



*The 1998 Larry Kamphaus/Crowfoot Open*





Director of Communications Joel Jackson, CGCS thanks Dale Kuehner, CGCS for his four years of service as an association officer and presents him with a bound edition of Florida Green issues containing his President's messages. Dale will continue to be active as the FGCSA Voting Delegate. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Speaker Gary Bueltel, CGCS (left) with Geoff Coggan, CGCS FGCSA Education Committee Chairman at the Etonic Leadership Seminar, "Computers and Golf Course Maintenance." The theme of Gary's seminar, "Save time. Save money. Save your job!" Photo by Joel Jackson.

long time friends and business associates. Following dinner, a casino night was held to play for raffle tickets for the door prizes.

On Monday, coats and ties gave way to shorts and spikeless golf shoes as a full field teed off on the Bay Hill course. Host superintendent

Dwight Kummer took mercy on the amateurs and the field played from the middle tees rather than the Tour tees like last year.

The course was in great shape for the event. The Central Florida team of Chris Cartin, Jeff Cotton, Tom Alex, and Barry Troutman captured the Chapter Team event with Cartin also taking low gross honors.

In the Commercial Division Joe O'Donnell of Sunbelt Seeds won low gross and Butch Singo of Harrell's, Inc. took low net honors.

Tom Alex, 1998 Chairman of the Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, announced last week that the event netted approximately \$4,000 that will be donated for turf research.

### Managers Invite Superintendents to CMAA Meeting

In a move to provide better relations between club managers and golf course superintendents, Mike Fiddelke, president of the Florida Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America, suggested to the CMAA members attending their annual meeting in Naples this past August to invite their superintendents to come along.

The CMAA board had organized a turf-oriented program with such speakers as Chris Hartwiger and John Foy from the USGA, and Dr. John Cisar, turf coordinator for the University of Florida. Approximately two dozen superintendents were able to

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University of Florida's IFAS turf coordinator, Dr. John Cisar opened a few eyes to the extremely low risk of pesticide exposure on golf courses with his presentation at the joint club manager/superintendent workshop in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

attend and over 100 people attended the turf workshop held at the Registry Hotel in Naples.

Hartwiger, who covers the northwest Florida and other southeastern states for the

USGA Green Section, discussed the top ten myths in turf maintenance. The list actually reached 17 items, but Hartwiger says the top ten title was a little more catchy! Hartwiger also discussed

bunker maintenance and the concept of using a report-card evaluation approach so the green committee and superintendent could set priorities, goals and expectations for maintaining the course bunkers.

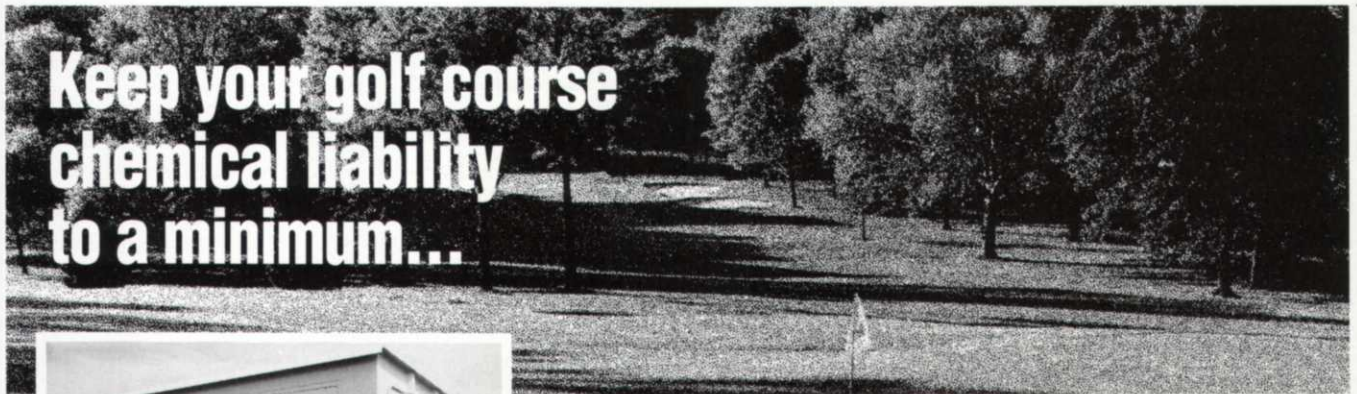
Foy used a similar report-card approach for a total maintenance plan for the conditioning of a golf course. This approach forces a club to identify and discuss specific complaints, weaknesses, features, factors and causes for greens conditions.

