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Riverbend Country Club

Meeting Schedule

June 12, 2017

Riverbend Country Club
Chapter Championship

July 17, 2017

South Shore Harbour
Member/Guest/Guest/Guest

September 10, 11, 12 - Lone Star
Texas Trophy

Gentle Creek CC—Prosper, TX

September 25, 2017

Supt/Pro/Member/Member Tourna-
ment

Golfcrest Country Club

9:30 shotgun start

October 25, 2017

Wildcat Golf Club

November 13, 2017

Annual Meeting and Past Presi-
dents Luncheon

Pineforest Country Club

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Chapter Championship Time!

It's that time of year! The South Texas GCSA Chapter Championship is a great bragging right for the winner! Last years' winners were AJ Pursley (Championship Flight), Dennis Wagner (First Flight), Richard Kane (Second Flight) and Gary Hargrove (Third Flight). Who will be the winners this year? Register for the tournament today and come join our chapter members for a great day of golf and camaraderie at Riverbend Country Club. Host George Cincotta always makes us feel welcome and the staff at Riverbend never disappoint!

2016 Tournament Chairman Mark Baughman, Championship Flight Winner AJ Pursley from Whispering Pines GC and Tournament Committeeman, Chris Webster





Riverbend Country Club Host: George Cincotta



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The golf course was originally designed by Press Maxwell Jr. in 1957. Maxwell has designed a number of notable courses including Prairie Dunes Country Club in Kansas with his father Perry Maxwell and Pecan Valley Golf Club in San Antonio which hosted the 50th PGA Championship. In 2010 notable golf course architect Jeff Blume added his touches during the \$1.4 million dollar renovation. Mr. Blume's additions to the course included additional bunkers and rolling fairways as well as completely redesigning several greens complexes and installing Bermuda Mini-Verde to insure consistent and speedy average greens speeds. These improvements only added to the already impeccable reputation of being one of Houston's most aesthetically pleasing and challenging but fair test to all comers.

Members still enjoy and appreciate the tree lined fairways and gently rolling terrain of Maxwell's original traditional park style layout. With a number of well bunkered greens and water coming into play on 13 holes Riverbend is a formidable challenge to golfers of all abilities. Over the years, Riverbend has had the distinction and honor of hosting several USGA events and numerous high profile charitable events such as the Carl McCain Annual Classic and Jacob Green Charity Classic. Riverbend and its Members take great pride in their participation with the community and its neighbors. Another interesting and little known fact is that Ben Hogan once held the course record at the Club.

Format: Individual Stroke Play

9:30 AM Shotgun Start!!

Format: Best Ball Individual Stroke Play

First Place Winners in each flight get their entry paid to the Lone Star Texas Trophy September 10, 11, 12th at Gentle Creek CC in Prosper, TX.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Presidents Message: Chris Lineberger



We are quickly approaching the halfway point of another year. We still have a packed schedule for the remainder of the year. Thank you to the so many who have supported our events this year. Next up for us is the Chapter Championship at Riverbend Country Club. I hope to see everyone on June 12.

Please join me in congratulating John Walker on his new appointment as field staff representative for the South Central Region. He worked very hard with great support to be elected to the board of directors at GCSAA. This is a great opportunity for him to continue to be an advocate of our great association.

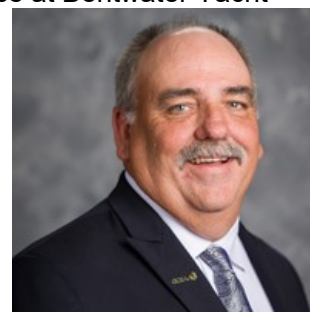
JOHN WALKER NAMED SOUTH CENTRAL FIELD -STAFF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GCSAA

Former GCSAA board member joins national staff

Lawrence, Kan. (May 23, 2017) – John Walker, who has been a golf course superintendent in Texas for the past 30 years, has been named the field staff representative for the South Central region of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Walker joins the GCSAA staff following four years as director of golf course maintenance at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club in Montgomery, Texas. He also served as the golf course superintendent at Blackhorse Golf Club in Cypress, Texas; Shadow Hawk Country Club and Houstonian Country Club in Richmond, Texas. Walker was chosen from a field of many quality candidates for the job, who went through a rigorous interview process.

“I am thrilled to join the GCSAA staff and be able to share my knowledge and passion for the profession with other superintendents in the South Central region,” said Walker. “GCSAA is undertaking some exciting and important initiatives, and I look forward to helping implement those valuable new member services and programs with superintendents from Arkansas to New Mexico.”



Walker has served on numerous national committees and was in his second year as a GCSAA board member, a position he has relinquished with his hire as a member of the association staff. Walker also is a former president of both the South Texas GCSA and the Lone Star GCSA, and he served on the board of directors of the Texas Turfgrass Association.

Beginning on June 1, Walker will be the GCSAA liaison for affiliated chapters in Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. GCSAA has nine regional field staff members who maintain direct communication with 98 affiliated chapters.

