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Official Newsletter
of the



December
2011

Come one, come all,
to the 2011
STGCSA

Christmas Party!

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See you there!

New leaders elected
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2011 Christmas Party

Friday, December 2, 2011

Cole's Country
12702 Cypress Valley
Cypress, Texas 77429

Entertainment: Granger Smith

Reception: 6:30 p.m. **Dinner:** 7 p.m.

Awards & Scholarship Presentation: 8 p.m. **Cost:** \$85 per couple/\$42.50 per individual

Please RSVP by Nov. 30 by calling Marian Takushi at 281-494--0094, by e-mail at stgcsa@windstream.net or through the direct link on the "Upcoming Events" page of www.stgcsa.org.

Directions to Cole's Country:

- From Hwy. 290 northwest of Houston
- Exit at Barker-Cypress Rd. and turn right
- Go 0.7 miles and turn right onto Jarvis Rd.
- Go 0.8 miles and turn right onto Cypress Valley Rd. to Cole's Country on the left (0.2 miles)

Coming Up Next!

Stephen F. Austin Country Club
January 23, 2012

Texas Turfgrass Association Conference & Show on tap

The 11th year of the new millennium may be about to fade into history, but there's still one major event remaining on the year's schedule, and that's the 2011 Texas Turfgrass Association Conference and Show, which will take place Dec. 13-14 at the San Antonio Convention Center and Grand Hyatt.

The gathering will actually commence on Sunday, Dec. 11, when attendees may play in a golf tournament beginning at 12:30 p.m. at The Quarry Golf Club. The two-person best ball event will be preceded by a lunch buffet beginning at 11:30 a.m. at The Quarry.

Show registration will get under way at the convention center at 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, with exhibits opening at 9 a.m. at closing at 1 p.m.

Attendees will gather for association's Annual Business Meeting at 1 p.m. The meeting will include a variety of presentations running through approximately 4:30 p.m., after which the exhibits will re-open for two hours. An awards dinner will follow, beginning at 7 p.m.

Another Dec. 12 option will be attendance at the Texas Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Applicator's Lectures, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applicator exams will be given at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Yet another option for Dec. 12 will be an 8 a.m.-5 p.m. "Irrigation Session." Attendees will be able to earn 8 CEU hours for attending.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, will offer a wide variety of "Concurrent Sessions" including a number of golf course turf maintenance focused sessions. The show's exhibits will be open from 8-10 a.m. on both days.

Complete details about the Conference and Show can be found within the "Annual Conference" pages of the Texas Turfgrass Association web site at www.texasurf.com.

The time is now

The new year, believe it or not, is just around the corner. Accordingly, it's time to renew your STGCSA membership. Membership renewal forms are available online on the home page of www.stgcsa.org . . . you can complete the process online or print it out, complete it and mail it to the Chapter office. Please call Marian Takushi at 281-494-0094 if you have questions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays are upon us now (Thanksgiving is just days away as I write this column) as we look to close out 2011 and begin to look forward to 2012.

Those thoughts in mind, I would like to say a big "thank you!" to everyone who has been involved with and supported the association this year. It has been a wild year for me as President, and with everything that I have been through. Some of it I'd like to repeat. Some of it I just as soon never think of again.

Looking back on all my experiences, though, lets me see that I've had a cakewalk compared to some of the things others have endured this year. To help me put things into perspective, all I have to do is look at my family and friends and be thankful for everything I have. I think that is what Thanksgiving is all about, and I think we can all agree that we have plenty to be thankful for, personally and professionally.

While I'm on that track, I want to take a few seconds to mention several members of our "family" who were lost in 2011. They are: Harvey Rose, past president of the STGCSEA; past North Texas GCSA President Stephen Best; D'Ann Hargrove, wife of longtime member Jack Hargrove (owner of J Hargrove Construction); and Betty Cater, wife of longtime member John Cater.

Each of those people played an important role in our lives, and each will be missed . . . dearly.

Moving on, I think we had a very good turnout for our Annual Meeting at Raven Nest Golf Club, despite the less than ideal weather and the long drive some had to endure. We

held our elections and ushered in a new set of officers and a few new Board members, so our leadership group for 2012 has been chosen.

