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The Official Publication of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association



Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member

September 9, 2019

The Clubs at Houston Oaks

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2019 Meeting Schedule

September 9, 2019

Supt./Pro - Member/Member

Houston Oaks

September 15-17, 2019

Lone Star Texas Trophy

Kingwood CC

October 15, 2019

Meeting & Education

Clear Creek

November 4, 2019

Annual Meeting & Past

Presidents Meeting

Panorama GC

December 2019 - Date TBD

STGCSA Christmas Party

Location TBD

2019 STGCSA Member/Guest/Guest/Guest

Thank you to Jason Barrington and Staff at TAMU for hosting our MGGG this year! Congratulations to all of our winners!



(Golf results on page 11)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jerry Huntsman - President STGCSA



I hope everyone is surviving this summer heat and staying hydrated. Just remember with football returning, Fall is upon the horizon and I am sure everyone is looking forward to some cooler weather soon!

We had a great turnout at our Annual Scholarship Banquet, handing out \$28,600 in scholarships to 25 recipients! Congratulations to those who received one and good luck to all of the students returning back to school this semester!

Our Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member is scheduled for Monday, September 9 at The Clubs at Houston Oaks, where Tanner Chrasteky plans to host a first class event! We hope everyone is able to make it out to this event!

Stay cool and hope to see you all on September 9th!

Jerry Huntsman

Superintendent/Pro – Member/Member



HOUSTON OAKS

Monday, September 9, 2019

Registration opens at 8:30am

9:30am Shotgun Start

Host: Tanner Chrasteky

Cost:

\$275 per 2 Man Team -or- Single Player @ \$137.50

Format:

Play is two person team event

Scramble - Front 9

Best Ball - Back 9

Team must consist of:

A Superintendent who is a member of STGCSA & a Professional from the same Club

-OR-

Any Two Members of STGCSA

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- ◆ Tee Prize giveaways! (*First Come, First Served!*)
 - ◆ 18 Proximity cash prizes!
 - ◆ Cash prize payouts for 1st & 2nd place!
 - ◆ R4R Silent Auction!
- ◆ Proximity Sponsorships are available! (email Carrie Cole for more information at stgcsa@stgcsa.org)

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South Texas GCSA, Inc. R4R Silent Auction

Below is a list of Rounds that we are auctioning off. All bids are due by September 15, 2019. Please email Carrie Cole at stgcsa@stgcsa.org with the Round that you are interested in and your highest bid amount for that Round. These Rounds will also be advertised at the Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member on September 9th. Please click the link below for Details/Exclusions.

<u>Golf Club</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
1.) Raven Nest Golf Club Round for 4 with carts	\$55.00
2.) Raven Nest Golf Club Round for 4 with carts	\$55.00
3.) Clear Creek Golf Club Round for 4 with carts	\$40.00
4.) Cypress Lakes Golf Club Round for 4 with carts	\$140.00
5.) The Clubs of Kingwood Round for 4 with carts	\$250.00
6.) The Clubs of Kingwood Round for 4 with carts	\$250.00
7.) The Clubs of Kingwood Round for 4 with carts	\$250.00
8.) Golf Club of Houston Round for 4 with carts	\$350.00
9.) Golf Club of Houston Round for 4 with carts	\$350.00

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Welcome New Members!!!!

Gant Austin - Texas Regional Manager @ POGO Turfpro

Brent LeBlanc - Superintendent @ Koasati Pines at Coushatta Casino Resort

We welcome you to the Association!!!!

Save the Date!
STGCSA Meeting & Education



October 15, 2019

Host: Chris Teafatiller

Topic: Weed Control

Speaker: James T. Brosnan, Ph.D. Professor, The University of Tennessee

Education Sponsored by:



Title: "What is Dead May Never Die....?"

Description: Weeds are a continual problem on golf courses. Species such as annual bluegrass, goosegrass, and sedge/kyllinga species are seemingly harder to control than ever before. This presentation will review the latest research on managing these species using integrated techniques.

