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ON THE COVER: *Number 6, Island Country Club, Marco Island. Photo by Daniel Zelazek*

FOREWORDS

Overcoming Challenges and Looking Ahead

It's an honor and privilege to become president of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

I would like to thank Immediate Past President Shane Bass CGCS for his leadership last year, and also Past President Matt

Taylor CGCS for his numerous contributions throughout his many years of serving on both the FGCSA and FTGA boards concurrently.

Congratulations to newly elected FTGA President Greg Pheneger, director of maintenance from the John's Island Club. I'm sure Greg and his executive committee will provide great leadership in the coming year.

As fall approaches with cooler temperatures and increasing rounds, one of our industry's most challenging years is rapidly coming to an end. We had everything from extreme water restrictions to local governments writing prohibitive fertilizer ordinances. And the economy presented management challenges in 2009. As superintendents, we face various challenges daily but this year was an exceptional one. It comes as no surprise that our members have met these difficult challenges.

While monitoring local fertilizer ordinances or water restrictions, we continue our daily jobs as turf professionals. By thinking outside the box and implementing cost-saving ways to do our jobs with less, we have continued to produce the quality conditions on the golf courses that our members, golfers and customers have come to expect.

We must stay proactive rather than reactive to the issues facing golf and the green industries. You may have



Bill Kistler
President

heard this message before, but I cannot emphasize enough how important the Florida Golf BMP checklist is. BMP certification for the landscape/lawn industry is already here, spurred on by the fertilizer ordinances. How long before the Golf industry will be required to do the same? We must not only "talk the talk," but we must "walk the walk."

Make sure you are documenting the environmentally friendly practices established for dealing with fertilizer use and its potential effects on water quality. Practice water conservation (reduced use) by installing or tweaking your automated irrigation systems.

Convert maintained out-of-play turf into natural areas, eliminating or reducing the need for irrigation, chemicals and fertilizer. Become a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. All these things give us more credibility when we can bring documented facts to local public meetings, showing that we truly are stewards of the environment.

Please visit our Web site at www.floridagcsa.com for postings and information on the latest regulatory actions, events, and news about members. When at the Web site, please respond to the poll and survey questions. The poll question up now is, "Are you planning to attend the Florida reception at the GIS in San Diego?" It may seem early, but GCSAA housing registration is already open and conference registration for the GIS opened Oct. 1. We are already making plans and final arrangements for our reception. We need to get a solid idea of how many members might attend so we can submit a financially responsible guarantee for our rooftop venue at the Solamar Hotel overlooking the famed Gas Lamp District. If you are attending the GIS either respond online in the poll or contact Jennifer Innes our association manager directly at fgcsa@comcast.net. All responses will be greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone a successful and productive 2009/2010.



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2009-2010 FGCSA officers, from left: Secretary/Treasurer Mark Kann, President Bill Kistler, Vice President Gary Myers CGCS and Past President Shane Bass CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.

Traditional Summer Events Lead Into Fall

When the weather gets hot, the Palm Beach GCSA events calendar gets even hotter. In June the chapter held its annual Fishing Tournament out of a Jupiter marina and the Future of Golf Tournament at Steve Pearson's The Falls CC. See the results tables for the top anglers and golfers down in Palm Beach.

The state's southeastern chapters engaged in their traditional annual joint meetings and "Ryder Cup" competitions as the South Florida GCSA visited Palm Beach at Steve Wright's Boca West CC Sept. 9. The Treasure Coast GCSA will host Palm Beach at Rob Kloska's Jupiter Island Club Oct. 22.

The Central Florida Chapter hosted its 33rd Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open at the Grand Cypress Resort in

Orlando, Aug. 7-8. This year the committee reinstated the education component with a Friday afternoon seminar after the FGCSA Annual Meeting Aug. 7. Five speakers presented a wide range of turf and regulatory topics.

During the FGCSA summer board business meeting, Dale Mitchell and Richard Colyer of Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling extended their generous support of turf research by presenting a \$3,000 check to the FGCSA.

The annual meeting was convened after the business meeting and the following officers and directors were elected for 2009-2010: President Bill Kistler, Vice President Gary Myers CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Kann and Past President Shane Bass CGCS.

The new board of directors includes Nancy Miller (Calusa), Bill Beasley (Central Florida), Bill Davidson (Everglades), and Rip Phillips (North Florida), Steve Pearson CGCS (Palm Beach), Mark Kann (Seven



New FGCSA directors from left: Roy MacDonald, Steve Pearson CGCS, Mark Kann, Nancy Miller, Bill Davidson, Kevin Sunderman, Mike Stem CGCS and Rip Phillips. Not pictured are Tom Barnett, and Bob Wagner. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Top Boat Team: Paul Crawford, Bran Lauritano, Jimmy Green, Woody Green, Art Sapp and Jason Dean



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SFGCSA President Ted Hile, left, presented Colony West Superintendent Dale Kuehner, CGCS, a 2009 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime service to the chapter and state association.

