

He has also offered to start tracking handicaps of all participants in our monthly golf outings. Billy feels that our current President Bryan Singleton will provide strong leadership and that the new board is a good mix of veteran board members, and veteran superintendent's who are just starting to get involved on the board.

In his position at Flamingo Lakes, Billy has not had the opportunity to train many young, eager individuals who are interested in moving forward and developing a career as a superintendent. But that doesn't stop him from dispensing a few of his pearls of wisdom to young people who are interested in this business.

His advice is to not be easily discouraged, and to be patient. There are different paths to follow to become a superintendent. You may be working for a control freak (like Billy), who may not want you to experiment with a landscape installation, but a year from now you may be working with someone who will provide you with that opportunity and the responsibility.

As a superintendent/manager, his biggest challenge has been time management. Trying to balance his time, and schedule his day so that priorities are addressed sometimes leaves his true love of the details of golf course maintenance waiting until later in the day.

I asked Billy if he still felt

like a superintendent, even though he is currently handling more administrative and golf operation duties. He did not hesitate when he replied that he is still a superintendent at heart. When asked if he would like to see his children get involved in the business, he replied that he was going to leave it to them to decide. He would encourage them if they chose this business because of the good people that he has met in the industry. It's time to look in the mirror Billy, because you are one of the people that make this industry so special. Congratulations on your award!

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#### FGCSA NOTES

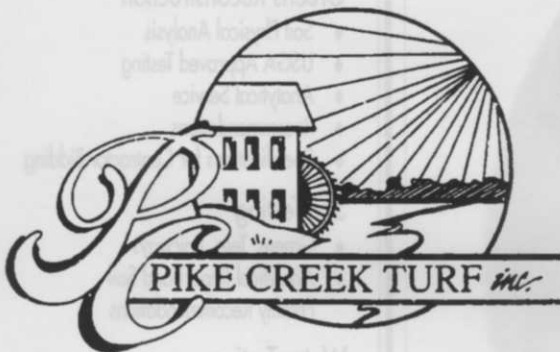
### Golf Chairman Wins Own Tournament

Central Florida superintendent Joe Ondo, CGCSA has served as the golf chairman for the FGCSA for as long as anyone can remember.

This past September he got a well-deserved reward for his hard work by winning the low medalist honors at the FGCSA Golf Championship held for the fourth straight year at the Southern Dunes G&CC in Haines City. Ondo edged out Treasure Coast's Tim Cann by one shot with a low gross score of 74.

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Joe Ondo, CGCS, the golf chairman for the FGCSA took medalist honors at the FGCSA Golf Championship at Southern Dunes G&CC in Haines City. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Ondo now joins Jimmy Lawrence, Steve Bernard and Buck Buckner on Florida's No. 1 team to represent Florida at the GCSAA Golf Championship

in San Antonio, Tex. in February. The state association reimburses the members of the No.1 team for their entry fees into the national championship. One of the original qualifiers, John Van Vranken, winner of the Poa Annuu Classic, is unable to go to San Antonio and Bernard will take his place, based on his overall average in the qualifying events. Buckner played his way onto the team also by scoring high in all the events producing the next best scoring average.

The Palm Beach Chapter team of Bernard, Mark Henderson, Jeff Klontz, Tyler Warner and Terry Kennelly became the first two-time winner of the FGCSA Team Championship with a one-

shot victory over the Treasure Coast Chapter. The low four out of five scores on a team are counted.

Many thanks to Southern Dunes superintendent Bayne Calliavet and head golf professional Eddie Frye for their help in staging another successful event. A big thank-you to Tom Benefield of Gator Turf for sponsoring the beverages on and off the course.

#### FGCSA BOARD MEETING

### Team Turf Pitches BMPs For Golf At Grenelefe Resort

The FGCSA board of directors met once again at centrally located Grenelefe

Resort in Haines City.

Minutes of the meeting will be published in the next issue of the Green Sheet. On hand at this meeting were several guest speakers who discussed key issues important to the association.

Leading off were FTGA President Erica Santella and Mike Thomas of Florida's Dept. of Environmental Protection. They gave the board a background and progress report on the green industry's initiative to create a comprehensive BMP manual. The primary purpose of which is to provide guidelines to the industry and educate legislators and environmentalists that turfgrass management is a science and a benefit to the environment.

