



Tim Orton, left, of Pursell Technologies, Inc. and Vilma Kamphaus present a framed David Pursell drawing of Larry Kamphaus to Jack Harrell, Sr. of Harrell's Inc. Harrell was named the 2001 Larry Kamphaus Award winner at the 25th Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open reception Aug. 4. Photo by Joel Jackson.

reception was moved indoors to dodge persistent thunderstorms and mosquitoes.

During the reception, the Crowfoot committee honored Jack Harrell, Sr. of Harrell's Inc. as the 2001 Larry Kamphaus Award Winner. The four-year-old award commemorates former Crowfoot Open Chairman Larry Kamphaus who served 13 years in that capacity and was at Walt Disney World for 27 years until he died in 1997.

The award alternates between superintendent and commercial

members of the golf course industry.

This year's golf tournament was played on the North, South and East nines of the Grand Cypress Club with 154 players teeing it up for chapter team and individual honors. Chris Cartin of Deltona Hills CC shot a 71 to capture medalist honors and a spot on the FGCSA team playing for the GCSAA Golf Championship next February. The home boys defended their Crowfoot Open team title and kept the trophy in Central Florida.



The Central Florida Chapter retained its hold on the Crowfoot Open Chapter Team trophy. From left: John Lammrish, Dick Schlamel and Joe Ballant. Not pictured: P. J. Ronyecz. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Team members were Joe Ballant, John Lammrish, Dick Schlamel and P. J. Ronyecz. Superintendent low net winner was Chuck Rogers and Commercial Division winners were John Swaner, low gross and Bill Lloyd, low net.

Special thanks to Lisa McDowell, Jan and Bob Lloyd for their hard work in helping the Crowfoot Committee (Tom Alex, chairman; Dwight Kummer; Stu Leventhal; Joe Ondo and Joel Jackson) organize and put on such a successful event this year.

Joe Ondo and Joel Jackson

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- David Datema, CGCS, Highlands Reserve, Davenport
- Keith Einwag, CGCS, Westin Innisbrook Resort
- Billy Huskins, CGCS, Fiddlesticks CC, Ft. Myers
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Golf Agronomics Supply and Handling representatives Dale Mitchell and Chris Leahy present Cary Lewis, CGCS, center, with a check for \$3,000 for the FGCSA Research Fund. GASH's generosity has reached \$42,000 in cumulative giving to the FGCSA. Photo by Joel Jackson.



