



Annual Meeting & Past Presidents Meeting
November 4, 2019
Panorama Golf Club

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*STGCSA Meeting &
 Education*

CLEAR CREEK
Houston

October 15, 2019

Host: Chris Teafatiller



Education Sponsored by:



Topic: Weed Control

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

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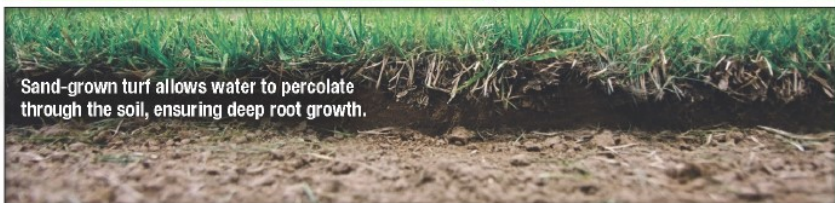
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jerry Huntsman - President STGCSA



It has been a true honor serving as your 2019 STGCSA President. Thank you to all of the South Texas members for your support and appreciation this past year.

Our October Monthly Meeting & Education is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at Clear Creek, where Chris Teafatiller will be hosting Dr. James T. Brosnan from The University of Tennessee, presenting on Weed Control. BASF has kindly sponsored our education portion of this meeting, so a big thank you to Scott Dunham with BASF. Please plan to donate a new toy or \$20 for our annual Toy Drive to give back to the community this holiday season.

We will wrap up our year at Panorama Golf Club on November 4 for our Annual & Past Presidents Meeting, with Steve Gilley as our host. The Toy Drive will be open at this meeting as well. We sincerely appreciate your support to this great cause and hope to see you out at these next two events.

The STGCSA Christmas Party is tentatively set for Saturday, December 7, 2019. Location is still TBD. We hope everyone can make it out to this celebration, where we will have dinner, raffle prizes, and some great entertainment.

Thank you all again for allowing me to serve such a great association!

Jerry Huntsman

Meeting Schedule

November 4, 2019
Annual Meeting & Past
Presidents Meeting
Panorama Golf Club

December 7, 2019
STGCSA Christmas Party
TBD

January 21, 2020
Annual CEU Training
Sand Hill Farm

January 25 - 30, 2020
Golf Industry Show
Orlando, FL

*For more meeting information,
please visit www.stgcsa.org*

Running for Executive Board 2020

There is One Board of Director Seat Open for 2020. If you are interested in running, please contact the office or a current Board Member. We would love to have you!



Running for President:
David Gray

I am running for the position of 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.



Sitting in the Past President's chair:
Jerry Huntsman

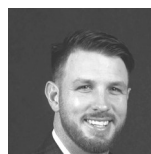
Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President in 2019. It was my pleasure.

Candidates for STGCSA Board of Directors - 2020



Running for Vice President:
Jason Barrington

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:
Chris Ortmeier

I am running for Secretary of Treasure. It is a great opportunity to learn and help our industry. I look forward to serving you.



Returning Board of Director:
Blayne Sparks

Thank you for the opportunity to continue my service to this great organization, in the effort to reinforce and build upon the foundation for which it was created.



Running for Board of Director:
Allen Plagens

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



Returning Board of Director:
Wade Warms, CGCS

I would like to continue to give back to the association that has meant so much to me over the years.



Returning Board of Director:
Chris Teafatiller

I sincerely enjoy giving back to an organization that has done so much for me and my career.



Running for Board of Director:
Tim Phillips

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



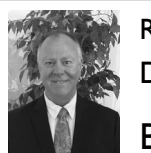
Returning Affiliate Board Member:
Brandon Cole

2020 marks my 21st year with STGCSA and 11 years on the Board of Directors. I'm so proud to serve this great organization and represent our affiliate members! Thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to serve STGCSA.



Running for 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.



Returning Affiliate Board Member:
Dale Bowman

Being on the Board allows me to intermingle with our group and I really enjoy it.



South Texas Chapter

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Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

Welcome All 2019 New or Returning Members!!!!

Brady Forshey - Superintendent @ Champions Golf Club

Charles Crandal - Assistant Superintendent @ Champions Golf Club

Donny Latham - Director of Agronomy @ Bentwater Yacht & Country Club

Corey Tarver - Superintendent @ Bentwater Yacht & Country Club (Miller Course)

Brandon Fuchs - Assistant Superintendent @ Grand Pines at Bentwater

Miles Carlson - Superintendent @ Grand Pines Golf Club

Chris Foust - Assistant Superintendent @ Walden on Lake Conroe

Richard Flores - Superintendent @ Jersey Meadows Golf Club

Tyler Spencer - Superintendent @ Fay Ranch

Zach Boleware - Assistant Superintendent @ Fay Ranch

Ben Hutchins - Head Superintendent @ Willow Creek Country Club

Kevin Francis - Superintendent @ City Course at Phillips Event Center

Joshua Garrison - Assistant Superintendent @ Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club

