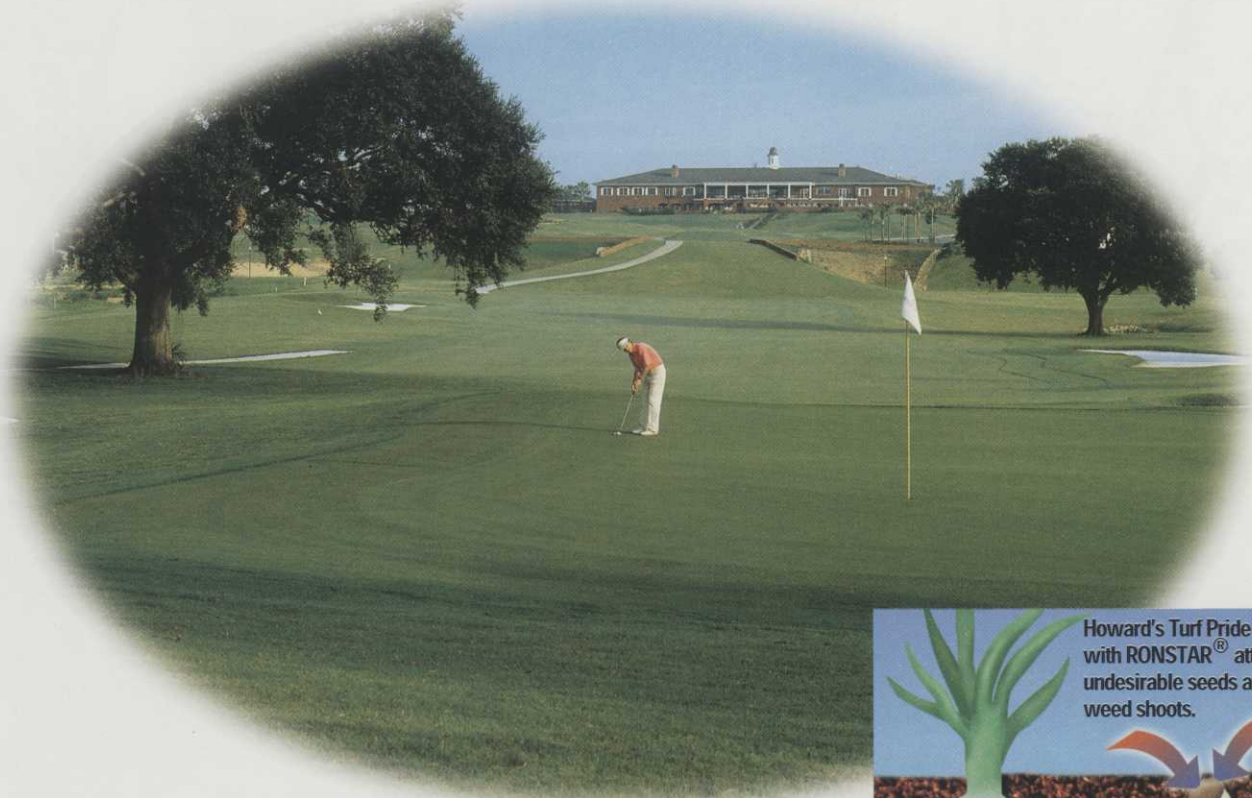


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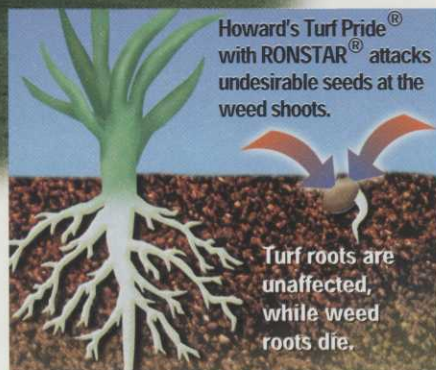
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Distinguished Service Award to Grigg

GCSAA President Dave Fearis, CGCS presents Florida's own Gary Grigg, CGCS/MG with one of three GCSAA Distinguished Service Awards handed out at GCSAA's 71st International Conference and Show in New Orleans in February. Photo by Joel Jackson.

only means to go down-town at \$21 to \$25 a trip. I shared an inbound cab with some big spenders who comped my ride. Coming home I paid my own way.

