2018

John T. Leslie
Award of Excellence
John T. Leslie Award

• First presented to John T. Leslie in 1981
• As a special tribute to Mr. Leslie – the award was named in his honor
• It is presented in recognition of an individual for outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Florida fresh citrus industry
2018 Recipient
“The Person”
Born 1951
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Ahead of his Time, he was the first to step forward to manage school security
And he soon learned that political persuasion wasn’t always easy.
And that there is always somebody ready to steal your goodies
The Boy Starts to Blossom
Surfing was and remains, a favorite pastime.
And all that the water has to offer
Educational Path

• Attended Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham Mass
• B.A. in Geology from Whittier College
• Studied Marine Botany at Scripps Institute of Oceanography
• Master in Environmental Protection, FAU
Family has always been the foundation
Professionally
1975, hired onto Environmental staff of Florida Sugar Cane League

1978, named Director of environmental Relations of FSCL
In 1979, brought his skills to the Indian River Citrus League

Citrus League Picks Bournique

Doug Bournique has been appointed general manager of the Indian River Citrus League, it was announced Monday by Ben F. Bailey III, league president.

Bournique, 28, will be replacing Jim Huff, who had announced last month that he was leaving the citrus league to return to his native MacIntosh, Fla.

Although Huff’s resignation isn’t effective until Sept. 1, Bournique will join the league on Aug. 1, in order to gain some experience from Huff about the workings of the league.

Bournique is not new to the agriculture business. He is the former director of environmental relations for the Florida Sugar Cane League. While working for the league, the native Wisconsinite conducted water quality studies, atmosphere testing and acted as a liaison man between the sugar industry and state environmental officials.

Prior to working for the sugar league, Bournique studied at, and graduated from, Whittier College in California. He also has concluded three years of graduate work at San Diego State and Florida Atlantic Universities.

The man Bournique will be replacing has been with the citrus league for nearly four years. It was during the annual meeting of the citrus league that many of the members of the trade association became aware that Huff would be leaving the league to return to his family citrus and cattle business.

Bailey also said that the work that Bournique was doing at the sugar league will be very similar to the type of responsibilities he will assume at the citrus league.

“We look forward to a long beneficial relationship with Doug here on the river,” Bailey said.

Bournique and his wife, Cindi, will make their home in Vero Beach.

The citrus league is a 1500-member, organization that
For the past 39 years, Doug has been the face and the voice of the Indian River District. No matter the issue: Water, Legislative, Marketing, Regulatory, Doug is there and is leading the charge.
A few of his many affiliations

- USDA Citrus Crop Advisory Committee
- Indian River County Ag Advisory Council
- FL Ag Water Policy Group
- Indian River Area Citrus BMP Implementation
- IRREC Advisory Comm
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
- USHRL Industry Liaison
- Indian River County Economic Dev. Council
- Indian River Lagoon Council
- Fed Reserve Ag Advisory Council
Year after year, Doug led the charge for USDA to purchase grapefruit juice. This program was of tremendous economic benefit to Florida grapefruit growers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced plans to purchase Grapefruit Juice products for surplus removal.

USDA AMS share of U.S. consumption of grapefruit juice averaged 6% over a 5-year period (09-14) sustaining market demand. In addition, the USDA GJ purchase contributed to an estimated 14% increase in delivered-in prices over the period evaluated.
When you think of Doug Bournique, you obviously think of the Indian River. In so many ways, Doug is the identity of the Indian River - but the John T. Leslie Award is about all Fresh Florida Citrus. Doug received outstanding support and recognition from Growers and Packers from the River, Ridge and Flatwoods.

Doug has closely coordinated with Florida Citrus Packers, Florida Citrus Mutual, Peace River Valley CGA, Gulf CGA and every other citrus based organization in Florida.

There is truly widespread recognition of his many contributions and his continued importance to the resurrection of the industry in the face of our current trials.

Excellence and Commitment Deserving of Recognition
Douglas C. Bournique
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