

Tee to Green

South Texas Chapter
GCSAA
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

June
2010

Who will you nominate?

The time has come to begin submitting nominations for the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association's 2010 Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year Award.

The award is in the third year of its history. That's not quite long enough to call it a tradition, but it has those kinds of trappings.

The award is named, for instance, in memory of one of the STGCSA's founding members and a man who had a lasting and positive effect on the profession and his fellow superintendents.

Terry Gill and Johnny Walker, the recipients in 2008 and 2009, fulfilled the purposes for which the award was created. . . to honor both the award's namesake and superintendent who have made significant and continual contributions to the industry and the Chapter. There is no doubt the 2010 honoree will continue to build on that foundation.

The nomination process will begin with the mailing of nomination forms in late June or early July. While the process remains basically the same as last year, there is one significant change that requires the assistance of the STGCSA's members.

In the past, the forms have been mailed to general addressees . . . Attn: General Manger, etc., at the area's golf facilities. This year, you are being asked to provide the name of your facility's lead management person to insure the form reaches the proper destination.

"Our goal is to get the forms into the hands of a manager responsible for supervision of a golf course superintendent," explains Russell Birkhimer, one of the co-chairmen of the STPGA's Public Relations Committee, which will coordinate the nominations process. "We want to make sure as many deserving superintendents as possible are nominated, and we feel like we'll get better response if we mail the forms to specific people rather than a general addressee."

Nominations may be made by the general managers and head golf professionals at golf facilities throughout the Chapter's geographical terri-

tory, and, where appropriate, to the chairmen of Greens Committees.

In addition, any STGCSA member in good standing may submit a nomination. Please keep in mind, however, that all eligible nominees must be STGCSA members in good standing, have been members of the STGCSA for a minimum of five consecutive years and must not have previously won the award.

The STGCSA's Public Relations Committee, led by Co-Chairmen Birkhimer and Brandon Cole, will then review the nominations, select a set of finalists and then visit each finalist's facility for a tour and an interview. The information gained from those visits and the respective nominations letters will then be presented to the STGCSA's members during the Chapter's Annual Meeting, set for Nov. 8 at BraeBurn Country Club.

The members will then vote for their choice as the recipient of the 2010 award, and the honor will be announced during a presentation ceremony at the 2010 STGCSA Awards Banquet and Awards Ceremony in December.

A nomination form will be posted on the Chapter web site as soon as it becomes available. The deadline for submitting a nomination will be Sept. 30, 2010.

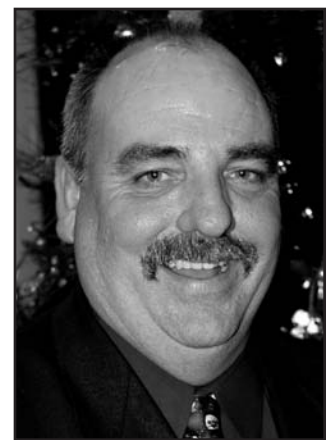
Please take time to submit your choice for the award and help recognize one of your fellow members.

"There are many superintendents in our Chapter who are deserving of our recognition for the work they do to help our organization and our profession," says Birkhimer. "The Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year Award is our only means of formalizing that recognition, and it deserves our careful thought and consideration."

"Our careers and lives have been tremendously affected by professionals like Sonny DuBose, Terry Gill and Johnny Walker," Birkhimer adds. "I hope all our members will take part in the process of honoring another of our members who falls into that same category."



Terry Gill
2008
Sonny DuBose
Superintendent of the Year



Johnny Walker
2009
Sonny DuBose
Superintendent of the Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Think back to my President's Message in the May issue of Tee to Green, and you may remember reading a reminder about our adjusted schedule of monthly meetings. The last couple of paragraphs were a reminder that there would be no July meeting or *Tee to Green*.

There has been a flurry of activity on that front in the past several weeks, and . . . *this is important* . . . our Superintendent/Pro and Member/Member Tournament will now be held in July.

There is no point in going into the details. Instead, I'll simply say that circumstances well beyond our control resulted in a date and location change. Originally scheduled for Aug. 2 at Raveneaux Country Club, the 2010 STGCSA Superintendent/Pro and Member/Member tournament will now take place July 19 at Houston Country Club (and there will be no meeting in August).

Hopefully, you're getting notice early enough to adjust your plans accordingly and even get a little excited . . . our members have always enjoyed visits to Raveneaux, but a trip to Houston Country Club is a special occasion, and we owe Superintendent Kevin Borowski a deep debt of gratitude for making arrangements for the club to host our event on such short notice.

Details about the Superintendent/Pro and Member/Member event can be found on the opposite page, on the entry form inserted in this issue of *Tee to Green* and on our web site (www.stgcsa.org), so please have a look, find a partner (we'll find one for you if need be) and come play in one of the most enjoyable events of every year.

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The 2010 South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association Chapter Championship is in the books, and congratulations are in order. Chris Webster posted an impressive 36-hole total of 72-78—150 (at Southwyck Golf Club and Blackhorse Golf Club, respectively)

to take the top spot for this year. Webster finished four strokes up on Bret Barclay to take the top spot and deserves a "job well done" pat on the back.

So, too, do the winners of each flight. Blayne Sparks won the First Flight with a score of 81-82—163, Charlie Rizzo posted a score of 83-87—170 to win the Second Flight and Eric Glover tallied a net 131 for the top spot in the Third Flight.

The top three spots in each flight and the winners of the tournament's "Special Contests" (closest-to-the-hole, long drive) can be found in the "Upcoming Events" section of our web site, but I'll add here that it was a great tournament at a couple of great courses.