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The secondary goal is to create a document that state regulators will endorse and one that may forestall local governments from enacting a maze of local regulations regarding fertilizer use and other management practices. Santella and Thomas urged the FGCSA to work on a BMP document specifically for the golf industry since our practices are so specialized. Vice President Geoff Coggan has volunteered to head a BMP Committee for the FGCSA. Coggan and Director of Communications Joel Jackson are also sitting on the Green Industry BMP Steering Committee to track the overall progress and to avoid duplication of effort.

John Piersol from Lake



From left: John Piersol, Lake City Community College; Erica Santella, FTGA President; Mike Thomas, Florida Dept of Environmental Protection and Dr. Bryan Unruh, Chairman UF/IFAS Turf Working Group made guest presentations at the fall FGCSA board meeting Nov. 3 in Haines City. Photo by Joel Jackson.

City Community College then spoke on how superintendents can help recruit students to attend the Turf Equipment

Technician program at Lake City. Piersol says he gets calls from across the country asking for trained mechanics, but there are

not enough students and graduates to fill the need. Piersol said he would work with any local chapter to give them ideas and materials on how they can make students aware of this lucrative career opportunity in the golf industry. The main problem he said is no one is telling them about it, and superintendents can do something about that at the local level.

Dr. Bryan Unruh from the University of Florida was on hand as the chairman of the UF/IFAS Turf Working Group. He reported on some research projects that were looking for funding on the state and national levels. During the discussion it became

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apparent that the grant proposal calendars used by FGCSA, FTGA, GCSAA and USGA are on different timetables, making it very easy for proposals and funding approval meetings to miss deadlines.

Dr. Unruh will work with FGCSA Research Chairman Steve Pearson to streamline the process.

Meanwhile local chapters have already pledged to support projects dealing with paspalum turfgrass (Everglades) and the use of silicon in the prevention of turf diseases (Palm Beach).

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

**SFGCSA M&E**

**Tournament Scores**

**Big Again**

**T**he South Florida GCSA held its 16th Annual Tournament for Missing and Exploited Children at the Colony West CC Oct. 6.

The tournament is an outgrowth of the chapter's support of the original Adam Walsh Foundation over a decade ago.

This particular event is the longest-running tournament for the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children. Total funds raised have now exceeded \$150,000.

Despite a week with totals of 8-10 inches of rain in South Florida, Dale Kuehner and his staff had the course playable by the appointed tee off time. A full field enjoyed the day while raising another \$15,000 for the charity.



WCGCSA President Eric Joy (right) presented Immediate Past President Dale Reash, CGCS with a trophy recognizing his seven years of service as the chairman of the Bud Quandt Tournament. The event was held October 9, 2000 at the Pasadena Y&CC. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Congratulations to the SFGCSA board who worked so hard on this event — Billy Entwistle, Jr. tournament director, Bryan Singleton, Bill McKee, Bob Klitz, Jim Goins, Joe Pantaleo and Bill Rayside.

WEST COAST CHAPTER

**Bud Quandt  
Tournament Turns  
Into Homecoming**

**T**he main purpose for the 37th Annual Bud Quandt Tournament was to

raise money for turf research, All Children's Hospital in Tampa and student scholarships, but along the way it has become a time to honor all the past presidents of the West Coast Chapter.

Historical preservation has become a passion of current president Eric Joy and he set out to track down and invite as many past presidents as he could to attend the meeting held at the Pasadena Y&CC on Oct. 9. At least ten past presidents were able to make it to this inaugural reunion. Hopefully more will make it next year.

While the entire WCGCSA board works to organize and stage this event, the main man the past seven years has been Tournament Director Dale Reash, CGCS. Dale is stepping down and passing the reins to co-directors Whit Derrick and Scott Mason. The chapter presented Reash with a trophy to commemorate his service to the event.