Rivers), Roy MacDonald (Treasure Coast) and Kevin Sunderland (West Coast)

That evening at the Vendor Appreciation recep-

tion at the Grand Cypress Villas, John Gamble from Wesco Turf Supply was presented with the 2009 Larry Kamphaus Award recogniz-

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Nov 3 Everglades Chapter Meeting, TBA
- Nov 12 Seven Rivers Annual Fishing Trip
- Nov 17 SFGCSA Meeting, Doral's McClean Signature Course
- Nov 30 NFGCSA Turf Seminar, San Jose CC
- TBA Suncoast Annual Turfgrass Conference

DECEMBER

- Dec 10 Seven Rivers Holiday Meeting and Toys for Tots Fundraiser, Juliette Falls GC
- Dec 11 NFGCSA Christmas Meeting and Golf Tournament, Hyde Park GC
- Dec 17-19 Suncoast Annual Family Christmas Getaway Weekend, Gasparilla Island
- TBA Calusa - Annual Christmas Charity Tournament, Magnolia Landing
- TBA WCGCSA Vendor Appreciation Day, TPC Tampa Bay

JANUARY

- TBA CFGCSA-FTGA Research Tournament, Interlachen CC, Winter Park
- Jan. 22 FGCSA Board Meeting



Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open

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SPOTLIGHT



Jim Torba shot 70 on the Grand Cypress Old Course to win the Crowfoot Open and a spot on the FGCSA Golf Team that will compete in Palm Springs next February for the GCSAA Championship. Photo by Joel Jackson.

ing Gamble's service and devotion to family and the Florida Golf industry.

Results from the Crowfoot Open Golf Tournament on Saturday saw superintendent Jim Torba from the Wilderness Club in Naples post a 70 to win a spot on the 2010 FGCSA Golf Team. John

Swaner from GASH won the Supplier Division and Barry Shuman and Hal Richburg won the 2-Man Scramble event. Next on tap for the CFGCSA is its annual Memorial Tournament at the Lake Nona Club Sept. 21 to raise money for the Danny Burgess Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Crowfoot Open Results

INDIVIDUAL PLAY

Superintendents Medalist Division: 1. Jim Torba, 2. Seth Strickland. **Net Division:** 1. Tom Diggins, 2. David Hill.

Vendor Medalists: 1. John Swaner, 2. Kevin Wasileuski.

Net Division: 1. Wes Mitchell, 2. Matt Gregg.

TWO MAN SCRAMBLE

A Flight: 1. Hal Richburg and Barry Shuman, 2. Chris Sykes and Robert Sample. **B Flight** 1. Frank Eckert and Jay Palmer, 2. John Gamble and John Redmond.

CLOSEST TO THE PINS

No. 3 Seth Strickland, No. 7 Kevin Czerkies, No. 12 Alan Walker and No. 16 Barry Shuman.

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Continuous support – In August, GASH's Dale Mitchell, left, and Richard Colyer, right, presented Bill Kistler the company's annual \$3,000 donation to the FGCSA Turf Research Account at the FGCSA Annual Meeting in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.

The South Florida Chapter recognized Dale Kuehner, cgcs at their August meeting at Tony Platt's Pembroke Lakes GC by presenting him with a 2009 FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service. The SFGCSA also presented the UF/IFAS Ft. Lauderdale Research Center with a check for \$23,000 from the

proceeds of this year's Turf Expo.

The FTGA Conference and Show was held again at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, where the FTGA introduced Peter Snyder as its new executive director. Snyder began his official duties Sept. 15.



Dr. George Snyder, left, received a \$23,000 donation on behalf of UF/IFAS from SFGCSA President Ted Hile at the chapter's August meeting at Pembroke Lakes GC.

2009 PBGCSA Fishing Tournament Winners

TOP BOAT AND HEAVIEST KINGFISH BOAT: Native Son. Crew: Paul Crawford, Jason Dean, Jimmy Greer, Woody Greer, Bran Lauritano, Art Sapp and Lamar Sapp.

HEAVIEST DOLPHIN BOAT: Chasin Tail. Crew: Matt Brecht, Tom Dipilito, Nathan Gingrich and Nick Sabatino.

Heaviest Wahoo Boat: Jerry Mills. Crew: Jerry & Pam Mills, Tom McCuire and Glen Thomas.



John Gamble of Wesco Turf Supply received the 2009 Larry Kamphaus Award from Joel Jackson Aug. 7 at the CFGCSA Vendor Appreciation Reception in conjunction with the Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open at the Grand Cypress Villas in Orlando.

Future of Golf Scramble

TEAM RESULTS

First Place (55): Rusty Thorn, Mark Seigfred, Keith Longshore, and Steve Bureau

Second Place (57): Tim Phillips, Deron Zendt, Dave Troiano and Mark Heater

Third Place (58): Mike Bonetti, Bob Harper, Howard Hulsebosch and Jason Bagwell

Fourth Place (58): Tyler Warner, Steve Wright, Tim Riser and Steve Bernard

Fifth Place (58): Sunny Smith, Jim Sprankle, Jason Sprankle and Matt Schad

Sixth Place (59): Guy Kennen, Jeff Veneklase, Scott Davidson and Mark Turner

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The Deltona Corporation developed the island back in the 1960s and built the original club called the Marco Island Country Club, designed by Dave Wallace and opened in 1966. When the members bought the club in 1986 it was renamed the Island CC and in 1992 Dean Refram renovated the greens



Crushed rock beach areas reduce irrigated turf acreage and provide buffers around water bodies. Photo by Wayne Kappauf, CGCS.