

STGCSA creates the **Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year award**

From the Oscars to the Espys and at all points in between, professional organizations and their members almost always make an annual effort to recognize significant achievements and contributions from within their ranks.

And now, 50 years following its creation, so will the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association. This year, for the first time ever, the Chapter will honor one member with an award named for one of its founding mem-

The Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year Award recipient will be chosen by the STGCSA's members at the Chapter's 2008 Annual Meeting and will be formally presented at the STGCSA's annual Christmas Party in December.

"I think this is a 'must' step for our organization," said Roger Goettsch, CGCS, president of the Chapter. "We need to do it as a way to honor members who dedicate themselves to our mission."

And, he adds, "It is only fitting that the award be named for Sonny DuBose and created in the year of his passing. Everyone knows how much he contributed to our Chapter. This will help us keep his memory alive throughout the years to come."

Goettsch points to the establishment of the award as one of the primary goals of his presidency.

"Creating awards has been suggested several times during past years, but for a variety of reasons, we've never taken the final step. I think it's time to move forward with it," he said. "It's always a positive thing to recognize our members for what they've accomplished professionally and what they've done for our organization. This will give us a formal opportunity to do so."

Goettsch asked STGCSA Director Wade Warms, CGCS, to take



New award will honor an oustanding member of the STGCSA each year and founding member Sonny DuBose in perpetuity.

the lead in establishing the criteria and procedures for selecting a recipient, and he did just that, making numerous telephone calls to members of Chapters in which such awards have existed for some time, presenting his findings to the STGCSA Board of Directors and then organizing for presentation to the STGCSA membership and others who will be asked for nominations.

The results include two basic qualifications— a nominee must have been a Superintendent Member of the STGCSA in good standing for five consecutive years to be considered for the award, and must not have won the award in any of the previous three years.

Nominations will be solicited (and accepted) by the Nominating Committee, which will include the members of the Chapter's Public Relations Committee. This year's Nominating Committee consists of Warms, Public Relations Committee Chairman Ed Schultheis, Mark Baughman and Lee Gravett.

Any STGCSA member in good standing may submit a nomination, and nominations will also be solicited from club officials, general managers and head golf professionals at facilities where the golf course superintendent is a qualified STGCSA member.

Nomination information will be mailed to those individuals in the coming weeks, and those making nominations will be asked to do so in the form of a typed, single-page letter that includes reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award. Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2008.

Following that deadline, the Nominating Committee will review the applications and submit them to the STGCSA Board of Directors, which, in turn, will select a minimum of two and a maximum of six "finalists."

The finalists will then be presented to the attendees at the

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President's Message

Greetings to all! June is here and we're almost halfway through 2008. We've accomplished a lot, I think, on and off the course, but there is still plenty to do (and lots of golf to be played).

The Lone Star Texas Cup at Briggs Ranch in San Antonio, by the way, turned out to be a great event. It was very well attended, with South Texas members making up approximately a third of the field.

Jeff Jowell and Sean Wilson, two of the STGCSA's Certified Golf Course Superintendents, team up to lead our Chapter's contingent, posting a score of 65 and a scorecard playoff win for second place in the gross division of the tournament. Doug Browne and his brother, Bobby, also shot 65 and ended up in third place.

.Seems everyone wanted to get out and enjoy the Texas Hill Country . . . a little change of pace is always good, right? Accordingly, playing in the tournament gave me (and others, I'm sure) the chance to visit with people I had not seen for several months, and that's a good thing, too.

For those of us in the STGCSA, Wildcat Golf Club will host our next meeting on June 10. Consider the theme to be "a little change." We've never been to Wildcat before and I know everyone is looking forward to it. I believe it will be a great place to try the "change" theory, and with the club's Highland Course being so high (for the Houston area, that is), we're almost sure to get a good dose of wind to test our games.

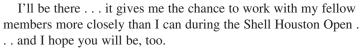
I hope to see as many people as possible at Wildcat, and I hope they'll all earn their extra Top 20 points by providing Marian

Takushi with an early RSVP.

There's another change coming later this year. If you have not heard, the Administaff Small Business Classic Champions Tour event has relocated to The Woodlands Country Club's East Course (the former TPC layout) and will be held the week of Oct. 13-19.

The move should prove to be a positive for everyone involved. The STGCSA will be, once again, providing marshals

for the tournament's practice facilities.



