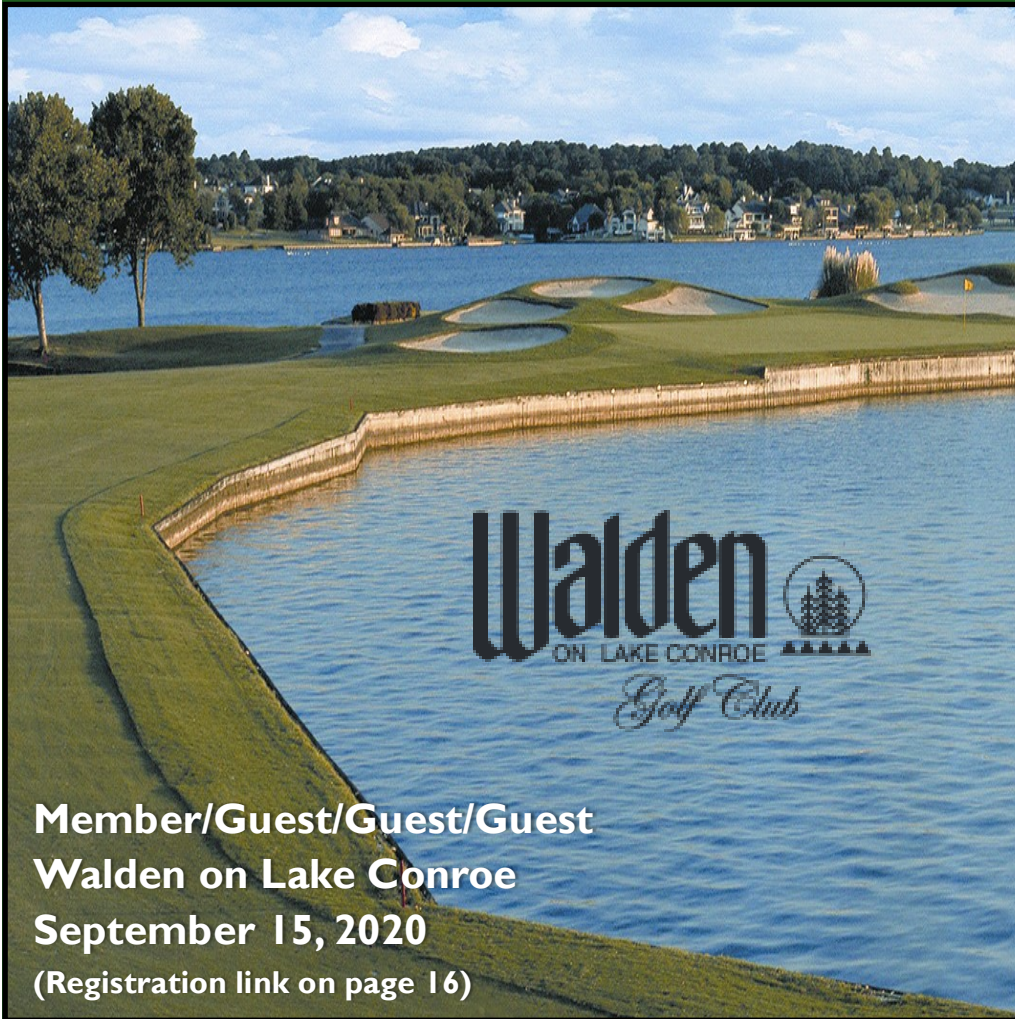




# TEE TO GREEN

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### 2020 Meeting Schedule

**September 15, 2020**

M/G/G/G

Walden on Lake Conroe

**October 20, 2020**

Meeting & Education

Galveston CC

**November 8-10, 2020**

Lone Star Texas Trophy

Hyatt Hill Country GC San Antonio, TX

**November 16, 2020**

Annual Meeting & Past Presidents Meeting

Northgate CC

**December 5, 2020**

STGCSA Christmas Party/Scholarship

Banquet

TBD

**Member/Guest/Guest/Guest**  
**Walden on Lake Conroe**  
**September 15, 2020**  
 (Registration link on page 16)



**Superintendent/Pro -**  
**Member/Member**  
**July 14, 2020**

*Thank you to Jason Harsh & Staff at Memorial Park for hosting a great event!*

Congratulations to our 1st Place Champions in the Supt/Pro division, Junior Schuette & Jared Jones! Congratulations to our 1st Place Champions in the Mbr/Mbr division, Chris Webster & Brian Johnson!

(Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr results on page 9)



*1st Place Champions!*  
*Jared Jones & Junior Schuette,*  
*River Oaks Country Club*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*David Gray - President STGCSA*



Hello again everybody! As always, I want to first say a big “Thank you!” to the Host Clubs for our STGCSA events over the past few months. Jason Harsh at Memorial Park! Cody Spivey and Steven Chernosky at High Meadow Ranch! Tanner Chras-tecky with Houston Oaks! Thanks again to these great people and allowing us to see their awesome golf courses!

Now moving on through the message I still want to keep telling my story about how I see the golf course and what I experi-ence through the year. Thinking back if I remember July was a fairly calm month, I had just found out they were moving the asst. pro into the golf pro position, because of some “department condensing”. If that has ever happened to somebody, we know it has its challenges to say the least. On the golf course things have gone well, mostly dealing with the verti-cutting, top dressing, and the growth regulator applications. In my last message I mentioned dealing with some Bermuda decline or take all root rot. These problems are manageable, you just have to stay on that somewhat “consistent” program which most sups know from having dealt with the problems themselves at one point or another. That being said I also have the privilege of dealing with other things at times like “black layer” under some of the lower areas on the greens. Of course, we all have heard it’s because of how the profile moves water or the collar dams prevent proper runoff, etc. This never causes prob-lems in July or August for me, it’s just on my mind because we just aerified earlier this month, and coring is about the only thing we have to help correct this anerobic condition. The reason I mention this is because in all my years here at Raven Nest I never had a soil mechanics test done until now. After seeing the results and how it breaks down every 1” out of a 4” sample it showed that the top 2” of the profile had roughly twice the organic matter as is recommended along with some other wonderful things I needed to know. This black layer problem for me at least is always worse in the early spring when the soil is cooler and the air temperature is getting warmer, we all know how the concrete sweats on those days. Now that I have the results from the mechanics test and evaluate what I’ve been doing the last 10 years, I realize that we have helped the problem from year to year keeping healthy greens, I just know it will always be there to bother me come spring. Tradi-tionally year after year we will always core greens in late May and early August. We pick those dates because it is right past High School tournaments in the spring and before Sam Houston State starts back in the fall. I have always known that two aerifications with ½” tines at a 2” spacing is not removing enough material. We will always vent them with bayonet tines throughout the year, just never pulled more cores than those two times. So, in mid-July with recommendations and always wanting better greens we went in and cored these areas that I know will struggle come March and April. Our normal aerifi-cation in early August went as planned and hopefully with more coring we can start moving in a positive direction in those areas each Spring. School has started and rounds are still higher than they have been in a long time. I can’t believe Septem-ber is already here and now we have to start worrying about those nasty poa plants showing themselves. I wish everybody luck these next few months getting things ready for the fall season. Get the pre-emerges down with success and get ready to enjoy a break from the summer heat and humidity. I know I’m ready!

Keep having pride in what you do for a living and always keep trying to do things that could have the courses looking better, keep our lives a little more stress free, and keep the membership enjoying their golf outings!

Hope to see everybody at Walden on Lake Conroe on September 15th.

Sincerely,

*David Gray*



## South Texas Chapter

# GCSAA

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

## Welcome New/Returning Members!!!!

**Tyler Kirchhofer - Assistant Superintendent @ Atascocita Golf Club**

**Connor Dougherty - Construction Superintendent @ Greenscape Methods LLC**

**Tony Feil - Assistant Superintendent @ Carlton Woods**

*We welcome you to the Association!!!!*

## Member Spotlight

### **Kevin Hill - Superintendent @ Walden on Lake Conroe**

I was born in Houston and grew up in the Sugar Land area all through high school. My parents were from central Texas and moved to the Houston area, like many others, to work in the oil industry. I have an older brother, who is a musician and I am very proud of him. He's the Rockstar in the family. Growing up my dad was a big influence. He instilled a love for science and sports.

After high school I attended various colleges and had a real good time. I finally got it together in 2003 and went to TSTC in Waco and got my turf degree. I met my future wife, Tracy, around this same time. I completed the 2 year program in 1.5 years and completed 2 internships. I was green as I could be and started my first job shortly after. Strangely enough I ended back up in Sugar Land at Sugar Creek Country Club. Learned a lot of things during my 5 years there from 2 great supers. Looking to move closer to my home I took a job with Glenn Barron at Cinco Ranch. After about a year, my daughter was born and I took my first super job in the Woodlands. I had the opportunity to learn from Chris Hartman while dealing with the stresses of a first year super. I lasted about 3 years there before having the opportunity to go work for Northgate Country Club and Dan McIntyre. Floods, epic disasters and plentiful challenges during my tenure there helped me learn some stress management and a great appreciation for Mother Nature. Finally an opportunity arose in 2019 that I couldn't say no to. Larry Finke decided to retire after 40+ years of running Walden on Lake Conroe. Replacing someone of his caliber has been a great challenge but lots of fun.