Walker has a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Magnolia, Texas.

“While I am sad to see John leaving the board, I am proud to support him as he leads by example, directly bringing superintendents together in his home region to benefit GCSAA, its affiliated chapters and the profession,” said Bill H. Maynard, CGCS, GCSAA president and director of golf course maintenance operations at St. Albans (Mo.) Country Club.

With Walker leaving the nine-member national board, past president Keith Ihms, CGCS and director of golf course maintenance at Bella Vista (Ark.) Village, has been appointed to temporarily fill his vacated position until the 2018 annual meeting in February. At that time, Ihms will resign from the board and an appointment will be made to fill the final year of Walker’s two-year term, according to GCSAA bylaws.

As a recent past president (2015), Ihms is familiar with current GCSAA initiatives, specific committee assignments and will provide continuity to the board for the next eight months.

“I am honored to be asked to serve the GCSAA membership in this temporary capacity on the board of directors, and I thank the ownership at Bella Vista for again supporting me and GCSAA,” said Ihms.

More information will be provided later regarding the board elections and appointments that will be made at the 2018 annual meeting in San Antonio.



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Eagle Point Golf Results– May 9, 2017

Thank you, Jeff Wilson for a great day of education and golf!

Thank you, Scott Dunham (BASF) for providing the speaker for the event.

TEAM	NAMES	GROSS
1 st place Gross	Doug Browne Pat Neuendorff, Pat	70
2 nd place Gross	Terrell Gallman Chad Ott	73
3 rd place Gross	Chris Webster Tim Phillips	76

TEAM	NAMES	NET
1 st place Net	Lee Gravett Kevin White	58
2 nd place Net	Ben Dickerson Carter Hindes	61
3 rd place Net	Jack Hargrove Jim Garrett	63

Thank you, Harrells for buying lunch for the meeting!!

Thank you, Heritage Links for buying drinks at the meeting!

Proximity Winners

Long Drive	CTP
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Chris Webster	Phil Taylor
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for our 5th Annual Member/Guest/Guest/Guest Tourna-

9-9:30 am registration

9:30 Shotgun Start

Lunch and Awards after golf

Cost is \$80 pp (bring family, friends or co workers!)

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In Case You Missed It.....National Golf Day

April 26, 2017

2017 Recap

At National Golf Day 2017, a record 175 Congressional meetings were scheduled and nearly 200 attendees from 35 U.S. states participated.

This year's event also included Mike Davis, Executive Director of the United States Golf Association (USGA), the PGA TOUR's Billy Hurley III, and Olympic gold medalist Dan Jansen.

"I look forward to National Golf Day every year. It's a chance to visit with the folks at WE ARE GOLF here on Capitol Hill to talk about the positive impact the game has on our economy, worthy charities and personal fitness," says Congressman James E. Clyburn, Assistant Democratic Leader (D-SC). "I especially appreciate the opportunity to discuss expanding diversity throughout every aspect of the game of golf."

National Golf Day featured a day-long exhibit in the Rayburn Foyer with live lessons for Congressional Members and staff from 2012 PGA Teacher of the Year Michael Breed, host of "The Golf Fix" on Golf Channel and LPGA Teaching Professional Karen Palacios-Jansen, founder of Cardiogolf, a golf-specific fitness system. Special exhibits and activities included a "Closest to the Pin" contest on an aboutGolf simulator; state-of-the-art swing analysis from GolfTEC; a Republican vs. Democrat "Putting Challenge" with Cleveland Golf and Srixon; an educational display with the National Alliance for Accessible Golf; and interviews with attendees on SiriusXM PGA TOUR Radio.

"The influence of the game continues to grow. Golf continues to lead the way, in terms of not just physical strength but also mental strength and character," says Senator John Barrasso (R-WY). "Golf is a worldwide, growing global activity."



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The South Texas Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is pleased to inform you of our eighth annual Sonny Dubose Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Our Association wants to recognize a Superintendent or Affiliate Member whose accomplishments have been outstanding for their facility over the year.

Recognition is what the Sonny Dubose Award is all about, letting someone know their hard work and dedication is appreciated. Anyone (superintendent or vendor) who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course management profession and the success of the STGCSA should be nominated. Still, a superintendent who has had an outstanding year deserves to be and should be nominated for the award. By adding a distinguished service aspect to it, we will hopefully increase nominations and be able to recognize more of those deserving members. Contact any past winner of the award or a STGCSA board member to submit a nomination.