I know you're as excited about your future and the path those gentlemen have and will choose for the STGCSEA.

We also chose the recipient of our 2011 Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year, whose name will be revealed at our 2011 Christmas Party (Dec. 2 at Cole's Country in Cypress), as will the recipients of our 2011 Legacy Scholarships. That's something to look forward to, and I look forward to seeing you at the party.

Taking one step back, I want to thank David Gray and his staff at Raven Nest for hosting our Annual Meeting and making us feel welcome. The meeting marked the occasion of many of our members' first visit and I trust everyone found the golf course to be excellent.

A few complaints about the Annual Meeting and a few details that weren't properly addressed were brought my attention in the days following it. I can assure you that the Board members and officers have discussed those items to make sure

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Wade Warms, CGCS

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Doug Browne, Terry Gill, John Walker

STGCSA chooses leadership team for 2012

The membership of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association has spoken. The Chapter's election of officers and Board of Directors took place during the STGCSA's 2011 Annual Meeting, held Nov. 8 at Raven Nest Golf Club.



Mark Haven

Mark Haven was elected president for 2012, Sean Wilson, CGCS, was elected vice-president, and Blayne Sparks was chosen as the Chapter's secretary/treasurer.

Haven moves up to the STGCSA's top spot after a yearlong stint as vice-president, preceded by a year as secretary/treasurer and six years on the STGCSA Board of Directors. He has been a member of the STGCSA for 18 years.

Wilson has served as the secretary/treasurer of the STGCSA for the past year and worked on the Chapter's Board for the

four years prior to that. He has been a member of the STGCSA for seven years. He is also a past vice-president of the Central Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Sparks moves up to the secretary/treasurer position after four years on the Board of Directors. He has been an STGCSA member for six years.

In addition to the officers for 2012, four members of the Board of Directors were chosen. Those elected were Chris Lineberger, Brian Johnson,

Cheyenne Herring and Mark Baughman, who was re-elected to an Affiliates position. Lineberger, Johnson and Herring are all first-time members of the Board.

Wade Warm, CGCS, will join the Board of Directors and newly elected officers on the STGCSA leadership team for 2012 as the immediate past president.

Those attending the Annual Meeting also approved a by-law change that will allow the Board of Directors to schedule the Chapter's future Annual Meetings in September, October or November, rather than limiting the option to November.

The Annual Meeting also marked the occasion of the

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Blayne Sparks

announcement of nominees for the 2011 South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association Sonny DuBose Memorial Superintendent of the Year Award. The five nominees are George Manual of Royal Oaks Country Club, Doug Browne of Stephen F. Austin Golf Club, Chris Lineberger of Sugar Creek Country Club, Dennis Wilganowski of Bryan Municipal Golf Course and Tim Supak of El Campo Country Club.

The Annual Meeting agenda also included the announcement of the STGCSA's 2011 Legacy Scholarship winners (Formal presentation of the recipients will take place at the STGCSA Christmas Party) and the presentation of STGCSA service pins.

Those recognized in the latter category were; 10 years— Jon O'Donnell, Tommy St. Romain, Mitch Elliott, Scott Terry and Chris Webster; 15 years— James Huntsman, Scott Pickering and Lee Gravett; 20 years— Scott Anderson; and 30 years— Jerry Takushi and Alan Hess, CGCS.

Be here before you know it

The 2012 Golf Industry Show will be held Feb. 29-Mar. 1, at the Las Vegas Convention Center, with the associated Education Conferences to take place Feb. 27-Mar. 2.

Complete details can be found at www.golfindustryshow.com/



Our sympathies . . .

. . . and condolences to long-time STGCSA member Sue Rinehart Warren of Rinehart Trucking, whose father, William K. Herbold, passed away on Nov. 17.

Mr. Herbold had worked with ClubCorp for a quarter century, starting out in membership and eventually became the company's CEO.

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— Meister Eckhart

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Pest Management seminar set for January

The Texas Agri-Life Extension Service-Harris County Office will conduct a "Pest Management for Golf and Sport Turf Systems" seminar on Jan. 5, 2011, at its office in west Houston (3033 Bear Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77084).

