

Tee to Green

Official Newsletter
of the



September
2011

2011 Superintendent/Pro Member/Member Tournament at Traditions Club at Texas A&M — a good time for all



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Election Coming! Who are the Candidates?

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October Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club, 23230 Meadowbrook Farms Club Drive, Katy, TX 77494

Host Superintendent: Brian Buckner, CGCS

Registration: 9:00 a.m. **Meeting:** 10:00 a.m. **Lunch:** 11:00-11:45 **Cost:** \$55

Meeting Speaker:

Mike Ladd, General Sales Manager - DEF, Reladyne, LLC
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Please RSVP by October 7 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 Meadowbrooks Farms Golf Club:

- Go South from I-10 or north from Westheimer on Grand Parkway to Fry Road.
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Coming Up Next!

2011 STGCSA Annual Meeting
November 8 — Raven Nest Golf Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September already? Yes, and that means summer's over. Or is it? We've probably got another couple of months with too much heat and not enough rain.

In case you haven't heard, this is officially the worst one-year drought on record for our part of the country. July was Texas' single hottest month ever, and June was the hottest June ever recorded for Texas.

The state is in a "D4-Exceptional" level drought and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight. Maybe by the time you are reading this, we will have had some good rain. Gotta hope, right?

When your Board of Directors decided last year to move to an electronic newsletter, it also made the decision to print and snail-mail one issue, and you're holding it.

We now almost have the first year of the digital newsletter under our belts, and I think it has gone over successfully. I believe it is important that we continue to look to the future and this was one move in the right direction for our association.

If you have any comments about anything to do with the newsletter, negative or positive, please let your officers and Board members know. It's important for you to make your voice heard. Our members registering their opinions is what allows for successful planning as we move down the road.

Amongst the information included in issues of *Tee to Green* is some information about our candidates for our Executive Committee and Board of Directors for 2012. I think you'll agree it's an impressive list, and I want to commend those who

stepped up and offered their services for the coming year.

Please pay them and the positions they may fill the respect due by taking some of your time to look their information over so you can be informed when it comes time to vote. That won't happen until our 2011 Annual Meeting (Nov. 8 at Raven Nest Golf Club), but that will be here before you know it.

And while the list in this issue serves as official notification of who's running for office, it's not too late for candidates to be added. If you would like to run for the Board please contact Willy Plowman or Marian Takushi as quickly as possible, and they'll take care of you.

While Fall is almost here and 2011 is beginning to wind down, there are still several exciting events coming up on our calendar. You'll find more about some of them elsewhere in these pages, but briefly . . .

The Texas Trophy is coming up very soon, on Sept. 18-19, to be exact. If you haven't registered, please get a get a move on! Registration details can be found on our web site and the Lone Star GCSA website (www.lsgcsa.org). Go South Texas!

Please keep in mind, too, that Sept. 30 is the nominations deadline for our 2011 Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the



Wade Warms, CGCS

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2011 South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association Officers, Board of Directors and Staff

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Lone Star Representatives

Doug Browne, Terry Gill, John Walker

Your vote is important

The turn of the calendar is approaching, and just before it happens, the members of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association will elect a new executive committee and five new members to the Chapter's Board of Directors, and will vote whether to keep the STGCSEA's Annual Meeting anchored in November or to add flexibility to its scheduling.

You can find a "list" of the candidates for the Board and executive positions below, and it will also be posted on the Chapter web site. As of late August, there were five candidates running for four superintendent positions on the Board, and

one candidate seeking to fill the available Affiliate position on the Board.

It's important that you take time to review the information about all the candidates to inform yourself about who may be leading the organization in 2012 and beyond.

It's also important to note that additional candidates may announce their plans between now and the election (to be held at the STPGA's Annual Meeting, Nov. 8 at Raven Nest Golf Club), including write-in candidates that may be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

2011 South Texas GCSA Candidates for Office

PRESIDENT

Mark Haven

Associate Director of Recreational Sports Texas A&M Golf Course & Recreational Sports Intramural Fields

"Our Association is financially sound, dedicated to our membership, and actively seeking to better our profession through education, networking, and positive leadership. It is humbling to think our association can benefit from my service but by following the example of the great leaders before me and seeking council from the leaders around me I would be honored to take my turn at the helm and help guide us through the next step in our journey together."



