



Spring Newsletter  
 February 2016

## A Message from our President



I hope everyone is doing well and survived the holidays. The hot topic from all of the superintendents I have spoken to lately is the unusual weather we have been receiving over the past several months of excessive rainfall, humidity and lack of sunlight. As we hold on to what we have, the light at the end of the tunnel is coming near and hopefully better weather and growing conditions are on the horizon.

I would like to thank Lantie Hughes and his entire staff at Gator Trace for their hospitality and hosting our annual TCGCSA Christmas Party Toys for Tots event. Everyone that participated had a great time and a lot of fun. Lantie was able to donate the toys that were brought for the event to a worthy cause by supporting the St. Lucie County's Sheriff's Department Christmas Toy Drive. Thank you to all of the TCGCSA members and vendors who participated and supported this event making it a huge success.

The next event sponsored by the TCGCSA will be a Golf Course BMP Seminar and Certification Exam on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn St. Lucie West. I would like to encourage all of those superintendents that have not had the opportunity to attend to try to make it to this class. By achieving this certification of recommended golf course BMP's, superintendents will be able to demonstrate the positive contributions golf courses make to the state of Florida.

The TCGCSA Board is looking for volunteers for next year's Board of Directors and I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in serving on the board to call or email me. The TCGCSA is in need of new ideas and leadership to move the association forward in the coming years and your generous donation of your time to the association is what keeps our profession unique and rewarding.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the TCGCSA and have a great 2016.

Matthew Boyd  
 GCS Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club

### Upcoming Events:

#### February 29th, 2016

##### **Golf Course BMP Seminar**

**Location:** The Hampton Inn & Suites  
 155 SW Peacock Blvd.

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

**Registration:** 7:30 am

**Seminar:** 8:00 am-3:00 pm

**Lunch:** 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**Certification Exam:** 3:15 pm-4:15 pm

**Cost :** \$50.00 for Chapter Members

**Register at:** [www.shop.floridagcsa.com](http://www.shop.floridagcsa.com)

**Registration Closes:** February 24th

**\*Pre-Registration Only (no onsite registration) :**

#### March 6th, 2016

##### **EcoFest 2016**

**Location:** Environmental Learning Center

255 Live Oak Drive

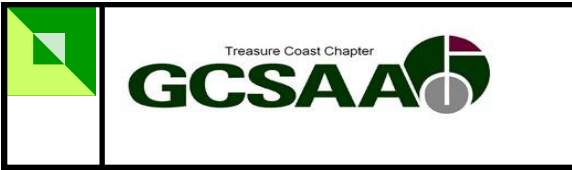
Vero Beach, FL 32963

**Time:** 11:00 am-4:00 pm

#### May 2016

##### **Blue Pearl**

**\*Date and Location coming soon**



## 2015 Toys for Tots in Review

As our President mentioned, a great afternoon of golf and comradery was had by all at who that participated in our annual December event at Gator Trace. The winning score of 58 was shot by Dave Oliver, Mark Glassner, Brian Elliot, and Jamie Baker with the team of Parker Lewis, Glenn Thompson, Andy Stair, and Craig Weyendt posting a 60 to take 2nd place. Parker Lewis took home the prize for longest drive and Jackson Edwards, Matt Boyd, and Matt Lean were awarded for their closest to the pin efforts on holes 9, 13, and 17 respectively. Once again a special thank you to Lantie Hughes for being a gracious host and for allowing carts around the golf course on a day when many facilities would have been closed!



Toys donated by our affiliates and members



Lantie Hughes and Matt Boyd announcing the winners

## EcoFest 2016

This year the TCGCSA has generously stepped forward donating \$15,000 to become the Premier Sponsor of this years EcoFest event. Please bring your family and friends out to join chapter board members as we spread the message of our local industry's efforts to be leaders of environmental stewardship. The event will be held on Sunday March 6th, 2016 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm; we hope to see you there.

Spending time in nature buffers against life's stresses – for children and adults. Whether relaxing therapy or fun recreation, come celebrate all that nature offers at the Environmental Learning Center during EcoFest 2016! Mark your calendars for this annual day of celebrating nature with our community! Come join us!

- FREE admission!
- FREE Parking in the field on the southwest end of CR510 and along the Wabasso Causeway.
- FREE Shuttle Service to and from ELC all day long. Last shuttle leaves the ELC at 4:15pm

**Unplug. Explore. Discover**



TCGSA board members present ELC members with sponsorship check. From Left to right: Heather Stapleton, Barry Balavender, Scott Bell, Molly Steinwald, Matt Boyd