Joseph Mendoza - Head Mechanic @ Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club

Craig Springman - Assistant Superintendent @ Lake Windcrest

Brian Daniel - Western US Manager @ Aqua Aid Solutions

Clint Evans - Territory Sales Representative @ Brookside Equipment Sales

Seth Logan - Business Development Specialist Golf/Sports Turf @ Horizon Distributors

Riley Maxey - South Texas Sales Manager @ GLK Turf Solutions

Logan Behrens - Asst. Superintendent @ The Woodlands CC Tournament Course

Frank Bittner - Owner @ Precise Control

James Wallace - Superintendent @ Black Hawk CC

Dillon McDonald - Sales Representative @ Sand Express

Steven Chernosky - Superintendent @ High Meadow Ranch GC

Gant Austin - Texas Regional Manager @ POGO Turfpro

Brent LeBlanc - Superintendent @ Koasati Pines at Coushatta Casino Resort

Matthew Petermann - Assistant Superintendent @ Westwood Golf Club

We welcome you to the Association!!!!



The Clubs at Houston Oaks Golf Results
 Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member Tournament

September 9, 2019 Host: Tanner Chrastecky

Gross:

Supt/Pro Division

1st - 64

Donny Latham
 Ronald Thatcher

2nd - 66

Nick Johnson
 Casey Russell

Gross:

Mbr/Mbr Division

1st - 67

Steve Gilley
 Tanner Chrastecky

2nd - 71

Dale Miller
 Doug Browne

Net:

Supt/Pro Division

1st - 63

Blayne Sparks
 John Stark

2nd - 65

Kevin Lyles
 Olie Karlstrom

Net:

Mbr/Mbr Division

1st - 64

Rick Partain
 Tim Phillips

2nd - 66

Carl Tolbert
 Steven Chernosky

Proximity Winners

<u>Closest to Pin</u>	<u>Longest Drive</u>	<u>CTP 2nd Shot</u>
#5 - Donnie Freeman	#4 - Chase Cooper	#1 - Steve Gilley
#7 - Casey Russell	#8 - Rex VanHoose	#2 - Chase Cooper
#13 - Bryan Pace	#11 - Tanner Chrastecky	#3 - Doug Browne
#15 - Casey Russell	#16 - Mark Duranski	#6 - Mark Duranski
		#8 - Nick Johnson
		#9 - John Saffle
		#10 - Jason Barrington
		#12 - Casey Russell
		#14 - Brian Johnson
		#16 - Casey Russell





South Texas GCSA, Inc. R4R Silent Auction

Below is a list of Rounds that we are auctioning off. Please email Carrie Cole at stgcsa@stgcsa.org with the Round that you are interested in and your highest bid amount for that Round. 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

[Click Here for Details/Exclusions](#)



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- engine technology
- hydraulic systems
- metalworking and fabrication
- spray systems
- fundamentals of turfgrass operations

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Member Spotlight

Chris Ortmeier, Director of Agronomy @ Champions Golf Club



Director of Agronomy, Chris Ortmeier was born Nov. 8, 1984 in Del Rio, Texas. He grew up in Highland Village, Texas and lived there from age 2 to 21. He graduated from Flower Mound Marcus High School in 2003, attended Navarro Junior College from 2003-2005, and Texas Tech University from 2005-2007. He interned at Colonial CC for the 2006 Bank of America Colonial and spent the rest of the summer at Lantana Golf Club under GCS Kurt Sewell. He graduated from Texas Tech in 2007 with a B.S. in Horticulture with a specialization in Turfgrass Management and worked at Colonial from 2007 to 2014 under CGCS Scott Ebers. He has been at Champions Golf

Club since June of 2014.

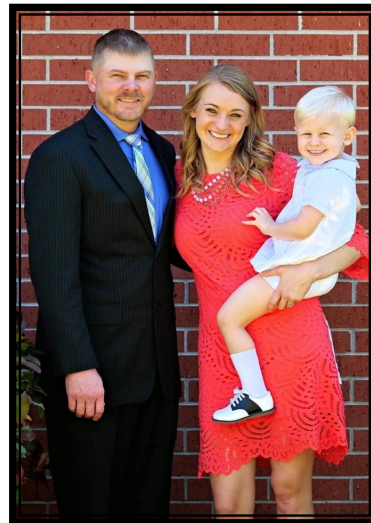
He is married to Jenna Ortmeier and resides in Tomball with a daughter Greysen (9) and two sons Jackson (4), and Lawson (2).

