

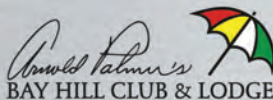
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Members of the MSMA Manufacturers Research Task Force were on hand to discuss the recent EPA decision not to re-register organic arsenical herbicides, and to get attendees to sign and send comment letters to EPA. From left: Ron Olsen and Dr. Michal Eldan of the MAA Task Force, William Russ from MSMA manufacturer Luxembourg Parnol and John Wildmon from Lake City Community College. Photo by Joel Jackson.

want to call them. Finding solutions is all about what we do and how we choose to live our lives day by day. Are you angry and resentful about unfair things that happen? How much time and energy and adrenalin will you waste on things you can't control and instead focus on finding positive pathways to achieve your desired goals?

It's too bad if you missed Scott's story; it will be tough to top that presentation next year.

Getting back to the Conference and Show, the MAA (Monomethyl Arsonic Acid) Task Force had a booth set up so people could sign and send a letter supporting MSMA and requesting EPA to reconsider its recent decision not to allow the

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**Scholarship
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Six students received FTGA scholarships to aid their pursuit of degrees in turfgrass science. From left: Troy Abbott, Max J. McQuade Memorial Scholarship at UF; Christopher Knox Mack, General FTGA Scholarship at Lake City CC; Kyle McCarty, James L. Blackledge Memorial Scholarship at Lake City CC; Olga Kostromytska, Col. Frank Ward Memorial Scholarship at UF; Nicholas Greene, General FTGA Scholarship at UF; Michael Bolles, Hans Schmeisser Memorial Scholarship at Lake City CC. The students also helped the FTGA staff during the conference and show. Photo by Joel Jackson.

re-registration of the whole family of organic arsenical herbicides including MSMA. GCSAA, the Florida GCSAA and others are sending letters to EPA requesting at least a compromise decision to allow the use for those grassy weeds for which there are no alternative herbicides. By the

time you read this, the comment period will be over, but this is to let you know your associations did make the effort to challenge the decision.

The feedback from the trade-show exhibitors was good. All the floor space was sold out and they even had

a waiting list. We certainly could have had more people attend the whole event, but the numbers were up slightly from last year. Solving the riddle as to why people won't support the associations that support their profession with research funding, continuing education and taking on

regulators and local legislators will be a top priority this year. The good news is that the FTGA membership is growing again and the board of directors contains representatives of all the major turf commodities and businesses.

Joel Jackson



From left: Golf Agronomic Supply & Handling representatives John Swaner and Richard Colyer presented FTGA President Jay McCord with a research donation check of \$3,000 at the FTGA Trade Show in Bonita Springs in September. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Incoming President Jay McCord, left, presents Past President Matt Taylor with the gavel plaque signifying his service as FTGA president at the Annual Awards and Business Meeting held in Bonita Springs in September. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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Crowfoot Golf Shoot Out victors and sponsors pose on the Grand Cypress East Course. Owen Town and Craig Smith from Phoenix Environmental Care are on the left and right with Howard Hulesbosch and Crowfoot Champion Seth Strickland in the middle. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Seth Strickland keeps racking up FGCSA golf victories by shooting a 70 on the difficult Grand Cypress North-South layout at the Crowfoot Open. Photo by Joel Jackson.

SUMMER FUN

Crowfoot Program Expands

At a time of year when hurricanes threaten, projects are cranking and the turf is stressing, the Central Florida GCSA has been giving superintendents a break with a summer shindig call the Crowfoot Open for 28 years now and it's bigger and better than ever. Special thanks to Owen Town and Craig Smith of Phoenix Environmental Care for hosting

a nine-hole, two-man golf shoot-out and a fishing derby on Sunday following the main golf tournament. It was a nice touch and had a good turnout.

Howard Hulesbosch and Seth Strickland won the Golf Shootout and Chuck Garrett and Laurie Eldridge took the top two spots in the fishing derby with 22.5-inch and 21-inch largemouth bass.

Meanwhile on Saturday after the divots had landed, Seth Strickland from the Miami Shores CC shot a 70 and claimed the Individual trophy and a spot on the

Florida GCSA's No. 1 team for the GCSAA National Golf Championship to be played in Palm Springs, Cal. in February. In the Individual Stableford division, Robert Anderson from the Boca West CC took first place.

There was no team championship this year as a two-man scramble was played by those not in the hunt for low gross or Stableford. The scramble winners were Tim Keeney and Richard Kirkland. In the Vendor Division, Gary Wilhem took low gross honors with a 70 also and Fred Marshall won low net.

At the Saturday night banquet, FGCSA Director of Communications Joel Jackson, CGCS Retired, filled in as emcee for perennial host and Tournament Chairman Tom Alex who was in Boynton Beach with his son's Little League team participating in the state playoffs. Jackson presented long-time friend and Disney colleague Scott Welder with the 2006 Larry Kamphaus Award. Welder has been with Disney for 35 years and is a past president of the Central Florida GCSA.

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The 2006 Larry Kamphaus Award presentation to Disney World's Scott Welder, CGCS (right) had deep meaning for both recipient and presenter Joel Jackson; both worked with Kamphaus at Disney World for many years. Welder is celebrating his 35th year with Disney. Photo by Stuart Leventhal.



Anglers Laurie Eldridge and Chuck Garrett took second and first places respectively in the Crowfoot Fishing Derby. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Top Boat with the most fish was captained by Craig Marrett. Kneeling from left: Craig Marrett and Jay Pacholzak. Standing, from left: Joe Hubbard, Tim Rappach and Doug Thomas. Photo by Ed Miller.

NO SKINS, JUST FINS

Palm Beach Chapter Goes Fishing

On June 3, the Palm Beach Chapter held its Fifth Annual Fishing Tournament. Once again it was a great success. Each year participation increases as well as the donations of door prizes, raffle prizes, auctions etc. We had approximately \$5,000 in door prizes!!

We ate well as Detail Sports Turf Construction provided a fabulous “kickoff” barbeque dinner on Friday evening and on Saturday, after the tournament, Florida Superior Sand provided another fabulous barbeque. The weather was great and the seas were flat as a lake.

Winners were Largest Dolphin (17.1 lbs) caught by Erik Thor; Largest Kingfish (45 lbs) caught by Craig Marrett; and the Top Boat was captained by Craig Marrett.

None of this would have been possible without our generous sponsors and the hard work of all Tournament Committee members. We want to thank everyone for a great time and a wonderful turnout.

All the proceeds from the tournament are allocated to the Palm Beach GCSA’s Benevolent Fund. All the details, winners, photos, etc. can be found on the pbgcsa.com Web site.

Once again thank you to everyone and we look forward to next year’s Tournament!

Ed Miller



Erik Thor had the largest dolphin of the day at 17.1 pounds. Erik Thor, left, with Jim McDonald. Photo by Ed Miller.



Tim Rappach had his hands full with this 45-pound kingfish winner. Photo by Ed Miller.





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