

Florida superintendents elect officers of chapters

New officers have been elected by Florida's chapters. They are:

Central Florida GCSA: President Kevin Rotti, Vice President Geoff Coggan, Ext Vice President Joe Ondo, Secretary/Treasurer Brian Jenkins.

Everglades GCSA: President Dale Walters, Vice President Terry Wood, Ext Vice President Mike Mongoven, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Mongoven.

North Florida GCSA: President, Kim Shine, Vice President Bill Plante, Ext Vice president Bill Plante, Secretary/Treasurer David Amirault.

Palm Beach GCSA: President Robin Goodell, Vice President Jeff Klontz, Ext Vice President Chip Fowkes, Secretary Joe Hubbard, Treasurer Karl Schmidt.

Ridge GCSA: President Alan Puckett, Vice President Roy Wilshire, Ext Vice President Alan Puckett, Secretary/Treasurer Ray Cuzzone.

Seven Rivers GCSA: President David Hoggard, Vice President Michael Swinson, Ext Vice President Paul Illgen, Secretary/Treasurer Stuart Bozeman.

South Florida GCSA: President Dale Kuehner, Vice President Mark Richard,

Ext Vice President Mark Richard, Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Cragin.

Suncoast GCSA: President Troy Futch, Vice President Troy Smith, Ext Vice President Tom Crawford, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Hilferty.

Treasure Coast GCSA: President Dick Gray, Vice President Bill Lanthier, Ext Vice President Bill Lanthier, Secretary/Treasurer Craig Weyandt.

West Coast GCSA: President Kirk Sowere, Vice President Garth Boline, Ext Vice President Garth Boline, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Cellucci.

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the demand for perfect bunker conditions is also a goal of tournament preparation. I personally compare this to situations I faced as a golf course superintendent and know this takes place very often in the superintendents' profession. I, or a superintendent at his club, may not agree with certain philosophies we are charged with, but we must seek ways and do our best to carry out what is demanded of us. Should bunkers be maintained to a degree that each plays exactly the same, with good, firm sand that prevents buried lies? Should bunkers be constructed so that balls collect in the middle eliminating awkward stances? Should expensive sand be shipped hundreds of miles, or local sand treated with tennis court material to improve the playability of a hazard be used? Is this carrying maintenance too far? Perhaps, but the fact remains that today's professional golfers and most club members in the United States, through the efforts of golf course superintendents everywhere, are playing under conditions that were unimagined 30 years ago. The quest for perfection in all areas of course maintenance will continue whether we like it or not.

TB: Tell us about the player comment sheets, and how do you respond to them.

AM: At the end of each PGA Tour and Nike Tour event, 10 players at random are asked to complete a questionnaire regarding the conditioning and playability of the golf course. Categories include greens (speed, appearance, firmness), fairways (width, firmness, height of cut, contouring), bunkers (sand depth, texture, definition), roughs (height of cut, density, difficulty), tees (height of cut, footing level) etc. These reports are very valuable as they're a true representation of the players' thoughts on the golf course. They're confidential so they can make their true thoughts known. We use these reports as a basis for improving future conditioning.

TB: Tell us a funny story about something that has happened during an advance visit or during a tournament over the years.

AM: I'm surprised you asked this question because some of the funniest stories took place when you and I worked together for the PGA Tour. Since I'm not certain of the Statute of Limitations laws in some states, I will pass on this question!

TB: Do you have any concerns?

AM: I really do not have any major concerns, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the superintendents who host PGA, Senior PGA and Nike tour events. Their contributions to the success of our events are immense. Their achievements and results of their efforts are not only evident to the memberships of their clubs and the viewing public, but are deeply appreciated by the finest players in the world.

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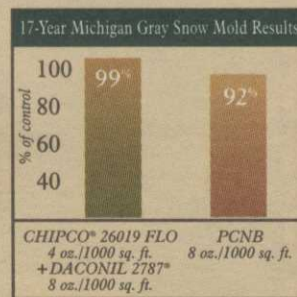
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