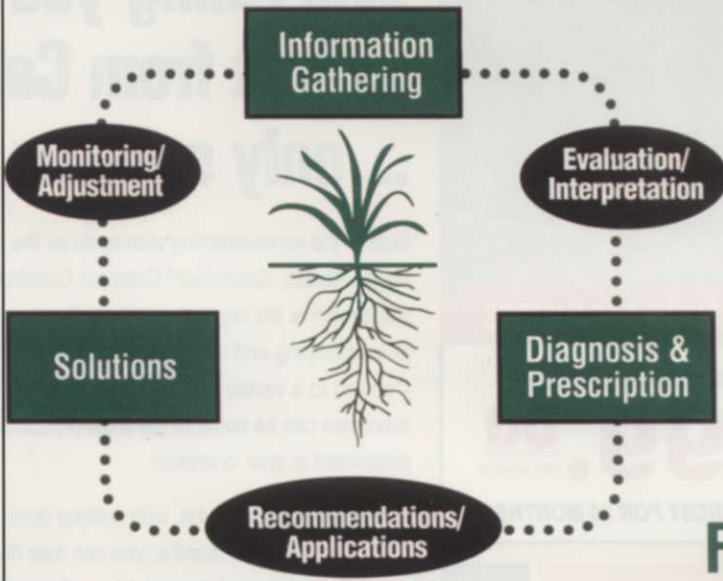
A presidential exchange takes place as North Florida Chapter President Andy Maguire, left, presents newly elected FGCSA President Geoff Coggan, CCGS, MG with a \$5,000 donation for the state's turf research fund. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Before giving up his gavel, FGCSA President Cary Lewis, CGCS accepted a \$5,000 turf research donation from Dale Walters, CGCS of the Everglades GCSA. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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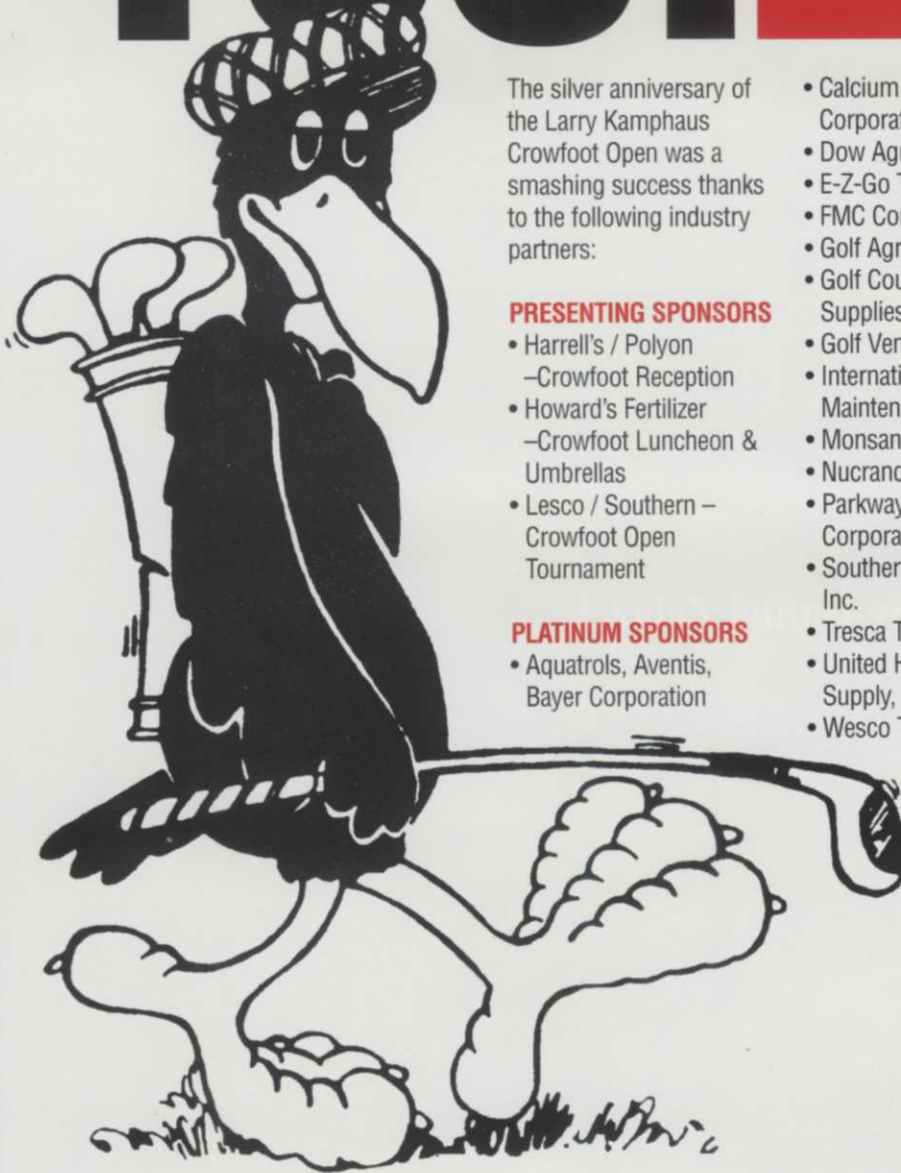
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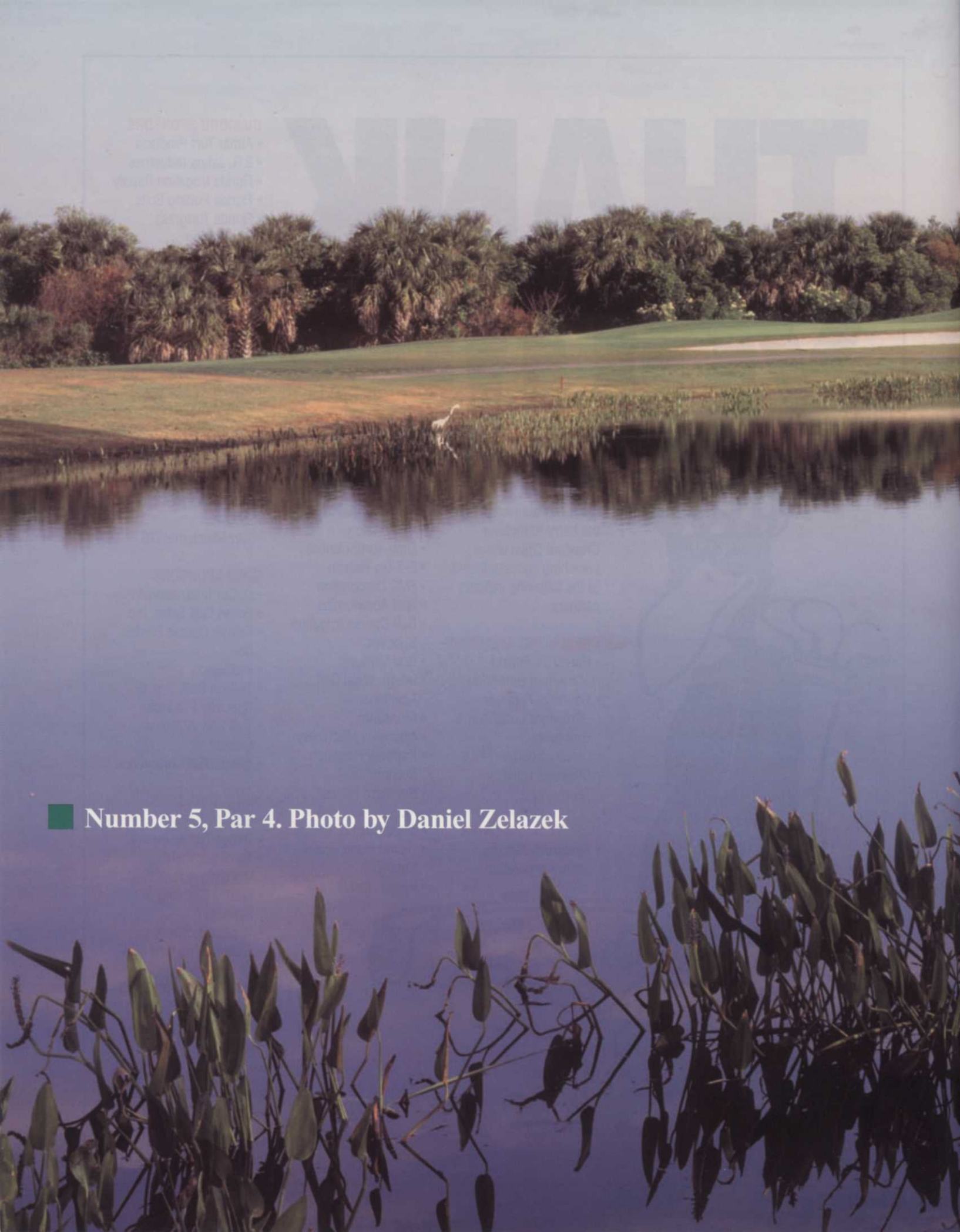
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■ Number 5, Par 4. Photo by Daniel Zelazek



