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A shot of some of the players enjoying The Blue Pearl's new venue this year, the McArthur G.C. on May 8 in Hobe Sound. Photo by Barbara Tierney.

Bert McCarty from Clemson. We followed that up a few weeks later May 8 with our big annual chapter fundraiser of each year, The Blue Pearl. Thanks to superintendent Chris Dearsio and the McArthur Golf Club for hosting the 14th Blue Pearl tournament.

President Harry Hanson will host our annual meeting and election of officers at the Miles Grant CC in June. Look for the date of our August golf outing hosted by Tim Cann, CGCS at Harbour Ridge G.C. And it's not too soon to mark your calendars for our Treasure Coast and Palm Beach joint chapter meeting and golf

challenge at Jupiter Island hosted by John Foy of the USGA.

WEST COAST

Trent Inman, CGCS will host our chapter golf championship at Old Memorial G.C. in June. On July 24 we will host our second GCSAA Regional Seminar in 2007 at the Tampa Palms G&CC: Organic Approach to Golf Course Maintenance with Dr. Frank Rossi and Jeff Carlson, CGCS. In August Duane Van Etten will host our annual Pro/Superintendent Golf Tournament at his Cypress Run G.C.

FGCSA

This is the busy time of year for chapter secretaries and treasurers as they send out, collect and post dues notices and payments in order to report current members so they can be included in the annual FGCSA Membership Directory. Association Manager Marie Roberts sympathizes with superintendents who have "real jobs" when it comes to shuffling chapter paperwork and meeting necessary deadline, which is why we urge all chapters to hire and retain administrative help so processing new member applications and existing member renewals doesn't become such a burden. About half of our chapters have hired someone to help with newsletters, Web sites and paperwork handling. We hope to organize and hold an annual meeting of these administrative assistants to see how we can help each other serve our members better.

The FGCSA board has appointed a search committee to look for a new state staff member to come on board by this fall to train with Marie and assume her position when she retires, which will be around

the beginning of 2008. Resumes will be accepted in the coming months and interviews set up with the top candidates for August or September.

We hosted a GCSAA Leadership Series seminar at the Poa Annua Classic in Naples in May. Bruce Williams, CGCS presented "Mastering your Communications Skills" and noted that in his experience many more superintendents lost their jobs from poor communication rather than poor turf conditions. At the Past Presidents Dinner held on May 10th after the spring board meeting, Past President Greg Pheneger was given the 2007 Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and service in helping with the FGCSA's strategic planning and sound financial management.

Shane Bass, CGCS joined Joel Jackson, CGCS and Mike Goldie in visiting with Dale Dubberly from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture on the state's urban fertilizer rule and attended the FPMA luncheon with guest speaker Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson during the FGCSA Legislative trip to Tallahassee in March.

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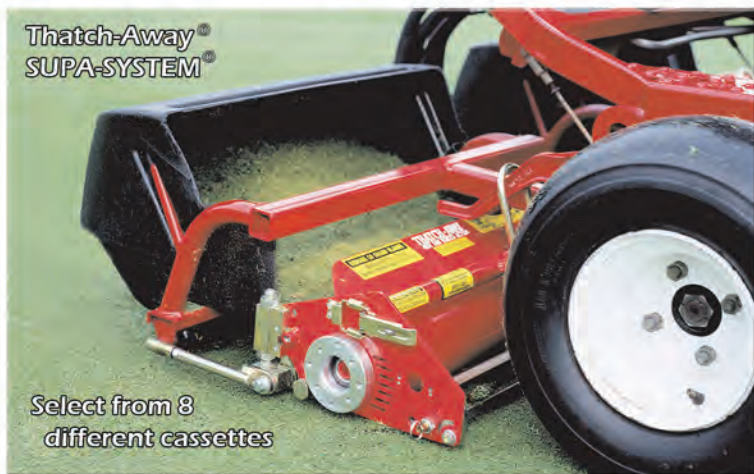


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Distinguished Service Award Goes to Pheneger

The Florida GCSA recognized the professional and volunteer services of Past President Greg Pheneger (2003) by presenting him the 2007 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at the annual Past Presidents Dinner held during the Poa Annuu Classic in Naples each May.

Pheneger, currently manager of golf course operations at the Johns Island Club in Vero Beach, is the son of a retired club professional so he became involved in the golf industry at a very early age. He also credits Luke Majorki, superintendent of PGA National for demonstrating a very strong work ethic early in Pheneger's career. But another thing Pheneger learned from Majorki was that family came first. Pheneger's family includes his wife Gail and sons Alec and James, and enjoys quality time with them in family vacations and sports activities.

Pheneger graduated from Ohio State University and took an assistant superintendent job at the



Greg Pheneger, manager of golf course operations, Johns Island Club, Vero Beach.

PGA National Golf Club in 1980. He rose through the ranks at PGA National becoming the director of golf course maintenance from 1988 to 1993 at which time he took his current position with Johns Island, managing the club's three golf courses.

Pheneger says his training at PGA National – helping to prepare for the 1983 Ryder

Cup, eight PGA Seniors Championships from 1985-1993 and the 1987 PGA Championship – helped prepare him for overseeing the maintenance and renovations of the North, South and West Courses in Vero Beach.

From 1998 to 2001 Pheneger served the Treasure Coast GCSA in all executive offices and as the chapter

delegate to the GCSAA. After two years as a director on the FGCSA Board, he became secretary/treasurer and eventually president in 2003-04. While in his role as secretary/treasurer, Pheneger guided the association in adopting progressive operating and financial plans that laid the groundwork for the association to prosper and grow.

Pheneger continues to serve the FGCSA directly as a consulting member of the Long Range Planning Committee. After a few years off from volunteer board service, Pheneger was tapped to serve on the Florida Turfgrass Association's board of directors. He will be nominated for secretary/treasurer of that organization at the annual meeting in September at the FTGA Conference and Show in Bonita Springs.

Pheneger's thorough preparation, attention to detail and his professional conduct in his work and volunteer service for the Florida golf industry earned him the Distinguished Serviced Award.

Congratulations, Greg, on a job well done.

- Joel Jackson

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PICS FROM THE POA

Another Weekend in Paradise

The 37th edition of the Everglades Poa Annua Classic was another weekend in paradise as superintendents, suppliers and their families gathered once again at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples in May. This year all golfers got to enjoy the superb playing conditions of the Naples Grande Golf Club. The G. C. Horn Endowment Tournament was held at the new venue on Friday following the GCSAA Seminar by Bruce Williams, CGCS in the morning at the hotel's conference center. On Saturday the fun loving golfers played a scramble event at the Naples Beach Golf Club, while the serious golfers vying for spots on the FGCSA Team returned to Naples Grande to play a low medalist event. Here are some photos from the weekend's activities.



Ryan Costello, GCS of the Audubon C.C. played his way to low gross winner and a spot on the FGCSA team in the GCSAA Golf Championship next February in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Greg Pheneger received the 2007 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award from current President Craig Weyandt at the Past Presidents Dinner May 10 in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.

During the FGCSA Spring Board Meeting, President Craig Weyandt recognized Suncoast External Vice President Mike McCulloch's service of two consecutive terms as director on the FGCSA board with a plaque as Mike leaves the board. Photo by Joel Jackson.



FGCSA Education Chairman Mark Kann and guest speaker Bruce Williams, CGCS nonverbally communicate thanks to GCSAA and BASF for sponsoring Williams' "Mastering Your Communications Skills" seminar in Naples. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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