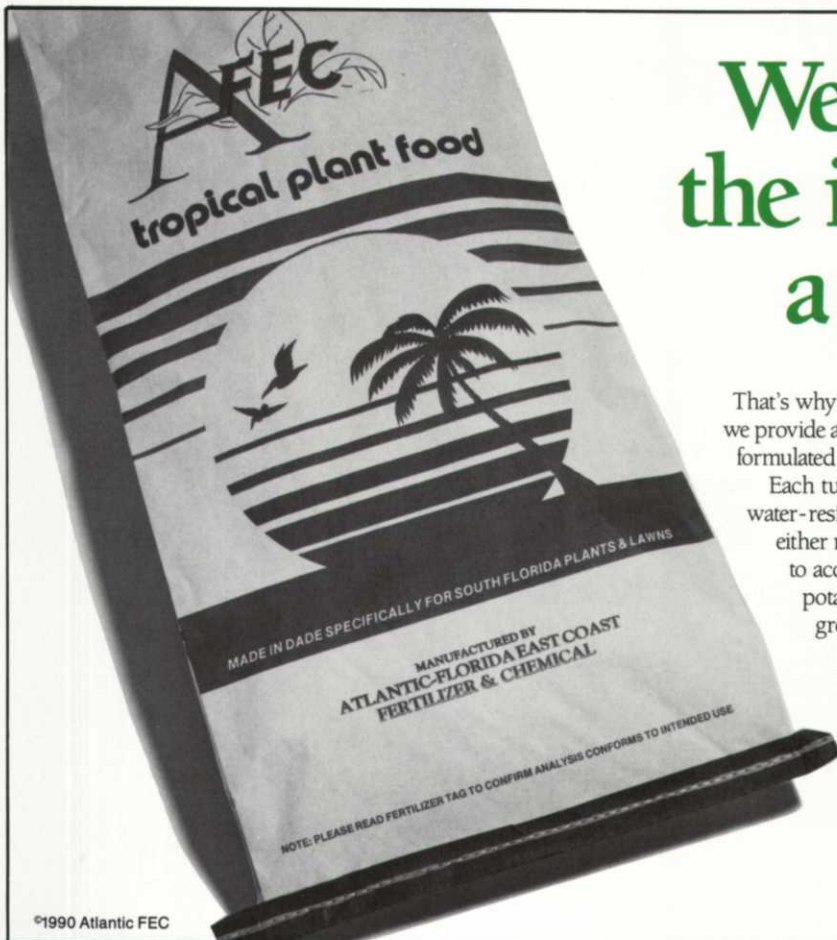
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