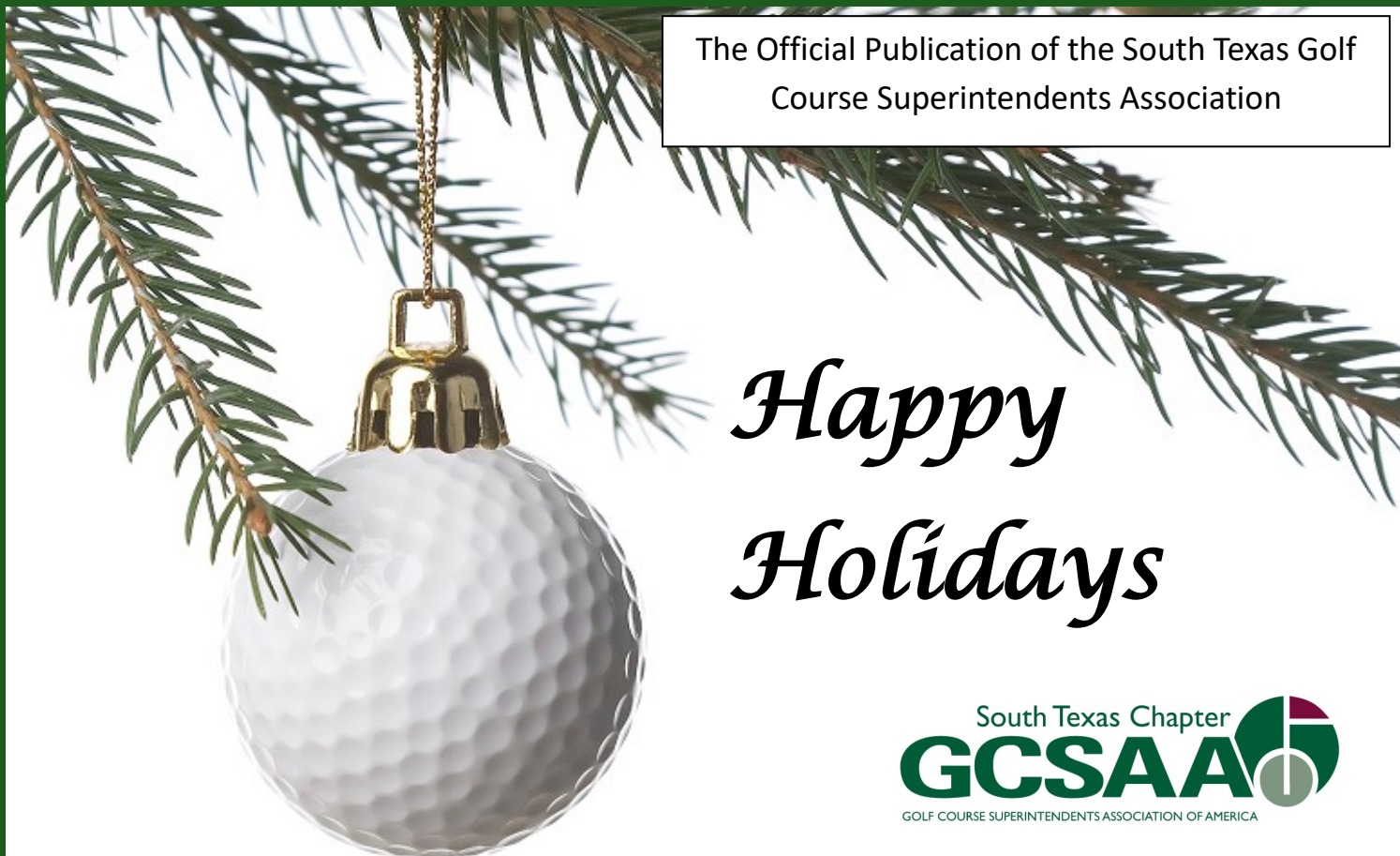


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*The South Texas Board of Directors would like to wish every member, and their families, a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.*

*Best wishes for a happy new year filled with health, happiness, and spectacular success.*

## Presidents message: Chris Lineberger

First, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to lead this great association in 2017. Thank you to Cody Spivey for outstanding leadership this past year. I have enjoyed my time serving these past several years on the board. We are still in the process of putting the final touches on this year's programming. Stay tuned for more updates as those become available. January will be a very busy month for the association. We have moved the Christmas Party to the beginning of January this year. I hope to see everyone at Braeburn CC for an evening of fun and gambling. We will be starting the year off at our traditional spot at Stephen F. Austin. Many of us were affected in some form from last year's flooding. Doug Browne was no different. Because of the flooding, he currently only has 14 holes we can play. After much discussion, we decided that the shortened course wouldn't be an issue for us, given the time of year and always up against darkness. We are working on putting a fun little wrinkle to the event. Obviously the clubhouse suffered significant damage, therefore we will be holding the meeting and lunch portion of the event just down the road in a meeting hall. Once we conclude that portion, we will stroll down the road to tee it up. I know this is a little different then the norm, but we felt it was a good move. Later in the month of January we will be hosting our annual pesticide license class.

