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SPOTLIGHT: CHAPTER ROUNDUP, AWARDS, GOLF

All chapters were busy over the summer, reporting growth, successful fundraisers and awards. Bob Sanderson, CGCS was presented the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at his Calusa GCSA chapter meeting; Tom Cowan was presented the Presidents Award for Lifetime Service at a NFGCSA chapter meeting. Courtney Caillavet and Jennifer Bell won Legacy scholarships from the GCSAA. Mark Henderson won the Crowfoot and a spot on the FGCSA team.

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A total of 48 golf courses participated in Audubon International's annual North American Birdwatching Open. One course sighted 98 different species.

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AFTERWORDS: JOE KONWINSKI. 1915-2002

Joe Konwinski, golf course superintendent, first president of the FTGA and an ambassador for the turfgrass industry through many civic causes, died Aug. 17 at age 87. Jim Walker notes that association service can be a harrowing ride, but the rebate is greater than the cost of the ticket.

Joel Jackson awards some birdies, a par, many bogeys and one triple bogey!

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1. Winter 2003 – Pest Control Programs: Grubs, Mole Crickets and Nematodes

Now that chemicals are getting more pest specific and Nema-cur and other Organo-phosphates are being phased out, what are your evolving programs for controlling some of our worst turf pests? Share any successes with bio-control products? Deadline: Nov. 15.

2. Spring 2003 – Managing the Putting Surface: Programs and Equipment

New top dressers; brush inserts for verticut units; ultradwarf greens; Was rolling just a fad now over? Mowing heights and turf health. Share your programs and equipment arsenal. Deadline: Feb. 15.

3. Summer 2003 – Overseeding Trends & Poa Annua Control

Do new grass varieties mean less overseeding? What types, blends, and rates do you use for greens, tees, fairways? Have water restrictions changed your plans? When do you seed? What is your program for controlling Poa annua and volunteer seed germination? Deadline: May 15.

Please submit articles via email if possible. Attached articles should be saved in Microsoft Word or, if you use another word processor save it as a Text file before attaching or you may just copy and paste it into the email text box. Try to limit articles to 1500 words or less. The Florida Green pays \$100 per page and \$50 for 1-3 pictures.

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It is an honor to become president of the FGCSA and follow in the footsteps of leaders who had the vision to take our association to where it is today. We cannot rest on past accomplishments and put the association on cruise control. We have some great leaders on our executive committee in Vice President Greg Pheneger, Secretary-Treasurer Dale Walters, and Immediate Past President Geoff

Changes and Challenges Ahead

Coggan to help me guide our association in the right direction. In addition Joel Jackson, director of communications and Marie Roberts, association manager are two extremely valuable people we have relied on for years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



David Court, CGCS

These volunteers take several days out of the year to attend FGCSA board meetings around the state. Please give them your attention at your chapter meetings. They will be updating you on issues important to our profession.

The South Florida Turfgrass Task Force recently made its recommendation on the relocation of the South Florida Turf Grass Research Program. The task force members included Ralph White, chairman, Jim Goins, Mark Jarrell, Steve Pearson, John Foy, Greg Pheneger, Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis, Dr. John Haydu and Joel Jackson. Their preference was to keep the program at Ft. Lauderdale.

According to Dr. Mike Martin, vice

I would like to also thank Darren Davis for his insight on the board of directors. Darren did an extra tour of duty as immediate past president after Cary Lewis had to resign last year.

The external vice presidents who serve as directors and committee chairpersons play a vital role for the association.

These volunteers

president of IFAS, two problems are keeping this from happening. First the area has become "urban bound" which would restrict the things that can be done. Hasn't all of South Florida become that way? We still manage to maintain beautiful landscapes and golf courses just the same. Ft. Lauderdale is the perfect location and that is all I will say on that subject.

The second reason for the relocation is the deferred maintenance cost to the facility of \$3,314,500. It is highly unlikely that we would see this kind of money go into this facility for repairs, but with that amount a new facility could be built. Would anyone out there like to make a donation? I'm sure that we would name the facility after you. Seriously, it looks like the relocation might be to Immokalee at the Southwest Research and Education Center as recommended by the Task Force. Consideration was also given to Belle Glade, Ft. Pierce and the Ag Reserve Land in Palm Beach County.

Dr. Martin's goal is to build the best program in the country. This will require change. Change in the long run is usually for the best. We need to accept this move to Immokalee and continue to support research in South Florida. The transition from Ft. Lauderdale to Immokalee will take time. Research is still taking place at the FLREC and will continue for a few years until the new location is established.

