



Letter from the President



I believe winter has finally departed and spring is upon us with the warmer temperatures. The Bermuda grass is beginning to grow with the warmer soil temperatures and I'm sure with a little help of some fertilizer. Lets hope our spring lasts more than a few weeks before we go into the dreaded summer heat and humidity.

If our summer rounds of golf increase as much as the winter months we may be able to get an increase in our budgets unless the increase in fuel and electric consume our increase in revenue. This is definitely one tough and unpredictable economy. I am sure we have all cut our budgets as much as we possibly can without diminishing our product beyond an unacceptable level of playability. We have all learned where we can cut back and where we can't by now and learned a lot from our mistakes along the way. It seems every time we cut back, our workload as superintendents increases a little more as we try to provide the same quality of product with less. I'm sure at times we all feel as though our owners or boards think we are some type of super hero. Let's all hope the economy turns around soon and we can have the budget we need to maintain our facilities the way we feel they need to be maintained and with a little less stress.

Thanks again to all that were able to participate in the Benevolent Tournament in February. This is one event that has helped to raise money, providing much needed support to many of our peers and their families in a time of need.

If anyone would like to become a board member please contact one of the current board members and let us know. Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience with the opportunity to meet all of our members and see first hand what is going on throughout the state and nationally. I encourage all to take the opportunity to serve your chapter and be heard by your peers. Our chapter championship and election of officers will be May 16, 2011 at Belleair country Club.

I encourage all members to visit our website to stay informed with all upcoming events. We will continue to send emails to remind you of upcoming events. Please do your part and keep us informed with any news you may hear.

Duane VanEtten
G.C.S. Cypress Run Golf Club

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Membership Forms are due now...

Please print the form found in this newsletter.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

The FWCGCSA will be providing a printed directory with revised by-laws late summer. Turning in your renewal form early guarantees you will be included!

Benevolent Tournament is a Huge Success!

The Benevolent Tournament has raised a lot of money through the years, this money has helped many of our peers and their families in a time of need. I would like to thank all of you for participating in the event again this year. Special thanks to Howard Fertilizer and Chemical Company for their continued Signature sponsorship, Pro Plus for supplying the beverages and Eastlake Woodlands for allowing us to host our event at their facility. Ron Padilla and his staff provided us with some great weather and a well conditioned golf course.

The team of Ron Padilla, Jack Mitchell, Jim Sweeny and Laura Baraird took first place gross with a score of 58, second place gross was Adam Varney, Duane VanEtten, Roger VanEtten and Pat Hickey with a score of 59, third place gross was Trent Inman, Scott Scamehorn, Mark Guyer and Corey Agar with a score of 60.

In the net division the team of Scot Corwin, Kevin Baldwin, Kevin Stevens and John Reilly took first

place with a score of 53.3, second place net was D. Glaser, J. Darby, M. Hill and J. Leonard with a score of 56.7, third place net was Russ Armitage, Jason Hill, Dana Donaldson and Andy Padova with a score of 56.9.

Closest to the pin winners:

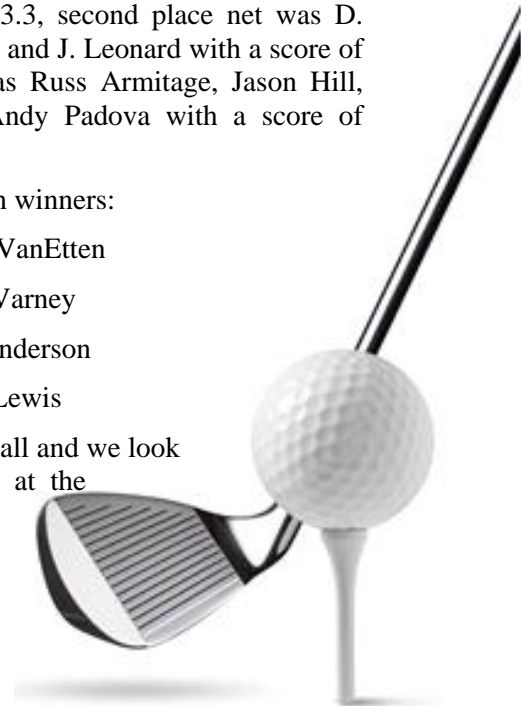
Hole # 6 Duane VanEtten

Hole # 8 Adam Varney

Hole # 10 Jeff Anderson

Hole # 16 Cary Lewis

A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing you all at the Chapter Championship!



