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Joining Entwhistle on the 1998 tournament committee were, from left, Bob Klitz, CGCS; Bryan Singleton, Bill McKee and tournament host Dale Kuehner. Photo by Mike Bailey.

channeling the golf course superintendents' fund-raising abilities into a local community charity. The National Center was formerly known as the Adam Walsh Center, which was formed in Hollywood when Adam Walsh was abducted and killed in the early 1980s

Lottes and Entwistle have stepped down from this event that they founded, and turned it over to the very capable hands of Bill's son, Billy Jr., the golf course superintendent at Flamingo Lakes, in Pembroke Pines. He has become the driving force for this event during the past eight years. The joke among former tournament board members is that the only way to escape Billy and this golf tournament is to move away like Mark Richard CGCS, and Ron Wright CGCS.

Results

1st Low Gross (59) Bob Burns, Ramon Perez, Chris Schibt, and Paul Blockens.

1st Low Net (61) Paul Thompson, Mark Owen, Mike Tchebanoff, and Brian Moldenhauer. Each June, former tournament board members receive that fateful phone call from Billy, "Yo, Bob, we need to get going on this golf tournament!" We all try to hide from him, but his persistence pays off. We gather for our first meeting, and the ball starts rolling again.

Many of our Eagle (\$250) and Birdie (\$100) Sponsors have supported this event for all 14 years. These sponsors are so enthusiastic about supporting this event that their checks arrive only several days after we mail out our preliminary tournament information. This type of cooperation from our sponsors, and the sincere care and concern that they express for this cause, are key components for the outstanding success that occurs with this event each year.

On Oct. 2, Entwistle presented Nancy McBride, the Center's director, with a check for \$13,000. Every year our fund-raising goal increases, every year our sponsors respond.

More than \$106,000 in 14 years! I don't believe David Lottes and Bill Entwistle Sr. ever dreamed about this type of success, or that this event

would continue for so long.

This year Colony West provided an excellent site for an event of such complex planning and last-minute adjustments. Dale Kuehner, CGCS and his staff again provided outstanding course conditions after another tough September of growing grass under water.

South Florida had just sloshed through 22 inches of rain prior to this event and, after reviewing course



Superintendent Bill Entwistle, Jr., has assumed the role of permanent chairman of the South Florida GCSA's Missing and Exploited Children Tournament. Photo by Joel Jackson.

conditions, Dale's course appeared unaffected from the challenging grass-growing environment.

The intricacies of hosting this event — including grill placement for cooking 400 hot dogs, installing 45 tee and green sponsor signs, 144 very critical players, and an overbearing tournament director (Billy) — can be a challenging experience for most superintendents. Dale and his staff have done an excellent job in making this event such a success

The 1998 SFGCSA
Tournament Committee
included Bill Entwistle Jr.,
Dale Kuehner CGCS, Bob
Klitz CGCS, Bill McKee, and
Bryan Singleton. All of the
SFGCSA Board members,
would like to thank the
tournament participants and
our volunteers for making
this tournament a consistent
success. See you all next year

Volunteers: Angela McCommon; Erik Thor, Rayside Truck and Trailer; Tom McCulley; and Richard Levy. Special thanks to: Bill Rittberger, Rayside Truck and Trailer for the Hot Dog (400 Hot Dogs, and then we go eat lunch!) Eagle One Golf Products for donating all the sponsor signs.

BOB KLITZ, CGCS General Manager Orangebrook GC

FGCSATEAMTOURNAMENT

Hurricane Georges Wipes Out Majority of Tourney Field

Hurricane Georges threw a kink in the plans to hold the Third Annual FGCSA Chapter Team Championship at Southern Dunes GC in Haines City in September.

With the event rescheduled for Oct. 17, only five chapters were able to field teams as many courses began their overseeding preparations. A cloudy, blustery day greeted the field of diehard golfers, but the weather held off and the event is in the record books.

For the record, the West Coast Team, led by low gross winner Jim Torba of the University of South Florida GC, edged the Treasure Coast team by one shot.