My vision for the FGCSA is to get more member involvement with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Golf course superintendents are often referred to as "Stewards of the Environment." We all need to be able to live up to this title. A few facts:

- There are 1363 golf courses in Florida
- 234 (17%) ACSP members in Florida
- 13% of U.S. courses are ACSP members
- 58 fully certified ACSP courses in Florida
- 500 certified ACSP courses nationally
- 9 Audubon Signature Sanctuary Communities in Florida

I believe we can vastly improve our numbers in Florida. Kevin Fletcher with Audubon International would like to see these numbers higher. His goal for members of AI is 50 percent of the clubs in the next five years. The first step is to become a member of the ACSP program at a cost of

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\$150 per year for your club. Certification is next. There is no time constraint or great amount of money that needs to be spent in order to become certified. Any club can do this. We will have some hands-on workshops for ACSP at several locations around the state in early December to make the process easier

I would like to see increased membership and meeting attendance for all chapters. Many of you know superintendents who aren't members. Invite them to your meetings. Introduce them around and get them involved with the education programs. Let them see that meetings can be productive as well as educational for all members and maybe they will join and become active.

Spokesperson training with Dr. Tom Morgan will be another service available to our members this year. Golf has been a target in the media. We can be good sources to set the record straight. We need to learn how to handle ourselves when the television camera is bearing down on us. We will offer three programs around the state this year.

If anyone has any comments they would like to share with me, please feel free to call, write or e-mail. I'm looking forward to a productive year.

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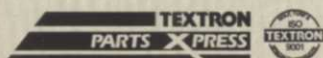
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(See page 8)

**Central Florida GCSA
Memorial Tourney
Becomes Annual
Event in July**

In June, the CFGCSA Golf Championship was held at the new Victoria Hills GC in Deland. Hal Richburg was the host on this rolling Ron Garl design. Robert Parmer of the Lake Orlando GC walked off with low gross honors. In July, the chapter reorganized the former Danny Burgess Memorial Tournament into The CFGCSA Memorial Tournament to honor all members who have died. The scramble format Memorial Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting each July. This year the event raised \$2,000 for the Memorial Scholarship fund for turf students from Central Florida.

**Coastal Plains GCSA
Smallest Chapter
Enjoys Good
Vendor Support**

Chapter President Jeff Heggen's Hilaman Park Municipal Golf Course has been selected as the cover course to be featured on the Spring 2003 Florida Green. The state's smallest chapter is based in the metropolitan Tallahassee area. With good vendor support the chapter is making plans for a having a more productive 2003.

**Everglades GCSA
Hiers, Davis, Many
Fundraisers Share
Summer Spotlight**

The EGCSA capped off a successful fundraising year by hosting a tournament for Twin Eagles Equipment Technician Greg Angelovich. The event raised over

\$25,000 to help Greg in his battle against cancer. Bonita Bay properties donated use of the golf course to help defray expenses. Other groups benefiting from EGCSA efforts in 2001-02 included: FTGA (Research Foundation, Economic Impact Study and Conference Reception); FGCSA (Research Account & GCSAA reception); GCSAA Platinum Tee Club. Benevolence donations included contributions to GCSAA World Trade Center Relief, Greg Angelovich Fund, Tom Crawford and Chip Fowkes Memorial Trust Funds. EGCSA sponsored teams in events such as The Taylor Tournament, The Lake City Alumni Tourney, The Environtron Tourney, and The Royal Palm Hope Hospice Pro-Am Tourney.

This year the EGCSA nominated Tim Hiers, CGCS for the 2002 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Tim was the first president of the unified FGCSA in 1978 and has remained a vocal advocate for the golf industry on environmental issues. And Darren Davis was named by the GCSAA as the winner of the Leo Feser Award for his article in *Golf Course Management*. Davis, who also won in 1997, is the first repeat winner of the Feser.

**North Florida GCSA
Growing Chapter
Honors Cowan,
Raises \$5,000**

Glen Klauk hosted the NFGCSA Annual Research tournament in June at the Pablo Creek Club. Thanks to all of our members who played in this tournament, and the corporate sponsors who helped with lunch. The NFGCSA raised \$5,000 which was donated to the FGCSA Turf Research Fund. At the Annual Meeting on July 29, NFGCSA Past President Tom Cowan was presented with the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service *(See page 11)*. The past year has seen an increase in members, both in the superintendent and in the vendor categories, in the North Florida area. The board of directors is working hard to provide the group with quality education and a forum for sharing of ideas.