Audubon International Award

Cypress Run Golf Club Joins Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

The Cypress Run Golf Club golf course has received certification in Environmental Planning from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP), an international program administered by Audubon International designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property. The plan was developed by Duane VanEtten, Golf Course Superintendent, who is also recognized for his effort to plan for environmental stewardship.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses provides an advisory service to help existing golf courses develop effective conservation and wildlife enhancement programs. This worldwide effort is coordinated by Audubon International and is sponsored by the United States Golf Association.

“The open space of a golf course is utilized only by golfers, but is habitat for a variety of wildlife species,” explains Jim Sluiter, Staff Ecologist for Audubon International. “We welcome Cypress Run Golf Club’s commitment to the environment and to managing the glove course with wildlife in mind.”

By joining and participating in the ACSP, Cypress Run Golf Club will be involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife

and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. These projects may include: placing nesting boxes for cavity-nesting birds such as bluebirds and swallows, utilizing integrated pest management techniques, conserving water, and maintaining food and cover for wildlife.

“The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program benefits both people and wildlife,” said Sluiter. “It’s a great way for the managers of developed properties and environmental organizations to work together to become better stewards of land and natural resources.”

After the environmental plan is approved, properties in the program may apply for certification in Wildlife and Habitat Management, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, Water Quality Management, and Outreach and Education by demonstrating that they have met minimum requirements for each category. For more information on golf and the environment, visit www.golfandenvironment.org.

Audubon International is an environmental organization dedicated to educating, assisting, and inspiring millions of people from all walks of life to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them. In addition to businesses, Audubon International also provides programs for golf courses, schools, communities, and new developments. For more information, visit Audubon International at www.auduboninternational.org.

Certificate of Recognition in Environmental Planning

Awarded to:

Duane VanEtten

for his efforts at:

Cypress Run Golf Club

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February 23, 2011

Kevin A. Fletcher

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Executive Director

Another Great Largo Meeting!

The FWCGCSA returned to Largo Golf Course on March 30, 2011 for what has become an annual spring tradition. Gerald Marquardt was once again our host for the day, and we thank Gerald for his help and support in putting this event together every year. On a related note, a special congratulations needs to be made to Gerald as he spends his 31st year at Largo...congratulations Gerald on a considerable achievement! The day began with a great presentation by Dr. John Cisar from the University of Florida. Dr. Cisar gave everyone some valuable information on slow release nitrogen fertilizer options. We were very fortunate to have a speaker such as Dr. Cisar for the day which was made possible by Perry Haley and Harrells. After our educational session, we were treated to great lunch and then Gerald showed off his course to our members with our annual two-man scramble format. Richard Colyer and Lee

Crosby were able to put aside their normal golf rivalry to take first place

in the gross division with a 54 while

two of Gerald's guests from Largo, Don Harvey and Tom Stacey, took home the low net with a 48. Pat Hickey and Barney Rackley captured second gross with a 56, which had to be some serious golf from Pat, and Gerald was able to take second place honors in the net division with his partner Denny Dorn. Andy Neiswender

was able to pick up two closest to the pins along with Mark Guyer and Al Spies each taking one.

Thanks again to Gerald, his staff, and all of the people at Largo that help us make this a great event every year!



CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP



and FWCGCSA Annual Meeting

May 16, 2011

Belleair Country Club

\$50.00

FWCGCSA Members Only—No Guests, however you may join at the event. You must RSVP prior to event

RSVP TODAY at FWCGCSA@earthlink.net



The FWCGCSA is seeking nominations for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

If you would like to nominate an individual to the Board, or if you are interested in serving on the Board or on a Committee, please send an e-mail to fwcgcsa@earthlink.net. Membership will vote to approve the Board at the Annual Meeting on May 16.

Current Nominations include:

Trent Inman,
President

Kevin Sunderman,
Vice President & External VP

Ron Padilla,
Secretary/Treasurer

Andy Neiswender,
Education & Meetings

Pat Hickey,
Golf

Caloosa Golf & Country Club is currently seeking a Golf Course Superintendent. Send résumé to:

Mr. Duffy, Greens Chairman
Caloosa Golf & Country Club
2115 Caloosa Blvd.
Sun City Center, FL 33573

CONGRATS!