Joining Torba on the West Coast team were Cary Lewis, CGCS, Renaissance Vinoy Resort; Mike Wisher, Bloomingdale GC; and Duane Van Etten, Lansbrook GC.

Torba's score of par 72 earned him a spot on FGCSA's No.1 Team along with Mark Hopkins, winner of the Poa Annua Classic in May and Chris Cartin who won the Crowfoot Open in August. The fourth spot on the team went to Buck Buckner who had the lowest average score in 2 out of 3 of the qualifying events. The team will vie for national honors during the GCSAA Golf Championship to be held in February.

Special thanks to host superintendent Bayne Calliavet and the pro shop and food and beverage staffs for another great event on a great golf course. Thanks also to Tom Benefield of



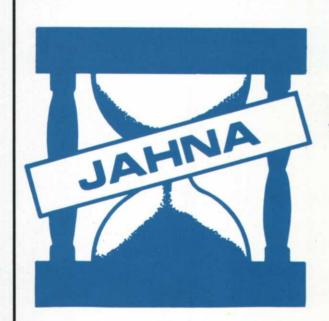
The West Coast Chapter Team, from left: Cary Lewis, Duane Van Etten, Jim Torba (low gross) and Mike Wisher.

Eco Soil Systems for sponsoring the beverages on the course and after golf.

Mark your calendars now for the last Saturday next September and I hope to see more chapters send teams next year. Hopefully we won't have to dodge another hurricane!

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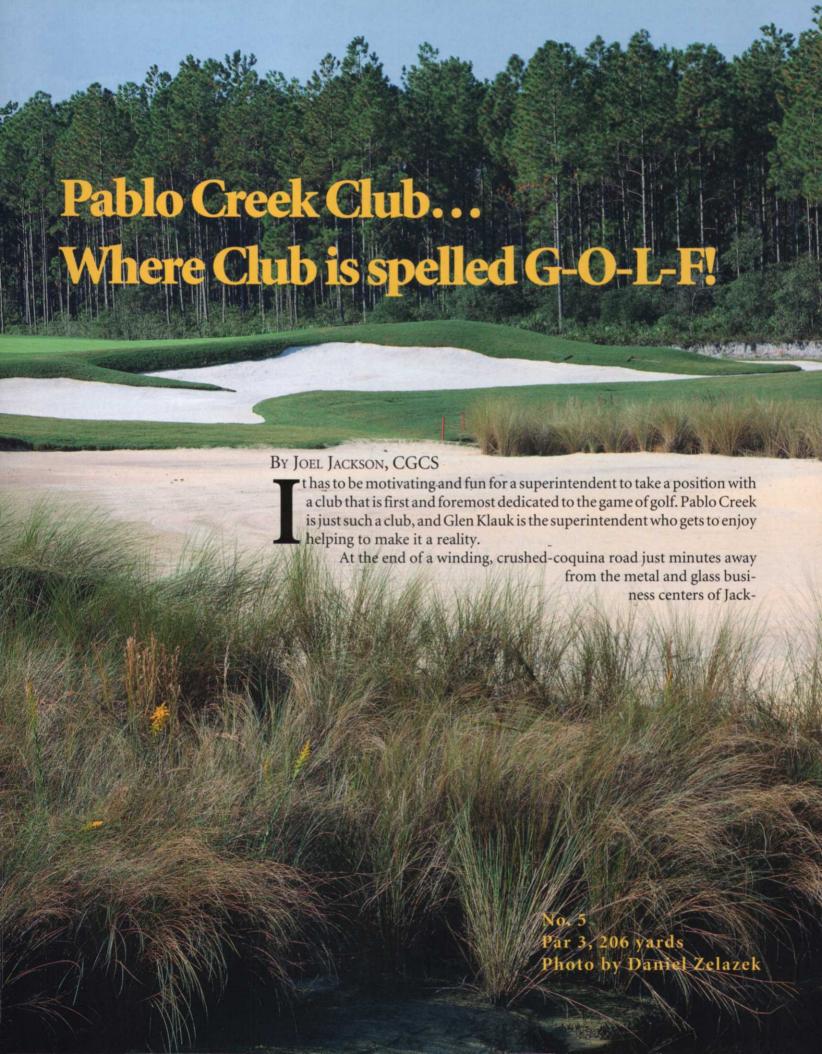
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North Florida Chapter