Following a breakfast buffet, FGCSA Director of



In addition to being the primary turf research fund raiser, the West Coast GCSA's Annual Bud Quandt Tournament has become a past presidents reunion event. On hand this year were (l-r): Bill Moore ('88); Eric Joy ('00); Greg Plotner ('92); Glen Oberlander ('86); Joe Clay ('84); Garth Boline ('96); Fred Tucker ('74); Lee Todd ('77); Cary Lewis ('97); Bud Quandt ('65) and Dale Reash ('99). Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Communications Joel Jackson gave an update on EPA's Nemacur Reassessment and the fertilizer BMP manual being developed by the green industry during the business meeting portion of the event.

After business was concluded 152 players teed it up to vie for the championship. Low Gross team winners were Roger Hruby, George DeSears, Chip Powell and Steve Lyerly. First Net Team members were Laurie Frutchey, Bill Gamble, Tony Janow, and Dan Morgan. Closest to the pin winners were Karl Rothert, Cary Lewis, Buddy Carmouche and Don Delaney.

The WCGCSA would like to thank the Diamond sponsors for supporting the

on-course contests and the Platinum and Gold sponsors for their partnership in producing the event.

**TREASURE COAST CHAPTER**

**Looking After Our Blue Pearl Heaven**

The Blue Pearl is a fundraising tournament committed to environmental awareness education.

"Have you ever seen a picture of this planet taken from a satellite?" asks tournament founder Dick Gray. "Looks like a bright blue pearl floating in a sea of black. One of our chores is to polish the pearl. Clean it up. Restore it. We're only visitors here. We're not hosts; we're guests. We're company. And we need to behave accordingly."

*By funding environmental and ecological awareness programs in grade schools from Hobe Sound to Vero Beach, we can inform and educate not only students, but teachers, administrators and parents. We can foster and nurture an age of children who grow up knowing the benefits of a healthy environment and the benefits golf courses offer to people, wildlife, and the environment.*

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**Since 1985 the SFGCSA has donated over \$ 130,000 to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Florida Branch.**



Treasure Coast Chapter President Greg Pheneger (left) poses with students from Pelican Island Elementary School and Superintendent Tim Nolan of the Johns Island North Course. The school is the latest in the Treasure Coast area to benefit from the Blue Pearl fund raiser for the Audubon Sanctuary Program for schools.

The first Blue Pearl tournament was held in 1994 at Loblolly Pines Golf Club in Hobe Sound. The Treasure Coast GCSA raised \$9,000, which it donated to the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital. The Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital nurtures injured animals back to health and conducts outreach programs to teach people about the environment.

In 1995, the TCGCSA made a decision to place Blue Pearl funds into environmental education programs for children.

"Kids are like empty buckets; they have open minds, and what you tell them and what you show them, they're going to learn. And in turn, they'll teach. We didn't want to target kids because they're gullible," says Gray. "We wanted to target kids because they're the ones who are going to inherit the

blue pearl when we leave and they'll have to know what to do with it."

Since 1994, the TCGCSA has raised more than \$80,000, of which more than \$70,000 has been earmarked for environmental education projects at local schools. So, just what does \$70,000 buy?

- The \$100 annual fee for schools to be enrolled in the ACSP for Schools
- Environmental Books for libraries
- Over the past several years, the TCGCSA has donated \$15,000 to Audubon International's Stewardship Fund to help Treasure Coast area schools as well as schools across the country work on environmental projects.
- Crystal Lake Elementary School in Stuart was awarded a TCGCSA grant to help build a nature trail on campus.
- Hobe Sound Elementary

- School built a native plant nursery/slat house.
- Hobe Sound Elementary School has also received money to install butterfly gardens, purchase books for the environmental reference center, install a hummingbird garden, purchase a class set of binoculars, and label plants on campus as native, non-native or exotic, and to build an enclosed butterfly sanctuary.
- Hidden Oaks Middle School constructed an outdoor classroom

- Palm City Elementary School purchased 30 sets of computer programs on both oceans and rainforests
- South Fork High School installed a butterfly garden on campus
- South Fork High School was also awarded \$10,000 toward a matching grant from the USGA to purchase equipment for its golf course turf program.
- Sea Wind Elementary School received funds to purchase "Planet Partners," a multi-disciplinary teaching

## As the Pearl Turns

*Thank you for the funds for our environmental projects. If you are ever in the area, we would enjoy sharing these projects with you.*

