

# Old Overton Welcomes AGCSA

by Melanie Bonds

Before the June 13, 2005 meeting began at Old Overton Bruce Hospes shook his head and said, “Why is it that every time the Association has a meeting at this course we’re experiencing some natural catastrophe?”

I can see why Bruce might feel that way. I soloed at my first meeting as Association Secretary a little over five years ago at Old Overton Golf Club. We had just finished registration under a sky full of dark clouds when the club manager came to me and said that lunch was served, but play had been cancelled due to tornado warnings.

By the time lunch was over a tornado had roared along Overton Road and took out hundreds of trees on the course. When the worst of the weather abated Bruce and his assistant hopped in a cart and took off to survey the damage. (It’s all in a days work for a golf course superintendent.)

This past month the situation wasn’t quite so dire, but the Birmingham area had been experiencing torrential rains for about a week, courtesy of some hurricanes down in the Gulf. The sun was shining the day of the meeting, but the course was soaked. Cart path only was the rule of the day, but under any conditions Association members were happy to have the opportunity to play at Old Overton. There were 59 guests at the meeting and 45 stayed to play golf afterwards.

Dr. James Jacobi, Extension Plant Pathologist and Diagnostician for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in Birmingham was the speaker at the morning educational meeting. Dr. Jacobi spoke on *Disease Identification and Control in Ornamental Plants*. Dr. Jacobi’s office is located at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and his job entails assessing, processing, diagnosing and responding with control recommendations on plant samples submitted by residential and commercial clients.

The Association would like to thank Bruce Hospes, John Tidwell and their staff for hosting this event, as well as Mark Cagle, Club Manager, and Jim Brotherton, Golf Pro, for making it a great day for those who attended.

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President Tom Vlach presents Old Overton Superintendent, John Tidwell, a plaque in appreciation for hosting the event.



Mark Cagle  
Club Manager at Old Overton



Dr. James Jacobi

*Meeting and Tournament, Continued*



## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**1st Place**      Larry Asbury      **52**  
                          Jody Brooks  
                          Gary Bonds  
                          Melanie Bonds

**2nd Place**      Gib Fox      **53**  
                          Preston Maxey  
                          Richard Roper  
                          Todd Temple

**3rd Place**      Rodney Guy      **54**  
                          Jeremy Sutton  
                          John Tidwell  
                          Brad Smith

**4th Place**      Wayne Bassett      **56**  
                          Donnie Dockery  
                          Bill Jones  
                          Doug Trosper

### Closest to the Pin

Todd Temple  
 Lindy Conard  
 Rodney Guy  
 Dennis James



*At right, Gary Bonds, Larry Asbury,  
 Melanie Bonds, Jody Brooks and Dr.  
 James Jacobi*