**Palm Beach GCSA
Chapter in Mourning,
Hosts Fundraiser,
Paspalum Seminar**

The Palm Beach Chapter

is mourning the loss of two of its leaders this summer. Chip Fowkes of The Fountains Club died in a motorcycle accident in June and in late July, the venerable turf master and civic leader Joe Konwinski passed away. Joe was 87 and still active until his failing health sidelined him *(See page 64)*.

The PBGCSA's annual Future of Golf Tournament, which supports Hook a Kid on Golf and turf research, was held in June at the Falls C.C. and raised \$20,000. A good portion of the proceeds this year will also go toward helping pay medical expenses of Cameron Jorgensen, son of Erik Jorgensen, assistant superintendent at the Royal Palm Y&CC.

On Oct. 2 the PBGCSA was scheduled to host the one-day GCSAA Regional Seminar, "Seashore Paspalum Management on Golf Courses" with Dr. Ronnie Duncan, U. of Georgia.

**Ridge GCSA
Chapter Honors
Founder Barnes,
Hears FTGA Report**

At the June meeting at The Club at Eaglebrook, the Ridge Chapter honored veteran turf professional David Barnes with an FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Barnes is a Gator turf graduate, former golf course superintendent and past president of the FTGA. Barnes helped found the Ridge Chapter in 1988. At the Southern Dunes August meeting, FTGA President Alan Puckett and Vice President Bobby Ellis gave a one-hour State of the FTGA presentation to the Chapter. The two plan to visit other chapters as well to improve relations and get the word out on the mission and accomplishments of the FTGA.

Bayne Caillavet, the superintendent of The Golden Ocala Golf and Country Club, reports his daughter Courtney has received her second \$1,500 Legacy Award. Courtney is studying American



Courtney Caillavet received her second Legacy Award this year.

Studies at the University of South Florida. She also received a 2000 Legacy Award. Students must sit out one year before applying again.

**Seven Rivers GCSA
Chapter Charters
Fishing Boat for
Monthly Meeting**

Buddy Keene reports that Lee Bloomcamp of Syngenta spoke at the August chapter meeting. Her topic was Pesticide Safety and Storage. After fighting a wet summer SRGCSA superintendents are looking for a break. Buddy says tentative plans are in the works for a charter boat fishing trip in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. Buddy also says the scallops are running large out on the flats off the Seven Rivers' Nature Coast. President Bob Marrino also reported great presentations this summer by Dr. Billy Crow on nematode control products beyond NemaCur and the FTGA update by Alan Puckett and Bobby Ellis.

**South Florida GCSA
Chapter Basks in
Glory of Walker's
Commentary**

The SFGCSA won the Jimmy Blackledge Trophy defeating the PBGCSA team in a Ryder Cup format at the annual South Florida -



Proud Pops David Oliver (left) with son Jason and Scott Bell (right) with daughter Jennifer pose with Treasure Coast President John Morsut after the TCGCSA awarded both students \$1,000 scholarships at the August Chapter meeting. Photo by W. Craig Weyandt.



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Palm Beach GCSA joint meeting held at the Mizner GC Aug. 12. The next big event will be the SFGCSA Missing & Exploited Children fundraising tournament at the Colony West CC on Oct. 11. SFGCSA Past President Jim Walker has become a regular contributor to *The Florida Green* with his "no holds barred" commentary.

Suncoast GCSA Annual Maintenance Seminar to Feature Dr. James Beard

As the chapter still recovers from the loss of President Tom Crawford this past May, the Thomas Patrick Crawford Memorial Tournament held in his honor at the Bradenton C.C. in July raised nearly \$18,000 for his daughters' scholarship fund. Thanks to the sponsors and players all those who volunteered their time.

This fall will be busy with the annual Best Ball Pro-Superintendent tournament in September at the Lakewood Ranch G&CC, and the annual November Grounds Maintenance Seminar at Selby Gardens. Featured speaker will be Dr. James Beard and .35 GCSAA CEUs will be available.

Treasure Coast GCSA Scholarship Winners, Blue Pearl Event Capture Attention

The chapter's attention this summer has been on organizing annual Blue Pearl Tournament Sept. 23 at the Loxahatchee Club this year. This event is the leading statewide contributor to the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and has supported several primary and secondary school environmental and turf programs.

Proud pops, David Oliver of Boynton Pump and Scott Bell, superintendent at Red Stick GC, were pleased to learn that their kids, Jason Oliver and Jennifer Bell, were the recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the TCGCSA. Jason will be attending the University of South Florida in Tampa to study business. Jennifer also received a \$1,500 GCSAA Legacy Award and will be attending Babson College outside of Boston, also majoring in business.

