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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*Kyle Brown - President STGCSA*

I would like to start off by thanking Terry Gill and Jesus Polio at BraeBurn Country Club for hosting our 2018 Chapter Championship. The course was in great condition and they were gracious enough to reschedule us after we cancelled our original date due to weather. Congratulations to our Champion, Steve Gilley, and to our flight winners, 1st - Chad Ott, 2nd - Lee Gravett and 3rd - Jack Hargrove. Great golfing Gentlemen and we know you will represent us well at the Texas Trophy this month at Corpus Christi Country Club.



This is the first year we are offering the Marian Takushi Memorial GIS Scholarship to two deserving STGCSA superintendent members. The applications can be found on the association website and are due by October 1 for consideration. The scholarship covers the cost of registration for the 2019 GIS show in San Diego, round trip flights and hotel. All of the details are on the application.

One of the joys my tenure on the board over the past few years has been involvement with the Legacy Scholarship program. This year on August 11 we presented 18 deserving students with scholarships. It is an honor for our association to present these scholarships and a testament to the generosity of our members, both those who donate auction items and those who bid on the items at our annual scholarship tournament. This year in addition to the Legacy scholarships awarded, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to donate \$1000 to Blake Takushi's education. We felt this was a good way to honor Marian and Jerry Takushi and all they have meant to our association over the years.

To wrap up this message, I would like to extend the offer to all members to offer suggestions for educations, venues, new meeting ideas and any other thoughts. This is your association and your input and participation is paramount in helping our association meet our goals of education and fellowship for our members. Carrie Cole, our Executive Director, has now worked for our association for three months and is doing a fantastic job. Please reach out to her or any board member with association related items and here is to a great fall. Bring on football and cooler weather!!

Kind Regards,

*Kyle Brown***Meeting Schedule**

September 11, 2018
Supt/Pro Tournament
Blackhawk Country Club

September 16 - 18, 2018
Lone Star Texas Trophy
Corpus Christi Country Club

October 8, 2018
Education/Golf Meeting
Northgate

November 6, 2018
Annual Meeting & Past Presidents Meeting
Kingwood Country Club

December 2018
Christmas Party
Date & Location TBA

GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW
February 2 - 7, 2018
San Diego, CA

For more details on any meeting
above go to: www.stgcsa.org

Running for Executive Board 2019

There is 1 Board of Director Seat Open for 2019. If you are interested in running, please contact the office or a current Board Member. We would love to have you!



Running for President:
Jerry Huntsman

I have been a STGCSA member now for over 20 years. I look forward to serving you next year. It will be my pleasure.



Sitting in the Past President's chair:
Kyle Brown

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president in 2018.

Candidates for STGCSA Board of Directors - 2019



Running for Vice President:
David Gray

I am running for the position of Vice President for the STGCSA Board of Directors and am very excited for this opportunity to give back to the association. I look forward to this great opportunity to serve.



Running for Secretary Treasurer:
Jason Barrington

I am running for Secretary of Treasure and have a passion for being part of the board. It is a great opportunity to learn and help our industry. I have 7 years of experience from 3 other boards in the past as well as Secretary of Treasure. I look forward to serving you.



Returning Board of Director:
Richard Alcaraz of South Shore Harbour Golf Club

I am excited to be a part of STGCSA and help keep our association strong!



Returning Board of Director:
Ed Martinez of Deerwood Golf Club

I would like to serve on the board to help promote the growth of our association !



Running for Board of Director:
Wade Warms, CGCS:

I am running for another term for the board of director's. I would like to continue to give back to the association that has meant so much to me over the years.



Running for Board of Director:
Chris Teafatiller

I'd like to serve because for approximately 13 years I have been a member of the STGCSA and have taken part in many events and seminars that others have worked hard to organize. I feel like it's my time to do the same; To give back to an organization that has done so much for me without reservation would be an honor.



Returning Board of Director:
Tim Phillips of Golfcrest Country Club

I want to help grow an already strong organization. I hope to help improve participation in our events. Thank you.



Running for Affiliate Board Member:
Brandon Cole

2018 marks my 20th year membership and 10 years on Board of Directors. I'm so proud to serve this great organization and represent our affiliate members! Thanks for your support and I look forward to continuing to serve STGCSA.



Returning Affiliate Board Member:
Mark Baughman

It's truly been a pleasure being an affiliate representative on the STGCSA Board. Would be glad to continue on the board of STGCSA and continue to be a part of this fine organization.



