TEE TO GREEN



Congratulations to our 2016 Scholarship Winners!

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 who are or will attend college. Since 1992 we have held our annual scholarship tournament. The majority of the funds raised at this event are used each year to fund the winners of the scholarship. 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 \$210,000 has been awarded to the children of STGCSA members.

This year we are awarding 14 Legacy Scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded and the Legacy Memorial winner announced at the Scholarship Awards and New Year's Banquet at Brae Burn Country Club on Saturday January 7th.

See page 11 for winners!

Welcome to our two new Board Members, David Gray (Ravens Nest GC) and
 Affiliate, Dale Bowman (Pumps, Motors & Controls) ~

January 1st Meeting of the Year TBA

January 7, 2017

Scholarship Awards Banquet, Holiday Part with Casino Night Braeburn Country Club

January 25, 2016
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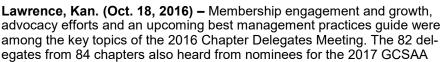
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Chapter delegates discuss member growth, BMP guide at annual event

Eighty-two delegates from 84 chapters convene at GCSAA headquarters





Board of Directors. The two-day meeting, held Oct. 11-12 in Kansas City, Mo., and at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., also offered delegates the chance to discuss issues and provide input in small group sessions and during a "town hall" session.

While one third of attendees were first-time delegates, many of the veteran delegates return for the opportunity to make a difference for the association and profession.

"It's good to come and meet new people," said Sean Wilson, CGCS at The Club at Falcon Point and delegate for the South Texas GCSA. "You feel like you are truly a part of changing things for the better."

For five-time delegate T.A. Barker, CGCS at Fore Lakes Golf Course and a member of the Intermountain GCSA, the annual delegates meeting allows him to hear about the different challenges and the common concerns superintendents face around the country.

"We are all a family," Barker said. "We come here facing different issues, but we are a family and we come together to help each other out."

The event opened with updates from GCSAA President Peter J. Grass, CGCS, and GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans, as well as check presentations to chapters that participated in Rounds 4 Research in 2016. The second day offered staff presentations on key initiatives, including:

- Membership engagement and growth: Plans to increase member engagement include strategies across all classifications.
 Contact with new members will increase, with personalize messages sent at one, three and six months after joining. There will also be focused efforts on moving Class B members up to Class A, creating new member packets specifically for the equipment manager (EM) class, and strengthening the connection between student members and local chapters. Potential bylaw changes to the definitions of the EM class and International Superintendent Members could broaden growth opportunities.
- Government affairs: The Grassroots Ambassadors program continues to grow, and government affairs efforts are currently
 focused on the issues of H-2B, Mega 16 initiative, WOTUS and the overtime pay rule. Discussions were also held on engagement through the use of the #golfvotes hashtag on social media during the upcoming election season, participation in the
 10th anniversary of National Golf Day in 2017 and options for expanding GCSAA advocacy efforts.
- Best Management Practices Planning Guide and Template: Delegates got a sneak peek at GCSAA's BMP Planning Guide and Template, which will be launched at the 2017 Golf Industry Show in Orlando. The tool will provide a road map for golfcentric organizations at the state level to develop and implement BMP programs. The goal is to have BMPs for all 50 states by 2020. Delegates were provided with talking points to help promote the program.

The business portion of the delegates meeting concluded with presentations from and breakout sessions with the candidates for the 2017 board. The election will take place on Feb. 9 at the GCSAA Annual Meeting in Orlando.

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Chris LePore: Host Superintendent

I graduated from North Carolina State University in 1996 with a degree in turf grass management. I have worked at multiple PGA tournament courses in North Carolina, Forest oaks Country Club, Sedgefield Country Club and Prestonwood Country Club to name a few. I also have construction background working with Dye Designs for a few years at Pound Ridge Country Club in New York and Gebbers Ranch in Washington State.

Presidents message:

Cody Spivey

In this, my final president's message, I am proud of our accomplishments and the continued growth and learning of our organization. I've enjoyed the past year serving as the president of our South Texas Chapter. It was an honor to work side by side with so many of you to further our chapter's goals. Thank you for supporting with your time and talents.



I look forward to continuing to serve as past president and supporting the many goals of our chapter. Hopefully I will see you all at Braeburn Country Club for our annual holiday party. Terry and his staff always go above and beyond and put on a great event, and we appreciate him hosting our association once again. We have planned it for January in hopes that even more of our members will be able to join in the festivities.

As we go into the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I am thankful for our association and for allowing me to be part of such a hard working and dedicated group of people.

