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Finally the fall season is here. Hopefully a second uneventful hurricane season is behind us by the time this reaches you. With any luck the reality and relief of lower humidity and temperatures is close. Who knows, we may even have a wet fall which would help everyone around the state with lower-than-normal water levels.

Here in south Florida, water restrictions seem to be at the top of the list of issues for many. Through a series of meetings held with the South Florida Water Management District, many chapters have learned that water restrictions at

least for this year will not be lifted. If they are, the relief will likely only be short lived. In other areas across the state, it will most likely not take long before restrictions might be enacted or put back in place. Hopefully this cycle of lower-than-normal rainfall will be over soon and ease the

tensions of managing turfgrass and watching the flow meters every day.

Lately many superintendents and allied professionals have also been busy keeping a watchful eye out and attending local government meetings concerning fertilizer application rates and timing. While most of the attention is being thrust toward lawncare companies and homeowners, you only have to look toward Canada for a glimpse of what lies ahead

By beginning with landscapers' and homeowners' use of fertilizers, it will be much easier in a few years to use these models for many to say that we really don't need to fertilize during the summer months; we really don't need phosphorus in our blends and other assumptions of things we "really don't need."

This is just another reason we need to begin to adopt the BMPs crafted for our industry by industry with governmental and environmental input. BMP's are science-based and show very little emotion... unlike many of our local leaders and environmental groups who do not want to be confused with the facts.

In September the FTGA held its annual conference and show in Estero. This year's event was excellent and was proof of how hard the FTGA staff, board of directors and volunteers worked to make it a success. The education was better than ever with attendance at the sessions up more than 12 percent. The social functions were well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. One of the highlights of the trade

show was the live auction held on the trade show floor; this was a huge success and a lot of fun.

At any three- or four-day event, one of the largest challenges is getting people to stick around on the last day. This year Casey Pace, FTGA's executive director, and her staff made a step in the right direction by scheduling a panel discussion with leading professionals to discuss topics that are at the forefront of what we face today in the turfgrass industry. The closing remarks were given this year by the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson. He gave an excellent update on many issues, including recent happenings with immigration, the work being done on the Urban Turf Rule, and a new initiative called Farm to Fuel using cellulosic biofuels.

Congratulations to Darren Davis for being elected as the president of the FTGA. I am sure he will continue to guide the FTGA in the right direction. Next year's event promises to be just as good with a change in venue to West Palm Beach. Hopefully we will see everyone there again.

Meanwhile the FGCSA staff is undergoing a couple of changes. One important change is that Joel Jackson is now our new executive director. His title has been changed from director of communications. This change will help to ensure a smooth transition with Association Manager Marie Roberts retiring, as well as provide better continuity between the changing of officers and boards.

In August the FGCSA selection committee, formed to find a replacement for the retiring Marie Roberts, went through 42 resumes to narrow the field down to four very qualified candidates in Orlando for interviews. Out of those four, we hired our first new FGCSA staff person in ten years! Jennifer Innes began full time with us on October 1. She lives very close to Marie on the East Coast, which will facilitate her training and transition process. We feel that she is more than capable of continuing to provide support for the executive director, officers, board of directors and all members of the FGCSA.

Hiring Jennifer has been a bittersweet experience, because her hiring means Marie will be leaving us soon. Marie will officially retire from the FGCSA in late January 2008, and we hope you will join us at the GCSAA Show in Orlando in January to say goodbye and thank you for 24 years of loyal service.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a productive and successful 2007-2008 golfing season.

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FTGA Show Marks End of Summer

Chapters have weathered the summer and are falling into the busy golf season. Most chapters did not hold September meetings and instead encouraged their members to attend the FTGA Conference and Show to fulfill their networking and educational needs.

CALUSA: Our 9th Annual Pro-Super-Supplier tournament and meeting will be at Martin Wierengo's Gulf Harbour CC Oct. 11. This is one of our primary fundraisers for the year.

CENTRAL FLORIDA: Congratulations to our President Chris Cartin for winning the Crowfoot Open trophy at Grand Cypress this past August. We held our Memorial Tournament at Brett Harris's Lake Nona Club Sept. 17. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund. The team of Gene Stys, John Raycroft, Mike Sullivan and Jimmy Keufeld won the four-man scramble event.

COASTAL PLAINS: We are



Outgoing president Lon Chatfield, left, received a plaque from newly elected President Rip Phillips for service as president of the NFGCSA from 2005-2007.

looking forward to our November meeting at the St. James Bay Golf Club hosted by Shane Bass, CGCS.

EVERGLADES: Congratulations to FGCSA President's Award recipient Steve Durand of Harrell's Inc. Steve received the award at our annual meeting at the Twin Eagles GC hosted by Bob Volpe, CGCS. Our chapter is also happy to donate to the FGCSA Reception Fund for the farewell celebration for Marie Roberts who will be retiring as FGCSA Association Manager.