I have met lots of people, made plenty of friends and grown up a lot during my career development. I wouldn't trade in anything for this awesome ride.



# Member Spotlight

## Scott Poynot - Territory Manager @ Aquatrols

Texas may not be Scott's home, but Lubbock is his birthplace, and now he has plenty of reasons to drive west. "Visiting Texas is definitely a perk of my job."

Scott graduated from Slidell High School. He then graduated with a degree in architecture from Louisiana Tech University. Thinking his next step would be to pursue a master's degree in civil engineering, Scott discovered the PGM program at Mississippi State. Little did he know that Turf Grass would be his true calling.



"I blew out my knee playing intramural flag football. When the orthopedic surgeon told me that I wasn't allowed to do anything but walk, I was angry. He then suggested that I take up golf while my knee healed. I'm glad I listened to his advice."

Scott's resume is impressive, to say the least. He interned at Mississippi State and Old Overton in Alabama. After graduation, he worked as an assistant at English Turn in New Orleans. A couple of years later, he took the reigns at Southern Trace in Shreveport, followed by the courses at Indian Springs in Broken Arrow. He spent a decade at Le Triomphe near Lafayette.

After twenty years as a golf course superintendent, Scott decided to lend his expertise to others. His passion for the game led him into sales and consulting. For the past few years, he's represented Aquatrols as their Territory Manager, covering South East Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and the panhandle of Florida, occasionally sprinkling in a few visits to Memphis and Tulsa.

"Aquatrols portfolio leads the world in surfactants and now includes the best in carbon fertilizer technology in Redox. Having success with these products is why I came on board with Aquatrols in 2016. With further portfolio expansion over the next few years, Aquatrols will offer up to 80% of what a superintendent needs."

Scott and his wife, Kelda, have been married for 28 years. Kelda is an author, tutor, and home-schooling consultant. Together, they have four children: Ethan, Joshua, Matthew, and Mia. "The photo credits go to our talented daughter-in-law, Chelsea."

Although golf remains at the top of the list, carrying a 5 handicap, Scott enjoys skiing, fishing, and traveling with his family. "I had no idea my passion for golf would open so many doors and take me so many places."

By Kelda Poynot



# Member Spotlight

## Chris Mrosko - Sales Representative @ AmeriTurf

I grew up in Bertram, Texas where my father Walter was a pharmacist; My parents owned a pharmacy built in the early nineteenth hundreds complete with a soda fountain, where my mother Bette served coffee, malts, and milkshakes. I had the kind of childhood you might see in a Norman Rockwell painting. My beautiful wife, Pamela and I, were raised in the same area, and I consider myself blessed to have such a wonderful woman by my side. Pamela and I have two children, Zane (25) and Paeton (20). Though they're grown and very independent, I can't help but seeing them as my little kids that still need daddy to guide them. After graduating from Burnet High School, I entered the Aviation Program at Central Texas College. Almost two years later while taking my first class physical, I learned I was slightly color-blind and would not be able to fly commercially. I then entered the electrician's apprentice program at the IBEW in Austin. Four years later I was playing golf almost every afternoon and decided to enter the Golf Course and Turfgrass Management program at TSTC. While getting my associate's degree, I worked for Tom Werner at Ridgewood Country Club where I enjoyed learning from Tom's experience and his high expectations. After graduation, I became the assistant superintendent at Legacy Hills in Georgetown. I was then given a larger role in the construction of White Wing. Hot, dry, dusty days went from dawn to dusk and I wouldn't trade a moment of it. Not long after that, I went to work for Jeff Smelser at North Shore Country Club in Portland, Texas. Jeff allowed me to spread my wings a little and incorporated many of my ideas into our operation. I appreciated his knowledge and willingness to share his wisdom with me. Jeff also always saw to it that I was included in any kind of educational event or meeting. After my time at North Shore, I moved my family to Baytown and assumed the role of superintendent at Goose Creek Country Club. I very much enjoyed Goose Creek and took seriously my responsibility to insure the wellbeing of the club that meant so much to so many. After a few years Brent Ratcliff offered me a sales position with his company Innovative Turf Supply. I was happy to accept Brent's offer and the Mroskos moved to Montgomery. It's been by far, the best decision of my professional life. It became clear that I was part of something great when while playing golf, Brent offered me his first bit of advice. He said "winners finish strong and always find the shade". Utilizing Brent's guidance and his knowledge of business and sales, we were thriving. Brent eventually merged Innovative Turf Supply with good friend George Skruggs, the owner of Green Industries. With our new distribution abilities we have grown a two man operation to the coast to coast organization known as Ameriturf. I thoroughly enjoy what I do for a living. I can't call it a job because it's really not work. I get to spend time with some of the best people in society and view some of the most beautiful properties in golf. I hold dear the relationships I've made in this industry and look forward to many many more years of camaraderie and fellowship with all of you.