The report-card method is detailed in an article by Jim Moore in the USGA's March/April 1998 Green Section Record.

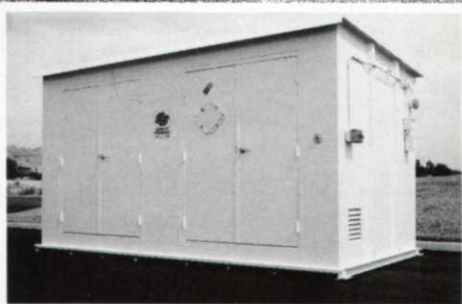
Dr. Cisar discussed the mission of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and

how IFAS serves the golf industry through its education and research programs. Cisar then presented the results of his work on the "Dislodgeability of Pesticides." The good news for those concerned about exposure to pesticides is that after rigorous attempts to pick up pesticides that have dried on turf, only .0018 micro-grams of material could be detected. That's 18 ten-thousandths of a micro-gram. That is well below any levels for potential health concern according to EPA human safety exposure figures.

The three-day event which included a banquet and a golf tournament provided an informal atmosphere where club managers and superinten-



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dents from around the state could network and discuss common areas of concern. Hopefully more joint events like this can be held in the future.

### Third Time's a Charm for Coastal Plains Chapter

The Coastal Plains Chapter, which serves the Tallahassee area, held its Third Annual Coastal Plains Classic Golf Tournament to benefit turfgrass research July 13 at the Golden Eagle Country Club in Tallahassee. In a promotional flyer, the chapter provided their mission statement for the event:

"The Coastal Plains Chapter is a non-profit group of turfgrass-related commer-



Bill Humphrey, Lesco, Inc. of Tallahassee, tees off in the Third Annual Coastal Plains Golf Classic held on the beautiful rolling Golden Eagle Country Club golf course. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Bill Allford was the host superintendent for the Third Annual Coastal Plains Golf Classic. Proceeds from the tournament benefit turf research. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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cial members and golf course superintendents. Our group is responsible for maintaining

in Tifton, Ga. and the University of Florida Station in Milton, Fla."

Doug Abbuhl, president of the Coastal Plains chapter, reported that the event should clear about \$4,200 to be donated to turfgrass research.

This year's two-man team event was won by Kyle Beebe and Kevin Nelson in the Low Gross Division and Tom Davis and Dave Melsow in the Low Net Division.

Bill Allford, host superintendent had the gorgeous rolling golf course in immaculate condition for the event.

The tournament committee, consisting of Doug Abbuhl, Mike Bishop, Gerri Buchheit, Todd Carlton and Bill Humphrey, want to thank Novartis for being the keynote sponsor and the