Adam Varney & his wife welcomed a new addition to their family,

Austin Varney



TO DO LIST:

- Print, Fill Out & Mail in your Renewal Form!
- RSVP for the Chapter Championship
- Mark you calendar for all the other upcoming events!



Chlorothalonil Update

On January 30, 2001, the Washington Toxics Coalition, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, and Institute for Fisheries Resources filed a lawsuit against EPA in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, Civ. No. 01-132. This lawsuit alleged that EPA violated section 7(a)(2) of the ESA (Endangered Species Act) by failing to consult on the effects to 26 ESUs (Evolutionarily Significant Units or distinct groups of organisms) of listed Pacific salmonids (salmon and steelhead trout) of its continuing approval of 54 pesticide a.i.s. (active ingredients).

The initial result of the lawsuit mandated that EPA review registered uses of these pesticides and if there is a **likely adverse effect** on the endangered species or its habitat, that EPA formally consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) who forms a Biological Opinion (BiOp) which provides an opinion on the impact of the pesticide on the organism and options to minimize the effect (aka Reasonable and Prudent Measures).

As part of the continuing legal action, NMFS released a draft BiOp on March 1, 2011 regarding the impact of six pesticides (2,4-D, triclopyr BEE, diuron, linuron, captan, and chlorothalonil) on 28 Pacific salmonids ESUs (5 species in 28 distinct groups/locations).

Specifically regarding the fungicides captan and chlorothalonil, the March 1, 2011 BiOp, the NMFS concluded that, "captan [is] not likely to jeopardize the continuing existence of any listed Pacific salmonids or destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat." However, the BiOp concluded that chlorothalonil "[is] likely to jeopardize the continued existence of some listed Pacific salmonids," and, "destroy or adversely modify designated habitat for some listed Pacific salmonids."

Under the ESA, a BiOp must be based on "the best scientific and commercial data available." A BiOp that is not based on "the best scientific and commercial data..." could result in EPA imposing unnecessary and potentially onerous label restrictions, which could make the six active ingredients above unavailable for use.

The draft BiOp for chlorothalonil and 2,4-D makes incorrect broad "jeopardy" and "habitat modification" opinions based on flawed risk assessments, which impact chlorothalonil and 2,4-D use in four Western states (CA, WA, ID and OR). Although this issue is concentrated in the Northwest via litigation, any mitigation that would come out of this effort could have national implications. For more info, see:

<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/endanger/litstatus/biop4-march2011.pdf>

Mark your Calendar Now!



May 16th—Chapter Championship and Annual Meeting at Belleair Country Club

June 16th—Joint Meeting with the Ridge Chapter at Grasslands Golf & Country Club

July 13th—Roundtable Discussion at Cypress Run

August 1st—Pro/Super Tournament at Cypress Run

Need to contact the FWCGCSA? The easiest way is via e-mail...

fwcgcsa@earthlink.net





RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____ Company/Club: _____
 Company Address: _____ City/Zip: _____
 Company or Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
 GCAAA # (if applicable): _____ Fax: _____
 Preferred Mailing Address: Home Business E-mail Address: _____
 Mailing Address (if different from business):
 Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

<i>Membership Type:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Vendor</i>	\$400 (\$50 for each additional representative)
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Class A or SM</i>	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Class C</i>	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>AA or Honorary</i>	FREE

Make checks payable to FGCSA or provide Credit Card Payment info below:

Name on Credit Card: _____ Circle one: *Visa MasterCard Discover*
 Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ 3 Digit Code on Back _____

Mail form and payment info to: PO Box 65., Jensen Beach, FL 34958

VENDORS ONLY: PLEASE INCLUDE NAME(S) AND ADDRESSES FOR ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Name 1: _____ Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ **Fax:** _____
 Name 2: _____ Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ **Fax:** _____

ARTICLE 3 SECTION B – All dues become due on July 1st which is the beginning of each fiscal year. All members will be billed at least 30 days prior to this date by the association.

ARTICLE 3 SECTION D – Any member paying dues after July 1st shall be assessed a \$10 late charge until July 31st. After which, they will be dropped from the membership rolls and must reapply for membership.

Signature: _____ Date: _____