

Two special meetings coming up in October

It may seem like the year is winding down, but don't think that means there isn't plenty to do.

There are two "special" meetings coming up in October, one directly related to the mission of growing better turfgrass and one focused on golf courses as a key component to environmental quality.

Both gatherings are being presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the STGCSA is a supporting partner in both projects. Additional details about both can be found below, so have a read and mark your calendars accordingly.

2010 Turfgrass Disease Clinic & Field Day

The Texas AgrfLife Extension Service will conducts its 2010 Turfgrass Disease Day on two dates and two locations this time around.

Royal Oaks Country Club will host the first day's activities on Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. MurffTurf Fams (in Crosby) will host the second day's gathering on Oct. 20, also from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The subject of the Royal Oaks get together will be "Ath-AgriLIFE EXTENSION letic Turf Manage-Texas A&M System ment," different

aspects of which will be addressed in a half-dozen presentations. The focus on the second day, which will also include six different seminars, will be "Sod Production & St. Augustine Manage-

As always, Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Application and GCSAA Continuing Education Unit credits will be available to those attending.

The cost of attending is \$40 (including lunch) for those who pre-register online and includes lunch. Pre-registration information and complete program details can be found on the internet at www.agrilifeventstamu.edu (search for 'turfgrass'' once you're on the site).

You may also choose to register on-site for a cost of \$60.

2010 Environmental Golf Course Management Field Day

The Club at Falcon Point is hosting the Texas AgrfLife Extension Service's 2010 Environmental Golf Course Management Field Day on Oct. 26 from 7:30 a.m. through 3:15 p.m.

Texas Parks & Wildlife and Audubon International are supporting partners for the meeting, which will focus on the role of golf courses in a healthy environment and will include presentations

about enrolling your facility in Audubon Internattional's Cooperative Sanctuaries Program for Golf Courses (ASCP).



A tour of Falcon Point will highlight various aspects of attaining ACSP certification and management, including pond bank stabilization, birdhouses, the use of grass carp for pond weed management and equipment cleaning and disposal areas.

The cost of attending is \$75, including lunch— GCSAA Continuing Educa-

tion Units will be available for those in attendance.

Complete program details and registration forms are available within the "Upcoming Events" section of the STGCSA web site (www.stgcsa.org).



President's Message

It's not hard to find someone who has an opinion about what it takes to lead and what makes a great leader. For my purposes here, I'll rely on Napoleon Bonaparte, who said, "A leader is a dealer in hope."

That's a great thought to keep in mind as we approach our annual elections and you, hopefully, consider whether or not to make yourself available as a potential leader of our organization.

The October issue of *Tee to Green* will contain a complete list of candidates for election. As we do every year, we'll be choosing our officers for next year and there will be at least three positions available on our Board of Directors (including one Affiliate Member). You've got time to decide whether you'd like to be one of them, but we'll need your plans by Sept. 17 so we've got time to get all the appropriate information into the newsletter (as required in our bylaws).

I still remember when I first decided to become involved in the leadership of the STGCSA, a decision I've never regretted. To be honest, though, I'd have to tell you I had never seen myself as taking that position— I just didn't think I fit the bill. Turned out I did, I guess, or at least I did well enough that I'm now looking at the final three months of my presidency after six years of service to the Chapter.

Thankfully, I haven't been alone. Many of our best members have made the same decision and have dedicated countless hours of work to forging a bright future for us. The thing about it is that the future is always evolving— to keep it bright, we need more

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people like them serving on our Board.

And that's where you come in. Your decision to serve can be one of the key components to growing our Chapter into an even stronger and more secure organization that benefits all your fellow members.

We've improved vastly over the past decade-plus and I know you, like me, want to see that improvement continue. That will take people like you.

To be honest, there is reason for concern in that area. In the past, we've had little difficulty finding candidates for office. In



Willy Plowman

the more recent past, that's been less the case. That in mind, our goal this fall is to find at least two qualified candidates for each position available. That, of course, will allow our membership to choose the directors they feel most suit the needs of the organization.

And those needs are many, so you should be aware that serving on the Board requires time and effort. While it may seem that the functions of our organization happen as a matter of course, they don't. They happen because the people who serve on our Board make them happen.

You've likely been around long enough to know that wellorganized golf outings, for instance, don't happen accidentally. They require detailed planning that begins with scheduling months in advance and doesn't conclude until all the necessary bills are paid.

Same thing can be said for gatherings such as our upcoming Audubon Society meeting and Christmas Party, our newsletter and web site, our Legacy Scholarship program, our Past President's Lunch, our service to the area's professional golf tournaments, and much, much more.

Those things require work away from work, and your availability and willingness to contribute time should be key components to your decision to run for office.

If you're willing, I think you'll find the rewards well worth it. You can take my word for it (or, if not, try some of our other past officers and ask their opinions) on that count. I'll leave office in three months knowing that I did my best, through the best avenue available, to help my fellow superintendents get the most from their profession.

We need your help. We need your experience, and we need your participation. If you've had any thoughts about serving on the Board, please, call me or one of our other current officers or Board members. All will be glad to discuss the possibilities with you.

