

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time passes. Just a few months ago we were enduring one long, hot summer! It was certainly a nice shift to finally feel a subtle change in the air bringing "Fall" to South Florida. And, what a change from one year to the next! October 2010 was South Florida's driest ever, then, the month of October 2011 turned out to be one of the wettest in almost 80 years. Luckily we came into our normally "dry" season in a much better water position than the previous year. That is definitely something to be thankful about.

On August 16, 2011 our 13th annual Palm Beach Chapter Golf Tournament went into full swing for a day filled with friendly competition and fun at Sherbrooke Golf & Country Club. We had a great turnout and the weather cooperated by holding the rain away from the course.

This year we had the good fortune to welcome the legendary Bob Toski as a guest player to our event. For those of you who may not know, Bob was the PGA Tour's leading money-winner in 1954. He won 11 professional tournaments during his playing career. After his retirement, Bob went on to write numerous instruction books, provide analysis on NBC's golf telecasts, launch the GOLF DIGEST Schools, and create various instructional golf videos.

Our gratitude goes out to all of the sponsors, players, volunteers and friends who make our chapter's fund-raiser a success year after year. Also, a BIG *Thank You* to Dave Self and Herb Epling (our co-chairmen) for contributing their time and hard work in coordinating this event.

I hope most of you were able to make it to *The Landscape Show in Orlando*. Again, this year's trade show was well attended (over 7,500 attendees) and upbeat with many educational and networking opportunities. The keynote speaker was Adam Putnam our Commissioner of Agriculture. For those of you who were not able to attend or might have missed the keynote speech by Adam Putnam you can watch it online at <http://vimeo.com/groups/fngla/videos>.

Our new Face book page is coming along quite nicely. More information is constantly being added to bring everything up to date. Shannon Quinn is doing a fantastic job coordinating the updates. Please come visit our page (FNGLA Palm Beach Chapter) and let us know you "Like" what you see.

This year's Holiday Party was held on December 10th at Bink's Forest. It was great to see everyone there to enjoy a fun evening with friend and colleagues. *Thanks* to all the sponsors who helped make the evening a success. And, *Thank You* to Sue Cone (Meetings Committee Chairperson) and her committee members for coordinating a wonderful evening. To our friends who were unable to attend this year's festivities, we want you to know that we missed you and sincerely hope we will see you at next year's event (or sooner). And, a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Joey Quinn for being named this year's recipient of the James J. Lulfs Industry Service Award.

The TPIE Trade Show is right around the corner, January 18-20, at the Broward County Convention Center. Please mark your calendars and keep in mind that it is Wednesday through Friday for this trade show event.

In this past year we have experienced the passing of several beloved individuals: long-time members, family and friends. We also know of those who are currently struggling with various health issues and other difficulties – may we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Let us reflect back through this past year of 2011, its events and challenges, and try to focus on the positives we all have in our lives – our loved ones, our jobs/businesses and hopefully our health. I hope we are all able to make it a great year in 2012 with new opportunities and a renewed sense of success and well-being.

May 2012 bring you prosperity, peace health and happiness -- now and always.

Let's make it a great year!

Respectfully yours,

Robbin A very

Chapter President 2011-2012



The 13th Annual Golf Tournament at Sherbrooke Country Club

The 13th Annual Palm Beach Chapter FNGLA Golf Tournament was held on August 20th 2011 at Sherbrooke Country Club

We had 17 foursomes compete:

1st Place went to Dave Self/Gary Thomas/Dave Hannan/Eric Tietig @51

2nd Place went to Brian Lulfs/Donna Serino/

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3rd Place went to P.J. Healey/Harry Tanner/Danny Tollechio/
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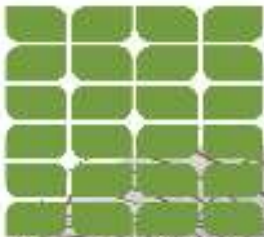
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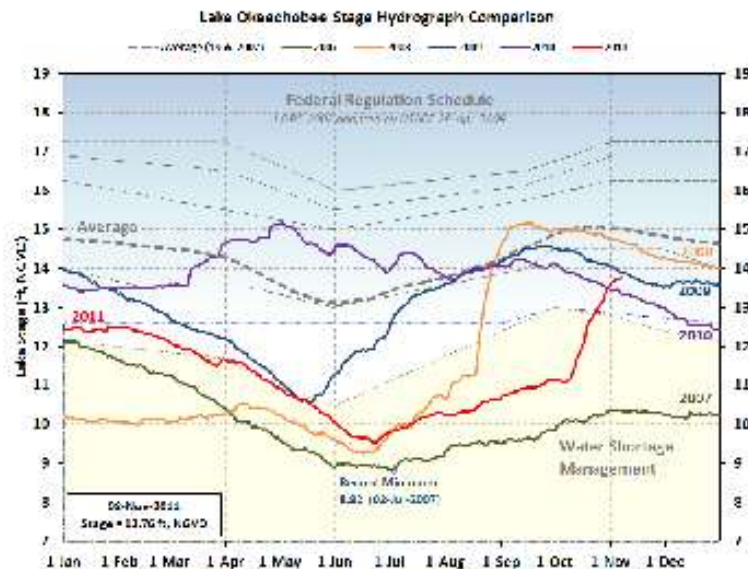
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Rainfall Eases Water Shortage; SFWMD Rescinds Emergency Orders *Governing Board adopts water shortage warning as South Florida heads into dry season*



The red line depicts the recent spike in Lake Okeechobee's water level, causing it to cross above last year's level, noted with the purple line.

West Palm Beach, FL — In response to improved regional water resource conditions, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board today rescinded all emergency water shortage orders for South Florida, many of which had been in place since March this year.

The Governing Board also declared a water shortage warning today to encourage vigilance and voluntary cutbacks. Frequent swings in South Florida's water conditions — and the drier-than-normal La Niña forecast — indicate a return to water shortage is possible.

“It’s a relief to see an improvement to water supplies throughout the region, especially considering the drier-than-normal forecast for the next few months,” said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. “We continue to encourage people to conserve water and be mindful that there is still a chance that dry conditions will return in the spring.”

The District’s 16-county region remains under permanent conservation measures with the Year-Round Irrigation Rule that limits landscaping to two or three days per week based on location. To search by municipality, click [here](#). Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture and utilities are required to continue following the terms of their permits.

Improved Conditions

The dry season that stretched from October 2010 until June 2011 was one of the driest on record and required mandatory, emergency cutbacks to protect water resources from serious harm and safeguard the water supply.

The District received 38.2 inches of rain during the June-to-November wet season, which is 4.52 inches above normal and compensated for the significant rainfall deficit during the preceding dry season.

The record-setting 9.8 inches of rain in October was two-and-a-half times the average for the month and resulted in localized flooding. Lake Okeechobee, the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, the Water Conservation Areas and groundwater levels improved dramatically in recent weeks.

“The District is storing as much water as possible given the forecast for below-average rainfall in the months ahead, while also balancing flood control responsibilities. Given Florida’s long history of weather extremes and recent and dramatic swings from dry to wet conditions, we remain on alert for a drier-than-normal dry season,” said Tommy Strowd, SFWMD Director of Operations, Maintenance and Construction. “Conserving water and following the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule remain key to stretching supplies.”

October’s storms did significantly benefit Lake Okeechobee, a key backup water supply for millions of South Floridians. The lake stood at 13.79 feet NGVD today, and continues to rise above last year’s level. The current level is more than 2.5 feet higher than on September 30.

Links to information about irrigation limits by area, current conditions and water-savings tips are available at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule went into effect in 2010 and was designed to reduce water use in South Florida. For more information on the Year-Round rule, visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.



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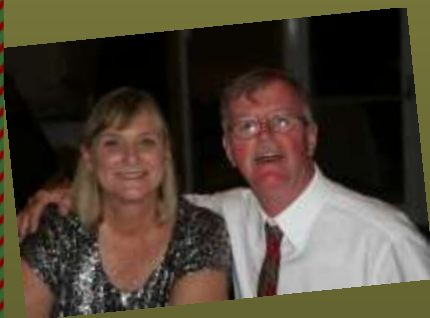
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