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Don't forget to nominate a deservthe Sonny DuBose Award ing member for

(The Winner will be announced at the January 2018 first meeting)

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.

#### **Schedule of Events**

Texas A&M Invite (see pg 14) May 3, 2017 May 9, 2017 Eagle Point GC May 22, 2017 Lone Star Texas Trophy Ridgewood CC—Waco, TX

June 12, 2017 Riverbend Country Club Chapter Championship

September 25, 2017

Supt/Pro/Member/Member Golfcrest Country Club

September 10-12, 2017

Lone Star Texas Trophy

Gentle Creek GC- Prosper, TX

We still need hosts for the October, and September (Supt/Pro)

Meetings

Register Now for Any Meeting!

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## Next Meeting is May 9, 2017

#### Eagle Point Golf Course (Host: Jeff Wilson)

Rolling terrain and elevation changes make Eagle Pointe very different from most Houston area courses. The towering pines that line the fairways gives the course a unique look. Cherry Point Gully weaves its way through the course; Old River is the boundary on several holes; a waterfall and ponds are scattered along the fairways.





The 450 yard, par-4, dog leg left #6 is absolutely gorgeous! This difficult hole is carved through the tall pines of Mont Belvieu and is protected by the Old and Lost River on the left. You better hit a big drive off the tee or you will have a long second shot to a difficult green that slopes back to front.

The four finishing holes at Eagle Pointe may be the best in the area. No. 15 is a long, difficult par-3 (213 from the back tees and 113 from the forward) because of the large bunkers that potect a two-tiered green.

Love it or hate it, No. 16 makes for the biggest test on the back nine. It's a lengthy par-4 (469 yards from the back tees and 335 from the forward) is very hard to negotiate from the back



tees. If you happen to find the fairway, you must avoid hitting your second shot into the waterfall protecting the green on the left. The green is very fast and slopes left to right. Avoiding a three putt from anywhere on this green is difficult!

The 540 yard, dog leg left par 5 gives a player a legitimate chance at birdie. Long hitters can go for the green in two but beware, the green is protected by several large bunkers.

The 18th hole could be one of the BEST holes in the Houston area. This 429 yard par 4 has a narrow fairway that keeps you honest off the tee. The hole is protected by several ponds on each side that create an obstacle to overcome in order to attack the green. (CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR MAY 9 AT EAGLE POINT)



<u>May 9, 2017</u> Eagle Point Golf Club 9:30 Registration 10 am—Education

11am—Lunch

12 pm shotgun start

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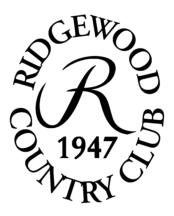




#### Lone Star Texas Cup

May 22, 2017 Ridgewood Country Club

Waco, TX



#### 12th Annual Texas Cup

Two-Man Select Drive Tournament

## Title Sponsor: WINFIELD

#### **Entry Deadline:**

Thursday, May 18, 2017

#### All registrations are online

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Entry Fee is \$150 per team if both players are members of Lone Star Golf Course Superintendents Association and \$200 per team if bringing a non-member. <u>Please</u> <u>note that if you are an industry member of another Texas regional chapter, you</u> <u>still must join the Lone Star GCSA to play as a member</u>.





Field Staff – South Central Regional Representative, Brian Cloud, Steps Down



Brian Cloud will be stepping down from his position as the South Central Field Staff Regional Representative at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He will begin a new position for Turf Materials, Inc. in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. His final day at GCSAA was April 14.

We thank him for all his efforts and help at South Texas GCSA. He began this position at GCSAA in January, 2011.

Brian mentions the importance of working with chapters and the GCSAA during his tenure. "My six years with GCSAA have been the most rewarding and beneficial years of my career," he said. "I sincerely appreciate everything during my time and the opportunities for growth. I look forward to continue being a strong advocate (of the profession)."

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#### Thank you, Todd Stephens, CGCS and all the staff at Tour 18 for another great event!

#### Thank you to our awesome auctioneer, Bill Freeman whom we count on every year to help us!

Golf Results

#### <u>Gross</u>

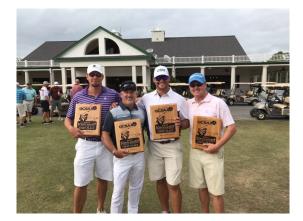
<u>First Place -</u> 55 Sean Wilson, Mike Cleavinger, David Burbidge, Micah Hill

Second Place - 55

Dennis Wilganowski, Tommy Homeyer, Phillip Littlefield, Ben Dickerson

<u>Third Place</u> – 56 Doug Browne, Brad Dumond, Steve Smith, Brian Mazac

<u>Fourth Place - 5</u>7 John Freeman, Bill Freeman, Shawn Freeman, John Metcalf



#### <u>Net</u>

<u>First Place</u> – 43 Ray McFarland, Clint Falls, Doug Arlitt, Neil Simpson

<u>Second Place</u> – 45 Eric Glover, Justin Lonan, Ed Martinez, Cody Skarpa

#### <u> Third Place –</u>46

Blake Kercheval, Kody Key, Cody Fisseler, AJ Pursley

<u>Fourth Place</u> – 46 Mike Archer, Joey Taylor, Rus Cobb, Kyle Scott



More from Tour 18 and the 25th Anniversay Scholarship and Research Tournament (and Live Auction) which raised over \$24,000!

