

FGCSA Seven Rivers Chapter donates \$75,000

Stuart Bozeman of FGCSA's Seven Rivers Chapter recently attended the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation's Board Meeting in Gainesville to present the Florida Turfgrass Association Directors with a check for \$75,000. Bozeman's organization raised the funds through their 1996 and 1997 Envirotron Classics. The event was held again on April 20, at the World Woods Golf Club.

As in the past, the donated funds will be directed toward the maintenance and equipment for the Envirotron facility at the University of Florida, Gainesville. The success of the Envirotron Classic owes much to the diligence and support of the Seven Rivers Chapter, Glen Oberlander, his committee members, and the companies that continue to show support for the turfgrass industry through sponsorship of the event.

Internet helps Blalock win bid

Blalock Design Associates, a Birmingham-based sports field and golf course design firm, has been awarded the contract to design the playing surface and supervise the construction of a 40,000-seat soccer stadium in Istanbul, Turkey. The stadium will be the first of its kind in Turkey, and it's scheduled to open in the spring of 1999.

Blalock was invited to bid on a portion of the \$65 million project after Louisiana State University professor Sadik Artune, a Turkish landscape architect, read two articles by Blalock on sports field construction that were posted on *sportsTURF's* web site last summer. Artune knew about plans for the Turkish stadium, and he contacted Blalock through the Sports Turf Managers Association.

"It's a great feeling to be involved in a project such as this," said Blalock President and CEO Alan Blalock, ASLA. "It gives all new meaning to the term, 'nothing but net'."

Bayer presents twelve scholarships

The agricultural division of Bayer Corporation of Kansas City, Mo., recently awarded twelve scholarships to students from eight universities. The following students received scholarships:

- Jeffrey Beauvais, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Michael Blaskey and Andrew Keilen, Michigan State University
- Jeffrey Coffman and Christine Kubik, Rutgers University
- Edward Dubisz and Jerry Parmenter, Cornell University
- Jay Hudson, University of Missouri - Columbia
- Todd Iwanicki and Eilford Smyers, Penn State
- Lee Pilz, Purdue University
- Gregory Rounds, University of Illinois - Champaign/Urbana

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