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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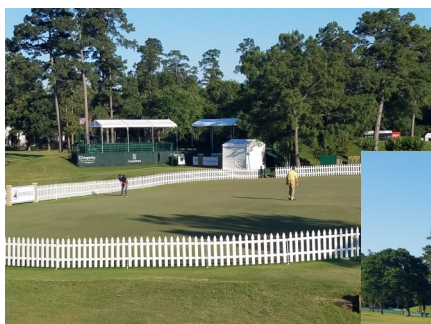
Senior Tour—What a Great Event! By: John Freeman

What a great job Chris Hartman and his staff did in preparation for the Senior Tour during the week of May 1 through May 7. In the end Charities were the winners. The Pro Ams have always been successful in raising funds for many local charities to benefit worthy organizations in the Houston community. On the course John Daly held on to claim the Championship, his first as a senior tour player. It is always exciting to see these guys competing at the level that they do as they age gracefully. The tournament course has hosted the Shell Houston Open in the past and has hosted the senior tour for several years now. It is a great venue and the senior players love coming back and competing on the course that they enjoyed years ago on the regular tour. The entire course was tuned to perfection by Chris's staff. Greens were rolling 13+, fairways were immaculate, roughs were manageable due to cool weather and bunkers were manicured to perfection by Mike Archers crew (Greenscape Six) Threats of rain on Wednesday were a concern, but the good Lord sent a light shower that left the course in incredible condition for the 3 day event Friday through Sunday.

It was fun to see all the tributes to Arnold Palmer through the week. The Palmer Umbrella was painted on the tent tops, the turf on 18 fairway and the Driving Range tee. It was obvious that Mr. Palmer was truly missed at this event. What a great tribute to Arnold Palmer.

The 3M Greats of Golf was also well received as Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Gary Player were paired together to compete in a scramble event on Saturday afternoon.

The event has been open to the public with free admission courtesy of Insperity and Woodforest National Bank.



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Get to know Board Member, David Gray

I was born in 1977 and raised on a Beefmaster Cattle Ranch in Gonzales, Texas. I was fortunate to grow up on a piece of property my grandparents owned on the San Marcos River just outside of town. I loved everything outdoors: shooting, hunting, fishing, scouting, camping and golf. I earned my Eagle Scout award in 1993 with my father as the Scoutmaster of Troop 263. After High School I headed to Sam Houston State University and got a degree in a Turf related field. I graduated in 2002 while doing an Internship at Raven Nest Golf Club. After graduation I worked as an Assistant Superintendent with Elkins Lake Golf Club for about five years. In June of 2007 I became the Superintendent at Raven Nest and have been here since. I'm very happily married to my wife Stephanie with four Sons Benjamin 14, Johnathan 9, Samuel 8, and Timothy 1. My time is now mostly taken by the scouting program, 4-H, and my family. I am the Scoutmaster of Troop 98 here in Huntsville where we are always busy camping, hiking, or service projects of some kind. Also when the weather is nice on Fridays you can find me playing golf with friends either here at Raven Nest or a course nearby.



Texas Cup Results

May 22, 2017



The rain stayed behind and in front of the game and it turned out to be a great day of golf! Thanks, Ridgewood Country Club and Host, Travis Moore for a great tournament!

Congratulations, Dale Miller and Tanner Chrastecky—Texas Cup 2017 Winners!

For photos and other results, Click Here



Place	Gross Winners	Affiliation	Score
1	Dale Miller	AmeriTurf	62
	Tanner Chrastecky	Bentwater Yacht	
2	Doug Browne	Cola Vista GC	63
	Bobby Browne		
3	Kody Key	Jacobsen/Textron	64
	AJ Pursley	Whispering Pines GC	
4	Jason Barrington	Lakeridge GC	65
	Todd Gilmore	Turf Care of Texas	
5	Steve Gilley	Panorama GC	66
	Chris Webster	Helena Chemical	

Place	Net Winners	Affiliation	Score
1	Aaron Clary	Flintrock Falls GC	59
	Tyler Easterwood	Lakeway CC	
2	Ed Martinez	Kingwood CC	61
	Jeff Smelser	Galveston CC	
3	Curtis Carlson	Cyrstal Falls GC	61
	Wayne Slayton	Crystal Falls GC	
4	Mikey McPhail	Georgetown CC	62
	Trevor Ogden	Georgetown CC	
5	Fred Leonard	Chet Williams Design	63
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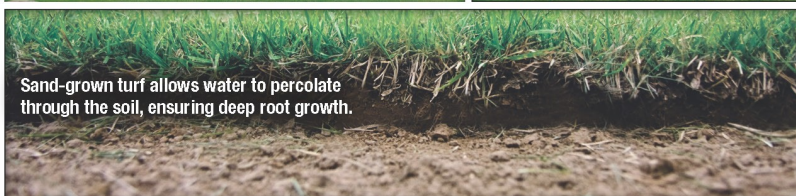


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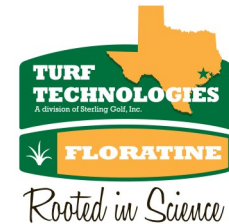
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Highlights from the 2017 Report

- More than 73% of all superintendents responding to the 2017 survey worked at 18-hole facilities
 - The average base salary for golf course superintendents rose to \$89,189, a 4.7% increase over 2015
 - The average base salary for certified golf course superintendents rose to \$109,620, a 5.4% increase over 2015
- Member superintendents, on average: are 46 years old, have spent 16.2 years as a superintendent and have held their current position for an average of 10.4 years

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