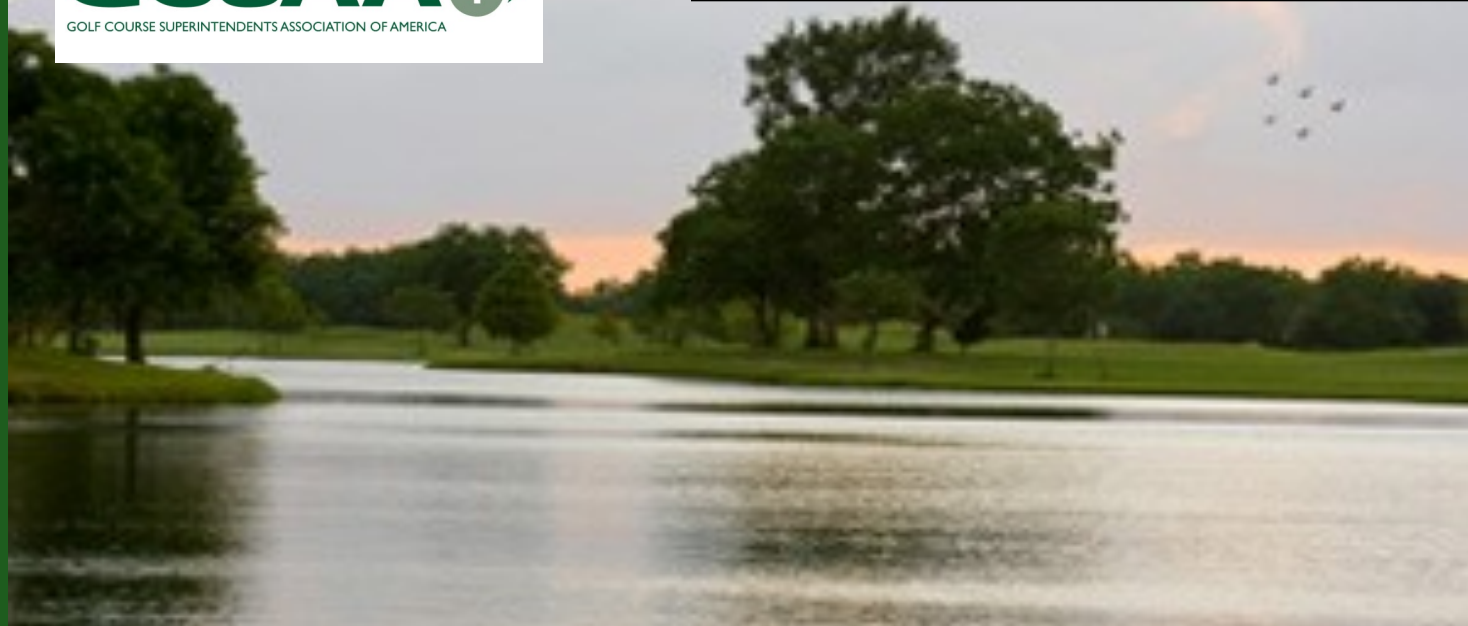


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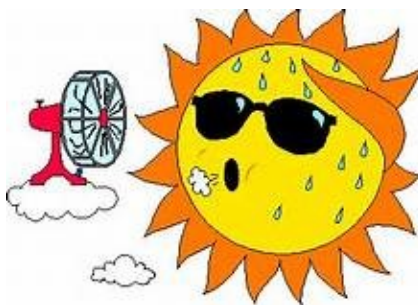
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Battleground GC

It's HOT!!!

Summer has arrived! Here at STGCSA we hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July weekend and are having some great “off” summer time with your families! We have a great member/guest/guest/guest planned for you on July 19th so sign up today! It is also time to get nominations in for the Sonny DuBose Memorial Distinguished Service Award, volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors, and get those scholarship applications in!! Throughout this newsletter you can do all of the above by clicking on the links that coincide with the event you plan on attending or form you need! If you want to nominate a fellow member for the Sonny DuBose Award, just write up a short paragraph explaining why you feel this person deserves the award. The award was named after STGCSA founder and long time Superintendent, L.W. (Sonny) DuBose. The award is presented to a member for his/her outstanding accomplishments at his facility over the year.