The election will take place at our 2010 Annual Meeting, to be held Nov. 8 at BraeBurn Country Club. I hope I'll see your name on the ballots.

25th Texas Trophy coming up

The STGCSA isn't having a meeting in September, and that means you've got plenty of time to play in the 2010 Texas Trophy tournament, to be hosted by the Central Texas GCSA on Sept. 19-21 at Horseshoe Bay Resort.

In case you've forgotten, the STGCSA hosted the 2009 event and dominated the proceedings at Memorial Park Golf Course.

A STGCSA team consisting of Joe Anderson, Mark Haven, Bret Barclay, Chris Webster, Danny Atchison and Adam Hess won the Chapter competition, while Webster (Championship Gross), Anderson (Championship Net), Cody Marchand (First Flight Net), Jason Harsh (Second Flight Gross), Johnny Walker (Second Flight Net) and Jeff Jowell (Affiliate Flight Gross) won their respective flights.

The 2010 event will mark the 25th year of Texas Trophy competition, so please make sure you're on hand for the celebration. Registration will begin on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start on Horseshoe Bay's Apple Rock Course, which will also host the Tuesday, Sept. 21, round. Golf on Monday, Sept. 20, will be on the resort's Ram Rock Course.

You'll soon be receiving complete tournament details via e-mail; you should also monitor www.lsgcsa.org for announcements about the tournament.

Membership Moves

Kyle Scott has relocated and is the new golf course superintentendent at Sienna Plantation Golf Club. *Steven Chernosky* has taken on golf course superintendent duties at Sterling Country Club (formerly Houston National Golf Club).

Additions to the STGCSA's membership roster this month are *Matt Swanson*, owner of Swanson's Golf Center, and *Stevie Gonzalez*, an assistant superintendent at Houston Country Club. Our welcome goes out to both.

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Out of Bounds: Enhance wildlife with birdhouses

By Dr. Anthony Camerino

Golfing is an outdoor experience enjoyed by many in this country. Golf courses provide a great place for the general public to exercise, socialize and escape from the built environment.

The fact is, however, that most people are not sportsmen, nature enthusiasts or employed in a field that necessitates interaction with plants and wildlife. The vegetation, lakes and wildlife witnessed during a golf outing increase the value of the sport and may be a golfer's only regular outdoor experience.

A simple and inexpensive way to increase desirable wildlife on the golf course and your golfers' experiences is to add bird ouses around your facility. In addition to increasing the wildlife value of a course, birds also reduce insect and rodent populations.

Birdhouse dimensions, location and building materials can all influence their effectiveness. The following lists pointers to ensure success in building and installing birdhouses:

- Build and install birdhouses before nesting season.
- Wood is the best material for construction (often scrap pieces are sufficient in size).
- Consider using rot-resistant building material (e.g., cedar, cypress or redwood).
- Do not use metal, as that will increase temperatures inside the birdhouse, often killing eggs and young.
- Drill ventilation holes into the side of the birdhouse below the roof overhang.
- Do not paint the inside or face of birdhouses.
- If a birdhouse is going to be placed in an exposed area, consider painting the outside white to reflect light and discourage heat buildup.
- Birdhouses placed in less exposed areas do not need to be painted or should only be painted subdued colors like brown or dark green.
- Birds can be territorial, so birdhouses should not be placed close together.
- Check birdhouse boxes each spring before nesting season to remove wasps, bees, rodents or old nesting materials. Bird boxes should also be cleaned out after nesting season is completed to remove any potential parasites and make room for the next occupants.

With small and directed enhancements to promote wildlife, the golfing experience can be made more valuable to golfers.

To read more about this subject and obtain construction specifications, please visit these websites: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/nonpwdpubs/introducing_birds/bird houses/

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http://library.fws.gov/Bird_Publications/house.html

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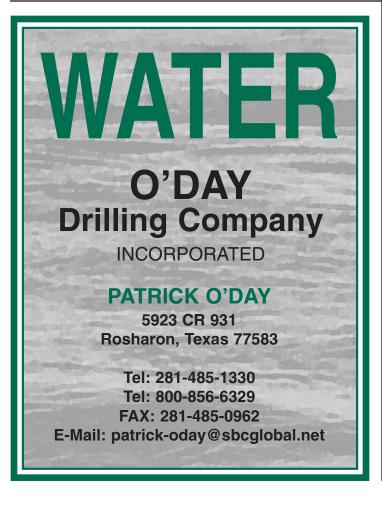
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2010 ELGA applications now available

Applications for the 2010 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards are now available on the GCSAA web site at www.gcsaa.org/community/awards/elga.aspx

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. 24, 2010.

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 2011 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Orlando; an invitation for the winner's employer to attend the recognition activities in San Diego; a personalized trophy or certificate of achievement; and national, regional and local publicity.

Help our membership grow

Our October 11 meeting at Eagle Pointe will mark our second annual Member/Guest event, and we're asking you to bring a non-member for a "STGCSA Experience." Your qualified guest will attend the meeting, have lunch and play in a two-person best ball outing FREE! Our goal is to attract new members to the STGCSA, and you can help.