Association Experience: STGCSEA Board of Directors, 6 years; Tournament Committee, 5 years (4 years as chairman); STGCSEA Member, 18 years; GCSAA member, 13 years; Texas Turfgrass Association member, 18 years.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Sean Wilson, CGCS

Golf Course Superintendent
The Club at Falcon Point



"Being on the STGCSEA Board of Directors and serving as Secretary/Treasurer has been a very rewarding experience. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to serve and give time back to the association. I'll continue to do my best as vice-president and help make STGCSEA an association we can all be proud of."

Association Experience: Certified Golf Course Superinten-

dent; STGCSEA Board of Directors, 4 years; STGCSEA member, 7 years; Central Texas GCSA, 4 years; CTGCSEA vice-president, 1 year; CTGCSEA Board of Directors, 2 years; Lone Star GCSA, 15 years; Texas Turfgrass Association, 15 years; GCSAA, 15 years.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Blayne Sparks

Golf Course Superintendent
The Wilderness Golf Club

"I would consider it a real, yet humbling honor to be elected to the executive committee for the Board of Directors and continue my service to the STGCSEA. The South Texas Chapter has remained an important leader in our industry through education and service, but I feel its most vital role has been that of helping to perpetuate the status of superintendents in the industry of golf. In such a large market like Texas, it is key to have a strong voice and the STGCSEA has enabled its members to do just that."

Association Experience: STGCSEA Board of Director's, 4 years; STGCSEA member, 6 years; GCSAA, 7 years; Texas Turfgrass Association, 6 years.



2010 South Texas GCSA Board of Directors Candidates

Brandon Crumpler

Golf Course Superintendent, Longwood Golf Club

"If elected, I would like to continue expanding opportunities for our members continuing education on topics that address today's real world situations such as water and other environmental issues. I would also like to attract more assistants through the use of programs specifically designed for them and their careers."

Association Experience: STGCSA Board of Directors, 1 year;; Shell Houston Open volunteer, 2 years; LPGA Championship volunteer, 1 year; STGCSA member, 6 years; GCSAA member, 9 years.

Cheyenne Herring

Assistant Superintendent, Blackhorse Golf Club

"I believe we should focus more attention toward the assistant golf course superintendents in our association.

The assistant golf course superintendent is the next board member, the next president and the next golf course superintendent. I am a very lucky assistant golf course superintendent at Blackhorse Golf Club that has had the great opportunity to work for the past three and half years with Johnny Walker, who has encouraged me to fulfill my passion of becoming more involved with the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association. I believe I would bring to the board a different view point of increasing the number of members."

Association Experience: STGCSA member, 3 years.

Brian Johnson

Golf Course Superintendent/General Manager
Sand Hill Farm Golf Club

"I am fortunate to be able to supervise 15 to 20 golf outings for Mustang CAT at Sand Hill Farm each year and it would be a honor to be able to help the Association administer their golf outings in 2012. I look forward to working with the STGCA Board to create fun, exciting and memorable golf events next season for our members."

Association Experience: STGCSA member, 1 year.

Chris Lineberger

Golf Course Superintendent
Sugar Creek Country Club

"Being surrounded and interacting with peers is a vital aspect of this profession. The STGCSA gives us an opportunity to do that. It is not always something everyone, including myself, utilizes. This is one area I would like to see improved upon if selected to the board. Being a member of the Memphis Area GCSA for about 7 years, I was able to spend about three of those years on the board and one of those years as Secretary. I would just like the opportunity to serve this membership for the betterment of the association in any capacity it is needed.

Association Experience: STGCSA member, 3 years; Memphis GCSA member, 7 years; GCSAA member, 13 years;

Nomination forms available

The nomination form for the 2012 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Awards (EGR Awards) is now available within the "Community" section of www.gcsaa.org. Hard copies of the form can be requested from GCSAA at 800-472-7878. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 15, 2011.

The EGR Awards recognize and honor outstanding individual and chapter efforts in government relations. Award winners will be announced in December and recognized at the Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas in February 2012.

Memphis Area GCSA Board of Directors, 7 years; Memphis Area GCSA Secretary, 3 years.

AFFILIATE CANDIDATE

Chris Webster

Territory Manager, BWI Companies

"I truly love the fellowship and friendships over the last 10-plus years with STGCSA. I would not be where I am today without the people I've met through the association and therefore I look forward to giving back to my colleagues and the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents association."

Association Experience: Volunteered Shell Houston Open, 5 years; GCSAA member, 13 years; STGCSA member, 10 years; Lonestar GCSA member, 10 years.

Proposed By-Law Change:

As is Now:

SEC. 7. The annual meeting shall be called in November each year. The fiscal year shall be a calendar year

Proposed:

SEC 7: The annual meeting shall be held in the fall (September, October or November) as decided by the Board of Directors. The fiscal year shall be a calendar year.