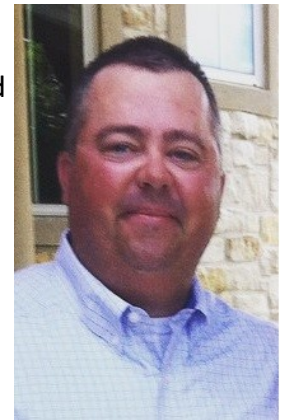


Meeting Schedule

July 19, 2016 Member/Guest/Guest/Guest Battleground
September 12, 2016 Supt/Pro Tournament Willow Fork Country Club
September 25, 26, 27, 2016 Texas Trophy Amarillo Country Club and Ross Rogers Golf Complex
October 17, 2016 Annual Meeting: Cypress Lakes GC
November 7, 2016 Magnolia Creek GC
December (TBA) Christmas/Awards Banquet
<u>Register Now for Any Meeting!</u>

Presidents message: Cody Spivey

Well I could just copy and paste Ben’s President’s message this time of year last year and we wouldn’t be far off from the truth of this year, minus the fact that Doug Browne has declined the beard growing episode this time. The fact is there has been severe devastation on many STGCSA courses this year, some of which I have seen personally. The thing that amazes me about these courses are the upbeat positive attitudes of the Superintendents: across the board, at all these facilities. It is truly inspiring to witness the grit and determination of these individuals and at the end of the day, it does make you proud to know how many great leaders there are in our association!



Speaking of leaders, one of the favorite things we have the opportunity to do is support future leaders with our scholarship program. Please be aware that scholarship applications are due September 1st and you can find out more details as you scroll down thru the newsletter.

We look forward to enjoying a fun day with friends and guests as we have our Member/guest/guest/guest coming up at Battleground on July 19th. We will have some “giveaways” and a silent auction for our guests to bid on rounds of golf. This money goes directly to the scholarship fund. Please donate a round of golf for this event! Be sure to get your teams signed up and we will see you on the links!

Cody Spivey

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Member Profile—Scott Dotson

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As the son of a Class A PGA Professional, I was brought up to cherish the game of golf. It is a sport that can teach life lessons, can be played your entire life, and is a good way to enjoy the outdoors. At the early age of 13, my Dad had me pulling carts and picking range balls at Baywood Country Club. At payday, I remember owing money to the club for all the milk shakes I drank during the pay period. The milk shakes were great, obviously. When I turned 16 I was offered a job on the maintenance crew at San Jacinto Community College Golf Course. On my first day, they put on me on a greens mower. The experience was instantaneous and I appreciate that to this day. I was able to learn a rapid pace and this is where I learned to operate almost all golf course maintenance equipment. After graduating High School I moved to Austin to spread my wings and explore life. However, golf called me back in. My brother, who worked in the pro shop at Jimmy Clay Golf/Roy Kizer Golf Courses, got me a job on the maintenance crew. At the hands of the Nick Smitham (GCS), I was able to see what the industry had to offer and what it meant to be a Golf Course Superintendent. I decided to further my career in the industry and graduated with a degree in Golf Course Management from TSTC Waco in February of 1997. I returned to The Roy Kizer Golf Course as Nick's Assistant Superintendent. After 7 years in that role, I decided to make a move from Austin, Texas to Lake Sam Rayburn in East Texas for the superintendent's job at Rayburn Country Resort. I was in culture shock going from Austin to East Texas. I took it in stride, however, and spent a lot of my free time fishing and hunting. My time at Rayburn Country Golf Club allowed me to experience a renovation project as well as maintaining the golf course through environmental obstacles such as four hurricanes and almost yearly droughts. After 11 years at Rayburn Country, and 25 years total working at golf courses, I was ready to try another endeavor yet stay in the industry in which I was raised.

In early March 2015 I was fortunate enough to be offered a job as Account Executive with Professional Turf Products providing Toro Commercial Equipment/Irrigation to Golf Courses, Sports Fields and Grounds within the Greater Houston Area. The transition to Sales has been a good one and I'm happy to be back in the area for almost a year and a half. PTP is a good fit for me as we share common beliefs about how to support Superintendents with service and support. I look forward to many years ahead with fellow members of the STGCSA!