NORTH FLORIDA: At our Annual meeting in July we honored two of our members.

Butch Singo with Harrell's Inc. was presented the FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. Butch has served our chapter faithfully as education chairman for a number of years among other services to our chapter.

Outgoing president Lon Chatfield received a plaque from newly elected President Rip Phillips, for service as president of NFGCSA from 2005-2007.

In August we held a Golf BMP Manual Conference at the Timuquana C.C. with a panel of speakers from government and industry that talked about the various sections of the BMPs.

PALM BEACH: We had an outstanding annual meeting at Aberdeen. Many thanks to Brian Main and the entire staff for making it an outstanding day. We had a dash of excitement during the venomous snakes and reptiles of Florida education segment when the 8-foot king cobra got a little frisky. But handler Jim Mendenhal from Squamata Reptiles had things under control.

Steve Wright, CGCS hosted our annual joint meeting with the South Florida GCSA at BocaWest in August where we unsuccessfully tried to retain the Jimmy Blackledge trophy in our traditional Ryder Cup format match. Congratulations also to Steve's daughter Casey for earning a GCSAA Legacy Scholarship. Casey is studying architecture at Baylor University. In October we will be traveling north for our annual joint meeting with the Treasure Coast GCSA at the Jupiter Island Club.

SEVEN RIVERS: In July we helped IFAS put on the 2007 Field Days in Gainesville and Citra. Our August meeting was at Mike McNeil's Hernando Oaks G.C., and Ron Rood at Glen Lakes CC will host our October meeting. In November we will host our annual fishing trip outing on Crystal River.

SOUTH FLORIDA: Many thanks to Jason Bagwell for hosting for our July meeting at the historic



From left: Dr. Laurie Trenholm, UF/IFAS; Jan Beljan, Fazio Golf Design, Warren Zwanka, SJRWMD; Mike Thomas, FLDEP; Joel Jackson, FGCSA; Katherine Pordeli, SJRWMD and Bob Cook, Williamsburg Environmental reviewed the history and highlights of the new Golf BMP Manual for members of the North Florida GCSA. Also participating was John Wildmon, LCCC. Photo by Rip Phillips.



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New FGCSA Officers for 2007-08 are, from left: Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kistler, President Matt Taylor, CGCS and Vice President Shane Bass, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Westview CC. Seth Strickland won the President's Cup and then turned around and won the FTGA Golf Championship at Bonita Bay in September. Congrats

to our team for winning the Jimmy Blackledge Trophy at the joint meeting at Boca West with the Palm Beach Chapter. Our next big event will be our October

charity event, the Missing & Exploited Children's Tournament at Colony West hosted by Dale Kuehner, CGCS.

SUNCOAST: September was a busy month for us with our Annual Pro/Superintendent/Supplier Tournament at Bill Tyde's Mission Valley CC a week after the FTGA Conference. The week after that we will be holding our 12th Annual Make a Wish Golf Tournament at Robby Robertson's Bird Bay G.C. On Nov. 4 we will host an outing to the NFL Tampa Bay Bucs vs. Arizona Cardinals game. Later in November (TBA) we will hold our meeting at the Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande thanks to host Jeff Strother.

TREASURE COAST: Thanks to our successful fundraising efforts during the year, President John Curran is pleased to announce a \$5,000 donation to the FGCSA Research Account. Additionally our chapter is donating to the FGCSA Reception in honor of Marie Roberts.

WEST COAST: We are looking forward to our annual fall events like the Bud Quandt Tournament in October at the Tampa Palms G&CC, our monthly meeting at Isla del Sol in November and our Vendor Appreciation Day in December.

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straight. Marie Roberts is retiring from service at the state level. She will continue to serve both the Palm Beach and South Florida Chapters. As noted in Matt Taylor's President's Message, the FGCSA search committee narrowed down 42 resumes to four possible candidates and, after interviews in August, made an offer to Jennifer Innes. Jennifer resides in Jensen Beach a scant four miles from Marie. She will begin her formal training with Marie on Oct. 1. Jennifer attended the FTGA Conference in September to meet and greet members, vendors and other industry leaders.

At the same time Joel Jackson will assume the title of Executive Director of the



FGCSA directors for 2007-08, from left: Mark Kann, Kelly Cragin, Rip Phillips, John Curran, Tom Barnett, Nancy Miller, Gary Myers, CGCS and Wayne Kappauf, CGCS. Not pictured, Bob Wagner and Kevin Downing, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson

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President Matt Taylor, CGCS checks in with Jennifer Innes and Marie Roberts at the FGCSA booth at the FTGA Trade Show. Jennifer is in training to replace Marie when she retires later this year. Photo by Joel Jackson.