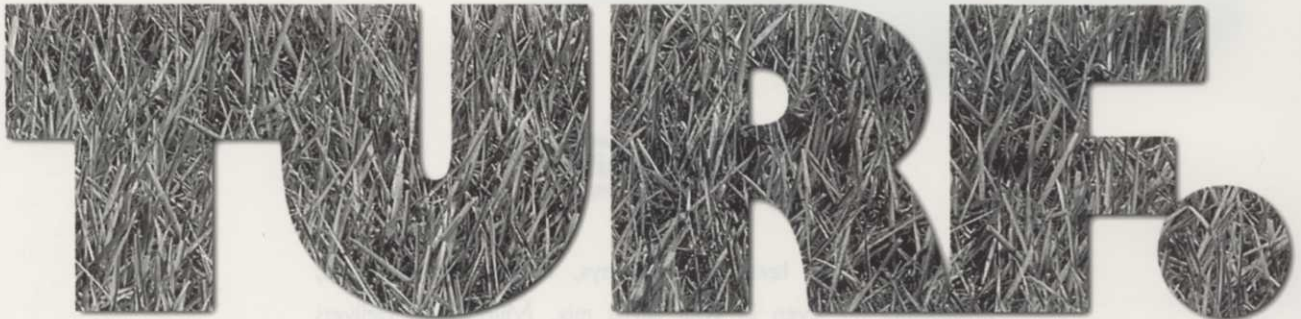
Did I say coming home? I meant going to the airport. Once again Delta Comair pleaded maintenance problems and the Sunday, 12:15 pm flight home was canceled. While some persistent souls played the stand-by game on other airlines, which were grossly overbooked, several of us gave up hope and let Delta put us up at a nearby hotel. We watched golf in the lounge and some of the wives went to the nearby mall. Bad luck for the hubbies. Monday

morning after an hour delay, people were seriously considering car rental in order to get out of New Orleans, but our plane arrived and we finally headed home.

As I said earlier, the real reason we went to New Orleans was fulfilled. Nearly 7,000 GCSAA members attended 112 seminars held Monday through Thursday. Marie Roberts and I attended the Chapter Leaders Track which included sessions on chapter management issues, PDI, research funding, government relations and publications.

We drop-shipped two cases of the *Florida Green* which were put out for public consumption in the

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GCSAA media room and the Lake City and U. of Florida booths. Marie also took copies around and visited the booths of potential advertisers hoping to meet with various marketing and advertising reps.

Florida GCSA members brought home the gold, marble, mahogany, acrylic and parchment in the form of several awards. Gary Grigg, CGCS/MG received GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award and Mike Blanchard, GCS was presented the Leo Feser Award during the Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday night.

At the Friday CGCS Luncheon, Geri Buchheit, CGCS of Killlearn CC in

Tallahassee and John Lammrish, CGCS joined 79 other superintendents in receiving their CGCS pins for completing the Certified Golf Course Superintendents program.

Saturday afternoon, yours truly picked up *The Florida Green's* ninth Best Overall Award in the last ten years. We couldn't do it without the dedicated hard work and special talents of Marie Roberts bulldogging the advertisers and Larry Kieffer of Janlark Communications designing our great-looking layout and providing journalistic mentoring. My job as editor and your job as members is to keep the stories coming.