Congratulations to Jason Harsh's course,

Memorial Park Golf Course for being inducted in to the Texas Golf Hall of Fame

Memorial Park Golf Course in Houston was opened during the depths of the Great Depression, 1936, but has endured and been improved over the years as a shining symbol of great public golf in Texas' largest city. It was designed by John Bredemus, known as the Father of Texas Golf, for his work statewide and over the decades has been played by the greats of the game, both in Texas and nationally. It's hosted the PGA TOUR's Houston Open along with the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship. In 1995, the course received a restoration with input from Houston architect Jay Riviere and Hall of Fame member Dave Marr, Jr. as the result of an extensive fundraising campaign. It remains one of the most popular public courses in Houston with more than 65,000 rounds a year at the layout located in the central city area. Champions Golf Club founder, Jackie Burke Jr. (already in the TGHoF) was there to watch his wife Robin inducted. They are the first husband and wife in the TGHoF!

Members Terry Gill, John Freeman, as well as Jason Harsh were at the Texas Golf Hall of Fame Induction Dinner in San Antonio to represent STGCSA along with other superintendents from the state in hopes of getting a well deserved Texas Superintendent inducted in the future. Only six superintendents around the country have been recognized in their subsequent state Hall of Fames. For the full list and more information, <u>click here.</u>



Left: Jackie Burke Family
Right: Jason Harsh,
Superintendent at Memorial Park
Golf Course



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Bud White's, October 2016 Field Notes

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We have discussed shade and its impact on turf before, but I want to present another view of this problem. The "wall" of shade that aligns some greens and tees can be a devastating problem and most of the time, this "wall" cannot be removed. This may be on the east or west side of a fairway as well. Removing the trees is almost never an option, and is nearly always impractical to even suggest. Consequently, the problem is not addressed.

Below is an example of a shade "wall" alongside a tee, on the south side. The shade impact, in this case, is a winter shade issue, not really a summer shade issue. First, the trees need to be root pruned, as tree roots are also having a major negative impact. Secondly, notice the arrows identifying the "holes" that can be cut into the wall of trees. This will allow periodic sunlight to reach the tee - possibly even enough sunlight to maintain growth without more tree removal needed, and the problem addressed. Additional select interior thinning and raising canopies can augment sunlight exposure. If more exposure is needed the "holes" can be expanded and the problem addressed systematically versus drastically.



I have oftentimes recommended this approach to clubs, with very good success. It gives a reasonable alternative for needed tree removal – one that can be accepted by members, owners and management.

The key to successful interpretation is the use of a compass or better yet, the Sun Seeker app. These tools will identify the most impactful trees and allow removal cuts or gaps to be most strategic and beneficial.

If you have this problem on your course, consider this approach as an alternative. For further supportive documentation, take pictures on December 21st at sunrise, noon, and at 3:00 p.m. Do the same on June 21st, and even you will be surprised at the difference in the sun's angle from winter solstice to summer solstice. These pictures, along with using the Sun Seeker app, have been most successful in obtaining permission for tree thinning or removal where needed.

Good luck!





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Get to Know, Member Scott Anderson

Wow, it is hard for me to believe that this is my twenty-fifth year as a proud member of the STGCSA. Currently, I am a Senior Sales Representative working for Winfield, a subsidiary of Land O Lakes, covering the Golf market in the Houston area. A native of the Chicagoland area, and one of six children, my first exposure to golf was from my father, an avid golfer and Chick Evans Scholar (Caddy Scholarship) at Northwestern. My first job in the golf course business was at Rolling Green Country Club, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, working in the bag room of the pro shop while attending high school .My duties included cleaning golf clubs, picking the driving range, and shuttling golf carts among other tasks.

With a lifetime love of working with plants, I attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, earning a B.S. in Plant and Soil Science .Upon graduation, I moved to Texas and took a job as a grower with a flowering and foliage plant grower in the Houston area, specializing in holiday crop production. After working for eight years as a grower, I took a position with BWI-Schulenburg as a distributor sales representative, a position I have held for the past twenty-five years, including stops at Gold Kist, UHS, and Estes. During

my time at the STGCSA, I have witnessed numerous changes in the Houston area golf market, the one constant being the STGCSA, a great professional and personal association to be part of.

On a personal note, I am married to my wife Sally, and have a daughter Jessica, who is attending her junior year at Whitman College. My wife and I might be native Chicagoans, but our daughter is a true Texan. An avid Cubs fan (Yes, this could be their year), other hobbies include gardening and reading. In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the STGCSA and its membership for the past twenty-five years and look forward to many more.

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Regards,

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Cypress Lakes GC-Annual Meeting

October 17, 2016 - Host: Wade Warms, CGCS

Thank you Wade, and all the staff at Cypress Lakes for a great meeting and Pink Ball tournament!