Dr. Brosnan is a Professor in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Tennessee (UT) and Director of the UT Weed Diagnostics Center. His research focuses on controlling unique and problematic turfgrass weeds, particularly phenotypes with resistance to herbicides. His extension programs aim to provide education and diagnostic support to Tennessee's \$5.8 billion turfgrass industry. Dr. Brosnan serves as an advisor to the Tennessee Turfgrass Association Board of Directors, and he is actively involved in the Weed Science Society of America, Southern Weed Science Society, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and Sports Turf Managers Association. He has consulted at multiple venues on the PGA Tour (including several major championship host sites) in addition to National Football League franchises. Dr. Brosnan received a B.S. in turfgrass science from Penn State University, an M.S. in plant, soil and insect sciences (turfgrass) from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a Ph.D. in agronomy (turfgrass) from Penn State University.

New Innovations in Your Lake Manager's 'Toolbox'

Shannon Junior, Aquatic Ecologist at SOLitude Lake Management

Herbicides and algaecides have traditionally been used to maintain balanced ecosystems in lakes and ponds—but wouldn't it be exciting if there was a new technology or process that could totally revolutionize the way we approach environmental problems around our lawns and golf courses? Industry leaders have long understood that proactive, holistic management strategies are the key to achieve long-term balance in our aquatic environments; however, our toolbox of sustainable solutions has not always grown at the same pace as our knowledge. That's why we are so excited about recent advances in aquatic habitat restoration.

EPA-registered herbicides and algaecides are generally only used as a last resort solution—but sometimes they are necessary and valuable tools. Just as you might take an antibiotic to recover from an infection, pesticides help your waterbody recover from nuisance and sometimes harmful aquatic weed infestations. Now, new herbicide technologies are optimizing the safe eradication of undesirable plant species with very limited impact on native vegetation, wildlife or recreational activity. These highly-targeted herbicides combine the best features of traditional options to target the unique growth processes in undesirable aquatic weeds and achieve more selective and long-lasting vegetation control. Thanks to their favorable environmental profile, they require 100-1000x lower use rates than traditional herbicides and have been designated by the EPA as a "Reduced Risk" solution that is virtually non-toxic to humans, pets and wildlife.

Reduced Risk herbicides can be highly successful for the management of many species and may provide exceptional multi-season control when applied by specially certified professionals at the appropriate growth stage and dosing rate. Properties suffering from chronic milfoil species, hydrilla, crested floating heart, watershield, parrotfeather, creeping primrose, slender spike rush, yellow floating heart and similar species are excellent candidates for management with these highly-selective, low-impact herbicides.



For any new technology, it is important to evaluate its niche within our "toolbox" and to understand the best fit among the available water quality management strategies. There are many factors to consider when developing a comprehensive aquatic resource management plan, such as the target weed or algae species, the presence of beneficial native vegetation, and the goals and budget of the stakeholders. While reduced risk herbicides offer a new and exciting option for our clients with severe nuisance or invasive aquatic weed issues, it's important to establish long-term control by addressing the true root of the problem: unbalanced water quality.

Water quality restoration is one of the most frequent and important challenges that we face as lake and pond managers, and should be a high priority for every waterbody. Poor water quality due to nutrient loading is a constant issue, as runoff containing fertilizers and other pollutants from agricultural farm fields, suburban lawns and gardens, and urban streets and parking lots drains into lakes, ponds, and stormwater management facilities. Even natural areas can contribute to water quality degradation through the deposition of sediment, leaf debris and other organic matter to our waterways. These pollutants are the ultimate source of nuisance lake and pond weeds, harmful cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms and other complications that impair waterbodies for municipal and recreational uses, and may also make them less habitable for fish and other wildlife.

As a golf course superintendent or property manager, you may have already implemented numerous aquatic management tools such as aeration and nanobubble technology, biological augmentation, nutrient remediation, and innovative sediment and vegetation removal techniques such as bioengineered shorelines and hydro-raking. Another new technology for the sustainable removal of nutrients and other pollutants is generating excitement within our industry. Similar to activated charcoal, this new technology has highly adsorbent properties that allow it to remove impurities from water. These charcoal-like particles can be placed in large, porous bags in moving water, and the particles will attract and trap nutrients, metals and other pollutants. The bags are then removed from the water when they are full, resulting in the physical elimination of the trapped material from the waterbody. The contents of the bag can be discarded, or better yet, used strategically as a soil amendment for natural fertilization and as a substrate for beneficial microbes to enhance plant growth.