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Mike Perham, CGCS, working with Marie Roberts made his debut as FGCSA reception host in addition to his role as Florida Green business manager. Kudos to Marie and Mike for providing food and drink to the sponsors, superintendents

and their guests on Friday night. Attendance was estimated at nearly 600 for the event, and the shrimp legacy lives on. Many thanks for all the sponsors who funded the reception. Please see our thank-you page recognizing these generous supporters of our



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Saturday morning was the GCSAA Annual Meeting followed by a Town Hall meeting on the Professional Development Initiative. After much soul searching and discussion in the election of officers, the FGCSA chose to support Jon Maddern's nomination from the floor for secretary/treasurer. One of the original candidates, Sam Snyder, CGCS had resigned from the GCSAA board of directors citing personal reasons. FGCSA's voting delegate, Dale Kuehner, CGCS, who has interviewed and talked with all the candidates and delegates from around the country, felt that it was in the best interest of the association to have a true election to this important position. So we supported Maddern's nomination. While Jon did not succeed in this eleventh-hour bid, we feel Mike Wallace's election as secretary/treasurer was validated by the members having a choice rather than ascending the office by default.

Congratulations to newly elected President Scott Woodhead, CGCS; Vice President Tommy Witt, CGCS; Secretary/Treasurer Mike Wallace, CGCS; and directors Jon Maddern, CGCS and Ken Mangum, CGCS. Director Mark Woodward, CGCS has another year remaining on his term and Tim O'Neill was appointed to a one-year term as director to fill Wallace's position. Woodhead will also appoint one other director



The 2000 Lake City Alumni Endowment Committee helped organize and run an event which raised \$14,000 for their alma mater. From left, front row: Mike Smith, John Piersol, Scott Hamm and Dick Bessire; back row: David Fry, John Johnson and Glenn Zakany. Photo by Robert Toski.

to fill Snyder's vacated position.

LAKE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GLO Alumni Raise \$14,000 for Program

The 8th annual Lake City Community College Endowment Golf Tournament was held Jan. 7 at the newly rebuilt Gulf Harbour Yacht and Country Club in Fort Myers.

One hundred and forty-plus players in the two-man scramble event were greeted at 8 a.m. by a thick fog that added to an

already demanding golf course. Once the fog cleared the weather was absolutely perfect and the festivities wonderful.

Tim Pratt, our host superintendent, and his staff did a magnificent job of preparing the golf course. Gulf Harbor was in excellent condition and proved to be a challenging test of golf. Preparing a golf course for 140 of your peers is not an easy job, especially when you consider several of the greens on the back nine were not sprigged until October. Congratulations,

Tim, on a fantastic job.

This year's tournament raised more than \$14,000 for the Lake City Endowment Fund. Thanks to your support, Lake City Community College progresses into the 21st century as it continues to fuel the industry with golf course superintendents, service technicians, and irrigation technicians. It remains one of the most comprehensive training programs in the industry. Because of government funding cutbacks it takes our support to help keep Lake City at the top.

It takes a lot of hard work to organize a tournament of this magnitude. Special thanks goes out the Tournament committee who once again did an excellent job. David Fry and Glenn Zakany, co-chairmen, Scott Hamm, Dick Bessire, John Johnson, Odell Spainhour, and Mike Smith. Thanks also goes out to all the raffle prize contributors, WCI Communities for providing us with the facility and to Jim Hafner and his staff for their wonderful hospitality.

MIKE HAMILTON
 Foxfire CC

L.C.C.C. Tournament Results

It was nice to see some new names on the leader board this year. Kudos to Lou Conzelmann for his handicap adjustments on some of the notorious sand baggers. Thanks a lot Lou!! Here is a list of those winners

A FLIGHT, B FLIGHT

- 1st Place,** Mark Hoffer & Scott Laufren, Don Burnett & Woody Woodward
- 2nd Place,** Doug Padgett & Bill Lund, Todd Himmelberger & Jason Brod
- 3rd Place,** J. D. Varon & Mike Cantwell, Mark Metzger & Doug Kucera
- 4th Place,** Glenn Zakany & Michael Smith, Jim Osburn Dwight Meeker
- 5th Place,** Scott Zakany & Bob Bittner, Dave Cheesman & Bob Shevlin