Thank you to all that donated and all that bid on items!! We could not have done it without you!





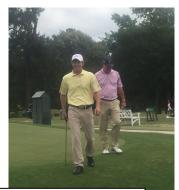






Thank you , Bill Freeman for volunteering your awesome Auctioneer skills.





#### PROXIMITY WINNERS

#1 - CTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot Neil Simpson
#2 - Long Drive Tommy Homeyer
#3 - CTP 2nd shot Jared Bonar
#4 – CTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot Doug Mulvaney
#5 - CTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shot Baxter Spann
#6 – CTP John Freeman
#7 – Long Drive Pros Only Ricky Lyon
#8 CTP 2nd shot Todd Stephens
#9 - CTP Justin Lonan

#10 - Long Drive Neil Simpson
#11 - CTP Pros Only Terry Yates
#12 - CTP 2nd shot Billy Anaguostou
#13 - Long Drive Tommy Homeyer
#14 - CTP 2nd shot Jeff Smelser
#15 - CTP 2nd shot Pros Only Casey Wade
#16 CTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot Micah Hill
#17 CTP Chuck Watson
#18 CTP 2nd shot Phil Taylor

May 2017

#### Shell Houston Open—The Golf Club of Houston

#### Brian Buckner, GCS

Congratulations, Brian Buckner on making the Shell Houston Open such a success!

Thank you to all the South Texas members who volunteered.















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#### TEN FACTS ABOUT GOLF IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY 2017

**Lawrence, Kan. (April 11, 2017)** – Golf is a sport for a lifetime that delivers more than 2 million jobs and \$69 billion in annual economic impact while contributing \$3.9 billion per year for philanthropic causes -- more than all other sports combined.

A professionally managed golf course can demonstrate environmental stewardship and provide a place to meet exercise and fitness goals. Just walking 18 holes, for example, can burn more than 2,000 calories.

As part of the celebration of "Earth Day" on April 22, here are 10 facts about golf, promoting the sport and the environment:

- 1. Golf courses are professionally managed landscapes where environmental stewardship is important from using water and nutrients more efficiently to implementing improved methods of erosion control.
- 2. In general, the golf industry is striving to deliver firm playing surfaces that are better for everyone and improve the bottom line. More than 70 percent of golf courses report that they are keeping turfgrass drier than in the past.
- 3. The golf industry is continually investing in research to identify drought-tolerant grasses and improve water conservation through best management practices.
- 4. Golf courses adopt water conservation practices, reduce irrigated acreage and use innovative technologies, such as targeted irrigation systems and ground moisture measurement tools, along with weather monitoring systems, providing the science to water only when and where it is needed.
- 5. Irrigated areas on golf courses have decreased by more than 14,430 acres between 2006 and 2013.
- 6. Use of recycled water has increased by 32.7 percent from 2006 to 2014. Recycled water accounts for 25 percent of all water used on golf courses.
- 7. Golf courses routinely have waste and water recycling programs to reduce and reuse.
- 8. More than 90 percent of a typical golf course is comprised of turfgrass, a water feature or other natural areas that prevent erosion, filter runoff, and provide for cooler temperatures when compared to urban settings.
- 9. More than 70 percent of acreage on an 18-hole golf course is considered green space that provides benefits to the ecosystem, reduces maintenance and supports wildlife habitat, including protected species.
- 10. Through governmental affairs involvement, professional education and public information, the golf industry promotes environmental responsibility as a widespread industry practice.



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#### **Pesticide Refresher Information**

#### **Requirements for Pesticide Disposal**

The <u>Federal Insecticide</u>, <u>Fungicide</u>, <u>and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)</u> governs the sale, distribution and use of pesticides in the United States. Pesticides are regulated under FIFRA until they are disposed, after which they are regulated under the <u>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)</u>, which ensures responsible management of hazardous waste and non-hazardous solid waste.

Farmers and commercial pesticide users generally cannot dispose of pesticides in household hazardous waste programs. However, many states run pesticide disposal programs specifically for farmers and commercial pesticide users, which are often referred to as "Clean Sweep" programs. The details of the programs – including the participants, the materials collected, how the materials are collected and the dates of the collection – vary by state.

For more information about Clean Sweep programs and to find a contact in each state, <u>see The Pesti-</u> cide Stewardship Alliance's State Pesticide Disposal Database.

#### **Storing Pesticides Safely**

Safely storing pesticides is important to protect people, pets, and the environment.

• Follow all storage instructions on the pesticide label.

Don't stockpile. Buy only the amount of pesticide you will need soon.

- Store pesticides out of reach of children and pets. If possible, keep pesticides in a locked cabinet in a well-ventilated utility area or garden shed.
- Never store pesticides in cabinets with or near food, animal feed, or medical supplies.
- Store flammable liquids outside your living area and far away from an ignition source such as a furnace, car, grill, or lawn mower.

Do not store pesticides in places where flooding is possible or where they might spill or leak into wells, drains, ground water, or surface water.

- Always store pesticides in their original containers with the label, which lists directions for use, ingredients, and first aid steps in case of accidental poisoning.
- Never transfer pesticides to soft drink bottles or other containers. Children or others may mistake them for something to eat or drink.
- Use child-resistant packaging correctly. Child resistant does not mean child-proof, so close the container tightly and keep it out of children's reach.

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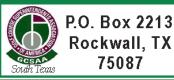
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