The change in locales, I'm guessing will create the chance for some of our members who were not able to participate in the past to do so this time around, and I know we'll all enjoy seeing the

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June Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Wildcat Golf Club (Highlands Course)

Host Superintendent — Don Hoos

Please RSVP by June 6 by calling Marian Takushi at 281-494-0094 or by e-mail at stgcsa@windstream.net.

Speaker: TBA

Registration: 9 a.m. Lunch: 11:30-12:30

Golf: After Lunch Cost: \$55

Reminders:

You must arrive by 10:15 to play golf.
You may bring a non-member guest to one STGCSA Monthly Meeting per year (only).

Directions:

Located at 12000 Almeda Rd., south of Loop 610 South and north of the South Sam Houston Tollway. Take the Almeda Rd. exit from either. Wildcat Golf Club is on the west side of Almeda Rd., about halfway between 610 and the Tollway.

Tips to Practice "Safe Sun"

Dermatologist Dr. Elizabeth Hale knows that the unprotected sun exposure people often seek can result in skin damage, premature aging or even certain types of skin cancer. "When the tan shows, the cellular damage is already done," she warns. In fact, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation, one blistering sunburn when you are young more than doubles your chance of developing a melanoma later in life.

So when spending time outside, protecting your skin from damaging UVA and UVB rays is critical. "I recommend using a broad-spectrum sunscreen that provides UVA/UVB protection with a high SPF," says Hale. She also says to remember that the sun's rays are ever present. UV rays penetrate clouds, reflect off snow and UVA rays even pass through glass. Although you may be tempted by the allure of a tan today, the damage you'll do could make you look a whole lot worse in the future.

More guidelines from Dr. Hale:

- Apply. Apply. Apply. Because the sun may cause damage immediately, don't forget to apply sunscreen before you go into the sun. Reapply every 80 minutes and after swimming, toweling off or sweating even if the sunscreen is waterproof and sweat-proof.
- When you think you have applied enough, apply more. It takes at least one ounce of sunscreen to properly protect your face and body. With sun protection, more really is better.
 - If your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun's rays are at

their strongest. Cover up with sun protective clothing, such as a hat and sunglasses and head for the shade.

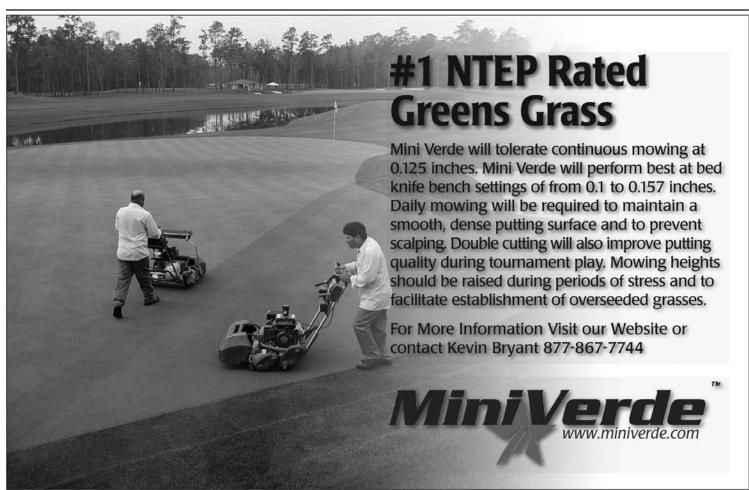
- Choose a sunscreen that you'll actually use. If it feels good on your skin and is easy to use, you'll be more likely to reapply.
- Products that withstand the elements are key. Whether you are working or playing outdoors use a sunscreen that is waterproof and ultra-sweatproof so it won't run into your eyes and sting.
- See a dermatologist once a year for a skin check no matter what your age. If detected early, melanoma has survival rates of about 99 percent.

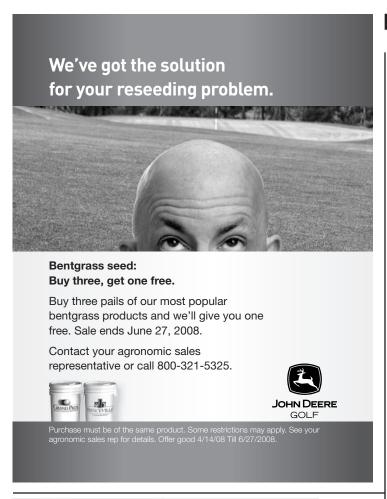
This article was taken from the April 3, 2008, issue of Golf Course Management NewsWeekly.

Make your plans

The Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston will host the 2008 Texas Turfgrass Association Summer Conference on July 20-22.