Please call Mark Haven at 979-845-1925. The list of "qualified" guests can be found on the upcoming events page of www.stgcsa.org.









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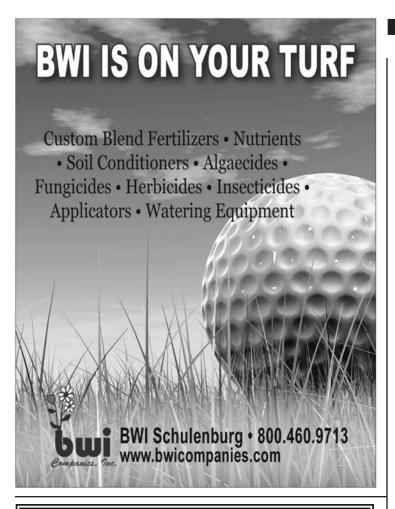
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Marshals needed

The 2010 Administaff Small Business Classic will take place Oct. 18-21 on the Tournament Course (formerly, the TPC) at The Woodlands Country Club.

The STGCSA will once again be an integral part of the tourna-

ment, providing a team of members to serve as marshals around the practice areas during tournament week. We need your help to make these areas the best one on the Champions Tour.



If you have an inter-

est in being one of the Chapter's marshals, you can register online at www.administaffclassic.com.

Click on the "Volunteer Registration" link on the right side of the page and then the "Register" link. There's another link to the "Driving Range/Putting Green"— click on that one and follow the instructions to complete your registration process.

As you are inputting your information, be sure to type (do not cut and paste) STGCSA in the box labeled "Promotion Code" to discount the rate to 50 percent. The STGCSA will pay half the \$65 cost of uniforms for those who participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Jenkins in the Administaff Small Business Classic tournament office (281-357-4653 or ajenkins@championstourgolf.com). You can also contact STGCSA members Jeff Smith (281-804-8327), Terry Gill (713-778-3819) or John Maloney (713-823-1820).



Past President's Lunch

Charles Joachim, CGCS, will host the STGCSA's third annual Past President's Lunch at Champions Golf Club beginning at 11 a.m. on Sept. 8.

If you are a past president, you are, of course, invited.

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 STGCSA's current officers and Board of Directors.

Assistant Superintendent Needed

Canongate at The Woodlands — Panther Trail Please send resume 'to: Allen Plagens, Superintendent Canongate at The Woodlands — Panther Trail 2205 N Millbend Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380 E-mail: aplagens@canongategolf.com • FAX: 281-681-9770

Assistant Superintendent wanted

White Bluff Resort — Whitney, Texas Please send resume' to Danny Holt, GCSS White Bluff Resort 20022 Misty Valley Cr., Whitney, TX 76692 E-mail: golfsuperintendent@whitebluffresort.com Fax: 254-694-7127

Head Mechanic Wanted

South Shore Harbour Country Club Please send resumes' to Chris Hartman at chartman@canongategolf.com Telephone: 281-770-1326

Golf Course Superintendent Needed

Kingwood Country Club Please submit resume at: https://clubcorp.tms.hrdepartment.com/cgibin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=2503&lcid=en-US

Golf Course Mechanic Position Available

Sienna Plantation Golf Club Please contact Kyle Scott Golf Course Superintendent One Waters Lake Blvd., Missouri City, TX 77459 Telephone: 281-779-0591 • Fax: 281-778-8002

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The STGCSA Bulletin Board is available for use by all STGCSA members. Call Steve Hunter (281-395-4927) before the 5th of each month to include your job listings, etc., in the following two issues of Tee to Green. To include your job posting on the STGCSA web site, contact Marian Takushi (stgcsa@windstream.net, 281-494-0094).

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Unwanted pesticides?

If you've got unwanted pesticides or other agricultural chemicals cluttering up your facility and don't know what to do with them, here's your chance—the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is conducting a series of free collection events around Texas this fall, and two of them will take place within the STGCSA's geographical territory.

The first of those will take place Oct. 5 in Chambers County at Whites Memorial Park (295 Whites Memorial Park Dr., Anahuac, TX 77514), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The second will be held in Fort Bend County at the Needville Youth Fairgrounds (13631 Highway 36, Needville, TX 77461), also from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Both events are available to Texas residents who apply pesticides or other agricultural chemicals for the production of agricultural products and, obviously, have banned or unwanted agricultural chemicals that need proper disposal.

The list of materials that can be delivered for disposal includes pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, gasoline and diesel fuel, transmission, brake and power-steering fluid, anti-freeze, lead-acid batteries, and oil, oil filters and grease.

Waste from chemical dealers, distributors or manufacturers will not be accepted.

If you have quantities larger than a pickup truck load, please call 512-239-3143 or your county agent for handling information.

If you have questions about the Chambers County event, you ca call Tyler Fitzgerald at 409-267-8384. Questions about the Fort Bend County event can be directed to Joe Mask at 281-342-3034.

2010 STGCSA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

STGCSA Annual Meeting BraeBurn Country Club Host Superintendent: Terry Gill

November 29 - December 1

Texas Turfgrass Association Annual Conference Fort Worth

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