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Field Day, etc.

The theme of this year's Texas AgriLife Turf and Landscape Field Day is "Best Management Practices in Difficult Times," very appropriate considering the drought turf professionals and their facilities are enduring this year.

The gathering will take place Oct. 4-5, with a Turf and Landscape Symposium set for Oct. 4 from 7-8:45 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center 801 University Dr. East in College Station. The goal of that gathering is to bring together faculty working on Turf and Landscape issues with industry representatives and practitioners attending Field Day for a moderated question and answer forum.

The site of the Turf and Landscape Field Day, set for Oct 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is the new TAMU Turfgrass Field Lab on F&B Road and the future site of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Lawn and Garden Research Facility on the Texas A&M campus. All participants are asked to park in lot 100e of Reed Arena between 7-8:30 a.m.

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MEMBER MOVES

After a bit of an absence, *Ben Hutchins* and *Kent Knowles* have rejoined the STGCSA. Hutchins is the new golf course superintendent at River Plantation Country Club, and Knowles is now an assistant superintendent at Sand Hill Farms Golf Club. Welcome back to both.

Mike Perez and *Les Hill*, the president and vice-president, respectively, of VM Golf Services, have joined the STGCSA, so put out the welcome mat for those gentlemen, too.

Brandon Crumpler has taken on golf course superintendent duties at Longwood Golf Club; *Kevin Royse* has done the same at Southwyck Golf Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Year Award. Again, you'll find the necessary information and paperwork on our web site. If you would like to nominate someone for the award, (and every member of our Chapter knows at least one deserving member) please take action and help make sure no worthy superintendents are overlooked.

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club and Brian Buckner, CGCS, are hosting our next monthly meeting. We're skipping September (as we did last year), so the meeting won't take place until Oct. 11, but I know everyone is looking forward to it. The course, I'm quite sure, will be in great shape despite the harsh weather. With any luck, the hopes mentioned at the beginning of this column will have paid off with a few inches of soaking rain and temperatures more appropriate for September in Houston than Arizona in July.

The October meeting, by the way, will feature a very important update regarding some new laws that will affect all of us. Carl Tolbert secured an excellent speaker for the meeting (Thanks, Carl, for helping.) and all of us will benefit from the information he'll present.

Lastly, I want to whet everyone's appetite for some dining and dancing at the Christmas Party. It will take place Dec. 2 at Cole's Country in Cypress. We'll have a country music band for entertainment, but I don't want to jinx our plans by mentioning who the band is just, but let's just say it's going to be a great show! Save the date!

— *Wade Warms, CGCS*

DEADLINE!

Your chance to nominate a deserving fellow member of the STGCSA for the Chapter's annual Sonny DuBose Superintendent of the Year Award expires on Sept. 30. Please . . . take a few moments from your schedule and make a nomination. Materials are available on the home page of www.stgcsa.org

Just a reminder

The 2011 Lone Star Texas Trophy will take place at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek in Fort Worth on Sept. 18-19.

The entry fee is \$180 and the entry deadline is Sept. 7. Entry fees included two days of golf and tournament gifts—the top four gross and net finishers will win entry fees into the GCSAA national championship.

Activities will kick off with registration from 10-11:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, followed by a shotgun start at 12 noon. Evening activities, including

a “Long Drive Championship,” dinner, a GCSAA Accredited Educational Program and the Lone Star GCSA Annual Meeting, will commence at 6 p.m.

The STGCSA’s own Bob Cook, CTP, will be the featured speaker for the educational program. He’ll address the attendees a presentation about “Environmental Planning and Your Golf Course.”

Check in for the second round will begin at 7 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, with a shotgun start following at 8.

Complete tournament information and entry forms are available at www.lsgcsa.org.



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Need to know more about water quality?

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will host the 2011 Annual Water Quality/Storm Water Seminar on Sept. 8-9, 2011.

This year’s seminar will be held at the Commons Learning Center, located at the University of Texas J.J. Pickle Research Campus (10100 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78758 (between U.S. 183 and Braker Lane).

The seminar will offer updates on rules and regulations from the TCEQ’s Water Quality Division to the regulated community and will provide details on the application and technical review of municipal, industrial, storm water, CAFO and sludge permits.

There will also be updates on homeland security, reclaimed water, pretreatment, and environmental management systems.

Wastewater system operators can receive general training credit toward the renewal of their wastewater operator license from the TCEQ.

The registration fee is \$100 for one day or \$150 for both days and includes all presentations, lunch on Sept. 8 and all seminar materials.