Co-sponsored by the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association, the meeting will begin with registration, coffee and donuts at 7:30 a.m. and will run through approximately 3:15 p.m.

Payment for the seminar may be made by credit card by calling 281-494-0094 or by visiting the "Pest Management for Golf and Sport Turf Systems" link on the "Events/Results" page at www.stgcsa.org.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Anthony Camerino (281-855-5600, awcamerino@ag.tamu.edu).

MEMBER MOVES

Welcome to *Mike Burris*, an agronomist with Quick-Sol of Texas, and *Jesus Polio*, assistant superintendent at BraeBurn Country Club. Both joined the STGCSA in November.



Three down

It's hardly a dent in the total population, but the three feral hogs will no longer be part of the problem. They were felled in mid-November at Willow Fork Country Club, where Golf Course Superintendent Willy Plowman says the animals have inflicted "thousands of dollars in damage" in recent months.

"They are just ripping our golf course apart," added Plowman, who worked with the local game warden to arrange the hogs' demise.

The three above weighed from 225 to 275 pounds each—an example of the damage they and their friends have inflicted at Willow Fork can be seen below.



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Golf Results**
Raven Nest Golf Club

Gross Results

Brian Cloud & Mark Haven	69
Jeff Blume & Brad Fryrear	73
Brian Johnson & Kent Knowles	74

Net Results

Bill Taylor & Jason Ruple	126
David Gray & Jerry Huntsman	139
Charles Joachim & Clinton Garrett	142

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Thanks!!!

The STGCSA and its membership wishes to extend its gratitude to the staff at Raven Next Golf Club, and especially to David Gray, golf course superintendent, for hosting the Chapter's Annual Meeting in November.

The hospitality and professionalism displayed by the club's staff was instrumental to a highly-successful

gathering, and did not go unnoticed. We appreciate the effort and the hospitality.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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similar mistakes aren't repeated in the future. That said, I want to apologize to those who felt they couldn't hear the proceedings well enough or who took exception to the presentation of the American flag.

We were certainly not trying to offend anyone, and, like I said, the Board has duly noted the issues and learned its lesson for future events.

Moving on once again, I would like to thank all the vendors for everything they do every year. This association would be nothing without all of the support from our vendors.

Also, the Board of Directors is to be commended for all of their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank Steve Hunter for all of the work he has done with the newsletters and directories over the years. Lastly, Marian Takushi is the workhorse of our association and I'd like for everyone to offer up a big thanks to her when you see her.

It has been a great year . . . thanks to all who have been involved. Once again, don't forget about our Christmas Party. I hope to see you all there.

— Wade Warmes, CGCS



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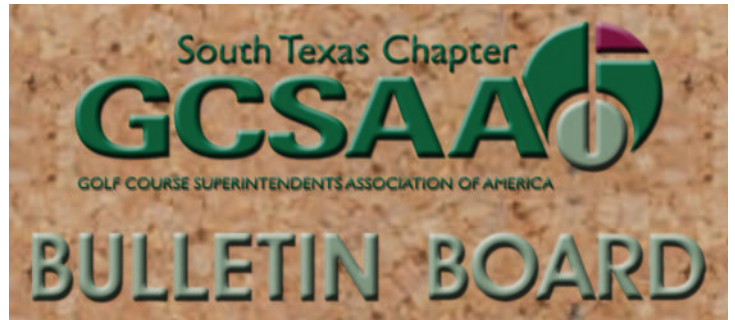
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2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Work on the 2012 schedule is ongoing, but for your planning convenience, what's below includes the remaining 2011 events and the portion of the schedule that has been confirmed as of November 22, 2011.

December 2

Christmas Party
Cole's Country - Cypress

December 12-14

Texas Turfgrass Association Annual Conference
San Antonio Convention Center

January 5

Pest Management Seminar
Texas Agri-Life Extension Service-Harris County Office

January 23

Stephen F. Austin Country Club
Host Superintendent: Doug Browne

April 9

High Meadow Ranch Golf Club
Scholarship Tournament
Host Superintendent: Cody Spivey

June 11

Galveston Country Club
Host Superintendent: Jeff Smelser

July 16

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Redstone Golf Club — Tournament Course
Host Superintendent: Randy Samoff

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