

Poa Annua Classic

benefits all in the golf industry

For the first meeting and golf outing of 2006 the Alabama GCSA teamed with the Alabama Turfgrass Association, the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation, and the Gulf Coast GCSA for the *Poa annua* Classic at FarmLinks Golf Course in Sylacauga. The event included a two-hour educational session organized by Tricia Roberts, Executive Secretary of ATA and also of the Gulf Coast GCSA. Following the education was a luncheon and golf tournament.

The meeting began with a research update presented by Mark Langner, Director of Agronomy at FarmLinks. Dr. Beth Guertal of Auburn University presented a session on Turfgrass Fertility, and was followed by Dr. Matt Brecht of Syngenta who discussed Turfgrass Disease Management.

The event was well attended with over ninety people present. Many thanks to Tricia Roberts and Randy Bodine, President of the ATA as well as the ATA Board for inviting us to participate in this event. We always appreciate the folks at FarmLinks and PTI who are so good to our Association, including Mark Langner, Tim Orton and Dave Heegard. Blake Garrett and his crew had the course in superb shape. It was a perfect spring day for golf in a perfect venue.

Proceeds from this event, as well as proceeds from the ATA's Mole Cricket Classic in Point Clear on March 28th, were donated to the ATRF. ATRF's primary function is to seek research projects that are beneficial to turfgrass managers and to monitor the progress of current research.

The AGCSA looks forward to working with continued success in cooperation with our allied associations the ATA, ATRF and the Gulf Coast GCSA.

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FamrLinks team: Pro David Stinson with Brent Fuhrman and Erle Fairley



Speaker, Dr. Beth Guertal pictured with AGCSA Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Sutton of The Montgomery Country Club