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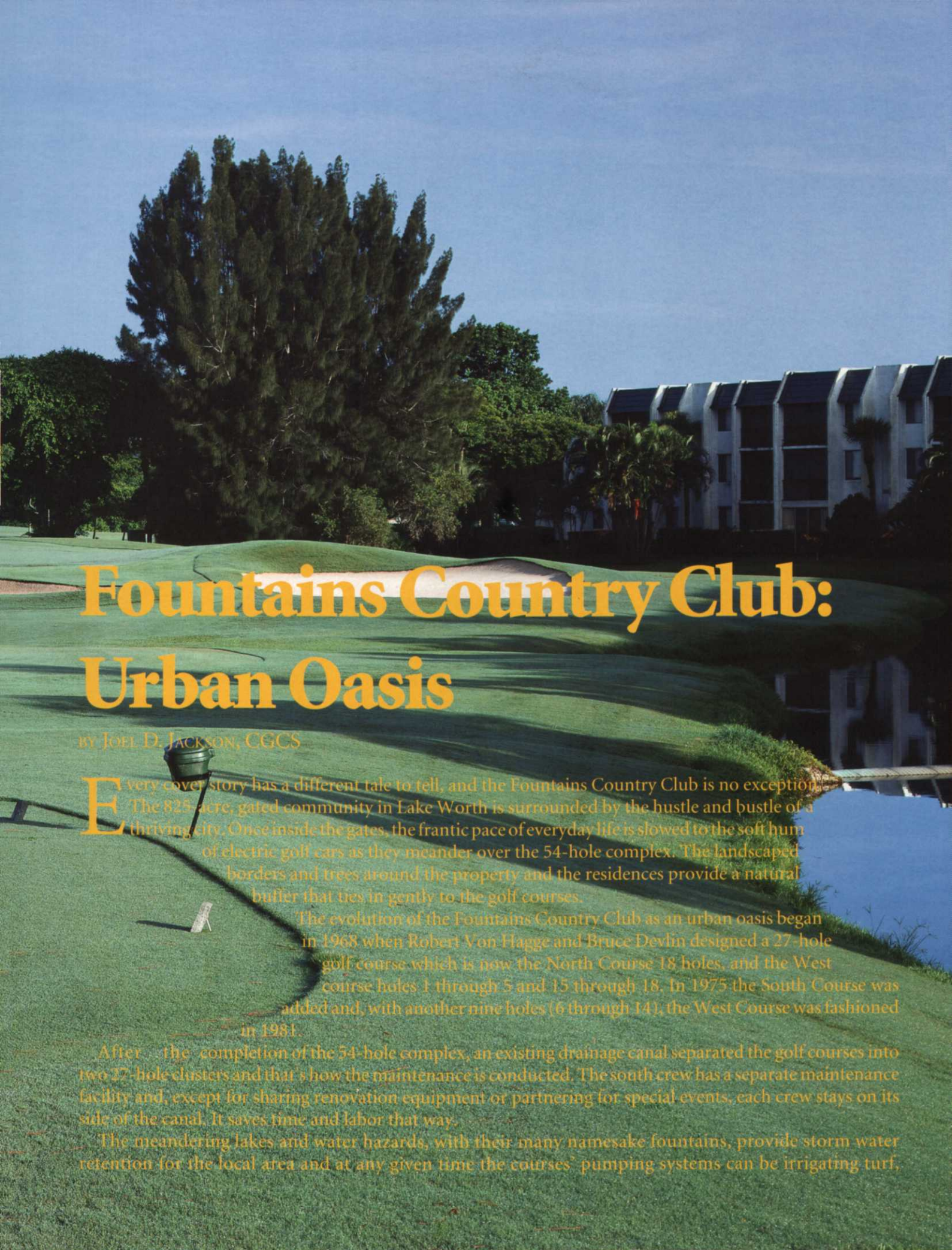
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Par 3, 200 yard,  
#8 North,  
Photo by Daniel Zelazek.



A photograph of a golf course with a large tree and a building in the background. The title 'Fountains Country Club: Urban Oasis' is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the author's name 'BY JOEL D. JACKSON, CGCS' is written in a smaller, orange font. The main text is in a serif font, with the first letter of the first paragraph being large and orange. The background shows a green golf course with a sand trap, a large tree, and a building with a white facade and dark roof.

# Fountains Country Club: Urban Oasis

BY JOEL D. JACKSON, CGCS

Every cover story has a different tale to tell, and the Fountains Country Club is no exception. The 825-acre, gated community in Lake Worth is surrounded by the hustle and bustle of a thriving city. Once inside the gates, the frantic pace of everyday life is slowed to the soft hum of electric golf cars as they meander over the 54-hole complex. The landscaped borders and trees around the property and the residences provide a natural buffer that ties in gently to the golf courses.

The evolution of the Fountains Country Club as an urban oasis began in 1968 when Robert Von Hagge and Bruce Devlin designed a 27-hole golf course which is now the North Course 18 holes, and the West course holes 1 through 5 and 15 through 18. In 1975 the South Course was added and, with another nine holes (6 through 14), the West Course was fashioned in 1981.

After the completion of the 54-hole complex, an existing drainage canal separated the golf courses into two 27-hole clusters and that's how the maintenance is conducted. The south crew has a separate maintenance facility and, except for sharing renovation equipment or partnering for special events, each crew stays on its side of the canal. It saves time and labor that way.

The meandering lakes and water hazards, with their many namesake fountains, provide storm water retention for the local area and at any given time the courses' pumping systems can be irrigating turf,



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


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#6 West, a 329-yard, par 4 is part of nine holes added in 1981 to complete the 54-hole complex. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.

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The par 5, 535 yard #3 hole on the North Course is part of a string of challenging beginning holes. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.