## Member News

**Do you have any news to share such as:**

A Job Promotion?

Hosting a Major Tournament?

Moving Jobs?

Getting Married?

Birth Announcements?

Etc.?

Please email Carrie Cole at [stgcsa@stgcsa.org](mailto:stgcsa@stgcsa.org) so we can share the latest news and get to know our fellow members!

## **WANTED**

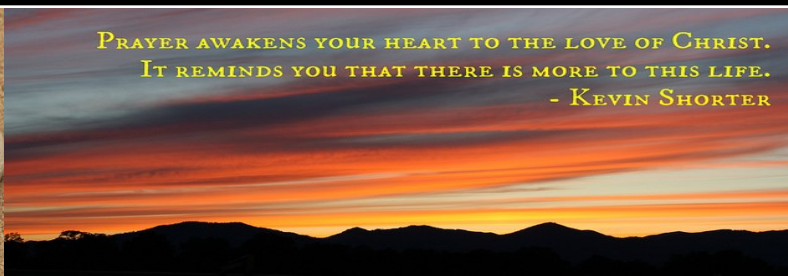
We're looking to add an Assistant Superintendent seat to our Board of Directors in 2021!

If you are a Superintendent and would like to nominate your assistant for this new seat, please email Carrie Cole

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*Please continue to keep Daryl Walker's wife, children, and family in your thoughts and prayers.*

Daryl Reese Walker passed away Monday, August 17th, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma while on a business trip. He was 56 years of age at the time of death. He was born on December 30, 1963 in Houston, Texas to LB and Dorothy Walker. They later moved to Conroe, Texas where Daryl spent most of his time playing golf at River Plantation Golf Course. Daryl graduated from Conroe High School in 1982.



Daryl (The Truth) achieved many golf awards at Conroe High School, The University of Texas and Sam Houston State University. Some of Daryl's achievements were; he won the Texas Oklahoma Jr., Most Valuable Player, All American Golf Team, National Collegiate Championship, Intercollegiate Golf Medalist, 2nd in the Texas State Amateur, reached the match play portion of the US Amateur and NCAA All American in 1986. Daryl also played on the Nike, Hogan, Ninfas, Asian and Australian Tours from 1988- 1994.

He went on to marry the love of his life, Tara Walker on December 23, 1995. Daryl was an adoring father to Reese, Cade and Meg Walker. He raised his family in Montgomery, Texas. Daryl's faith was an instrumental part in every area of his life. Daryl and his family were active members of Fellowship of Montgomery. His career had many successes and accolades throughout the years. He was highly respected and admired for his dedication to his career. Daryl spent endless hours working for Club Car and EZ Go as a Territory and Fleet Representative.

Daryl loved spending time with his family, coaching little league baseball, fishing and taking his dog Koda to the farm on the weekends. Daryl was a man who loved helping others.

Daryl was joyfully joined in heaven by his parents, LB and Dorothy Walker. Daryl is survived by his loving wife, Tara Walker; his children, Reese Day Walker, Cade Christian Walker and Megan Elizabeth Walker; sister Debbie Walker-Blair and husband Ed Blair; sister Denise Huggins, brother David Walker and wife Maureen; mother and father-in-law, Dorothy and Gary Day; sister and brothers-in-law, Alex and Alicia Berwick, Jeremy and Amanda Hill. He was also blessed with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Rest in peace.

*Please continue to keep Kevin Lyles and his family in your thoughts and prayers.*

Kevin's wife, Jane Lyles, 56, passed away after a long battle with ovarian, lymph node, liver, and stomach cancer. Kevin met Jane in Sherman, TX while attending Grayson Community College, where they met at Bible Chair. Jane earned her Masters Degree in education, specializing in special education. Jane had a huge love for kids and babies and helped many families in dealing with learning challenges. She was referred to as



the kid magnet. Her passion was singing in church choir and working with the children's choir at First Baptist Church in Porter. Jane retired in 2016 and fought cancer until it took her in mid August, 2020. As a retirement gift to herself, she and Kevin went to Washington, D.C., where she sang with a choir in concert with Steven Curtis Chapman. Rest in peace.

# HELP KEVIN WHITE BTHO LYMPHOMA!



Kevin White's  
FIGHT

## Join Us for the Kevin White's Fight Golf Tournament!



Kevin White's  
FIGHT

Kevin White recently found out that he has Lymphoma. Many of his friends and others in our community want to help support Kevin and his family as he begins this fight. Knowing Kevin and his love for golf, there is no better way for everyone to show our love and support than to join us Monday, September 14th for the Kevin White's Fight Golf Tournament! The funds raised from this tournament will be an incredible way to show your support for Kevin and his family as he battles and beats lymphoma.