Running for Affiliate Board Member:
Dale Bowman

This year has been rough due to the hurricane and flooding in our area, but we are dedicated to making sure all of our customers and business associates get the attention they deserve. Being on the board allows me to intermingle with our group and I

Superintendent/Pro



BLACK HAWK
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September 11, 2018

Shotgun Start 9:30am

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TEXAS TROPHY



September 16 - 18, 2018

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Congratulations to all of our 2018 Scholarship Recipients!

STGCSA is proud to announce the 18 scholarship winners for 2018. The Board of Directors of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association started the Legacy Scholarship program in 1990 for the purpose of assisting the children of STGCSA members to attend college. Since 1992 a scholarship tournament has taken place where the majority of the money used to fund the scholarships is raised. In 2001 the Board of Directors created the “Legacy Memorial Scholarship” to honor members who have passed away. This scholarship is awarded to one student who demonstrates excellence in both education and extracurricular or volunteer activities. Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1990, over \$285,000 has been awarded to the children of STGCSA members. Congratulations to this years’ 18 winners including the Legacy Winner, Megan Vaughn, daughter of Steve Vaughn.



Claire Barclay

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Noah Baughman

Heather Dailey

Braeden Dieckhoff

Ryanne Dolen

Madeleine Ducote

Blake Fox

Isabelle Huntsman

Ashley Lyles

Matthew Lyles

Paeton Mrosko

Abigail Schultheis

Matthew Schultheis

Karlie Smelser

Megan Vaughn - LEGACY WINNER!

Anthony Wilganowski

Eric Wilganowski



2018 South Central GCSAA Executive Directors Summit

On August 15 and August 16, we had the privilege of having almost all of the Executive Directors from the South Central Region meet in Dallas, TX, at the Four Seasons Resort at Las Colinas for a summit meeting to educate, inform, and discuss the ingredients necessary for successful chapter management.

Darlene Curlee, 18 years with the Texas Gulf Coast GCSA, Mary Beth Rogers, 15 years with the Arkansas GCSA and Arkansas Turfgrass Association, Carol Cloud, 5 years with North Texas, Central Texas, Rio Grande, Lone Star GCSA's and Southwest Turfgrass Association and Texas Sports Turf Association, Cindy Herridge, 2 years with the West Texas GCSA, Katie Flowers, 9 months with the Texas Turfgrass Association and Carrie Cole, 3 months with the South Texas GCSA were all present for this meeting. Dawn Coleman with Oklahoma GCSA had a last minute family emergency and was unable to attend. Steve Randall from GCSA was also present to facilitate this meeting.

We met for dinner on Wednesday night so that all could get acquainted and great conversations and discussions started immediately. We convened the next morning at 7:30 a.m. to get the day started so the ladies could leave at a decent hour to get back home on Thursday night. The morning started with a presentation from our gracious host, Anthony Williams, CGCS, and two of his assistants on his 25-plus years perspective as a chapter leader in Georgia and now Texas. Steve Randall then presented some data on current memberships with GCSAA and the current GCSAA initiatives that are ongoing like the State BMP project, Grassroots Ambassadors, and Rounds 4 Research. Steve also showed the ladies the resources that are available on the website that will help them manage their chapters. This presentation created a great discussion among the ladies as they spoke about how they use the website to help them with their jobs.

We broke for lunch and had some photo opportunities at the Byron Nelson statue and were joined by the Greens Committee Chairman and the General Manger of the Four Seasons Resort. We reconvened after lunch to discuss Board Orientation, Board service and expectations and succession plans for each chapter. This round table discussion was extremely productive for the entire group and led to the ladies deciding to create a Facebook page and group text so that they can stay in constant communication throughout the year. This meeting was very appreciated by the entire group and discussions have already started on when to meet again.



I would like to thank everyone for their participation and a special thanks to Steve Randall for traveling to Dallas, and Anthony Williams, CGCS for helping me with the hotel, meeting room, and especially all of the meals. This was a great event and I feel that all of our regions should consider a similar event for their area.



GCSAA Field Staff Representative

John Walker - South Central Region

Before joining the GCSAA staff, John Walker was a superintendent, 30-year GCSAA member and past GCSAA board director.

JWalker@gcsaa.org



Host:
Terry Gill



BraeBurn Country Club

South Texas Chapter Championship 2018

August 20, 2018

Thank you, Terry and all the Staff at BraeBurn for hosting a great Event!