The GCSAA Legacy Awards are funded by Syngenta

Professional Products and administered by the GCSAA Foundation. This year Syngenta increased its funding of this award that benefits children of superintendents that are going into careers other than turfgrass management. GCSAA is now able to award 20 students \$1,500 each.

The TCGCSA will have a joint meeting with the Palm Beach Chapter at the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton on Oct. 16.

West Coast GCSA Past Presidents' Reunion Highlights Bud Quandt Tournament

The regular July Chapter Championship was rained out and rescheduled for September. After a busy and wet summer all hands are eagerly anticipating fall and the annual Bud Quandt Tournament on Oct. 7 at the Pasadena Y&CC. This event also serves as a Past Presidents Reunion meeting and it's great to see many of the legends of our chapter gather and reminisce about the history of the association.

Bob Sanderson Service By Distinguished Gentleman

By Joel Jackson

Bob Sanderson exemplifies many of the old school superintendents who earned their degrees in

credit department at Maas Brothers department store in Tampa. The trouble was, Sanderson figured out that he would rather be outdoors instead of indoors.

Sanderson gave up his 8-to-5 job in 1960 to join his brother-in-law, David Wallace, in building the Saints and Sinners courses at Port St. Lucie. Two years later in a company reorganization move, Sanderson found himself in charge of the Port Charlotte golf course which was in the middle of nowhere at that time. Sanderson was still learning golf course management on the job and relied on the advice and guidance of chemical and fertilizer salesmen. The relative isolation and lack of any viable associations forced Sanderson to learn through a period of trial and error.

In the 1960s, if superintendents wanted to take turf seminars they had to travel to Miami, Tampa or Jacksonville where the South Florida, West Coast and Florida-Georgia associations held meetings. As more courses came on line in the Ft. Myers and Naples area, Sanderson and others figured it was time to organize, and in 1968 the Everglades chapter was born with Sanderson as the first president. He was also intimately involved with the unification and formation of the statewide FGCSA a decade later.

Ever active in association business, Sanderson rose to the office of secretary/treasurer of the Florida Turfgrass Association. He was presented the FTGA's highest honor - the Wreath of Grass award - in 1979. He also served in the same office for the FGCSA in 1982. In 1991 the

Meanwhile, Sanderson was logging a 24-year career at Port Charlotte. Sanderson became a certified superintendent in 1978 and maintained his status until 1998, letting it lapse as he neared retirement.

Around 1985 he left Port Charlotte and managed the Del Tura and then the Del Vera (Heron's Glen) country clubs in North Fort Myers for the next 15 years until his "retirement" in 1999. At 74 years, Sanderson couldn't stand sitting around the house, so he hooked up with Roger Taylor at the Kingsway C.C. and currently works a four-day, part-time schedule.

Sanderson said, "Roger has been really great with my schedule. I can attend Calusa Chapter meeting and three or four times during the summer, my wife Mary Ann and I take off for trips to our home in Highlands, N.C. We have a small place 5,000 ft up the mountain. The daytime highs are in the 70s and the nights run in the low 60's. It's a nice break from the summer heat and humidity."

From those early days of remote isolation to the booming 1990s, southwest Florida became the per capita golf Mecca of Florida. As the Naples-area golf construction skyrocketed, superintendents in the North Fort Myers-Port Charlotte area found themselves driving south for most of the monthly Everglades meetings. The demographics and geography led the area superintendents to consider forming the Calusa Chapter and the experience of Sanderson played a key role as he once again found himself helping to start another chapter in 1999.

Sanderson's never-ending involvement and service to the profession led the Calusa Chapter to nominate him for the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for 2002. This tireless veteran came up through the ranks the hard way, but the right way and with distinction. In July 2002 it was with great pleasure that then FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS presented Sanderson with the DSA Award at the Calusa Chapter's monthly meeting.

At the ceremony Sanderson said, "I would like to thank the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association and everyone involved for selecting me for the Distinguished Service Award. This is a tremendous honor and something I will cherish for the rest of my life. These awards are possible only with the help of good employees and lots of good friends. Thank you again."



FGCSA Vice President David Court, CGCS, right, presented Bob Sanderson with the 2002 Distinguished Service Award at the Calusa Chapter meeting in July.

disciplines other than agronomy. The economics major from Hobart College in New York took his liberal arts degree and set up shop in the

Everglades Chapter nominated Sanderson to receive the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service.



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