Registration information and forms may be secured by visiting www.texasturf.com or by calling the Texas Turfgrass Association at 979-690-2201.







Out of Bounds: Attracting Purple Martins to your golf course

By Dr. Anthony Camerino

Purple Martins are cavitynesting insectivorous song birds. Weighing about 1.75 ounces and having a wingspan of 15 inches, the Purple Martin is the largest North American swallow. Males are a shiny blue-black color. Females are typically duller and have gray markings on the forehead, neck and underside.

In the Houston area, the birds' primary nesting sites include dead trees and bird houses. The lack of available nesting sites is the most common reason Purple Martins are not found in some parts of South Texas. However, golf courses can provide good habitat for this native bird species if bird houses are added to the landscape.



Dr. Anthony Camerino is a Commercial Horticulture Agent with the Harris County Office of Texas AgriLife Extension.

Keep the following tips in mind when trying to attract Purple Martins to your golf course:

- Purple Martins typically arrive in the Houston area about mid-February (migrants continue arriving for 3-4 months).
- Erect new (or unplug existing) bird houses about the second week of February.
- If a housing site was not colonized in previous years, you should delay erecting (or unplugging) the bird house about four or five weeks. Young sub-adult Purple Martins, the most likely to colonize a new housing site, typically arrive later than mature adults. Keeping the housing site unavailable will prevent the non-native European Starling or House Sparrow from taking up residence.
- Use bird houses with "starling-resistant" entrance holes.
- Paint bird houses white.
- Install bird houses 10 to 20 feet in the air and at least 40 feet from tall trees or buildings.
- Check birdhouses weekly and "evict" non-native birds.
 Remember that all native bird species are protected by law.
- Take down or plug up bird houses after the Purple Martins have vacated for the year.

By attracting Purple Martins to your golf course you will not only beautify your course with the songs of this attractive bird, but you just might see fewer insect pests.

For more detailed information on Purple Martins please visit: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_ w7000_0254.pdf

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Werner renews professional certification

Thomas S. Werner, GCSAA certified golf course superintendent at ShadowHawk Golf Club and The Houstonian

Golf & Country Club, has completed the renewal process for maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Werner has been at Shadow Hawk Golf Club since 2004. A 24-year GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 1989.

Approximately 2,000 golf course superintendents worldwide currently hold "CGCS" status. There are 16 Certified Golf Course Superintendents within the membership of the STGCSA.

Think About It

"The U.S. Open flag eliminates a lot of players. Some players just weren't meant to win the U.S. Open. Quite often, they know it."

— Jack Nicklaus

Membership Moves

Chris Hartman has taken over golf course superintendent duties at Magnolia Creek Golf Links Chris Smith is the new golf course superintendent at The Woodlands Country Club's Oaks Course.

Dennis Dickson has joined the Gail's Flags team as a salesperson. Kyle Graham is now a sales manager at Brookside Equipment, Inc., and Dennis Klene is a new territory sales manager for Luber Brothers, Inc. Brian Dockery has joined the sales team at Dow Agrosciences.

John Cater retires

On behalf of Gail's Flags, I would like to thank John Cater for serving the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents, not just as our representative, but for the many other companies he represented over the years.

He has shown true commitment and dedication to serving his customers. I know that, for many people, he is more than a salesperson, he is a friend. As he moves on to a new chapter in his life, I wish him the very best.

> Dan Raulins General Manager, Gail's Flags, Inc.



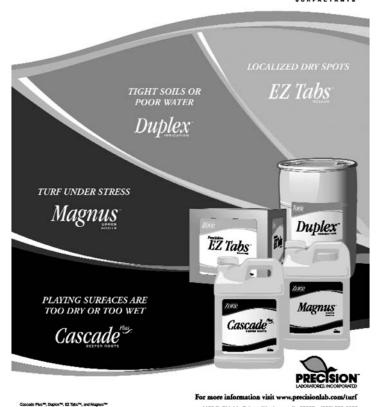
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Great SHO!

The 2008 Shell Houston Open has come and gone, and those of us, on behalf of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association, would like to extend a hearty thanks to all those who volunteered to help with the STGCSA's efforts at this year's tournament.

Our Chapter received a number of compliments from tournament dignitaries, including Houston Golf Association Executive Director Steve Timms and PGA Tour agronomist Tom Brown.