Pink Ball

	NAMES	
1 st	Joseph Haven	154
place	Kent Knowles	
	Ben Dickerson	
	Jerry Huntsman	
2 nd	Kody Key	152
place	Wade Warms	
	Cody Spivey	
	Ken Stevenson	

Other Scores

143

Mark Haven, Pat Neuendorff, Martin Delgadillo, David Gray 145

Jesus Polio, Scott Dotson, Kyle Brown, Tim Nunley 147

Steven Chernosky, Jason Burgess, Junior Schuette, 152

Pat Johnston, Ben Fultz, Lee Gravett, Bryan Pace 155

Jared Bonar, Chad Ott, Jeff Smith, Russ Cobb

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Stan Ludwick, Blayne Sparks, Jack Hargrove, Ed Schultheis 161

Phil Taylor, Richard Kane, John Freeman, Taylor Cabler

Lost Pink Ball

	NAMES	
1 st	Chris Webster	129
place	Carl Tolbert	
	Steve Vaughn	
	Loren Moulder	
2 nd	Braeden Riley	141
place	Mark Baughman	
	John Dailey	
	Heath Wisdom	
3 rd	Sean Wilson	142
Place	Logan Behrens	
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Phoebe Browne
Heather Dailey
Ryanne Dolen
Jonathan Haven
Anna Johnston
Matthew Lyles
Lauren Norris
Kelly Ratcliff
Abigail Schultheis
Karlie Smelser
Justin Watson

New Scholarship Procedures for 2017 Read Carefully!

Anthony Wilganowski

After this January's awards banquet we are moving the Scholarship Awards ceremony to a late July / early August date. This will allow the Christmas Party to be more informal and give more emphasis on the award winners at the awards ceremony. This will also allow the funds to be used for the fall semester.

The new application deadline is

May 1, 2017 with transcripts due June 1.

Click Here for the New 2017 Scholarship Application!

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Arnold Palmer 1929-2016 A Life Well Played

The international response to the death of Arnold Palmer, ASGCA Fellow, speaks to the positive and long-lasting impacting he had on the game of golf and those who play it.

Arnold Palmer was many things to many people...world famous golf immortal and sportsman, highly-successful business executive, prominent advertising spokesman, skilled aviator, talented golf course designer and consultant, devoted family patriarch and a man with a down-to-earth common touch that has made him one of the most popular and accessible public figures in history.

His popularity and success grew with the tremendous golf boom in the latter half of

the 20th Century to heights few ever anticipated and they have been recognized in countless ways over the years. Certainly each contributed to the other, a fact given recognition when he was named "Athlete of the Decade" for the 1960s in a national Associated Press poll. Before, during and after that great decade, the famous golfer amassed 92 championships in professional competition of national or international stature. Sixty-two of the victories came on the U.S. PGA Tour, starting with the 1955 Canadian Open.

Arnie's springboard to professional fame and fortune was his victory in the U.S. Amateur Championship in 1954. He turned professional a few months later. His hottest period was a four-year stretch from 1960 to 1963 when he landed 29 of his titles and collected almost \$400,000 at a time when the purses were minute by today's standards. He was the leading money-winner in three of those years and twice represented the U.S. in the prestigious Ryder Cup Match during that time, serving in 1963 as the victorious captain.

"My family and I are deeply moved by the outpouring of support and love that we have received from the countless friends and admirers of my father. These first hours have been challenging but we are comforted knowing that he was loved by so many and so deeply. Words can not begin to express the gratitude we have for the many people who have offered to help us in this time of sadness. My father would be so pleased to know that he is being thought of and recognized this way.

Memorial Services for Arnold Palmer were held at Saint Vincent Basilica in Latrobe, PA on Tuesday, Oct 4th at 11:00 a.m. ET On behalf of my father and family, thank you for your thoughts

- Amy Palmer Saunders

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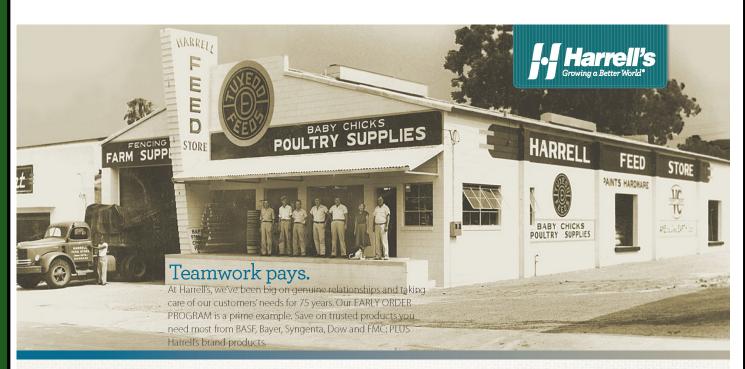


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Jeff Smelser, CGCS
Blayne Sparks
Carl Tolbert
Sean Wilson, CGCS

The winner will be announced at the January meeting!

Past Presidents Lunch

The past presidents lunch at Cypress Lakes was a huge success with 12 of our past presidents gathering to share stories.

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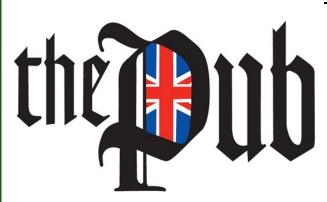


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7-11 pm

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