



Jason Miller
AGCSA Incoming President

Taking Care of Business 2006 Annual Meeting at Greystone Legacy Course

This year's Annual Meeting on November 9th fell just as the leaves were hitting the height of their riotous color in Birmingham. Of course, I doubt Jason Miller, Greystone Legacy Golf Course's superintendent and incoming AGCSA President ordered the color up specially for our Annual meeting, but it didn't hurt. What a glorious and golden day to usher out the Association's year and start planning for 2007.

We are grateful to Jason Miller and his staff for hosting the meeting, and also head golf pro at Legacy Course, David Kuykendall.

The morning meeting conducted a lot of business. There was good attendance with over 60 present including special guests. The Board of Directors requested that members complete a survey to guide them in planning Association activities in the coming year. There was good participation and 34 surveys have been completed and returned to date. The results of the survey are posted on pages 33 and 34.

Outgoing President, Robert Milliken, delivered a report on the State of the Association. Robert reported that The Board's goal in 2006 and moving forward was to achieve a more committed membership engaged in the Association. We wish to achieve the following objectives:

- ◆ Developing a plan to grow membership, as well as participation in education and other PDI-related events;
- ◆ Focusing discussions on expanding involvement/participation throughout the state (participation is good in Birmingham, but the rest of the state suffers);
- ◆ Make the plan available to our members; increasing participation in leadership positions.

With the help of Hannest Combest the Board clarified our Association's Mission Statement at a Strategic Planning Meeting in January. The mission statement was revised to read as follows:

The AGCSA exists to provide quality golf experiences that facilitate networking and education to their members, which

results in raising funds for research and scholarship, which results in promoting the profession by improving the quality of golf in Alabama.

The mission statement provides a road map for the Board to follow in realizing the above goals, but we need help from the Membership to realize our goals. In order to enhance our Association we need to provide:

- ◆ Networking and fellowship for golf course superintendents who live in Alabama;
- ◆ Education for golf course superintendents;
- ◆ Opportunities for golf course superintendents in Alabama to play golf;
- ◆ Opportunities for superintendents to contribute to research and scholarships.

Some items implemented by the Board in 2006 to achieve these goals include:

- ◆ Plans to hold the AGCSA Annual Meeting 2007 in conjunction with ATA Conference and Show .
- ◆ Brochure mailed out to club owners and superintendents at non-supporting clubs to provide information on how membership in the Association would benefit them.
- ◆ Meeting with newly formed Alabama Mechanics Association to investigate ways our Association could team with theirs in a "joint membership."
- ◆ Plans to host Mechanics meeting in conjunction with Demo Day to strengthen attendance and make event more profitable for our sponsors.
- ◆ Plan to develop ways to strengthen ties with turfgrass students at Auburn.
- ◆ An "open ended" survey developed to serve as a "road map" for planning in 2007 and also to gain greater insight into what will make the Association more viable for its members.
- ◆ Plans to gain more continuity with GCSAA Chapter Voting Delegates so that our delegate can be more responsive to our members needs.

Association Members Cast their Ballots in 2006 Elections



*Board Members, outgoing and incoming, present at the Annual Meeting:
l-r: Robert Milliken, Jason Miller, Lee Upchurch, John Tidwell, Donny Dockery
in front: Rusty Howard and Andy Cook*

Jason Miller took over the gavel from President Robert Milliken at the Annual Meeting. Jeremy Sutton was elected as Vice President for the year 2007 and will move into the Presidential post in 2008. Congratulations Jason and Jeremy on your new leadership positions.

This year three Board positions were open: two regular Board seats and one affiliate board position. Candidates for the regular positions were Todd Temple, NorthRiver Yacht and Country Club, John Tidwell, Old Overton Club, and Lee Upchurch, Cane Creek Golf Club. Andy Cook ran for re-election for the affiliate seat and was uncontested.

In a close contest John Tidwell and Lee Upchurch were elected to serve for two year terms on the Board of Directors. Many thanks to John and Lee and also to Todd who agreed to run. Our Board members make a commitment to serve on the board and deserve a great deal of appreciation for all that they do. Please take time to thank them for their service. The nominating committee each year consists of the President and Past

President and one class A or SM member appointed by them to help recruit. If you have an interest in serving on the Board in 2008 please contact Jason Miller or Robert Milliken in early September of next year. We are always looking for a "few good men." as the saying goes!

Heartfelt thanks to Donny Dockery who came out of retirement to fill in for Past President. Also, many thanks to David White who has done an exceptional job on the Board and in his work as editor of *The Alabama Green Journal*. We'll miss you guys!



*Welcome aboard new Board Members
John Tidwell and Lee Upchurch*



Jason presents outgoing President, Robert Milliken with framed flag to remember us by. (As if he could forget us!)