*Registration is available at
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Gross Final Leaderboard

Warms, White and Key	16 Under
Tucker, Van Hoose and Johnson	16 Under
James, Jowell and Wilson	16 Under
Glover, Tessman and Sparks	14 Under
Hindes, Johnson and Ruple	13 Under
Atchison, McFarland and Monroe	12 Under
Haven and Haven	12 Under
Johnston, Klosterboer and Cloud	12 Under
McKaskill, Neuendorff and Perez	11 Under
Barclay, Baughman and Noska	10 Under
Knowles, Webster and Morgan	10 Under
Schulthies, Stevenson and Taylor	9 Under
Herring, Robinson and Walker	5 Under
Cole, Gravett and Luikens	5 Under
Freeman, Gallegos and Lowery	4 Under
Ellriott, Hargrove and Marchand	2 Under
Hargrove, Huntsman and Gray	2 Under

Net Final Leaderboard

Atchison, McFarland and Monroe	28 Under
Glover, Tessman and Sparks	24 Under
Herring, Robinson and Walker	22 Under
Hargrove, Huntsman and Gray	21 Under
Schultheis, Stevenson and Taylor	20 Under
Hindes, Johnson and Ruple	19 Under
Freeman, Gallegos and Lowery	19 Under
Barclay, Baughman and Noska	18 Under
McKaskill, Neuendorff and Perez	18 Under
Johnston, Klosterboer and Cloud	18 Under
Elliot, Hargrove and Marchand	18 Under
Haven and Haven	17 Under
Knowles, Webster and Morgan	16 Under
Cole, Gravett and Luikens	14 Under

SPECIAL CONTESTS

Closest-to-Hole	13+ handicap	Ray McFarland
Closest-to-Hole	0-12.9 handicap	Danny H. Atchison
Long Drive	13+ handicap	Johnny Walker
Long Drive	0-12.9 handicap	Pat Neuendorff

Thanks!!!

The STGCSA and its membership wishes to extend its gratitude to Brian Johnson, golf course superintendent, and the staff at Sand Hill Farm Golf Club, for inviting the STGCSA to hold an August meeting at the club.

The effort hospitality and professionalism exerted by the club's staff more than made up for the heat, and all involved relayed positive feedback about the experience.



Superintendent/Pro or Member/Member Tournament

Final Results

Superintendent/Pro Division

Gross Division

Doug Browne/Bobby Browne	69
Cody Spivey/Casey Wade	70 *
Steve Holley/Tim Loiodice	70
* scorecard playoff	

Net Division

Allen Plagens/Shawna Alexander	62
James Sissom/Jeremy Ice	63
Ryan Rosecrans/Jim Dickson	67

Member/Member Division

Gross Division

Sean Wilson/Paul Tessman	76 *
Travis Cash/Kody Key	76
Stan Ludwick/Mark Baughman	76
* scorecard playoff	

Net Division

Jason Ruple/Rusty Oregon	67
Carl Tolbert/Jerret Wilbourn	71 *
Eric Glover/Ben Hutchins	71
* scorecard playoff	

SPECIAL CONTESTS

1	Closest 2nd shot	Allen Plagens
2	Closest 2nd shot	Jack Hargrove
3	Longest Drive	Kevin Lyles
4	Closest 2nd shot	Travis Cash
5	Closest-to-Pin	Ben Hutchins
6	Longest Drive	Nick Johnson
7	Closest 2nd shot	Bill Horton
8	Closest 2nd shot	Allen Plagens
9	Closest-to-Pin	Casey Wade
10	Closest 3rd shot	High Meadow Ranch GC
11	Closest 2nd shot	Johnny Walker
12	Closest 2nd shot	Cole Robertson
13	Closest 2nd shot	Casey Wade
14	Closest 2nd shot	James Sissom
15	Longest Drive	Tim Loiodice
16	Closest-to-Pin	Bobby Browne
17	Closest 2nd shot	Kevin White
18	Closest 2nd shot	Nick Johnson

"You swing your best when you have
the fewest things to think about."
— Bobby Jones



Thanks!!!

The STGCSA and its membership wishes to extend its gratitude to the staff at The Traditions at Texas A&M, and especially to Jesse Shulse, golf course superintendent, for hosting the STGCSA's 2011 Superintendent/Pro or Member/Member Tournament.

The hospitality and professionalism displayed by the club's staff was instrumental to a highly-successful gathering, and is very much appreciated.

