

KENTUCKIANA KLIPPINGS

May 2011



Keith J. Karnok is a professor in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at the University of Georgia, Athens. He married his high school sweetheart (40 years ago), has four children and three grandchildren. He received his B.S. and M.S. in agronomy from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in turfgrass management and physiology. In addition to his research activities, which include localized dry spots, wetting agents, biostimulants and factors affecting root growth, Dr. Karnok serves as coordinator of the turfgrass management major in his department. He teaches five courses, directs student internships and advises the UGA Turf Club. Dr. Karnok has received many teaching awards including the highest awards from the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), American Society of Agronomy (ASA), North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), and the University of Georgia. He has also been elected Fellow of CSSA, ASA, NACTA and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Fellow is the highest honor bestowed by a scientific society.

CHARIOT RUN GOLF COURSE

KGCSA MEETING- MAY 16TH 2011

Topic: Managing bentgrass root systems in the transition zone
Registration 8am-9am. Program 9am-11am with lunch and golf following. Meeting and Golf \$45. Meeting/Lunch only \$20

10 Questions with Keith

- 1) Name 3 things in your utility vehicle that you never leave the shop without? **In my situation, I never leave without my computer, cell phone and Altoids.**
- 2) Do you bleed Kentucky blue, Cardinal red, or something else? **I bleed Georgia red and black.**
- 3) If you weren't in the golf business, what would you be doing? **Full time magician and ventriloquist.**
- 4) Worst job you ever had if other than the one you have now? **Hoeing weeds and moving irrigation pipe in Southern Arizona during the summer.**
- 5) If you could pick 3 people, dead or alive, to play golf with, whom would they be? **Jesus Christ, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln. I might be able to beat Jefferson and Lincoln, but Jesus would definitely have the edge.**
- 6) If you were President of the United States, what is the first thing you would do? **Resign.**
- 7) What's your handicap? **Never been determined.**
- 8) Why did you get in the golf business? **Worked on a golf course in high school.**
- 9) Who has influenced you the most in your career? **Dr. James Beard. Retired turfgrass professor at Texas A&M University.**
- 10) What is your favorite golf course? **Arizona Sunsites Golf Course, Pearce, Arizona. Par 3. It's the only golf course I ever broke a 100. Probably not in existence any longer.**

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Participation Incentive Program Returns for 2011

The 2011 KGCSA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the implementation of a participation incentive program geared to increase membership and participation in Association events throughout the year. The program consists of separate divisions for Superintendents/Assistants and Vendors. Members will receive 1 entry for each Association event attended. At the Annual Meeting at Oxmoor CC in October a drawing will be held for each division. The prize for the Superintendent/Assistant division will be a \$500 GCSAA gift certificate. The prize for the Vendor division will be free advertising for 1 year on the KGCSA website.



Beanblossom (#5) cruises to

David Beanblossom, Superintendent Chariot Run Golf Course

I don't have a fancy bio so I am going to list a few things about me that have brought me to this point in my life and career.

- My wife Lisa is the absolute best thing that has ever happened to my personal life. I'm going to steal a line from Jack Nicholson in the movie As Good As It Gets; "She makes me want to be a better person." We have been married for 13 years and in that time I started going to church again and made God the focus of OUR lives. After spending my 20's the Rocky Mountain Way (Joe Walsh song, figure it out!!!!) I have been sober for 13 years now.
- I have a daughter, Nicole, who lives on Long Island in New York. She graduates high school in June and has enrolled to New Haven College in Connecticut studying Forensic Science.
- I got the scar on my face in a car wreck when I was 8 years old. Head on collision and wasn't wearing my seatbelt (nobody wore them in the 70's). I am more subconscious about it than I should be but I do feel uncomfortable being around people that don't me. I feel like everyone is looking at my scar.
- I raced harness horses for most of my life. I started training when I was 13, drove my first race at 16 and got my full driving credentials at 18. My harness racing numbers are:
DRIVER---1328 races: 168 wins, 168 seconds, 188 thirds with \$436,128 in horse earnings
TRAINER—1195 races: 164 wins, 176 seconds, 169 thirds with \$890,996 in horse earnings.
I trained 1 horse that set a world record and 1 horse that set 4 track records (2 still exist). I was a better trainer than driver.
- I am a Germ a phoebe!!!!!!!!!!!! I probably wash my hands or use germ x 20- 30 times a day.