Championship Flight	Name	Score
1st Place	Steve Gilley	71
2nd Place	Cody Fisseler	74
3rd Place	Nick Johnson	75
4th Place	Jason Barrington	76
1st Flight	Name	Score
1st Place	Chad Ott	80
2nd Place	Jim Brown	81
3rd Place	Jesus Polio	81
4th Place	Carl Tolbert	82
2nd Flight	Name	Score
1st Place	Lee Gravett	78
2nd Place	Kent Knowles	82
3rd Place	Carter Hindes	84
4th Place	Scott Dotson	87
3rd Flight	Name	Score
1st Place	Jack Hargrove	61
2nd Place	Ed Schultheis	67
3rd Place	Brandon Cole	68
4th Place	Chris Mrosko	71



Proximity Winners	
Long Drive	CTP
4 - Kyle Brown	2 - Lee Gravett
9 - Jim Brown	7 - Brandon Cole
13 - Carl Tolbert	14 - Kevin White
18 - Chris Mrosko	16 - Doug Browne



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Beating the Bunker Blues

By Lou Guzzi, PGA

In all my years of teaching I have found the Bunker Shot to be the hardest technique to teach. As golfers, we are all trying to hit the golf ball with the best possible contact during practice and play. Now we hit into a greenside bunker and when executed properly we will contact the sand a minimum of 3 inches behind the golf ball using a swing that usually hits the shot 50 to 70 yards, that now, because of this resistance from the sand, only hits it about 30 to 50 feet. That is hard for the average golfer to accept and commit to and that is why so many don't.



The best thing we can do to make greenside Bunker Shots more enjoyable is to understand the design of the Sand Wedge and how it works through the sand, along with the overall technique of hitting this shot.

When hitting a Bunker Shot you can use any of your wedges, but for this article I am going to use the standard 56-degree Sand Wedge used by a right-handed golfer.

Bounce: The Sand Wedge has Bounce, and Bounce is designed to keep the leading edge of the club from hitting the sand first, which would create "dig", something we don't need when hitting a bunker shot. In effect, when contacting the sand about 3 inches behind the ball the club will slide underneath the ball pushing the sand and ball out of the bunker and onto the green.

Set up: The Bunker Set-Up can get tricky so I have created a real easy way to understand this set-up position without all the confusion. Determine where you want the ball to land, this becomes your Line Of Play. Now aim 10 to 15 feet left of your Line Of Play (this is your Swing Line) with a standard address position with the clubface square to the Swing Line. Now all you have to do is to roll the face open and re-grip the club, look about 3 inches behind the ball, favor a little more weight onto the forward foot, and you are ready to swing.

Execution: Now that you have the proper Set-Up you are ready to make your swing and hit a beautiful Bunker Shot. Make the size of your swing 3-quarters back and 3-quarters through with a full wrist hinge in both directions, keeping your arms and hands relaxed, with grip pressure just firm enough to keep the club from twisting in your hands. Look 3 inches behind the ball and make contact with the sand, accelerating the club through the sand and into the 3-quarter finish position.

Remember, once in your Set-Up position you will be making this swing just like you are trying to hit the ball along your Swing Line. With the club face in an open position and contact 3 inches back of the ball, your shot will go to the Line of Play, not the Swing Line.

In closing, I need to bring up some important statistics about Bunker Play at the PGA Tour level. In 2005 the best Bunker Player, to successfully get the ball onto the green and make the putt (up and down), was Pat Perez at 63%. The average Tour Player gets it up and down just under 50% of the time. Now that we know these statistics what should we expect when hitting these greenside bunker shots?

My advice is to get the ball onto the green safely with good technique, make no more than two putts and you will be as good as the tour players 50% of the time, and who knows, maybe more up and downs will just find their way into your game.



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The South Texas Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is pleased to inform you of our ninth annual Sonny Dubose Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Our Association wants to recognize a Superintendent or Affiliate Member whose accomplishments have been outstanding for their facility over the year.

Recognition is what the Sonny Dubose Award is all about, letting someone know their hard work and dedication is appreciated. Anyone (superintendent or vendor) who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course management profession and the success of the STGCSA should be nominated. Still, a superintendent who has had an outstanding year deserves to be and should be nominated for the award. By adding a distinguished service aspect to it, we will hopefully increase nominations and be able to recognize more of those deserving members. Contact any past winner of the award or a STGCSA board member to submit a nomination.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please send any submissions to: stgcsa@stgcsa.org or hand your nomination letter to a Board member.



Congratulations to Sean Wilson, CGCS for winning the 2017 Sonny Dubose Memorial Distinguished Service Award!




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The scholarship will cover the cost of registration, round trip airfare between Houston and San Diego, 4 nights hotel stay, a \$50/day stipend and registration for one ½-day seminar.

The scholarship is intended to assist STGCSA Superintendent Members whose club does not normally pay for them to attend the conference, though all are welcome to apply.

The applicants selected will be asked to write a short article for the March 2019 Tee to Green issue recapping your experience and how you benefitted from attending the conference. If you are interested in applying, please fill out the application and return to stgcsa@stgcsa.org by October 1, 2018.

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