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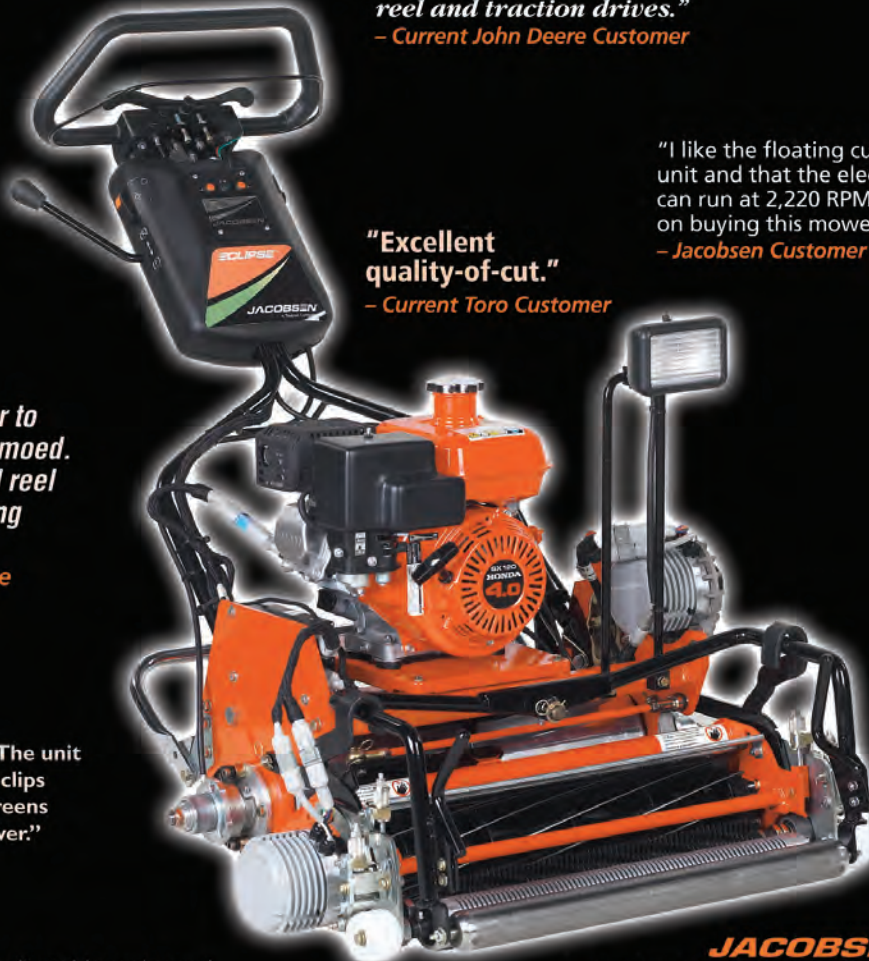
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FOREWORDS

Spring Into ACTION

Are you ready for spring? I'm sure all your courses are beginning to look their best as you get ready for those end-of-season member-guest tournaments. I'm just ready for some warm weather.

With the warm weather comes our "favorite" time of year time to start cranking up those verticutters and aerifying machines that golfers think we just love to run. The warm weather also brings out our favorite little bug the mole cricket. Right now there is a full-court press on the subject as EPA is looking at possibly canceling the temporary registration of broadcast friponil (Top Choice®).

While there are baits and other insecticides, I do not think there is one that works as well and is as safe as friponil. While they say they are looking at the broadcast application for fire ants, what about broadcast of granular Top Choice applications for mole crickets? Insiders think if we lose one, the other will likely follow, based on EPA's history.

Out of all the products that have been on the chopping blocks the past few years – Mocap, Oftanol, Namacur, Methyl Bromide and MSMA – all are gone or going away. So with this latest notice I just would like to put it out there that we must get involved on the chapter and individual level.

When sample letters and talking points are sent out to the chapters everyone must take personal responsibility to draft comments and submit them and not expect that someone else will do it for you. In order to get EPA's attention there needs to be a significant show of concern on our part about the consequences of losing these products. Silence is consent to allow yet another product cancellation. Our position and concerns are based on science, peer reviewed studies, and real-world experience; the opposition often uses emotion and limited computer models



*Shane Bass, CGCS
President*

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to make their case.