FGCSA. While Joel will still be focused on large-scale issues like government,

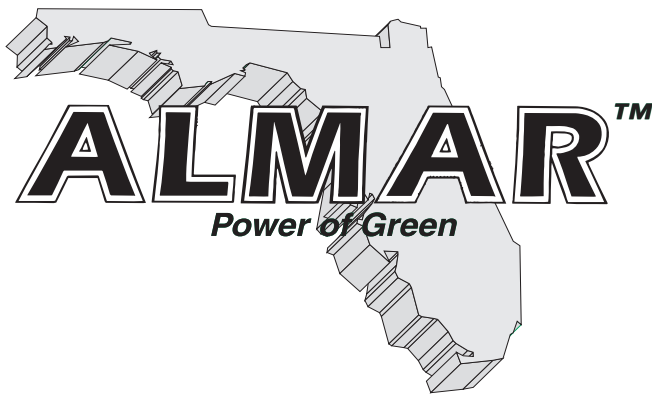
media, public and allied industry relations, he will also take a more active role

in internal affairs working with Jennifer and the board on publications, membership

growth, member and chapter services and non-dues revenue projects. So Joel is not retiring any time soon.

Please welcome the 2007-08 FGCSA officers and directors recently elected at the annual meeting Aug. 3 at Grand Cypress in Orlando: President Matt Taylor, CGCS; Vice President Shane Bass, CGCS and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kistler (A). Shane and Bill will also serve as their chapters' external vice presidents and FGCSA directors.

Directors are Nancy Miller, Calusa; Gary Myers, CGCS, Central Florida; Shane Bass, CGCS, Coastal Plains; Wayne Kappauf, CGCS, Everglades; Rip Phillips, North Florida; Kevin Downing, Palm Beach;



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FGCSA Association Manager Marie Roberts received a bouquet of flowers at the annual meeting from Tom Alex and Lisa McDowell of Grand Cypress in token of her service and likely her last FGCSA Board meeting at their conference center. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Tom Barnett, Ridge; Mark Kann, Seven Rivers; Kelly Cragin, South Florida; Bob Wagner, Suncoast; John Curran, Treasure Coast and Bill Kistler, West Coast.

The FGCSA has donated \$500 to the Ag Institute of Florida's public relations campaign designed to survey and define the actual public perceptions about Florida's agriculture and green industries. After the data are gathered, talking points, written materials and public service messages will be created and disseminated to target audiences including the general public, lawmakers and the media. This initiative is being mounted to have an arsenal of prepared facts to not only defend against unfounded attacks on our industry but

to also do some positive pre-emptive education. All 12 FGCSA chapters have been asked to support this effort with small donations.

We'd like to thank those superintendents from various chapters who have attended recent county commission and water management district meetings to discuss local fertilizer ordinances and watering restrictions. By speaking up and presenting facts to counter unfounded allegations about golf course operations, these superintendents have helped bring common sense and fairness to the discussions. But we need more general managers and club members to get involved as citizens and community leaders to help guide public policy concerning natural resources and golf courses.



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Sizzling President Shoots Cool 70

It was a scorching hot day Aug. 4 when a full field of golfers teed it up on the North and East Nines at the Grand Cypress Golf Club in Orlando to contend for medalist honors and a spot on the FGCSA team in the GCSAA Golf Championship. There was also a two-man scramble event for those seeking more fun than glory. In the end most players wilted except Central Florida's own President Chris Cartin who carded a 2-under par 70 to beat his nearest competitor, Seth Strickland by six shots. Trailing Strickland's 76 was Jim Torba at 79 and Steve Wright with an 80.

In the Net Division, Dave Hoggard from Citrus Hills finished first with -3 in the Stableford points event. Top vendor was Gary Wilhelm with 78. Scramble team winners were Ryan and Jason Peters in the A Flight and Bobby "Darkside" Ellis and partner Travis Wellman in the B Flight.

Skillful golfers included "Atomic" Tommy Land, long drive winner and closest-to-the-pin winners Dale Dexter, Travis Wellman, Jeff Klontz and Mike Gwaltney.

On a more serious note, the Crowfoot Open Committee named Chuck Garrett from Florida Irrigation as the 2007 Larry Kamphaus Award Winner. The award is alternated between Central Florida chapter superintendent and supplier members and given in recognition to outstanding service to the chapter, the industry and community.



Chris Cartin, superintendent of the Tuscowilla CC won the 2007 Crowfoot Open with a cool 70 on a sizzling hot day. Photo by Joel Jackson.



12-year old Robert Jennings shown here with his dad, T. J. Swaford, and brother, James Swaford, won the Sunday morning fishing contest. He not only caught the biggest fish, he caught the only fish. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: Tom Alex and Vilma Kamphaus congratulate Florida Irrigation's Chuck Garrett as the 2007 Larry Kamphaus Award recipient during the Crowfoot Reception Aug. 4 in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Stephen Fox from the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, left, and host superintendent and Crowfoot Open Chairman Tom Alex teamed up to win the Sunday Shoot Out. Photo by Joel Jackson.