History: Serving the northeast Florida area or "First Coast" region, the North Florida Chapter began in 1961 as the Georgia-Florida Turf Grass Association. In 1967 the name was changed to the Florida-Georgia Turf Grass Association. In 1977 the chapter assumed its current North Florida GCSA Chapter status. Founding members were Buddy Clark, Baumy Baumgartner, Bob Willis, Crash Hall, Lou Chaff, Ed Dyer, Ed Matson, Amos Deathridge, Tom Svigel and Ron Hill.

Activities: Besides holding traditional monthly meetings, the chapter hosts two annual events: the Mike Richards Memorial Golf Tournament, which funds turf student scholarships; and the North Florida Transition Tournament, which is a weekend-long event that marks the change of officers and is a getaway for members and their families.

Mission: The North Florida Chapter supports the 4-H Club, The Ag Council, and the Jacksonville Area Golf Association. In 1998 the NFGCSA participated in the mayor's city beautification plan by donating 1,000 crepe myrtles to the community.

Current officers: president: Steve LaFrance, World Golf Village; vice president: Clayton Estes, San Jose CC; secretary/treasurer: Ed Neumann, Keystone CC; external vice president: David Amirault, The Deerwood Club

Total 1997-98 membership: 126

sonville, the Pablo Creek Club is nestled in a timberland wilderness along the banks of a tidal marsh southeast of downtown. The 18-hole, Tom Faziodesigned course winds through hardwood and pine forests and along the bluffs overlooking the marsh.

The only buildings on the site are the clubhouse and the maintenance building, and after two years of existence, the clubhouse just opened. No tennis courts. No swimming pool. No elaborate dinner service is planned here. It's breakfast, lunch and golf. Not necessarily in that order. Breakfast is on weekends only. This place is built to play golf!

Designed as a members' course, the greens and tees are located near each other to facilitate walking and using caddies. Fully 50 percent of the players I witnessed on my recent trip to Pablo Creek were walking. It was a sight reserved these days mainly for small municipal courses. It was like a picture



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Superintendent Garth Boline of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club-Home of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation in Clearwater, Florida.

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From this back tee location on the 8th hole, it's a 226-yard carry to the green. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.

Shooting par is a very good score and birdies are hard to come by.

The course isn't tricked up. If you make a double bogey, it's because you didn't hit the ball.

from an old golf book with foursomes walking down the fairways with their caddies. A rare sight indeed, but inspirational and indicative of the "golf only" atmosphere that permeates Pablo Creek.

The club encourages its members to bring family and guests to use the course and about half of the 14,000 rounds last year was guest play. Superintendent Glen Klauk, who sports a six handicap, says, "Shooting par is a very good score and birdies are hard to come by. The course isn't tricked up. If you make a double bogey, it's because you didn't hit the ball." Klauk's own game has been on hold the last two years as he dedicated himself to growing in the new course.

Growing in a new course was one of the reasons Klauk made the move to Jacksonville after a long, successful career in Palm Beach County.

"I had lived and worked exclusively in Palm Beach County since I was in the first grade," said Klauk. "I had 18 good years at Delray Dunes, my last position, but my mom and dad moved to St. Augustine and my brother Fred is the superintendent at the Tournament Players Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. It was time for me to make a change.

"Fred told me about this new project starting up so I came up to take a look. I came out here to the site in 1996 when just a few acres had been cleared. It was just so different from what I had been doing that I knew I wanted to put in my bid for the job.

"We hit the decks running. The project started in March and the last grass was