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South Shore Harbour

Meeting Schedule

July 17, 2017

South Shore Harbour
Member/Guest/Guest/Guest

August 5, 2017

Scholarship Winners Dinner
Braeburn Country Club—6pm

September 10, 11, 12 - Lone Star
Texas Trophy

Gentle Creek CC—Prosper, TX

September 25, 2017

Supt/Pro/Member/Member Tourn-
ament

Golfcrest Country Club

9:30 shotgun start

October 25, 2017

Wildcat Golf Club (Toy Drive)

November 13, 2017

Annual Meeting and Past Presi-
dents Luncheon

Pineforest Country Club (Toy Drive)

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We have a great line up for the remainder of the year!

We hope you plan on attending the July Member/Guest/Guest/Guest. This was started a few years ago so that during the summer when you have family and friends visiting you, there is an alternative golf match for them to enjoy and meet some of your fellow superintendents and coworkers. It gives them an opportunity to win some cool South Texas stuff and buy some cheap rounds of golf donated by our superintendents (please donate a round of golf for this event!!). There will be prize money, good food and drink and of course the camaraderie of your fellow peers. This year, GCS Richard Alcaraz is hosting us at South Shore Harbour. It is a great place to make a “staycation” since its near the water and close to other tourist attractions that your guests may be interested in. Don’t have family in town? Then bring your relatives that live here but don’t get a chance to golf with you often or bring your best buddies for a day of fun! See you there! (See page 5 for details and registration)



Riverbend Country Club Golf Results

Chapter Championship 2017

Host: George Cincotta

Thank you, once again, Riverbend CC Supt. George Cincotta and all the staff for another great meeting!



Championship Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Tanner Chrastecky	72
2 nd place	Mark Haven	76
3 rd place	AJ Pursley	79
4 th place	Jesus Polio	82

First Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Stan Ludwick	76
2 nd place	Jeff Smelser	77
3 rd place	Sean Wilson (T)	82
4 th place	Carl Tolbert (T)-4th	82

Second Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Wade Warmes	85
2 nd place	Lee Gravett	85
3 rd place	Ben Dickerson	86
4 th place	Jason Ploetz	87

Third Flight	NAMES	
1 st place	Rus Cobb	65
2 nd place	Chris Teafatiller (T)	70
3 rd place	Jack Hargrove (T)	70
4 th place	Kevin White	75

Proximity Winners

Longest Putt

- 3 – Kevin White
- 6-
- 13-Kent Knowles
- 15- Chris Teafatiller

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- 4-
- 7-
- 14-JerryHutsman
- 17-Mark Haven



Thank you Heritage Links for providing two beverages to each player!





Presidents Message: Chris Lineberger

We are only a few months away from the annual meeting where we elect new board members. If you have any interest in working with the board to

continue to enhance and make an impact on the association, WE NEED YOU!! If you have interest, please get in touch with Marian the month of July so we can get your info into the upcoming newsletter. We need some more people to step up and lend a hand.

With the new payment/invoice system we have a higher AR balance than previous years. Many people probably think they are automatically being charged but that is not the case. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We will be adjusting moving forward and you will have a choice to pay the invoice or have Marian charge it like "old times". See you at South Shore Harbour on July 17th!



Richard "Tommy" Ayles

February 2, 1953—

June 24, 2017

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July 17, 2017

for our 5th Annual Member/Guest/Guest/Guest Tournament!

Four Man Teams - \$75 pp

Please consider donating a round of golf for this event. It is a great opportunity for our guests to buy some golf at locations they normally don't play!

Thank you in advance!

9– 9:30 Registration

9:30 Shotgun Start

Lunch and Awards after play and silent auction golf rounds available

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Controlling Tough Summer Weeds

by Scott Dunham – BASF sales rep

Goosegrass, Sedges, Kyllinga, and Doveweed are some of the tougher summer weeds we have been dealing with the most the last few years. Here are some ideas I've gotten from various weed specialists and DSRs for preventing and controlling these weeds. In general, the best way to keep your turf and ornamentals weed-free is pre-emerge or preventatively.

So, plan to tighten up your pre-emerge herbicide schedules. When you make your application mark your calendar as to about when you expect your pre to run out. As that time nears, start looking for escapes and get ready to make your next application. Rotate your herbicides based on mode of action. For example, follow a 'root pruner' with a 'shoot inhibitor'.

Goosegrass, along with *Poa annua* in the winter, is a tough weed to keep under control in and around greens. From hand weeding with a pocket knife, which is tedious, to careful applications of pre-emerge, such as, Anderson's Goose and Crab on a low rate, tight time schedule, to careful applications of post-emerge chemistries; diligence is needed to keep your greens, collars and bunker faces clean.