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Assistant Superintendent Needed

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The Club at Falcon Point

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Bay Oaks Country Club

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Call Steve Hunter (281-395-4927) before the 5th

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in the following two issues of

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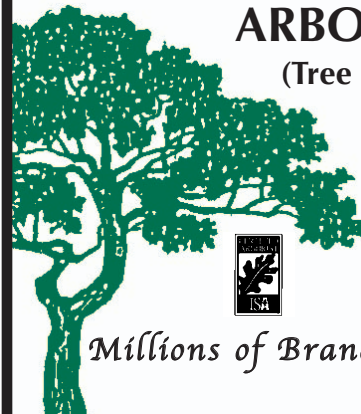
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Past President's Lunch coming up

Doug Browne will host the STGCSEA's fourth annual Past President's Lunch at Stephen F. Austin Golf Club beginning at 11 a.m. on Sept. 29.

If you are a past president, you are, of course, invited. In fact, all STGCSEA members are invited—the cost of the gathering, an excellent chance to renew relationships and learn from the Chapter's leaders of the past, is \$20.

Please contact Marian Takushi at 281-494-0094 to make your plans. It's a great opportunity to renew your ties (and share your experience) with your fellow president's as well as the STGCSEA's current officers and Board of Directors.



Past Presidents and STGCSEA members attending the 2009 Past President's Lunch, from left to right above, were: Mark Monroe (1983-84 president), George Cincotta (2001), Ray McFarland (2005), Johnny Walker (1997), Mark Caldwell (1986-87), current Board member Mark Baughman, Doug Browne (2006), Charles Joachim (1979-80), Lee Gravett (2009), James Holub (1962, 1974), Terry Gill (2003), Tom Leonard (1964), John Biddy (1973), then Board member and now Secretary/Treasurer Sean Wilson, CGCS, Vice-President Mark Haven and President Wade Warmes, CGCS.

FIELD DAY

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Topics to be covered will include turf selection and management, irrigation management and drought recover, pest management, new technologies and educational demonstrations.

Commercial suppliers are invited to participate as exhibitors— on-site display space is available but limited. Space for commercial displays costs \$200 and includes two Field Day registrations.

Early registration for \$35 (including lunch) is available until Sept. 20 at <https://agrifileregister.tamu.edu> (keyword search: Turf). After than date, registration for \$45 will be available.

Complete details are available at the website mentioned above. Additional questions may be addressed to Dr. David Chalmers (dchalmers@tamu.edu) or Toni Edwardson (TEdwardson@ag.tamu.edu). at 979-845-0884.

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2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 18-19

Lone Star Texas Trophy
The Golf Club at Fossil Creek — Fort Worth

October 11

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club
Member/Guest Outing
Host Superintendent: Brian Buckner, CGCS

November 8

Raven Nest Golf Club
2011 STGCSA Annual Meeting
Host Superintendent: David Gray

December 2

Christmas Party
Cole's Country - Cypress

December 12-14

Texas Turfgrass Association Annual Conference
San Antonio Convention Center

For additional details about each monthly meeting and golf outing, please visit the "Upcoming Events" page of www.stgcsa.org.

2011 ELGA applications now available

Applications for the 2011 GCSAA/*Golf Digest* Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards are now available on the "Awards" page of the "Community" section of www.gcsaa.org.

The ELGAs, presented in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses for their commitment to environmental stewardship. The deadline for applications is Oct. 21, 2011.

Applicants are judged on five areas: Resource Conservation, Water Quality Management, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife/Habitat Management and Education/Outreach.

National winners will be determined from the top public, private, resort and international applicants. From the national winners, an overall winner will be announced. In addition, Chapter and Merit prizes are also awarded.

All ELGA winners receive: recognition in *Golf Digest* and GCSAA publications; recognition at the 2012 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas; an invitation for the winner's employer to attend the recognition activities in Las Vegas; a personalized trophy or certificate of achievement; and national, regional and local publicity.

All applicants will receive a confirmation letter from GCSAA. Winners will be notified in December and recognized at the following GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show.

An advertisement for SportsTurf Irrigation. The background is a photograph of a golf course with a large, white, circular graphic overlaid on the left side. The graphic contains the SportsTurf Irrigation logo, which consists of two blue, curved lines forming a stylized 'S' shape around a green globe. Below the logo, the text reads: "SportsTurf IRRIGATION", "The Sprinkler Repair Specialists", "Your Source for Rotor & Controller", "Repair, Rebuilt Sprinklers", and "and Spare Parts". At the bottom right of the advertisement, the website www.sportsturfirrigation.com and the phone number (800) 492-8378 are displayed.

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