Our appreciation of the work Brandon Crumpler and his team at Southwyck put in for the first round was described in the May issue of *Tee to Green*, so I'll use some of my space this month to express similar thoughts about Johnny Walker and the staff at Blackhorse.

They went out of their way to make us feel welcome and to make sure each and every player in the tournament enjoyed their time at Blackhorse, and they were very successful in that regard. Our gratitude runs deep for the effort they expended.

A word of thanks, too, goes out to Gary Brooks of Bayer Environmental Science. His presentation was well within keeping of our efforts to provide the people who attend our meetings receive the value their time deserves.

Those thoughts in mind, we've reached the halfway point of 2010 and I'd like to know how you think we're going this year.

Your officers and Board are working continually to provide services and events that are worthy of your membership in the STGCSA, and that work never stops. The adjustment to our schedule for July and August was a complete surprise, of course, but we've done our best to maintain the momentum we built during the first months of the year. We're focused on the Superintendent/Pro tournament now, and on the potential changes to our newsletter and web site, not to mention our regularly scheduled meeting in June (which George Cincotta will host at Riverbend Country Club on June 14).

What I would like from you is some feedback. It's pretty easy for those of us in office or on the Board to become a bit isolated from the

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Membership Moves

Todd Martin has rejoined the STGCSA, this time around as the South/Central distributor for Texas Turfscapes, and is one of six additions to the Chapter's membership roster this month.

Also joining up are: *Vince Gallegos*, sales representative for Sand Express; *Scott Sipes*, sales representative for All Seasons Turf; *Scott Roberson*, assistant superintendent at Kingwood Country Club; and *Bob Bryant*, president of Bryant Taylor Gordon Golf out of Costa Mesa, Calif.

Like Martin, *Arthur Milberger* is a returning member—he's back with the group as a senior sales/project manager for King Ranch Turf.

Welcome to all . . .

2011 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course management profession? If so, please consider nominating them for the 2011 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

The contribution must be significant in both substance and duration, and may be regional in nature. Nominations must be received by July 29, 2010.

Winner(s) will be recognized at the 2011 GCSAA Education Conference in Orlando. For additional information, please go to www.gcsaa.org and select Awards, within the "My Community" section of the website.



2010 STGCSA Legacy Scholarships

For our future and your kids.

If you have a youngster who will be attending college this fall, be sure he or she applies for a 2010 STGCSA Legacy Scholarship.

Applications will be available at all the STGCSA's monthly meetings through August and can be found on www.stgcsa.org.

The deadline for submitting an application is Sept. 1, 2010.

Act soon and make sure the STGCSA has the chance to help with your child's education.

JUNE MEETING

Monday, June 14, 2010

Riverbend Country Club

1214 Dulles Ave., Sugar Land, TX 77478

Host Superintendent — George Cincotta

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Lunch: 11:30-12:30

Meeting Topic:

"Diseases That Affect Bermudagrass"

Steve Kammerer, Syngenta

Golf: Modified 1-2-3 Format, After Lunch

Cost: \$55

Please RSVP by June 11 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.

REMINDER:

You must arrive by 9:45 a.m. to play golf

Directions to Riverbend Country Club:

Take the Southwest Freeway (U.S. 59) south to the first exit after the Sam Houston Toll Road. Stay on the W. Airport/ Kirkwood exit feeder through the first light at Airport and turn left at the second light at Kirkwood, which turns into Dulles after you cross the railroad tracks at Hwy. 90. Riverbend is on the right, exactly 2.3 miles from the freeway

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July 19

**Superintendent/Pro
and Member/Member
Tournament**

Houston Country Club

Host Superintendent: Kevin Borowski

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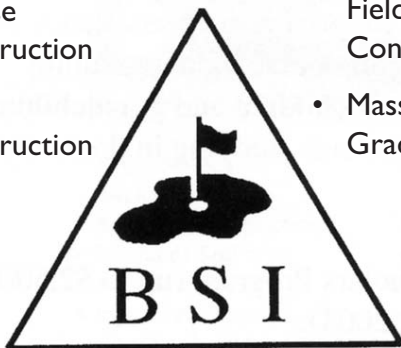
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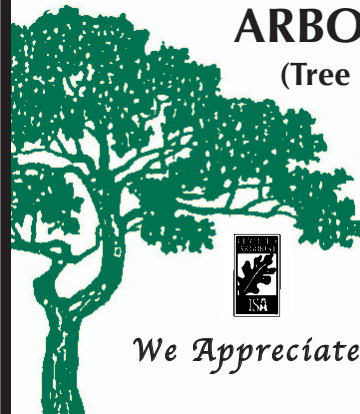
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First Flight
Blayne Sparks

Second Flight
Charlie Rizzo

Third Flight
Eric Glover

Additional results are available at www.stgcsa.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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general membership. In our quest to improve our organization, we try our best to not let that happen, but if we don't hear from you, it sometimes becomes difficult to judge the direction our members would like to see the Chapter take.

So, when you have the time, please take a few moments to call me or another member of our leadership team and let us know how you think we're going and what your ideas for our future might be.

— Willy Plowman



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June 14

Riverbend Country Club
Host Superintendent: George Cincotta

July 25-27

Texas Turfgrass Association Summer Conference
Corpus Christi

July 19

Superintendent/Pro or Member/Member Tournament
Houston Country Club
Host Superintendent: Kevin Borowski

September 19-21

LSGCSA Texas Trophy Tournament
Horseshoe Bay Resort - Horseshoe Bay

October 11

Member-Guest
Evergreen Point Golf Course
Host Superintendent: Dennis Klene

November 8

Annual Meeting — Braeburn Country Club
Host Superintendent: Terry Gill

November 29 - December 1

Texas Turfgrass Association Annual Conference
Fort Worth

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and golf outing, please visit the
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