

2021 STGCSA Chapter Championship

Congratulations to:

Steve Gilley Pat Johnston Junior Schuette Cody Skarpa for taking home the 1st Place Trophies!

(Results on page 7)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jason Barríngton - President STGCSA



I hope everyone is having a great summer. It has definitely been a crazy year. I am sorry that I have not been to any of the meetings lately. I plan on attending the meetings again starting in August after our course reopens. It has been a great learning experience, but one that I hope I do not have to go through again.

I hope everyone has a great summer and all of you are able to get your courses in great condition.

Stay cool and we will see you in August.

Jason Barrington



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.org so we can share the latest news and get to know our fellow members!

Member/Guest/Guest/Guest Memorial Park

July 26, 2021



Host: Jason Harsh

Bring your family and friends out for a fun day of golf!

<u>Click Here to Register</u>

2021 South Texas GCSA, Inc. Scholarship Application



The 2021 Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held in December 2021 (Date & Location TBA)

The Application deadline is September 1, 2021

The Transcript deadline is October 1, 2021

Send all documents by email or mail. Transcripts need to be mailed directly to:

South Texas, GCSA, Inc. PO Box 2443 Cypress,TX 77410-2443

Click Here for the 2021 STGCSA Scholarship Application















Score

79

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Score

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Golfcrest Country Club 2021 South Texas Chapter Championship June 21, 2021

Thank you to Paul Purdom and all the Staff at Golfcrest CC for hosting a great Event! Congratulations to all of our winners!

1st

3rd

Flight

1st Place

Flight

1st Place

2nd Place

Championship	Name	Score
Flight 1st Place	Steve Gilley	71
2nd Place	Mark Haven	75
2nd Flight	Name	Score
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Junior Schuette

Carter Hindes

Proximity	Winners

Long Drive 0 - 12.9 hdcp #10 - Pat Johnston

1st Place

2nd Place

CTP 0 - 12.9 hdcp #8 - Pat Johnston

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85

Long Drive 13+ hdcp #1 –Tim Phillips





Name

Pat Johnston

Seth Logan

Cody Skarpa

Name









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

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MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN DAN CRENSHAW

by John Walker | Jun 14, 2021

Several weeks ago I helped Jeremy Lewis, director of golf course maintenance at the Clubs of Kingwood, get signed up to become a Grassroots Ambassador. After speaking with Michael Lee and myself and learning the talking points, Jeremy had set an appointment to meet with Congressman Dan Crenshaw. Jeremy advised me of the meeting and I let him know that I would be happy to attend the meeting with him. I informed Jeremy that these meetings usually involve one of the staffers from the congressman's office and we might not even meet the congressman. To both of our surprise, the congressman was there to greet us and meet with us when we arrived for the appointment.



We met with him in his conference room and one of his staffers that was an avid golfer. Mr. Crenshaw told us that he did play but his skills were lacking some for this sport. He said he liked being on the golf course when he had time for it but his time is very limited now that he is in office. Jeremy and I discussed the Best Management Practice document that was developed by Lone Star GCSA, the H-2 Visa program and the PHIT Act. Congressman Crenshaw was very attentive and eager to learn more about these issues and he asked us many questions on how

these issues would benefit the golf course industry. Mr. Crenshaw was very candid during our meeting and he gave us some insight as to how things worked in Washington D.C. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jeremy and I thanked the congressman for his time and he thanked us for representing the golf course industry and for our time as well. Mr. Crenshaw said he would be communicating with us in the coming months to give us some updates on our discussion.

I encourage all Grassroots Ambassadors, especially in my region, to schedule meetings with their congress people to get discussions started. A phone call to the office scheduler will get the ball rolling and Michael Lee and myself are always there to help. The experience is very rewarding and this is how we can tell our story and build a relationship with our elected officials.





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Help your GCSAA-affiliated chapter win \$500 by downloading the GCSAA Now Mobile App. There are two ways for a chapter to win:

- · Most chapter members who have downloaded the GCSAA app
- Highest percentage of the chapter membership who have downloaded the GCSAA app

The contest runs May 4-July 31, 2021. You must be a member of the GCSAA-affiliated chapter for your download to count in the contest. Once you download the app, share this page or the QR code with your fellow chapter members to increase your chance of winning.

