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**ON THE COVER:** Coral Oaks CC, Cape Coral. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.

## We Are A Team



Summertime and the living is easy. Well, maybe not so much. Seems like once again we've gone from winter right into summer, skipping spring altogether. Weed pressure seems to be a higher than normal this year due to the abnormal winter we had. I'm sure after seeing the hurricane predictions, we have all dusted off our hurricane preparedness folders. If that isn't enough, we are all watching what is happening with the BP oil spill in the Gulf.

These are definitely interesting times.

Since this is my last President's Message in the *Florida Green*, I would like to remind everyone once again to please support your local superintendent chapters. Use those opportunities not only to gain formal education points, but to network and make friends with your fellow superintendents. Reach out to someone who has not attended a meeting in some time and invite them to join you at the next meeting.

Get out there and see other facilities. Learn what others are doing. Exchange information. Just like the crews at your facilities, we are a "team." No one can do it all by themselves. I would encourage anyone who has an interest to serve on their local board to do so. You will find that it is quite rewarding.

As I look back on this past year I can't believe how quickly the time has

passed, from water-quality issues to fertilizer regulations at individual city and county levels. Most of these ordinances do not affect golf at this time, but between local and federal rules, they soon enough will. That is why it is important for all of us to make sure we are completing the BMP checklist located in the back of our Golf BMP manuals.

Looking ahead, I see continued progress for the FGCSA. With the development of a new Web site with credit card payment ability, we are moving forward into the electronic age. Having the ability for the state office to coordinate membership renewals and create a database of individual chapter members accessible by password are a few things that are on the horizon.

We have a very strong organization that will continue to thrive in the future thanks to the leadership and vision of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. We have recognition and working relationships with allied turf industries and government regulators thanks to our Executive Director Joel Jackson serving as the point person of the FGCSA. The modernization of our association infrastructure has been the result of Association Manager Jennifer Innes wearing many hats as she keeps the association running smoothly.

And with that, I would like to end my last message by thanking everyone for their help and support during this past year. It has been an honor and extreme privilege to serve this organization as President.

It is with pleasure that I pass the gravel to your next president, Gary Myers, CGCS at the annual meeting in July.



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*Suncoast GCSA President Jeff Strother presented a \$3,500 check to FGCSA's Joel Jackson at the 2010 Suncoast Scramble in March. Photo by Darden Nicks.*

## The Heat and Hurricanes are on Their Way

Weather-wise, 2010 isn't turning out to be a normal year by any stretch of the imagination. We've had a record cold, wet

winter. Spring transition lasted two weeks and now we're into a long, hot summer with a very active hurricane season predicted. If I didn't know any better, I'd say Mother Nature was mad at us.

However, the proverbial silver lining behind the dark clouds did shine through when it came to the association's traditional late spring chapter events, which – once again through the generous support of our industry partners – helped to raise money for local charities and turfgrass research.

Maybe one day soon we will get Florida's golfers and golf courses on board by chipping in small donations which, when put together, will provide significant funds for research and growing the game. We'd like to salute the following folks and events that did their level best to raise funds from March to May of this year.

### SUNCOAST SCRAMBLE

The Laurel Oak CC hosted the Suncoast GCSA's 25th Annual Scramble Tournament on March 25. The event features teams made of superintendents, golf pros, club officials and suppliers representing the area clubs. After the business meeting and education presentation by USGA Agronomist Todd Lowe, Chapter President Jeff Strother presented a \$3,500 turf research donation check to FGCSA Executive Director Joel Jackson.

### SOUTH FLORIDA TURF EXPO

Meanwhile on the same day, on the opposite coast down in Ft. Lauderdale, the



*Professor Emeritus George Snyder, left, was on hand as Dr. John Cisar, center, received a \$20,000 check from South Florida President Marcus Prevatte from the proceeds of the 2010 Turf Expo.*

*Jack Harrell, Sr.*  
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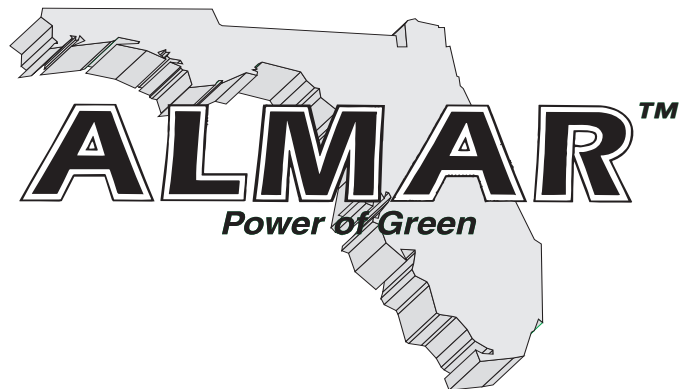
**SPOTLIGHT**



Recipients of donations at the North Florida GCSA Memorial Tournament were, from left, John Piersol, Lake City Community College (\$2,000); Thomas Lawrence, First Tee of St. Johns County (\$1,500); and Pepper Peete, First Tee of Jacksonville (\$1,500). Photo by Betty Hooten.

South Florida GCSA was helping to host the annual South Florida Turf Expo at

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From left, Glenn Oberlander, SRGCSA, Cary Lewis, Debbie Nipper and Walt McMahon with Golf Ventures and Mark Kann, SRGCSA celebrate the Champion Sponsors \$25,000 to the Envirotron Classic. Photo by Joel Jackson.