**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)**





## Memorial Park Golf Results

### Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member Tournament

July 14, 2020 Host: Jason Harsh

**Gross:**

**Supt/Pro Division**

1st - 67

Junior Schuette  
Jared Jones

2nd - 68

Jason Barrington  
Carson Hunt

**Gross:**

**Mbr/Mbr Division**

1st - 68

Chris Webster  
Brian Johnson

2nd - 69

Sean Wilson  
Daniel McCann

**Net:**

**Supt/Pro Division**

1st - 66

Jason Burgess  
Matt Nyren

2nd - 69

Jeff Smelser  
Donnie St. Germain

**Net:**

**Mbr/Mbr Division**

1st - 64

Carl Tolbert  
Steven Chernosky

2nd - 65

Tanner Chrastecky  
Ben Dickerson

**Proximity Winners**

<u>Closest to Pin</u>	<u>Longest Drive</u>	<u>CTP 2nd Shot</u>
#2 - Donnie St. Germain	#1 - Jesus Polio	#5 - Daniel McCann
#7 - Doug Browne	#3 - Donnie St. Germain	#6 - Matt Nyren
#9 - Mike Archer	#4 - Carl Tolbert	#8 - Mike Archer
#15 - Sean Wilson	#16 - Jared Jones	#10 - Jason Burgess
		#12 - Carson Hunt
		#13 - Jared Jones
		#17 - Seth Logan
		#18 - Carson Hunt



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## Syngenta launches three innovative fungicides to help superintendents improve disease control



Ascernity®, Posterity® XT and Posterity Forte fungicides are new options for controlling key diseases in warm- and cool-season turf

**GREENSBORO, N.C., USA, July 30, 2020** – As part of the company's continued commitment to provide innovative solutions for superintendents, Syngenta is launching three fungicides for golf course turf. Ascernity, Posterity XT and Posterity Forte fungicides deliver proven, long-lasting control of diseases like dollar spot, spring dead spot, anthracnose and large patch.

"As the needs of superintendents continue to evolve, so does our commitment to ongoing innovation," said Steve Dorer, fungicide brand manager for turf at Syngenta. "Each of these fungicides features an optimized formulation that combines trusted active ingredients with advanced technology to provide enhanced, broader-spectrum control, resistance management and longevity, which are ideal for protecting fairways and greens."

Ascernity combines the advanced SDHI technology SOLATENOL® (benzovindiflupyr) with difenoconazole, the proven cooling DMI, to bring broad-spectrum disease control into focus.

Ascernity offers superintendents:

- Long-lasting control as the cornerstone of the GreenTrust® 365 Large Patch Assurance Program
- Excellent control of foliar diseases like anthracnose and brown patch
- Turf safety with no heat restrictions even in the summer when disease pressure is high

Building on the power of Posterity, with ADEPIDYN® technology (pydiflumetofen), Posterity XT and Posterity Forte combine three leading active ingredients from different FRAC groups to put long-lasting disease protection into motion.

The benefits of Posterity XT include:

- Up to 28 days of control of more than 20 diseases including brown patch, summer patch and dollar spot
- Broad-spectrum control of more than 25 cool-season turf diseases on fairways, tees, greens and roughs
- Powerful control as part of the GreenTrust 365 Fairy Ring Assurance Program

Posterity Forte provides:

- Exceptional control as the foundation for the GreenTrust 365 Spring Dead Spot and Take-all Root Rot Assurance Program
- Up to 28 days of industry-leading dollar spot control on warm- and cool-season turf

For resistance management and broad-spectrum disease control, the Syngenta technical services team has developed agronomic programs that strategically rotate these fungicides with other trusted products. To find recommendations for incorporating Ascernity, Posterity XT and Posterity Forte into an existing agronomic program, visit [GreenCastOnline.com/Programs](http://GreenCastOnline.com/Programs).

"We know that superintendents are constantly being asked to do more at their courses," said Stephanie Schwenke, turf market manager for Syngenta. "These three products provide significantly stronger, broader disease control that led to the creation of three new assurance programs - all of which are supported by soil temperature alerts to help maximize application timing."

Ascernity, Posterity XT and Posterity Forte will be available for purchase in August.

For more information, including trial data and supporting videos, visit [GreenCastOnline.com/Ascernity](http://GreenCastOnline.com/Ascernity), [GreenCastOnline.com/PosterityXT](http://GreenCastOnline.com/PosterityXT) and [GreenCastOnline.com/PosterityForte](http://GreenCastOnline.com/PosterityForte).

Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter with @SyngentaTurf by using #Time4Ascernity, #Time4Posterity and #TurfInnovation.

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## Annual Scholarship Tournament & Live Auction Results High Meadow Ranch Golf Club

August 4, 2020  
Host: Steven Chernosky

### GROSS

#### 1st Place - 55

Chris Webster, Jason Barrington, Tanner Chrastecky, Tim Phillips

#### 2nd Place - 56

Justin Lonon, Steve Gilley, Philip Littlefield, Eric Glover

#### 3rd Place - 57

Brandon Cole, Mark Baughman, Connor Dougherty, Daryl Walker

### NET

#### 1st Place - 38.75

Allen Plagens, Tanner Light, Colt Phillips, Jon Snider

#### 2nd Place - 44.5 (Scorecard Playoff)

Cody Skarpa, Dustin Blum, Christian Rodriguez, Ben Dickerson

#### 3rd Place - 44.5 (Scorecard Playoff)

Mike Archer, Joey Taylor, Luke Kincaid, James Kimberly



### Proximity Winners

- #1 CTP 2nd Shot - Daryl Walker
- #2 LD - Philip Littlefield
- #2 LD (Pros) - Kelly Lotton
- #3 CTP 2nd Shot - Jim Struthers
- #4 LD - Justin Montemayor
- #5 CTP (Pros) - Logan Blundell

- #6 CTP - Justin Montemayor
- #7 CTP 2nd Shot - Steve Gilley
- #8 CTP (Pros) - Joey Branham
- #9 CTP - Jackie Smith
- #10 LD - Tanner Light
- #11 CTP - Philip Littlefield

- 12 CTP 2nd Shot - Philip Littlefield
- #14 CTP - Tyler Uhlig
- #15 CTP 2nd Shot - Steve Gilley
- #16 CTP - Paul Tessman
- #17 CTP 2nd Shot - Tom Werner
- #18 CTP 2nd Shot - Pat Neuendorff

**Thank you to Steven Chernosky & Staff for another great event!**

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South Texas GCSA, Inc. is proud to present a check to the Astros Golf Foundation from a portion of the proceeds raised at our Superintendent/Pro Tournament at Memorial Park! Thank you to Jason Harsh & AmeriTurf for sponsoring this event!



Left to Right: Brandon Cole (STGCSA Affiliate Director), Carrie Cole (STGCSA Executive Director), Mark Baughman (STGCSA Affiliate Director), Giles Kibbe (President Astros Golf Foundation), Julie Blum (GM Memorial Park), Brian White (Sales Manager Astros Golf Foundation), Anita Sehgal (Sr. VP Marketing & Communications Astros Golf Foundation)



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# South Texas GCSA donates golf cart to veterans museum

By: Joseph Brown, The Item Huntsville, TX Jul 29, 2020

The H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum of Texas received an early Christmas gift Tuesday.

The South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association donated a new electric golf cart to the local veterans museum. Museum Executive Director Tara Burnett said the cart, manufactured by E-Z-GO, will be used to transport handicap and/or disabled visitors to outdoor displays across the museum grounds. The cart will also help shuttle visitors during events from parking areas away from the museum.

## H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum of Texas

H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum is a one of a kind Museum. We are not a typical military museum, in fact, we don't consider ourselves a military museum at all. We are a museum about people. Particularly the veterans who have served to protect our nation, preserve our freedom, and to secure the freedom of people around the world.