ChAPPter Challenge Leaderboard (as of June 28, 2021)

Most chapter members who have downloaded the app

- GCSA of New Jersey
- 🔹 South Texas GCSA 🛛 🗲
- GCSA of South Dakota (tie)
- Michigan GCSA (tie)
- Cactus and Pine GCSA (tie)
- Heart of America GCSA (tie)

Highest percentage of chapter members who have downloaded the app

- GCSA of South Dakota
- Miami Valley GCSA
- GCSA of New Jersey





the ChAPPter Challenge!

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South Texas GCSA is once again offering the:

2021 STGCSA Marian Takushi Memorial GIS Scholarship

The STGCSA is sending two deserving Superintendent Members to the February 5-10, 2022 Golf Industry Show in San Diego, California.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ -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 2022 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 Carrie Cole at stgcsa@stgcsa.org by November 1, 2021.

<u>Click Here to Apply</u>





golf industry show

Save The Date!

Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member

August 31, 2021





Harrell Receives Florida GCSA's Marie Roberts Lifetime Service Award

Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association honors Harrell's CEO as the eighth recipient of the Lifetime Service Award in the last 16 years.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA (May 17, 2021) - Harrell's, LLC CEO Jack Harrell, Jr. was formally honored with the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association's Marie Roberts Lifetime Service Award at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club last weekend.

The Marie Roberts Lifetime Service Award is presented to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Florida GCSA and Golf industry through participation, support and achievements in the industry. Harrell received the award Saturday.

Mr. Harrell has been a prominent member of the golf community in Florida and the GCSAA for many years, continually showing commitment through Harrell's by providing financial support, ongoing educational support for industry members and representing the entire industry on its behalf via government relations work.



"Normally, the Florida GCSA uses the roundtable and reception before the annual golf championship and team scramble to recognize the award winners. But getting together was so tough in 2020 because of the pandemic that those events were canceled." Said Florida Green editor Dan Jones.

Harrell joins a list of prestigious individuals dating back to the inaugural award in 2005. While the award is relatively new, being presented with it is no small feat as each individual has dedicated their career to the industry.

"It's an honor to receive this award and be amongst the prestigious list of previous recipients," Harrell said. "I love this industry; I was raised into it from a young age and it holds a special place in my heart. But I wouldn't be here today without the support and dedication of the Harrell's team. They make everything possible, every day, across all of our locations."



Jack Harrell, Jr (center) with Matt Taylor (left), Royal Poinciana Golf Club and board member; and Cisco Navas (right), Cypress Woods Golf and Country Club and president of the Everglades Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

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GCSAA survey shows increase in golf course superintendent salaries

Average salary up 4.5% for superintendents, 7.5% for Certified Golf Course Superintendents. May 11, 2021 | GCM staff

The average annual salary for golf course superintendents has climbed to \$97,354 in 2021.

This and additional data come from the latest biennial Compensation and Benefits Report from GCSAA. The \$97,354 average salary represents an increase of 4.5% compared with the average salary in 2019, continuing the trend of increases in every two-year period since GCSAA began tracking the data in 1993. Superintendents' salaries have more than doubled in the three decades since the first report, when the average salary was \$44,500.



Certified Golf Course Superintendents — those who have achieved the highest level of recognition through education, experience and service — have seen a 7.5% salary increase compared with 2019.Their average salary has risen to \$119,558, an increase of \$8,308 over 2019.

Editor's note: Regional agronomist Dave Waymire, CGCS, shares wisdom from several tenured turf managers to help fellow superintendents get to the top of their game in The 10 commandments of successful golf course superintendents.

Assistant superintendents and golf course equipment managers have also seen increases in their incomes. Assistant salaries have grown 5.6%, and equipment manager salaries 5% compared with two years ago.

"As golf has risen in popularity in the past year, it's clear that employers understand the value of these highly educated professionals who oversee the golf facility's top asset," says Rhett Evans, GCSAA CEO. "In particular, they see the positive impact of rewarding those who seek the highest level of knowledge, as Certified Golf Course Superintendents do."

The report also offers a profile of GCSAA superintendents and their operations. The average age of a superintendent is 47.3 years, and he or she has spent 16.7 years in the profession. The average number of years a superintendent has spent in his or her current position has stayed steady at 10.4 years.

In December 2020 and January 2021, the association research firm Industry Insights sent the 2021 Compensation and Benefits survey to all GCSAA Class A and Class B members, and the response rate was 43%, with a margin of error of plus or minus 1.3% and a 95% level of confidence.

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