The Great Outdoors:

Where the GM is an MG

By Joel Jackson, CGCS

Last January Geoff Coggan, CGCS, general manager/superintendent of the Great Outdoors RV Resort in Titusville, stood on the stage of a great hall in Harrowgate, England. His heart was thumping with pride and his skin prickled with goose bumps as Sir Michael Bolland, former captain and secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Association, presented Geoff with his Master Greenkeeper's blazer. Twenty years earlier Coggan, the grandson of a coal miner, had been a resident of the town of Mansfield, not far from that very stage.



Native cabbage palms provide food and habitat as they accent the right side of the 15th hole. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.

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Mansfield is located in Nottinghamshire 250 miles north of London and had two major claims to fame. It was the heart of the coal mining district for the UK, and according to legend it was also the birthplace of Robin Hood. As a lad of 15, Coggan had two career choices in his hometown as he finished his secondary education: become a miner or a minstrel.

Coggan was bound and determined not to go underground for a living, so he struck off into the world of commerce to become a manager. He wasn't quite sure what he was going to manage just yet, but it seemed a better life than mining.

He began his business training as a teenage furniture salesman, which not only included writing up the orders but also hauling and delivering the goods—no mean trick for a slip of a boy with not much bulk to his frame. Not wishing to be crushed under a sofa, Geoff began looking for other ways to get into a management training position. He saw an ad for a manager trainee at Fine Fare, a store not unlike a Wal-Mart. The opening was in the garden shop.

During his hiring interview the lady tested Coggan's knowledge by asking him to identify the plant in her office window. Geoff readily admitted he had no idea what it was, but he said, "If you give me the job, I will learn the names of every plant in the garden shop and in two weeks I'll come back up here and tell you the name of that plant." He got the job.

Coggan enjoyed his work in the garden shop so much so that he wanted to go to university to study horticulture, but his area supervisor was not inclined to help people improve themselves. That supervisor was replaced a short time later by one who valued his people and supported continuing education, so Coggan was able to begin a work-study program in horticulture.

But the corporate world is fickle, and in its infinite wisdom decided they would like to transfer Coggan to other departments to round out his manager training background. Meanwhile Coggan had developed a serious case of "green thumb" and wanted to stay in the

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Activities: Hosts Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open. Celebrated 25th Anniversary of this statewide event in August 2001. Annual CFGCSA/FTGA Turf Research Fundraiser at the Interlachen C.C. Orange County Science Fair – judges and awards savings bonds as prizes for the best horticulture and environmental science entries.

Annual donations: Sentinel Santa program for Christmas gifts to needy children. Maitland Birds of Prey Center. FGCSA and FTGA Turf Research Funds.

Honors and Awards: Current and former FGCSA Presidents Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG; Joe Ondo, CGCS, and Joel Jackson, CGCS.

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horticulture field. So he moved on.

Coggan found an opening for a groundskeeper with the National District Parks and Recreation Service. In their employ he learned how to care for cricket squares and bowling greens and he even helped in constructing soccer fields on an old landfill. The position required versatility as he learned to design and install annual beds and to care for trees from planting to proper pruning.

Perhaps the best part of working for the district was its work-study program, which Coggan quickly enrolled in to continue his university schooling. He would go to school part time for three years, taking one class at a time. It was during this period that Coggan found that, of all the disciplines in horticulture, he was gravitating toward the turf option in the program. But this part-time schooling was taking too long. So he quit his job to enroll full

time at the Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture. It meant moving back home to cut expenses, but with his savings from working three years and a grant from the local authority, Coggan was able to complete his studies in three more years of full-time classes.

During his last year of school in 1986, Coggan participated in an international internship and worked for Tim Hiers at the Johns Island Club. Inspired by the supremely professional Hiers, Coggan applied for a work visa upon graduation and began his golf course career in 1987 as a laborer and sprayman for Dave Oliver on the Inverrary GC.

Six months later Oliver left and assistant superintendent Bob Klitz moved up to superintendent. In a move that was to alter Coggan's fate, he selected the plucky Englishman as his assistant superintendent. The year was

1988 and Coggan was learning PGA tournament preparations for the Inverrary Classic. The world was his oyster.

At that time Inverrary was under management by Club Corporation of America. CCA needed someone to take over as superintendent at a property in Titusville, The Great Outdoors Resort, a vacation destination and residential resort catering to RV owners and travelers. The course had been open almost two years and needed some attention to detail to bring it around. In fact, it was just ragged enough to not be all that impressive to young Coggan, who was tapped by CCA to move up and take over.

But fate deals strange hands in the game of life, and as CCA was undergoing some changes it had no other place for Coggan if he didn't take the job at Great Outdoors. So a reluctant Coggan settled in to get to work on the