This new technology is most effective in flowing waterbodies so that there is constant circulation of water around the socks for nutrient adsorption. More stagnant basins would benefit from the installation of a fountain or aeration system to move the water and enhance the effectiveness of this method. The number and size of the socks required is also site-specific, and the longevity of the socks could be several weeks up to an entire season depending on the severity of water quality impairment.

The increasing problems of anthropogenic and climatological water quality degradation have brought us to a critical time in the pond and lake management industry, but new technologies like these are making the management of aquatic resources easier and more sustainable than ever. When implementing any sort of aquatic weed or water quality solution for your waterbody, it's extremely valuable to consult with an aquatic biologist or ecologist who is on the leading edge for innovative solutions to age-old challenges. Your greens—and your long-term budget—will thank you!

Shannon Junior is an Aquatic Ecologist at SOLitude Lake Management, an industry-leading environmental firm. She specializes in all facets of lake management, with a specific expertise in ecological assessment and restoration. Shannon has Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy from George Mason University. This article is the third in a series featuring new break-through technologies that will revolutionize the management of lakes, stormwater ponds, wetlands and fisheries in 2019. Learn more at www.solitudelakemanagement.com/knowledge



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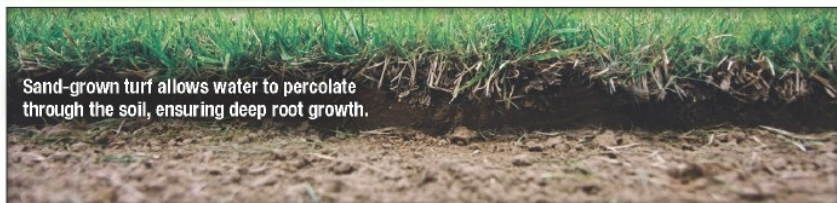
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- metalworking and fabrication
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Member Spotlight

Tanner Chrastecky, Golf Course Superintendent at The Clubs at Houston Oaks

I grew up in Boerne, TX, graduated in 2004, started school playing golf at Texas Tech, transferred to Texas Lutheran where I finished out collegiate golf career and graduated with a degree in accounting. Worked in tax audit for a year before joining Wayne



Slaton at Crystal Falls. Worked as an assistant for 3 years before moving out to Spanish Oaks and working as the assistant to Scott Hamilton. Couple years later became a Superintendent at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club. After two years at Bentwater, I was offered the Superintendent job at Houston Oaks where I've been here for last two and a half years. I thoroughly enjoy being a superintendent and value many relationships STGCSA has provided me. Outside of work, my wife and two boys keep me busy.

Ben Dickerson, Director of Sales at Turf Technologies



Ben grew up in Baytown, Texas where he graduated high school in 2006. Ben then moved to College Station the summer of 06' to continue his education at Texas A&M University. After a short 4 1/2 years, he received a bachelor's degree in Agronomy. He went on to becoming an assistant superintendent for five years before joining the Floratine Product company. He has been a sales consultant for the last three years, and loves working with each and every superintendent in the Houston area.

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**Golf Results for 2019 Member/Guest/Guest/Guest
The Golf Club @ TAMU**

July 22, 2019

Hosted by: Jason Barrington

1st Place Team Gross

57 – Carl Tolbert, John Rowe, Adam Frey, Rick Cook

2nd Place Team Gross

59 – Chris Teafatiller, Mark Rossi, Ike Eliason

1st Place Team Net

43 – Brandon Cole, Jeff Kapustka, Daniel Wallace, Ben Dickerson

2nd Place Team Net

44 – Joseph McCaskill, Chuck McCaskill, Craig Springman, Justin Frieda

Proximities

#5 CTP – Ike Eliason

#7 CTP – Carl Tolbert

#11 CTP – Warren Guthman

#13 CTP – Ike Eliason

#3 Longest Drive – Mark Rossi

#9 Longest Drive – Allen Plagens

#12 Longest Drive – Adam Frey

#16 Longest Drive – Steve Vaughn



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Golf Fun Fact:

Youngest hole-in-one

Record: 4 years, 195 days

Details: Christian Carpenter recorded the historic ace at the Mountain View Golf Club in Hickory, N.C. on Dec. 18, 1999



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.