Brenda Watkins  
Principal, Palm City Elementary School

*Thank you for your generous donation to South Fork High School's turfgrass program. Your immense contribution will secure the future building of this outstanding program. Providing students with these valuable programs encourages a positive attitude toward learning and will be returned to our community many times over. Your partnership serves as a great contribution to the students of Martin County.*

Sara Wilcox, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Martin County

*Thank you so much for the grant money you so generously donated. Our 4th grade class planted a hummingbird garden, purchased books, feeders, food and plants. Thank you for the opportunity to create this special garden."*

Kelly Saulnier  
4th grade teacher  
Hobe Sound Elementary School

*Thank you so much for giving money to our class so we could plant a hummingbird garden outside our classroom. You should come and see it, it is really beautiful. Sometimes I see all different kinds of birds like crows, blue jays, robins, and I saw a hummingbird. We appreciate what you have done for us. We got all kinds of bird stuff. Did you know that we just have to put up the bird stuff and we have been watering it and now it looks better?"*

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## Central Florida Handshakes

Central Florida GCSA President John Kopack (left) welcomes Audubon International's Jean McKay to Orlando for the GCSA Regional Seminar on Wildlife and Habitat Management. Forty-five people attended the Sept. 29 session held at the Airport Marriott Hotel. This was the second GCSA Regional Seminar hosted by the Central Florida Chapter in 2000. Both were well attended. Photo by Joel Jackson.

During the September meeting of the Central Florida GCSA, host superintendent Tommy Land (left) presented FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson with a check from the Kings Ridge G.C. Men's Golf Association made out to the FTGA Research Foundation. Jackson relayed the check to the FTGA at its fall board meeting the following week.

unit, to create its own butterfly field guides, and to install a butterfly garden.

- Stuart Middle School installed a butterfly garden and purchased a dolphin topiary, which is its school mascot.
- The Martin County School District Plant Nursery was awarded a grant to purchase native plant liners for use in all Martin County schools.

On Sept. 25, the TCGCSA presented Pelican Island Elementary School in Sebastian, with a check for \$20,000 to help the school purchase lots adjacent to the school that are designated as "Scrub Jay Habitat Area." The Aloa Lorton Nature trail is a series of trails in a 15-acre Florida Scrub habitat on the property of Pelican Island Elementary School. The

nature trail has evolved into a hands-on learning area where student and teachers are able to study some of Florida's rarest plants and animals.

"Our students have decided that they can make their community a better place by insuring that the citizens of Indian River County will always have the opportunity to learn about and see several endangered and threatened animals living and thriving in the wild," said Bonnie Swanson, principal at Pelican Island Elementary School. "This project is our children's gift to the new millennium for their children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and so on."

In addition to providing funds for schools, TCGCSA

members have gone a step further and have "adopted" schools individually. For some superintendents, this means just being available to a local school for advice on a project, etc. For others, it is an opportunity to really get involved with a local school on many levels. Rob Kloska, superintendent at the Jupiter Island Club, has adopted Hobe Sound Elementary School. Kloska and his staff have:

- Provided funds for major irrigation repairs
- Donated time and parts to replace broken heads and pipes for the irrigation system
- Sprayed garden areas for weeds prior to and after planting flower gardens
- Have taken students on tours of the golf course

- Donated trees and native plant material
- Loaned equipment from time to time as needed
- Kloska also serves on the school's Audubon and School Advisory committees.

The TCGCSA has also hosted meetings for teachers to get together and brainstorm on environmental projects and ways superintendents and teachers can work together. In addition, it works with and has sponsored the Martin County School District's Environmental Comprehensive Plan Committee (ECPC) by speaking at meetings, and by hosting the ECPC's annual Green School Awards Program.

So, what has 270 legs, a 34-foot smile, a 540-pound heart and likes jewelry? According to the TCGCSA, this is the size of the field and volunteers of the annual Blue Pearl Golf Tournament. The TCGCSA would like for there to be a "string of pearls" across the county. They encourage other superintendent chapters to get involved and promote environmental stewardship in schools. How are they so successful every year?

"We have a large field of selected teams and select individuals. Each of them has been tracked down, dissected, test-tubed and glass-jarred. They've been selected on the basis of character, integrity, enthusiasm, ability and willingness to cough up a loose "C" note for a very worthy cause."

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