We must show them that we practice what we preach and, for the third time I am pressing that we all sit down and do our BMP manuals. A lot of people worked hard to get these done but they are not doing us any good if we are not using them.

If you do not have the time to sit down and go through the checklist, delegate it to an assistant. That way when he or she moves on they will already be prepared to do them at their new course.

I'm confident that most of you are probably doing 75 percent of the BMPs but it doesn't do the industry any good unless you are documenting it. I promise I this will be the last time you hear me mention the BMPs but I sure would like to say one day that 100 percent of Florida golf courses are in compliance with the BMP manual.

Spring has sprung and soon we'll be on the summer run. I hope you had a decent golf season. ■



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FGCSA Members Make Headlines at GCSAA Conference and Golf Industry Show



Opening day of the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans looked almost normal, but when the week was over, total numbers were predictably lower than the past few years as the recession took its toll on attendance and participation. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Superintendent Craig Weyandt shared how he organizes and conducts nature walks on his golf course at one of the GCSAA Innovative Superintendent sessions. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Bob Randquist, CGCS was elected GCSAA Secretary-Treasurer at the 2009 GCSAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Randquist is the director the golf course and grounds at the Boca Rio GC in Boca Raton. Randquist had served two terms on the Board of Directors. GCSAA photo.



GCSAA Champion Seth Strickland, left, from Miami Shores CC, met with U.S. Ryder Cup Captain and Opening Session keynote speaker Paul Azinger before receiving the trophy for his second national championship in a row. Photo by Bruce Mathews. Courtesy of GCSAA.



Tim Hiers, CGCS, left, first president of the Florida GCSA, was recognized with the 2009 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award by GCSAA President David Downing, CGCS during the Opening Session at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. GCSAA photo by Bruce Mathews.

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FTGA President Todd Himelberger and Ralph Dain, GCSAA's newest field representative, now serving Florida, made presentations at the Central Florida Turf Research Tournament at the Interlachen CC. The annual event has raised more than \$70,000 for turf research. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: USGA Agronomist Todd Lowe demonstrates the Tru-Firm device invented by the USGA equipment testing department to TPC Treviso Bay Superintendent Todd Draffen and PGA Tour Agronomist Collier Miller during the Ace Group PGA Champions Tour event in Naples in February. USGA Green Section Florida Region Director John Foy looks on. Photo by Joel Jackson.



The Palm Beach GCSA kicked off the 2009 turf research fundraising season by presenting a \$10,000 check at the FGCSA winter board meeting in January at Disney World. Pictured from the left are: PBGCSA President Kevin Downing, CGCS, FGCSA President Shane Bass, CGCS and PGCSA External VP Steve Pearson, CGCS. Photo by Joel Jackson.



From left: General Manager Tony Johnson and Superintendent Barry Shuman from the Timacuan CC in Longwood captured the 2009 Central Florida Research Tournament hosted by the Interlachen CC in Winter Park in January. The two-man scramble pairs superintendents and club officials. Photo by Joel Jackson.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FGCSA Chapter Events

MAY

- May 4 or 11 – Treasure Coast GCSA Blue Pearl Tournament, The Medalist Club
- May 7 – FGCSA Spring Board Meeting, Naples Beach Hotel
- May 8 – USGA Workshop/FGCSA Seminar 8 a.m.-Noon, Naples Beach Hotel
- May 8 – GC Horn Endowment Tournament, Naples Grande GC
- May 9 – Poa Annu Golf Tournaments: Classic at Naples Grande GC and Scramble at Naples Beach Hotel GC
- May 9 – Poa Annu Luau Dinner, Naples Beach Hotel 6 p.m.
- May 18 – Central Florida GCSA, Chapter Championship: Orange County National GC
- May 20 – UF/IFAS Turf Field Day, Plant Science Center, Citra
- May 30 – Palm Beach GCSA Fishing Tournament

JUNE

- June 4 – Everglades GCSA Vendor Appreciation Day, Wyndermere G.C.
- June 6 – Palm Beach GCSA Future of Golf Tournament, The Falls CC
- June 15 – Central Florida GCSA Meeting, The Legacy Club
- June 18 – Seven Rivers GCSA Annual Meeting, Candler Hills GC

JULY

- July 20 – Central Florida GCSA Annual Meeting, Dubsdread GC
- TBA – Everglades GCSA Annual Meeting

AUGUST

- Aug 7 – FGCSA Annual Meeting, Disney's Osprey Ridge GC
- Aug 8 – Central Florida GCSA Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Reunion Resort

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Panoramic view of the Indian River lagoon on the par 4, 6th hole is typical on the front nine holes at The Moorings club. Text begins on Page 8.