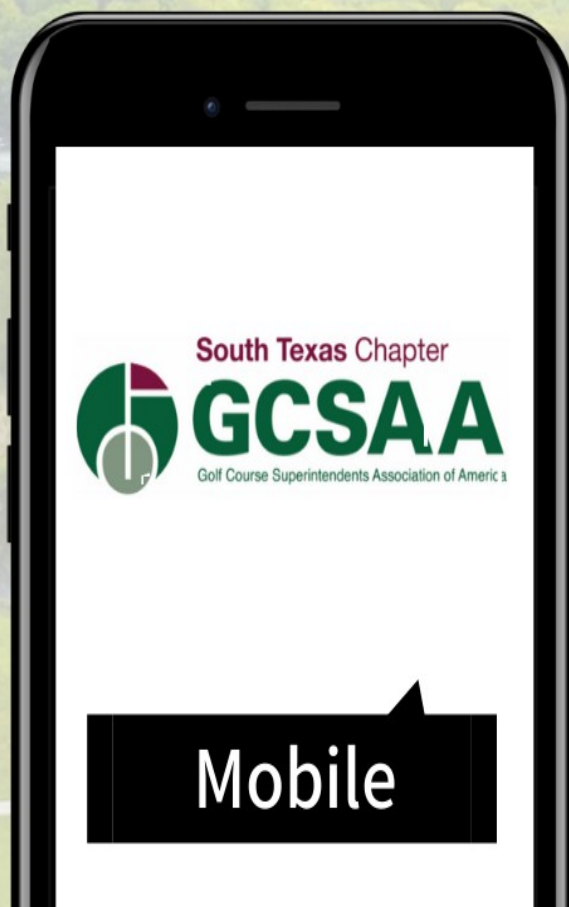


*Pictured, from left are, STGCSA Affiliate Director Brandon Cole, STGCSA President David Gray, and STGCSA Past President Jerry Huntsman.*



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*The Clubs at Houston Oaks  
2020 South Texas Chapter Championship  
August 25, 2020*

*Thank you to Tanner Chrastacky and all the Staff at Houston Oaks for hosting a great Event!  
Congratulations to all of our winners!*

Championship	Name	Score
<b>Flight</b>		
1st Place	Steve Gilley	71
2nd Place	Justin Lonon	76

1st	Name	Score
<b>Flight</b>		
1st Place	Terrell Gallman	79
2nd Place	Allen Plagens	81

2nd	Name	Score
<b>Flight</b>		
1st Place	Ben Fultz	90
2nd Place	Ben Dickerson	90

3rd	Name	Score
<b>Flight</b>		
1st Place	Cody Skarpa	71
2nd Place	Chris Teafatiller	73

**Proximity Winners**

**Long Drive 0 - 12.9 hdcp**

#4 - Steven Chernosky

**CTP 0 - 12.9 hdcp**

#15 - Terry Gill

**Long Drive 13+ hdcp**

#11 - Ben Dickerson

**CTP 13+ hdcp**

#5 - Ed Schultheis



**Member/Guest/Guest/Guest**  
**Walden on Lake Conroe**  
**September 15, 2020**



**Host: Kevin Hill**

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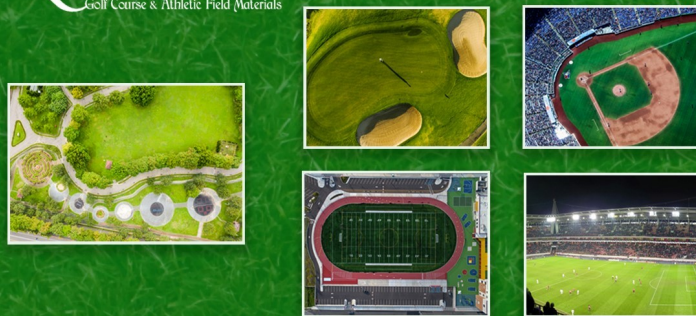
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### John Walker - South Central Region

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

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## BASF helps GCSAA members

Everyone is busy these days managing their lives, families and work in what was an unimaginable start of 2020. We have squeezed the creative juices out of ourselves to find ways to cope and survive, hopefully successfully.

Because of the coronavirus we have come together in new ways. It's important, now more than ever, to reach out and lend a hand. Support can be simple or significant, it's all meaningful and makes a lasting impact to the person receiving it.

BASF is proud to help and support GCSAA's members in two ways.

We're sharing a video series on the GCSAA-TV sponsored channel. **Leadership in All Seasons** includes videos to help every golf course professional with career development and leadership skills. Continue to visit the site to see new videos added throughout the coming months. <https://www.gcsaa.tv/sponsor/basf>

In May, BASF donated \$25,000 to the GCSAA's Disaster Relief fund. The donation helps GCSAA to provide immediate financial assistance to its members who have suffered job loss due to the effects of COVID-19.

"A significant number of our team members are former superintendents," says Stephanie Jensen, Director of BASF Professional & Specialty Solutions. "We are deeply committed to supporting the industry through this unprecedented time and proudly partner with GCSAA to help provide financial relief to those members in need."

The GCSAA Disaster Relief Fund was created in 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It continues today as a resource for members who face tragedy caused by natural disasters by providing the opportunity for peers in the industry to help each other through monetary donations.

"BASF has shown great generosity by helping GCSAA members who are in need during these unprecedented times," GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans says. "They have been longtime supporters of our members, and this gift is further evidence of that."

This donation elevates BASF to the Platinum Tee Club signifying the highest level of support to the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), the philanthropic organization of GCSAA.

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## Golf Industry Show shifts to virtual format for 2021

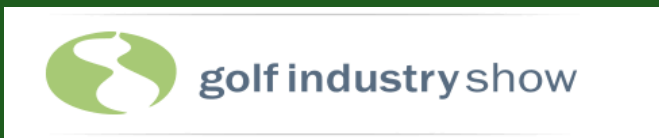
Lawrence, Kan. (Aug. 12, 2020) – The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has announced that the 2021 Golf Industry Show will transition to a virtual format from the previously planned in-person event in Las Vegas in February.