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2011 Meeting Schedule

- MAY 16 - CHARIOT RUN GC
SPEAKER: DR. KEITH KARNOCK
MANAGING BENTGRASS ROOTZONES
IN THE TRANSITIONAL ZONE
- JUNE 13 BIG SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
- JULY 11 - OWL CREEK CC
GOLF ONLY
- AUGUST 22 - EAGLE CREEK GC
GOLF ONLY
- SEPT. 19 - COVERED BRIDGE GC
PROGRAM: BALANCE BETWEEN WORK
AND LIFE
- OCT. 11 - OXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING AND GOLF
- NOVEMBER 15 - LOUISVILLE CC
2ND ANNUAL ASSISTANTS MEETING
SPEAKER: BILL MAYNARD CGCS AND
NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

10 Questions with Beanie

- 1) Name 3 things in your utility vehicle that you never leave the shop without?
Radio, coffee, sunglasses
- 2) Do you bleed Kentucky blue, Cardinal red, or something else?
New York Ranger blue
- 3) If you weren't in the golf business, what would you be doing?
I've done everything else, golf is it. I love it.
- 4) Worst job you ever had if other than the one you have now?
When I lived in New York I needed a second job so I went through a temp agency and worked at a trash dump for 2 days. Way too many germs for me.
- 5) If you could pick 3 people, dead or alive, to play golf with, whom would they be?
My dad and 2 Grandpa's both had died by the time I was born.
- 6) If you were President of the United States, what is the first thing you would do?
Take over Aruba and move the White House there.
- 7) What's your handicap? 6 or 16 depends on the day
- 8) Why did you get in the golf business?
I was in a wreck driving a horse in 2003 and it was bad enough that I knew I had to find a different way to make a living. I went to Chariot Run because of the great insurance they have and was going to race horses part time. After 1 year there Roger told me he was adding a second Assistant and I jumped at the chance, started taking turf classes and the rest is history. I can never thank Roger enough for the chance he gave me.
- 9) Who has influenced you the most in your career?
My Mom and Dad. Without my Mom's prayers I don't think God's grace and mercy would have got me to this point. My Dad has to be one of the hardest working people I know. He is a retired Teamster truck driver, had cows, pigs and horses on the farm, sold fertilizer, had a grain and rock truck that he used for delivering for neighbor farmers and people, etc., etc., etc. He's 78 now, has more hair than I do and still has a horse he is training and hauls a few loads of rock every month.
- 10) What is your favorite golf course?
Tie between Augusta National and St. Andrews. I love the classics.





KGCSA Scholarship and Research Fundraiser

The KGCSA is pleased to announce the 11th annual Scholarship and Research Fundraiser. The golf tournament will be held in June, 2011 at Big Spring Country Club with Golf Course Superintendent Bob Rogers as our host. Big Spring has graciously opened their golf course to the KGCSA so that we may maximize our fundraising efforts dedicated to supporting research, providing scholarships and ultimately supporting our association as we continue to grow in the 21st century.

It is hard to imagine that eleven years have passed since we first hit the links at Lake Forest Country Club back in 2001. Since then the money we have raised has directly impacted the quality of golf in our region. Your support is vital to the ongoing success of this tournament and we could not be more appreciative of your help. It is through a tremendous amount of time, effort and dollars that KGCSA is able to give back not only to its members, but to people within our industry. The focus of the fundraiser targets two specific goals. First, half of all proceeds will be deposited into our endowment fund, established 11 years ago. The endowment fund benefits our association directly. Scholarships, specific research and positioning KGCSA as the authority of golf course management in this region are only a few of the concepts established. Second, we want to give back to the two great states we comprise of to ensure sustainability and longevity within the turfgrass management professions. The KTC and the MRTF continue to receive support through this tournament and we look forward to assisting these great associations long into the future.

As a donor, we want you to realize what a tremendous value you receive from your contribution. We are confident your organization will benefit as much, if not more, from this tournament through increased visibility and name recognition. The following 4 levels of sponsorship and what they include are listed on the following page. We encourage you to take a hard look at these levels to determine what is best for you and your company. Once you have determined your level of stewardship, please fill out the registration form and return it to the address listed on the bottom of the page no later than May 15th. For your convenience, we have included a tear away receipt so that you may have immediate records. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Your sponsorship and donations will enable the KGCSA to continue this great tradition. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Michael Coy (502) 689-2824.

Sincerely,

Michael Coy
Josh Adams
KGCSA Fundraiser Committee

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I hope this newsletter doesn't come off as being too much Beanblossom but after several pleas and emails for material there just wasn't much that was sent to me other than the picture below. Don't forget we are only a month away from the annual fundraiser at Big Spring CC and it is always a treat to get to step foot on such a classic, historic course.

In two weeks Valhalla will be the site of the Senior PGA Championship. Let's hope there are no NATURAL DISASTERS this year like the ones that have haunted all the previous tournaments there.

Sincerely,

David Beanblossom
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OUT OF THE ORDINARY
This picture is of a weed at Augusta National
found on Masters Week.

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