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In the heart of the “Birthplace of Texas”, The Battleground at Deer Park was created as a tribute to Texas' battle for independence. The Battleground is more of a links-style course which features a demanding championship layout that is burdened by the wind and tricky because of the abundance of water (14 holes). Despite its links flavor, the fairways are narrow, and they're lined by thick rough. Yes, The Battleground at Deer Park is 18 holes of serene golf pleasure, and visitors enjoy the rolling fairways, manicured greens and strategically-placed water hazards

Providing sort of a golf experience/history lesson combined into one day, each hole is named after some significant person, item, or event in the Texas fight for independence in the battle that took place on the San Jacinto Battleground, just miles from the course. At this battle, troops under the command of General Sam Houston defeated and captured General Santa Anna and the Mexican Army. For example, one hole is named Sam Houston, while another is named after a matched pair of twin 6-pound cannons: Twin Sisters, which were sent by the citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio after hearing news of the defeat at the Alamo. The name of each hole and a brief description is included on a granite tee marker located on each hole of the golf course.

The Battleground was designed by Tom Knickerbocker and opened for play in April 1996. Since then, the golf course has been continually improved to provide the most pristine golfing experience possible. Many of the golf holes have been described as the “most memorable in Houston”. No. 17 is one of the signature holes, a 175-yard poke over the water to a green that is shared with the par 5 No. 10. A waterfall accents the edge of the lake, providing a unique aesthetic

Bring up to 3 friends/family to play Battleground Golf Course. We will have silent auction rounds of golf for your guests to bid on and some great prizes! If you don't have a full team, that's ok! We will pair up anyone who wants to come play!

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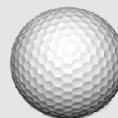
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"Who's Who"

Welcome to our new and returning members!

Jakob Olague: Asst. Supt Willow Fork CC

Christopher Bussard: Supt at Bear Creek Golf World

Taylor Cabler: Sales for Jacobsen



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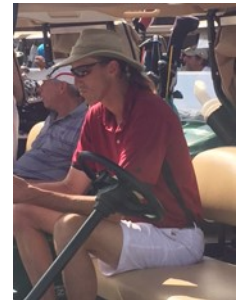
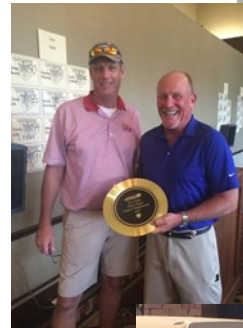
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Championship Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	AJ Pursley	71
2 nd place	Tanner Chrastecky	75
3 rd place	Joseph Haven	75

First Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Dennis Wagner	77
2 nd place	Kent Knowles	79
3 rd place	Chad Ott	85

Second Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Richard Kane	84
2 nd place	Junior Schuette	88
3 rd place	Mark Baughman	96

Third Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Gary Hargrove	70
2 nd place	Kevin White	73
3 rd place	Jack Hargrove	74



Scholarship Application due September 1st!



The Board of Directors of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association started the Legacy Scholarship program in 1990 for the purpose of assisting the children of STGCSA members attend college. Since 1992 a scholarship tournament has taken place where the majority of the money used to fund the scholarships is raised. In 2001 the Board of Directors created the "Legacy Memorial Scholarship" to honor members who have passed away. This scholarship is awarded to one student who demonstrates excellence in both education and extracurricular or volunteer activities. Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1990 over \$200,000 has been awarded to the children of STGCSA members.

Applications must be at the office by 12 midnight, September 1, 2016. Official transcripts must arrive to the office by October 1, 2016. No copies of transcripts will be accepted. Please click below for the application and details of eligibility.

Good Luck!

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February 4: 7-8 am start | GCSAA Golf Championships

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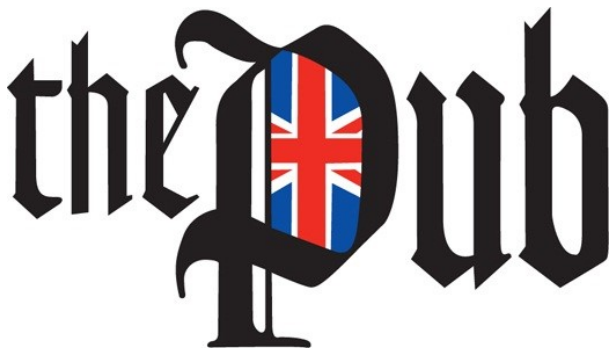
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