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## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA-FT. LAUDERDALE RECEIVES TURFGRASS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT

Chris Wilmot, President of the Florida State Golf Association, announced in August that the FSGA has established a \$150,000 turfgrass research program with the University of Florida-Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center. "This generous endowment will significantly enhance ongoing efforts in Florida turfgrass research," said Mr. Wilmot.

Named in honor of Calvin Korf, Executive Director of the Florida State Golf Association for the past 15 years, the "Calvin L. Korf Turfgrass Research Program" will be conducted with the cooperation of the United States Golf Association Green Section and the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Expressing appreciation for the endowment, UF-Ft. Lauderdale Center Director, Dr. David Buchanan, explained how the additional funding "will increase the ability to conduct, develop and implement environmentally safe strategies and methods of producing high quality turfgrass."

Funded over the next five years, the endowment "will benefit all Florida golf courses and golfers in upgrading future turfgrass options," said John Foy, Director of the USGA Green Section in Florida, explaining that many of Florida's golf course grasses were developed over 40 years ago.

"This gift will be a major contribution to the turfgrass program and add to the knowledge of the golf course superintendents," said Kevin Downing, Research Committee Chairman of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. "It will help them maintain and improve the quality of turfgrasses of Florida golf courses."

Additional program funding will come from entry fees for golf tournaments conducted by FSGA that are held throughout the state for golfers of all handicap levels. Other funding is anticipated from various organizations, as well as individual members of FSGA. Gifts to this fund are tax deductible and may be made payable to:

Calvin L. Korf Turfgrass Research Program  
c/o Florida State Golf Association  
5714 Draw Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34238

OR

UF Foundation, Inc. - SHARE  
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P.O. Box 110170  
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*Executive Director Cal Korf receives plaque from Dr. David Buchanan*

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Look for your ballot on the  
back page of this newsletter.  
It's your opportunity to elect  
Directors to the Board of the  
Florida State Golf Association  
that represent you!

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## THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WORD

*Cal Korf, Executive Director*

We hope you enjoy this abbreviated version of our normal newsletter. Our last edition of the year will feature entire 1996 competition results. Following is a brief commentary on our championship year. We featured championships with some outstanding golf being played on great venues. The only difficulty we encountered was at the State Amateur Championship at Black Diamond, where we had some of the most severe lightning storms that I have witnessed during my entire tenure with the FSGA. Thankfully we had only lengthy delays and not cancelled days like we had last year.

For our member clubs who have been supporters of FSGA during the years, I want to express an appreciation for your support and loyalty. We have attempted to provide you with timely and efficient service in response to your requests. Having been personally involved with course rating and measuring for many years, I can assure you that we take very seriously our task to insure all courses have a correct and accurate course rating. We have provided a course rating for almost every course in Florida at least once. For some courses we have provided multiple ratings over the years.

We also provide a great deal of administrative support for the Florida Women's State Golf Association. They are not up to the same response time for course ratings that we are, but they are continually improving, and are becoming more active. Another important service we offer to our member clubs is course measuring. An accurate course rating cannot be accomplished without a course measurement that is conducted in strict accordance with USGA guidelines. We have several sets of laser measuring equipment and numerous teams of volunteers throughout the state who are very proficient in both course rating and measuring. I can also tell you with certainty that it takes quite some time to become proficient in course rating.

There are other services throughout the state, but I can personally assure you that we will continue to provide responsive, efficient and friendly service. Also, the GHIN Handicap System in Florida is growing very rapidly and now has an outstanding tournament pairings program that also provides cart signs and other features. TPP2000 is as good as any on the market. It is continually improving, and the USGA is responsive to suggestions from member clubs. Join the growing GHIN family! Thank you again for your continuing support.

I guess this is as good a place as any to provide you with the facts surrounding my future with FSGA. The rumors you have heard are true - I will retire from FSGA at the end of 1997. The FSGA Executive Search Committee is receiving applications for the position of Executive Director and will conduct final interviews in early 1997. The new Executive Director will commence employment on June 1, 1997, and my role during the transition will be as consultant for the remainder of the year. I plan to say farewell to all the competitors at the various competitions. My tenure with FSGA will have lasted approximately 16 and 1/2 years. It has been a labor of love and I have met some wonderful people, some very interesting characters, and have made many friends over the years. I will miss the activity and the people. FSGA has been the major focus of my life for several years, and I look upon all of you as part of my extended FSGA family.



## ELECTION '96

The governing body of the Florida State Golf Association is the Board of Directors. This year six of our current Directors will have successfully completed their three year term on the Board.

The 1996 Nominating Committee has submitted seven nominees to replace the Directors whose terms expire this year. The Nominating Committee spent a great deal of time screening potential nominees to ensure regional representation on the Board of Directors. The new Directors will take office upon conclusion of the Annual Meeting at Sara Bay Country Club on November 23, 1996.

As a member of the Florida State Golf Association, it is your right and privilege to elect Directors that represent the membership. To vote for the candidates, simply check the appropriate block(s). If you choose to vote for someone other than these candidates, a space has been provided. Please vote for seven (7) candidates.

## BALLOT

KEVIN DOWNING, JUPITER  
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WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

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November 8, 1996 to:**

**FLORIDA STATE  
GOLF ASSOCIATION  
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Signature of member \_\_\_\_\_