

cation institutions competed for the Turf Bowl championship during a test of participants' knowledge on the various aspects of turfgrass management, including environmental, design and business practices. CPCC walked away with first and fourth place honors, receiving a trophy and a \$700 check. The award money will be used to help the team travel to similar educational events and competitions throughout the Southeast.

"I am extremely proud of our students," **John Royals**, an instructor in CPCC's Turfgrass Management Technology Program, said. "This achievement not only helps put CPCC on the map, but it also further demonstrates the depth of our program and the quality students it attracts."

It was the first time CPCC won the trophy in the tournament's eight-year history. Past champions have included Clemson University, NC State University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College. The winning CPCC team consisted of **Logan McKean, Kenneth Baucom, Casey Sullivan and Chris Fortnum**. Receiving fourth place honors were **Mark Yow, Curt Webster, Cody Hasty and Douglas Meyer**.

CPCC's Turfgrass Management Technology Program offers two-year and one-year degrees and diplomas, as well as a certificate program. Located on the college's Cato Campus and boasting more than 50 students, the program prepares students for careers in landscaping, golf course management and turfgrass sales. (See photo page 31).

SANDERS TAGGED FOR LEADERSHIP

Coastal Plains GCSA past-president, **Troy Sanders**, was among 25 emerging chapter leaders who participated in the



Carolinas GCSA members Jim Hoffman and Frank Fragale are enjoying continued success at River Bend.

SIMPLY THE BEST AT RIVER BEND

River Bend Country Club has been declared "Simply the Best Golf Course in New Bern" for the third year in succession, according to annual reader survey by the Sun-Journal newspaper. Golf course superintendent, **Jim Hoffman**, and brother-in-law and director of golf, **Frank**

Fragale, share management responsibilities at the club they bought in 1999.

Since then, the club has invested more than \$1.6-million in upgrades including a complete rebuild of the golf course, re-designed by Hoffman and Fragale themselves, to include bentgrass greens, 419 bermudagrass fairways

and four miles of course drainage. They also built a new 6000-sq. ft. clubhouse with banquet facility, completely re-built a 220,000-gallon swimming pool, paved parking lots, resurfaced tennis courts and upgraded the driving range to include night lighting.

inaugural GCSAA Leadership Academy at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, KS in September. Sanders is golf course superintendent Crowfield Golf and Country Club in Goose Creek, SC.

The event was created as an opportunity to develop the leadership skills of individuals viewed as a future leader by their chapter, in Sanders' case, the Carolinas GCSA. A press release on the academy said GCSAA was committed

to serving members through chapters and to helping chapters become more effective.

A common thread of effective chapters is vibrant leadership, the release said. However, most chapters reported finding members to participate at the board level was becoming a challenge. The event offered sessions to help participants learn practical skills to help successfully lead their golf facility and their chapter. Attendees also

addressed current issues and future trends affecting the golf course superintendent profession and association management.

The event was also an opportunity to extend a professional network of peers who share best practices and innovative ideas.

"The lifeblood of any organization is a membership that has vision and is engaged," GCSAA president, **Dave Downing**, CGCS said. ▶