EVERGLADES GCSA

Members On The Spot for NBC Sports

In late November the Everglades GCSA was contacted by NBC Sports and asked if we could help supply spotters and scorers for the televising of the 1999 Office Depot Father and Son Challenge Dec. 4-5 at Twin Eagles Golf &

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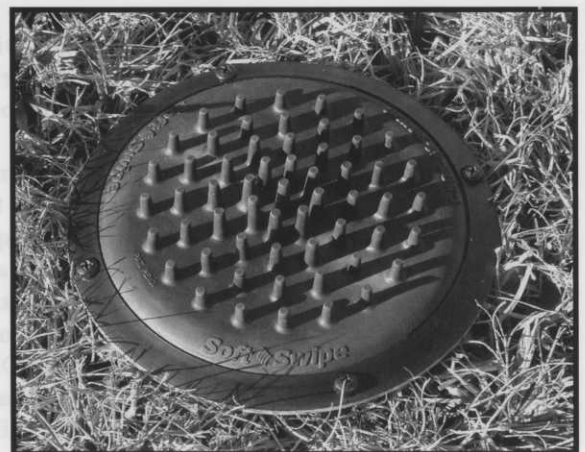
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Everglades GCSA members served as spotter and scorers for NBC Sports at the PGA Tour's Father & Son Tournament held at Twin Eagles CC in Naples on December 4-5, 1999. Left to right: James Brinkmeyer, Jim Wahlin, Darren Davis and Trevor Brinkmeyer from Olde Florida GC; Steve Simpson, Wesco Turf; Bill Davidson, Collier's Reserve; Rick Tatum, Mike Anderson and David Pagel from Shadow Wood CC. Not pictured: Dale Walters, Royal Palm CC; Terry Wood, Royal Wood G&CC and Glenn Zakany, Golf Ventures, Inc.

Country Club in Naples. The call went out and a dozen EGCSA members stepped up to lend a hand in the production of this popular event.

Some of the well-known PGA Tour fathers who brought along their sons were Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd, Tom Kite, Lee Trevino and Hale Irwin.

Coincidentally, the Twin Eagles design was also a father-and-son collaboration of Jack Nicklaus senior and junior. They must have had unfair advantage because they were the eventual winners.

Congratulations to superintendent Greg Maze and his assistant, Jason

DeMartino, for having the golf course in superb condition for the tournament.

The EGCSA members who assisted in the two-day assignment as spotters and scorers were Darren Davis, Trevor Brinkmeyer, Jim Wahlin and Jim Brinkmeyer from Olde Florida GC; Rick Tatum, David Pagel and Mike

Anderson from Shadow Wood CC; Dale Walters from Royal Palm CC; Terry Wood from Royal Wood G&CC; Bill Davidson of the Collier's Reserve; Glenn Zakany of Golf Ventures and Steve Simpson from Wesco Turf. Here are some of their comments about the experience:

Rick Tatum: I thought

I thought it was a great experience. The intensity that goes along with one of these productions was incredible. I can't remember the last time I felt that type of pressure.

-Rick Tatum

it was a great experience. The intensity that goes along with one of these productions was incredible. I can't remember the last time I felt that type of pressure.

I would love to participate with helping NBC any time they need us. Listening to the background conversations and directions was quite entertaining. I certainly watch golf on TV from a different perspective now.

Glenn Zakany: The most fun of the NBC experience was listening to how they put the broadcast together through the headphones. It made the day even more enjoyable. I will definitely do it again next year.

Dale Walters: I was at "scoring central." My job was to record scores and pass them along to the TV people plus check and verify any discrepancies between NBC and the volunteers.

I was surprised that we were really important for NBC to have a quality event.

I heard all the info being called in by the NBC and Office Depot volunteers. The combination of the two clarify any doubts in scores or stats. It was very interesting and I would do it again.

DARREN DAVIS
Olde Florida GC

Editor's Note: Central Florida, North Florida, Palm Beach and South Florida chapter members will also be serving as TV spotters for tournaments this year.