Registration for the 2021 Golf Industry Show will open Oct. 13.

**Congratulations to Wade Warms & Kevin Lyles for receiving the 2019 Scholarship!**

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## Back to Basics: Predict the Future of Your Irrigation Ponds with Bathymetric Mapping

Written by Trent Nelson, Aquatic Specialist and Business Development Consultant

One of a superintendent's biggest fears is not having enough water in their irrigation ponds, especially during the dry season when rain is not in the immediate forecast. As a former assistant golf course superintendent, I remember times when our irrigation lake was extremely low, and our greens could not go one more night without water. I knew there was a good chance that I'd be hand watering them several times the next day, and each day without rain seemed to require more applied water than the one before. I knew I would soon be staring at mud in the irrigation lake.

This is not a situation that any golf course or turf manager wants to find himself or herself navigating, yet it seems to happen at some point every year. Along with the tremendous amount of scientific research, management techniques and cutting edge pesticides that are available to manage turf, there are strategies and tools that are equally important to ensure your ponds are managed properly, they are aesthetically pleasing to your guests, and that they can maintain their capacity for irrigation - one of the industry's most important maintenance tasks.

If you ever questioned what the water-storage capacity is in your irrigation pond or wondered how much water you have left you are an ideal candidate for bathymetry. Bathymetry, which is a study of the three-dimensional volume and bottom contours of a waterbody, can answer your questions and help you budget for the short- and long-term maintenance required to keep your pond in working order. Looking below the water surface is very similar to analyzing a soil test report or evaluating the root system of your greens.



If you observe that your pond's capacity is decreasing, the bathymetric study will likely indicate that it has accumulated too much sediment and organic matter. All lakes and ponds have a natural lifespan that can be cut short by an abundance of sediment buildup, nuisance algae, vegetation growth, animal activity or a combination of these factors. Poor bank stabilization, improper buffer management and increased upstream development can also be large contributing factors to undesirable sedimentation.



If proper management strategies are not implemented to maintain sufficient depth and volume, your water resources will eventually reach a point of no return. In this event, dredging is generally the only option available to restore the original volume. While dredging is effective and usually necessary at some point in a lake or pond's lifespan, it is extremely costly. Luckily, tools like bathymetry provide valuable data that can be used to calculate how soon dredging will need to occur and design a management plan to prolong the need for as long as possible. Bathymetry is also crucial to help estimate the eventual expense so you can start budgeting sooner rather than later.

Just as no two waterbodies are the same, no two management plans should take the exact same approach. However, many lakes and ponds can benefit from some combination of proactive management solutions like buffer management, bioengineered shorelines, fountains and aeration, nanobubble technology, hydro-raking, nutrient remediation, and regular water quality assessments. Whether your golf course ponds are already exhibiting depth and volume problems, or you would like to get ahead of potential issues before they become too costly, your lake management professional can design a custom management plan that aligns that helps protect the longevity of your irrigation ponds.



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All topics are welcomed!

## Managing 'Out of Play' Turf Easier

By: Scott Dunham, BASF

The pandemic has put constraints on our resources. Whether it is our time, labor, or equipment, we are being asked to do our jobs in new ways and in many cases with less.

One place where you might be able to manage your time and cost better is the 'out of play' areas on your course. Whether those areas are out of bounds, an open common area, empty housing lots, or the 'Back 40'. These turf areas require weekly or bi-weekly mowing to keep them looking manageable or just to keep seed heads down. Taking valuable labor hours from you and wearing out your equipment, just to make these low impact, highly visible turf areas look good on the property.

Over the last two years several turf managers and superintendents have found a better way to manage these out of play areas and lower their input cost. They are applying imazapic, the active ingredient in Plateau herbicide. The results, in most cases, have eliminated summer mowing in those areas. Freeing up their work force to take care of the high value turf down the middle of their course and putting less wear and tear on their equipment.

Superintendents start the program by mowing their out of play areas in May to the desirable height, usually 3-5" and being sure to cut off any seed heads cleanly. Then they let the cut turf heal for 3-4 days following the cutting. Next they apply 2 fl oz per acre of Plateau with COC or MSO. In most cases the superintendents have not had to mow these treated areas the rest of the summer.

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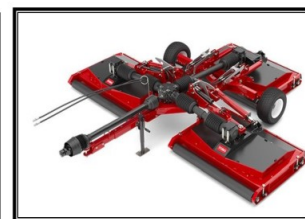


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