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Island in the Stream

By Joel Jackson, CGCS

When Craig Weyandt was 10 years old, his dad taught him how to mow the yard. When he looked back after his first pass with the mower and saw the neatly cut turf, he felt a sense of accomplishment and it felt good. Thirty-three years later, making sure the grass is cut properly is his job, but he has accomplished a whole lot more.

Weyandt is the golf course superintendent in charge of The Moorings Club, a 75-acre, par-64 gem in a tropical setting along the Indian River in Vero Beach. As Weyandt's turf management experience grew, so did his awareness for his environment. He has become an ambassador for the positive impacts his golf course has made as a wildlife sanctuary and living laboratory for learning about nature. He is a past president of the



This lake guarding the par 3, 9th hole is part of a nine-lake, 5-acre network which stores stormwater and provides back up irrigation. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.



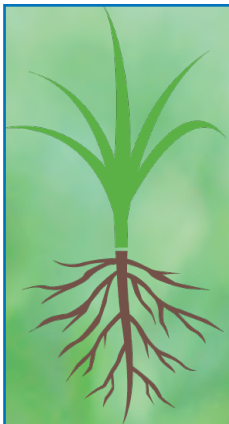
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SUPERINTENDENT FACTS

Craig Weyandt, CGCS

Originally from: Middleburg
 Family: Wife Teri, sons Travis (24) and Connor (14)

Education: A.S. in golf operations from Lake City Community College

Employment: 2001 to present golf course superintendent, The Moorings Club, Vero Beach; 1991-2001 superintendent, Yacht & CC of Stuart; 1990-1991 assistant superintendent, Harbour Ridge GC Goldem Marsh course, Stuart; 1989 assistant superintendent Bocaire GC, Boca Raton; 1988 Westchester G&CC, Boynton Beach.

Professional Affiliations: Member of the GCSAA, FGCSA, USGA, FTGA. Past president of the Treasure Coast GCSA and Florida GCSA. Served on FGCSA, USGA and GCSAA Research committees.

Goals: Get The Moorings Club certified in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Become a Florida Master Naturalist. Compete in an Ironman competition.

Hobbies & Interests: Surfing, running marathons, triathalons and enjoying nature.



Craig Weyandt applies a little dab of The Moorings "magic dust" to ball marks and divots. Photo by Joel Jackson.

turf quality.

"I definitely do more spot treating than ever before," he said. "This includes disease management. I would never have thought to apply a fungicide to just a few greens or even just a spot on a green 10 years ago, but I do today. While I can credit being more environmentally conscious as one reason, on-site experience and overall turf management experience count for a lot. While products have improved, old-school methods of mapping, timing treatments and monitoring, I believe, give much better control and keep down costs."

Being proactive in his management practices means Weyandt must have a good communication plan in place to keep everyone informed of the hows and whys of his programs.

"My most used form of communication is e-mail," Weyandt said. "I relied on email so much that I switched to a Blackberry phone just so I could send and receive e-mails from anywhere. Before the phone, I would have to sit at the computer and read e-mails for what seemed like hours. Now I can monitor my e-mails 24 hours a day. Like anything else, it is a tool that must be managed. The good thing about having access to my e-mails on demand is that it allows me to take care of something much faster than before. I can read mail as it gets to me, rather than reading 20 or 30 each morning.

"I use e-mails to communicate with staff and other departments in letting them know when the course is

Florida GCSA and this past February Weyandt presented an "Innovative Superintendents" session at the GCSAA Conference in New Orleans: How to Organize and Conduct Nature Walks on Your Golf Course.

The Moorings Club is a residential golf community on Orchid Island near

the Gulfstream in the Atlantic Ocean. The property is on the eastern shore of the Indian River with most of the front nine comprising a peninsula jutting into the river offering dramatic waterfront views. Because of this sensitive location Weyandt has learned to minimize inputs while maintaining



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