Several well-known pre-emerge products are available for use on collars and bunker faces. For instance, Barricade, Dimension, Pendulum AquaCap, and Ronstar provide excellent broad spectrum control including Goose and crab. FreeHand and Ronstar G are great granule choices on collars and hard-to-get-to surrounds. 'Gunning in' Barricade or Pendulum AquaCap in tank mix with Pennant or Tower on hard to reach area such as, bunker faces, provides a great one-two punch, not only on Goose and crab but, sedges and Doveweed.

Post-emerge control of Goose has become more difficult in recent years due to suspected resistance concerns. A new herbicide, Pylex, provides excellent Goosegrass control and received registration this winter for use on Bermudagrass. At very low rates, 0.5 to 0.75 fl oz per acre, Pylex will control Goosegrass. But, be aware Pylex is a 'bleacher' and will 'whiten' Bermuda for ~2-3 weeks.

Goosegrass



(Continued on page 7)

Sedges and kyllinga are perennial nuisances around turf and landscape beds. Pre-emerge, Pennant and Tower provide good control. Several post-emerge products are very effective against them; Certainty, Dismiss, Monument, Sedgehammer. Expect these products to take a couple of weeks to show symptoms. An older chemistry, Basagran, provides a fast acting, economical control sedges and kyllinga. For less than \$30/acre, Basagran, will stop sedges and Kyllinga in about 3 days. The key is having at least 4 hours of sunshine following application. Sunshine activates Basagran. In addition, in combination with the other post-emerge chemistries mentioned you get two modes of action.



Left: Kyllinga



Right: Sedge

In the last few years, Doveweed has been spreading, and 2017 looks to be tougher than ever with this weed appearing in more areas throughout the south. Doveweed can populate in wet areas, but also has been observed to come out of roughs and creep into fairways. In addition, it sits on bunker sidings and behind greens as you move downhill. "Vegetative segments move around when mowing, making doveweed that much more difficult to control," says BASF Technical Service Representative Dr. Kathie Kalmowitz.

Fortunately, there are solutions. pbiGordon introduced two new post-emerge products that have good to excellent activity on Dove-weed, Avenue South and Surge. Early results have shown the sooner you can make application to younger plants the more effective your results will be. Older plants are more stubborn to control completely. Adding a pre-emerge such as, Pennant or Tower to your post-emerge will provide you extended control of germinating plants. And adding a 'yellow', such as, Barricade or Pendulum Aqua-Cap will further extend your pre-emerge activity. I

Remember, in areas experiencing wet conditions and heavy rain, preemergent protection may not last as long, increasing the risk of Goose, sedges, kyllinga, Doveweed and other weeds popping up throughout the summer. When it's time to renew your preemergence herbicide, clean up any escapes prior to reapplication of pre-emerge herbicide.

I hope these ideas have given you some options to control these tough summer weeds. Best wishes for a weed-free summer and as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call anytime at 979-255-3980.



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Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please send any submissions to: stgcsa@stgcsa.org or hand your nomination letter to a Board member.

From Left to Right: Doug Browne (2011), George Manuel (2014), Carl Tolbert (2016), Terry Gill (2008), Johnny Walker (2009), , John Freeman (2015) Not Shown: Randy Samoff (2010), Steven Chernosky (2012), George Cincotta (2013)



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8:30—9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00— 10:00 Putting Contest

10:30 Shotgun Start (free lunch on the course)

\$275 per 2 man team (137.50 single player)

Team Must Consist Of:

- A Superintendent who is a member of STGCSA (Class A, SM, C) and a professional from the same club
- OR
- Any two members of STGCSA



August 5, 2017

Scholarship Awards Dinner -

Winners can invite any family members they's like and members of STGCSA are also welcome to attend. You MUST RSVP to attend.

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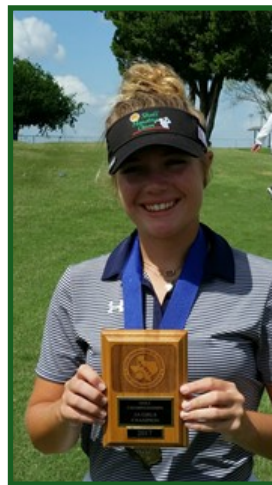


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My daughter took up the game at a very young age and ran with it. She won state this year with combined score of 70 and 75. Her dedication to the game and her studies earned her a free ride to McNeese State in Lake Charles, Louisiana.



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