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2019 South Texas GCSA, Inc. Scholarship Banquet



Congratulations to our 2019 Scholarship Recipients!

Jessica Anderson - Legacy

Noah Baughman

Hunter Borowski

Ryan Brown

Braeden Dieckhoff

Ryanne Dolen

Madeleine Ducote

Blake Fox

Cameron Gilley

Isabel Huntsman

Olivia Inberg

Lauren Klene

Ashley Lyles

Paeton Mrosko

Lauren Norris

Kelly Ratcliff

Abigail Schultheis

Matt Schultheis

Karlie Smelser

Josie Spivey

Nic Terry

Megan Vaughn

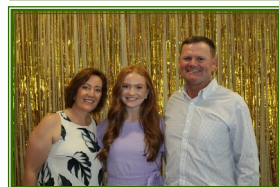
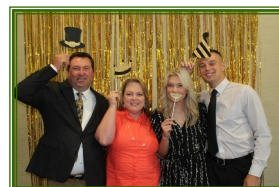
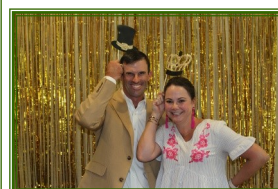
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Jessica Anderson - Legacy Winner!



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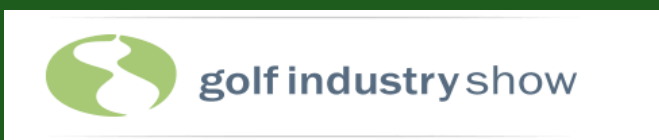
The STGCSA is sending two deserving Superintendent Members to the January 2020 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Florida.

The scholarship will cover the cost of registration, round trip airfare between Houston and Orlando, 4 nights hotel stay, a \$50/day stipend and registration for one 1/2-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/April 2020 Tee to Green issue re-capping 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, 2019.

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10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Magnolia Creek Golf Club

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Hosted By:

Scott Dunham, BASF

Speakers

Dr. Kathie Kalmowitz, Ph.D. – BASF

Dr. Bruce Martin, Ph.D. – Clemson University - retired

Dr. Scott McElroy, Ph.D. – Auburn University

Agenda

10 am – 10:30 am	Registration
10:30 – 11:30	From Molecule to Product <i>Dr. Kathie Kalmowitz</i>
11:30 – Noon	Lunch
Noon – 1:00 pm	Dealing with Difficult Disease in Bermudagrass <i>Dr. Bruce Martin</i>
1:00 – 2:00	Novel Herbicide Strategies to Combat Herbicide Resistance <i>Dr. Scott McElroy</i>
2:00 pm	Adjourn

3 hours each of GCSAA and TDA CEUs have been requested.

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10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Hosted By:

Scott Dunham, BASF

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Longtime Texas A&M soil professor Murray Milford dies

August 22, 2019

Leaves legacy of soil scientists

COLLEGE STATION – Murray Milford, Ph.D., professor and former associate head for academic programs with the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University, died Aug. 20.

Milford retired in 2001 after more than 32 years of service at Texas A&M, but remained in the department as Professor Emeritus. While teaching, he touched the lives of more than 17,000 students in Agronomy 301 and 1,100 graduate students who passed through the department with Milford serving as their graduate adviser.

*Murray Milford, Ph.D.*

Julie Howe, Ph.D., former student '95 and now Texas A&M AgriLife Research soil chemistry and fertility associate professor at Texas A&M, said she owes her career to Milford through his ability to show how soil science was at the intersection of many different disciplines.

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