Timms pointed out that driving range operations run so smoothly (with our help) that he doesn't have to worry about what's happening in that area of operations during the tournament. Brown said simply that ours is the best driving range staff on Tour

That's "high cotton," folks, and it's all because of you.

The Tour professionals and caddies seem to get more comfortable with us each year— we got several compliments from them, too

I think every member (and friend) who works the tournament's driving range with us gets a sense of pride and feels a little ownership in the event.

It also gives us a sense of pride when we hear so many compliments from the players on the range about Roger Goettsch, Randy Samoff and their fine crew. We have much to be proud about.

So, again, many thanks to all those listed below. We're looking forward to working with you again next year.

- Steven Chernosky, Terry Gill & George B. Manuel

2008 Shell Houston Open STGCSA Volunteers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Seniors play the old Shell Houston Open course.

I'm always amazed at the volume of positive STGCSA feed-back I hear after one of these efforts, and I'm sure we'll more than measure up again this fall as we take on the challenge of working at a new (and old) venue and extend a helping hand to our friends with the tournament.

Anne Jenkins is the tournament's Volunteer Coordinator and she'll be on hand at our Monthly Meetings leading up to the tournament to help sign up those who are interested in working at the tournament.

As I'm sure you know by now, the STGCSA Match Play Championship has been revived and is now underway. Many thanks are due Mark Haven for making the tournament happen—I'm sure everyone who has entered is enjoying the extra golf and competition. If you are one of those folks, please don't forget that you can play matches during regular STGCSA golf outings. All you have to do is let Marian know when you provide your meeting RSVP so Mark Baughman knows how you should be paired up. After that, it's just a matter of playing well and having fun.

Thanks, as always, for your time. See you at Wildcat.

— Roger Goettsch, CGCS

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STGCSA Annual Meeting for a final vote. The honoree, as mentioned above, will be announced and will receive formal presentation of the award during the STGCSA's Christmas Party.

While the procedure for selecting the honoree for this year has been set, Goettsch acknowledges that it may need "tweaking" in future years.

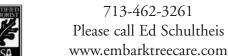
"I'm sure we will adjust the system as time passes by," he said, "but the important thing for now was just to get started."

"I think our members will appreciate the award and what it means more and more as the list of recipients grows," he adds. "I was honored with the A.C. Bearden Memorial Superintendent of the Year by the North Texas CGSA in 1988, and I call tell you that it meant a lot to me to receive the honor. I think the recipients of the Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year award will feel the same way."



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The Woodlands **Country Club Gary Player Course**

Golf Results 2-person best ball

Final Results (Gross)

Jeff Jowell & Russell Tippie	71
Mark Haven & Bobby Holt	73
Scott Terry & Adam Hess	73
Final Results (Net)	
Blayne Sparks & Robert Fray	
Mike James & Alan Lee	
Nick Johnson & James Sissom	

SPECIAL CONTESTS

<u>Hole</u>	Contest	Winner
#2	Long Drive	Bob Ducote
#5	Closest-to-Pin	James Sissom
#8	Closest-to-Pin	Scott Terry
#11	Closest-to-Pin	Nick Johnson
#14	Closest-to-Pin	George Cincotta
#18	Long Drive	Travis Klosterboer

You might like to know

May 24, 2008, marked the 100th anniversary of the death of Old Tom Morris, considered to be teh father of the golf course superintendent profession. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's highest award is named for him.

He excelled as a clubmaker, greenkeeper, golf course architect and player. He was responsible for tending the Old Course, holding the post of "Keeper of the Green" from 1864 until his retirement in 1903. He continued as consulting greenkeeper until his death in 1908.

He also served as "Keeper of the Green" at Prestwick from 1851 to 1864, an era that included three of his four British Open championships.

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June 10 (Tuesday)

Wildcat GC
Highlands Course
Host Superintendent:
Don Hoos

July 14 (Monday)

Champions GC

Host Superintendent:
Charles Joachim, CGCS

July 20-22

Texas Turfgrass Association Summer Conference Galveston

August 11 (Monday)

Superintendent/Pro &
Member/Member Tournament
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Host Superintendent:
Terry Gill

September 21-23

Lone Star Texas Trophy Victoria CC • Victoria

September (TBA)

Astros Game Family Night

October 13-19

Administaff
Small Business Classic
Augusta Pines Golf Club
Host Superintendent:
Alan Hess, CGCS

October 20 (Monday)

Golfcrest CC
Host Superintendent:
Lee Gravett

November 11 (Tuesday)

Annual Meeting
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December 4 (Tuesday)

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