It is also that time of year to submit sponsorships and dues. We wouldn't be able to do any of the great things we do as an association without your contributions and support. We are very thankful for each and every one of you! I look forward to another great year.

2017 President,

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**Meeting Schedule 2017**

 	<p>January 7, 2017 Scholarship Awards Banquet, Holiday Party with Casino Night Brae Burn Country Club</p>	<p>March 6, 2017 Elkins Lake Recreation Educaiton Meeting/Golf</p>	
	<p>January 17, 2017 1st Meeting of the Year 3 man pick your partner Meeting and Lunch at St. Marys Catholic Church in Frydek 14 hole golf game to follow at Stephen F Austin</p>	<p>April 25, 2017 Annual Scholarship Tournament and Live Auction Tour 18</p>	
	<p>January 25, 2016 Pesticide Renewal Class Bear Creek AgriExtension Office</p>	<p>June 12, 2017 Chapter Championship Riverbend Country Club</p>	
	<p>Lone Star GCSA Reception Golf Industry Show—Orlando FL February 8, 2017 The Pub</p>	<p><u>Register Now for Any Meeting!</u></p>	<p>Interested in Hosting a meeting? Get with any board member! We have several months available!</p>



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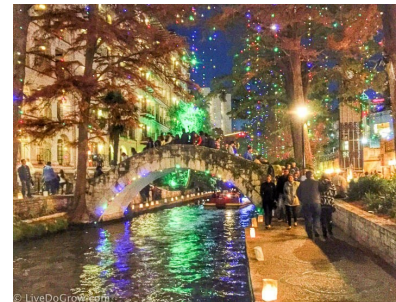
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## Will Trump Administration be good for golf?

**Lawrence, Kan. (Nov. 22, 2016)** – The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is involved in broad-based advocacy efforts that would continue no matter who is the incoming President or the majority party in Congress. But with Donald Trump winning the presidential election and the Republican party controlling Congress, GCSAA sees an opportunity to better communicate its priority agenda to Trump, a president who understands the value of the game of golf, both as a golfer and golf course owner.



On the campaign trail, Trump targeted several laws and regulations coming from the Obama Administration that could impact golf course management operations and the environment. Some of those regulations, of course, impact the use of inputs used to create healthy turfgrass and excellent playing conditions for golfers.

The pending Clean Water Rule (WOTUS) dramatically increases the federal scope of the Clean Water Act over rivers, streams, wetlands and ditches. GCSAA opposes WOTUS as it is written and wants agencies to go back to the drawing board to write a more balanced rule.

Trump's win provides more options for that to happen. Congress could pass legislation that stops WOTUS either by killing it outright or by cutting off its funding. President Obama had threatened to veto such measures. In contrast, President Trump would likely sign them into law. Alternatively, he could choose to simply not appeal, should WOTUS be struck down in a court of law.

Myron Ebell, the man leading Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transition team, has called WOTUS "an unprecedented power grab."

"We have a lot more options available to us in the area of WOTUS going forward and that's good news," said Bob Helland, director of congressional and federal affairs at GCSAA. "Trump and his transition team have expressed many of the same concerns about WOTUS that we have."

Trump is also familiar with the H-2B Visa program that a number of golf facilities utilize, including one of his own in Florida. This could lead to a breakthrough in the red tape that makes using the program so frustrating.

In the interim, however, GCSAA continues to support measures to help cut through the red tape, including adding language to the pending Fiscal Year 17 Omnibus spending bill that renews the exemption for H-2B workers who are returning to the U.S. for temporary and specific work within a three-year period.






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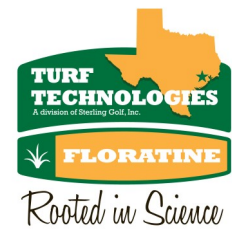
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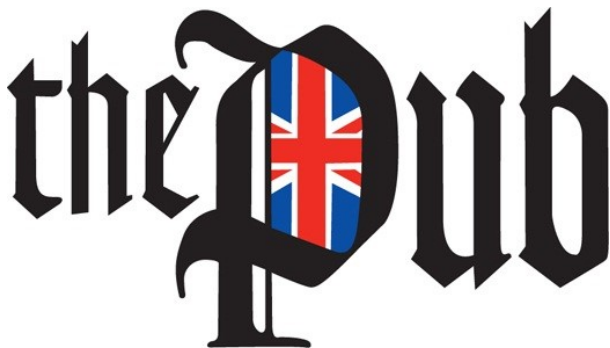


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