He has been a GCSAA member since 2007, STGCSA member since 2014, served on the 2012 Assistant Superintendent Committee for GCSAA, and the STGCSA Board of Directors since 2018.

Allen Plagens, Director of Agronomy @ The Golf Trails of The Woodlands

I grew up in Franklin, TX on a big Texas cattle ranch. I spent many late afternoons hitting golf balls into the pasture to my make-shift greens and flags. You could say being a superintendent was calling me at a young age, I just needed to listen. After my high school graduation, my father had the first of several heart attacks that left his business unattended. I decided not to go to college and work for him to help keep the business going. After he recovered, I stayed and continued to help him. We spent many weekends playing golf together. One day we were playing a round of golf and I complained about a branch being on a cart path (yes, I was that guy). I told my father and the others playing in the group that I could take care of a golf course. How hard could it be?

I graduated from TSTC in December of 2005 and started work right away at Lake Windcrest Golf Club as the Assistant Superintendent. Needless to say, I found out very quickly how hard it was to take care of a golf course. I spent many afternoons picking the Superintendent's brain on how and why things were done. After 5 years, I was offered the superintendent position at Panther Trail Golf Course, which turned into becoming the Director of Agronomy for The Golf Trails of The Woodlands. I am grateful for all the opportunities and relationships I have made over my 14 years in the Houston area. When I am not out on the courses, I am enjoying time with my wife of 7 years, Leah, and my 3 year old son Luke. Some days parenting makes taking care of the golf course seem easy again.



Member Spotlight

Scott Dunham, Sales Representative @ BASF



Scott is a sales rep for BASF. He has been in the turf industry for 20 years and started his career in ag chemicals with American Cyanamid in 1980. He has worked in most crops in North America and over the last 20 years focused on turf and ornamentals in South Texas.

Scott graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Entomology and minoring in Chemistry. His major emphasis was on Integrated Pest Management.

Scott has been a member of the South Texas GCSA since 2012 and helped continue the Ultradwarf Summit education seminar and sponsored several education seminars for the Chapter over the last 7 years. In addition, prior to the BASF acquisition of Becker Underwood he was president of the Texas Vegetation Management Association and involved several industry organizations throughout the Southern states.

He is currently involved in organizing additional education opportunities for turf professionals throughout the South. He lives in College Station.

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*DIAMOND SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERSHIP (ALL 2020 EVENTS)		*DIAMOND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP (ALL 2020 EVENTS)	
Event/Dues	Price	Event/Dues	Price
Yearly Dues	\$120.00	Yearly Dues	\$300.00
January Meeting	\$60.00	January Meeting	\$60.00
March Meeting & Education	\$60.00	March Meeting & Education	\$60.00
April Scholarship Tournament	\$110.00	April Scholarship Tournament	\$110.00
May Meeting & Education	\$60.00	May Meeting & Education	\$60.00
June Chapter Championship	\$65.00	June Chapter Championship	\$65.00
July MGGG	\$75.00	July MGGG	\$75.00
September Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr	\$137.50	September Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr	\$137.50
October Meeting & Education	\$60.00	October Meeting & Education	\$60.00
November Annual Meeting	\$60.00	November Annual Meeting	\$60.00
Christmas Party for 2	\$70.00	Christmas Party for 2	\$70.00
Total Value	\$877.50	Total Value	\$1,057.50
Total Due with Discount	\$700.00	Total Due with Discount	\$850.00
*GOLD SUPERINTENDENT MEMBERSHIP (ALL 2020 EVENTS, except Scholarship, Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr, Christmas Party)		*GOLD AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP (ALL 2020 EVENTS, except Scholarship, Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr, Christmas Party)	
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April Scholarship Tournament		April Scholarship Tournament	
May Meeting & Education	\$60.00	May Meeting & Education	\$60.00
June Chapter Championship	\$65.00	June Chapter Championship	\$65.00
July MGGG	\$75.00	July MGGG	\$75.00
September Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr		September Supt/Pro - Mbr/Mbr	
October Meeting & Education	\$60.00	October Meeting & Education	\$60.00
November Annual Meeting	\$60.00	November Annual Meeting	\$60.00
Christmas Party		Christmas Party	
Total Value	\$560.00	Total Value	\$740.00
Total Due with Discount	\$450.00	Total Due with Discount	\$600.00

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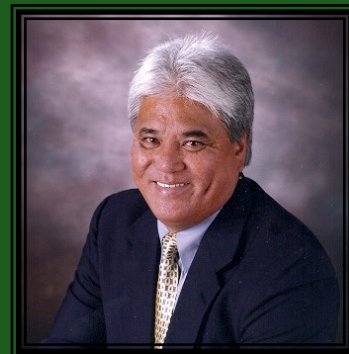
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Rest in Peace Jerry Takushi, longtime member of South Texas GCSA, Inc.