**2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JULY**

- 30 9:00AM FGCSA Annual Board Meeting
- 30 1 p.m. Half Day Crowfoot Seminar
- 31 8 a.m. 31st Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open, Shingle Creek GC
- TBA North Florida Chapter Annual Meeting
- TBA South Florida Chapter Annual Meeting

**AUGUST**

- 2 West Coast Pro/Superintendent Tournament, TBA
- 12 Joint Calusa and Everglades GCSA meeting, Renaissance GC

**SEPTEMBER**

- 15-17 FTGA Conference and Show, Caribe Royal Hotel, Lake Buena Vista
- TBA Central Florida Memorial Scholarship Tournament, Lake Nona Club
- TBA Joint Meeting Palm Beach GCSA and South Florida GCSA
- TBA NFGCSA Assistants Only Golf Tournament

**OCTOBER**

- 2 FGCSA Golf Championship, Southern Dunes GC, Haines City
- 11 EGCSA's Annual Pro/Super Tournament, Hole-in-the-Wall GC
- TBA Calusa GCSA's Annual Pro Super Supplier Tournament, Old Hickory GC
- TBA Joint Meeting Palm Beach GCSA and Treasure Coast GCSA, Jupiter Island Club
- TBA South Florida M&E Charity Tournament
- TBA West Coast Bud Quandt Tournament, Tampa Palm G&CC

turf, parks and recreation and lawn care industries gathered to tour the research plots, observe equipment demonstrations, visit a supplier product exposition and enjoy a barbecue lunch. After all the grill smoke cleared, the SFGCSA was able to make donation of \$20,000 to the research center.

**EVERGLADES SPRING SYMPOSIUM**

Spring wouldn't be spring without the Everglades Spring Symposium, a full day of education masterfully organized by Symposium Chairman Matt Taylor. With topics ranging from "Future water supplies for golf" to "Leadership in Today's Club



Andy Maguire, superintendent at Marsh Creek CC, left, was at a loss for words when NFGCSA President Chris McCrannie presented him with the 2010 Keeper of the Green Award. Photo by Joel Jackson.



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*Camaraderie was the order of the day at the joint meeting of the Calusa and Suncoast chapters at The Plantation CC in Ft. Myers. This year the Suncoast won the Ryder Dup golf match. Photo by Lee Crosby.*

was on hand to receive a \$2,000 check to be distributed to worthy turf students.

At this event the chapter also recognizes one of its members or local individuals who have served the NFGCSA with their service and dedication. This year the host of the event, Superintendent Andy Maguire, Marsh Creek CC was selected to receive the 2010 Keeper of the Green Award.

**JEFF HAYDEN MEMORIAL ENVIROTRON CLASSIC**

The Seven Rivers Jeff Hayden Memorial Envirotron Classic is another annual rite of spring which marks the end of the busy golf season and heralds in the long hot summer of projects and catch up on Florida courses. This five-star event was hosted again at the 36-hole World Woods golf complex north of Brooksville.

The Champion Sponsors donated \$25,000 to the event. Proceeds go directly to the University of Florida's turf research facilities like the Envirotron labs and G.C. Horn Turf Plots.

**JOINT MEETINGS**

A growing trend of "joint chapter meetings" is encouraging as Calusa/Suncoast, Calusa/Everglades and Ridge/West Coast meetings will take place in 2010 joining the traditional annual joint meetings of South Florida/Palm Beach and Palm Beach/Treasure Coast.

The Calusa/Suncoast meeting was held on April 21 at The Plantation GC in Ft. Myers. Guest Speaker Drew Rogers, with Arthur Hills, Steve Forrest and Associates Golf Course Architects, spoke on the long-range value of

World" and speakers from leading universities and companies the attendees learned and earned their PDI points.

**THE MEMORIAL**

Growing sustainable golf turf is our primary job. The North Florida GCSA is also helping to grow the game of golf. This year at their 15th Annual Memorial Tournament, the chapter donated \$1,500 each to the Jacksonville and St. Johns County's First Tee programs.

The Memorial event, held each year in honor of Mike Richards and Alan MacCurrach contributions to the NFGCSA, also raises money for turf student scholarships.

John Piersol head of the Landscape and Golf Operations Dept at Lake City Community College

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*From left, FGCSA President Bill Kistler, Matt Taylor, CGCS and presenter Darren Davis pose after Taylor was presented the FGCSA Distinguished Service Award at the 2010 FGCSA Past President's Dinner in Naples in May. Photo by Joel Jackson*



*At the FGCSA Past President's Dinner, Darren Davis also presented William Gamble of WescoTurf with the Marie Roberts Award for meritorious service and support to the FGCSA. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

“master planning” projects on a golf course. Later in a Ryder Cup-style golf match, the visiting Suncoasters defeated their Calusa hosts 10-6.

In May we celebrate two more annual events that mark the transition from spring to summer.

**POA ANNUA CLASSIC**

One of the oldest gatherings on the books is the Everglades GCSA's Poa Annuia Classic. Those who have faithfully attended the FGCSA board meetings, education seminars, golf tournaments and Saturday night luaus have been part of a family networking experience.

We literally watched a generation of children grow up. The 40th edition this year was no exception, except most of the kids are grown and don't come anymore.

After the business and education was taken care of, the golf champs took center stage. Howard Hulesbosch

from the Hillcrest CC, South Florida GCSA won the Poa Classic held at Brian Beckner's La Playa GC. Hulesbosch earned a spot on the FGCSA Golf Team for the GCSAA 2011 Championships.

The host Everglades chapter team of Stuart Bothe, Brad Fox, Bryce Koch and Jim Torba won the Team Trophy.

At the annual FGCSA Past President's Dinner held in conjunction with the Poa event, Matt Taylor CGCS was presented the 2010 FGCSA Distinguished Service Award for his steadfast service to the FGCSA and the Florida turf industry.

Also, Bill Gamble from WescoTurf was presented the Marie Roberts Award for his support and contributions to the FGCSA over the years. This award is presented to a non-superintendent who has had a long-term major impact on the golf course industry.