Jerry Takushi, our longtime member of South Texas GCSA, Inc. passed away late September 2019 after months of battling cancer. Jerry joined the United States Airforce and attended college at Mississippi State. He then took a job at Colonial Country Club in Memphis. Following Colonial Country Club, he became Superintendent of Houston Country Club from 1981 to 2002. He was also a longtime Superintendent at Sugar Creek CC and Westwood GC. He is now reunited with his wife, Marian, who passed away back in February of 2018. Please keep his children and family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jerry led a full life and will be missed by many. Jerry will be buried in his native state of Hawaii. Rest in Peace Jerry.



Rest in Peace Courtney White, longtime member of South Texas GCSA, Inc.



Courtney White, our longtime member of South Texas GCSA, Inc. passed away late September 2019. Courtney was a lifetime member of the PGA and owned multiple golf courses in Texas and Colorado, where he worked as a Pro and GM. Before getting into the golf course industry, Courtney was a star running back in high school and received 44 scholarship offers to play in college. He had his own reel grinding business and was an equipment salesman. He also worked as a mechanic at Royal Oaks and Timber Creek. He was married to the love of his life, Sandy, for 59 years. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Courtney was known for always chewing on his cigars, but never lighting them. Courtney led a full life and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Courtney.



Deerwood Recovers from Imelda just in time for the Texas Senior Amateur



After catastrophic floods from Imelda devastating the Kingwood area, Deerwood had just six days to clean up for the Texas Senior Amateur. The TGA extends its sincere appreciation to the Clubs of Kingwood! Congratulations to Jeremy Lewis and his entire grounds crew for turning the course around in less than a week! Job well done!

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Golf Fun Fact:

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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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Wisdom from Top Gun

by Johnny Walker | Sep 12, 2019



I recently saw the movie trailer for the remake of Top Gun coming out next year. The original Top Gun is in my top 5 all-time favorite movies. I am reminded of one of the last scenes in the movie where Iceman is in a dog fight by himself and he is waiting for Maverick to join the fight but Maverick is unsure if he is ready to help. Iceman yells into his radio, "engage, (obscurity), engage (obscurity)." I am sure you all remember that scene.

I paint you that picture to remind you that annual meetings are scheduled this fall for many chapters, and new board directors will be elected. As Iceman said in the movie, "engage, (obscurity)." All chapters need new leadership and now is the time for you to step up and help your chapter succeed. If you are not sure about the commitment, give me a call and we can discuss.

GCSAA has developed a board orientation tool that explains the roles of a director and what the expectations are for that position. It is a very rewarding experience and it can help you become a better manager of your time and your productivity. Please contact your chapter executive or a current board member of your chapter and let them know that you are ready to engage.



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

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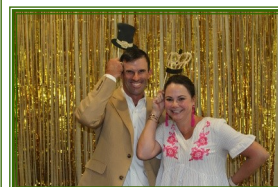
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The List: Five essential (but still simple) golf gambling games

Why not play for something?

By: Tim Gavrich, October 01, 2019

One of the best golf purchases I've ever made was a brief anthology of golf writings by John Updike, called *Golf Dreams*. It was \$6.20 well spent (used, via Amazon).

Updike's essays and reprinted magazine pieces, mixed with great short stories like "Farrell's Caddie," make it both entertaining reading but also insightful content from someone who clearly thought and felt deeply about human interaction and how it plays out on the golf course.

One thing that stands out about *Golf Dreams* is how in many general essays about golf, Updike writes about the game within the context of casual but competitive play: a weekly match at the local course between four friends, often. Though he was never an accomplished player, he nevertheless relished the game's competitive aspects, especially how under the handicap system, "all players are theoretically equalized and an underdog can become, with a small shift of fortunes, a top dog."

The inherent drama that Updike so admired about golf seems to have fallen by the wayside in recent years. Local tournaments are far less popular than they used to be. Even regular four-somes don't seem to play little matches amongst themselves like they used to, whether for a few dollars a side, a beer or just bragging rights. I even tend to have trouble striking up a token game among fellow golf writers at various get-togethers.

I would argue that this competitive apathy has put some strain on the game. If people have nothing to play for, even among friends, there's less incentive to play better or smarter. Lo and behold, this causes reckless play, lost golf balls and slower rounds. Even people playing for nothing seem skittish about raking back four-foot putts. Why?

In fact, it's becoming a stretch to even call golf a "game" for many players anymore. It's more of an activity for them. If there are no consequences for the shots you hit in a round, are you playing golf, or simply "doing" golf?

If you actually enjoy the competitive possibilities golf holds, or are interested in transitioning from a recreational to at least a casually competitive player, here are my five favorite golf gambling games. Most of them are relatively simple, and I think they are your best options.

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