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Sugar Creek Country Club

## Meeting Schedule

November 20, 2017  
 Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Luncheon  
 Sugar Creek Country Club  
 (Toy Drive)

January 17, 2018  
 Pesticide Renewal Class  
 Bear Creek Extension Office

January 29, 2018  
 River Ridge GC  
 Chili Cook Off and Golf!

February 7, 2018  
 Lone Star Reception  
 Golf Industry Show San Antonio  
 Hard Rock Cafe

March  
 Memorial Park GC

April 17, 2018  
 Scholarship Tournament and Live Auction  
 High Meadow Ranch GC

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### Only 2 months left in 2017!

This year flew by! Once again, STGCSA was successful in raising money for scholarships, helping fellow superintendents with their Hurricane Harvey flooding and having some great educational and golf outings! The 2018 year will start off busy with the pesticide meeting and our Second Annual Chili Cook Off and golf tournament at River Ridge in January. The Board has put together some great golfing facilities for our outings next year and we are always welcoming volunteers to host a meeting. So, please contact a board member of the office if you are interested in hosting a meeting!

Thank you to those that stepped up and volunteered to serve on the board for 2018! Your vote at the November 20th meeting at Sugar Creek (\*yes...the date and location had to be changed due to the hurricane) for our board is important! You will also be voting on the Sonny DuBose Award and hear the nominations that were submitted. There is still time to get a nomination in for the vote. Just get it to a board member!

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### Presidents Message: Chris Lineberger

The time has come to move onto the next chapter. Later this month, we will be electing a new president for this great association. Although things didn't go exactly as planned, it has been an honor to serve. I want to wish the best of luck to the newly appointed leadership.

This industry has a ton of really good people in it. There is always someone to lend a hand to others when in need. There were several people throughout the country who reached out directly to our association to offer aid to people who were personally affected during Hurricane Harvey. There was about \$16,000 donated for us to disperse to those who needed it. Lone Star GCSA stepped up in a big way. Superintendent associations in New York sent money. Former members of the association who have moved on sent in money. There were local vendors who made contributions, also local individuals who wanted to make a difference. We want to give a huge THANK YOU to any and all who contributed. I know the individuals who were recipients greatly appreciated it.

Kind Regards,

Chris Lineberger



GCSAA members can now begin registering for the 2018 Golf Industry Show, Feb. 3-8 in San Antonio, including the GCSAA Golf Championships, GCSAA Education Conference and the largest trade show in golf course management.

The 2018 GIS will feature the theme "Connect. Discover. Elevate." and will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The GIS kicks off each year with the GCSAA Golf Championships, followed by four days of innovative education and a trade show designed for golf facility owners and managers, including the association's 18,000 members, as well as for the industries that market to those facilities.

"When we brought the Golf Industry Show to San Antonio three years ago, we had an overwhelming positive response from attendees and industry partners," said Rhett Evans, GCSAA CEO. "San Antonio is a great setting for what will be the center of the golf world for the week."

More than 550 exhibitors are expected to fill the trade show floor of the convention center, which has undergone a \$325-million expansion since the last time the GIS was on site. Upcoming shows are scheduled for San Diego in 2019 and Orlando in 2020.



Learn about the GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting held each year...Sean Wilson, GCS at The Club at Falcon Point will represent South Texas GCSA, Inc. at the event.

**2017 CHAPTER DELEGATES MEETING**

**Date:** Nov. 7-8, 2017

**Location:** Hilton Kansas City Airport and GCSAA headquarters

**Resources:**

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Agenda](#)

[New Delegate Webinar](#)

Questions? Contact [Leann Cooper](#), senior manager, chapter services.

**60 Minute Disasters: Hurricanes - On Demand**



The U.S. has experienced some severe storms this season with the potential for more remaining. Ron Wright, CGCS, updates this webinar from our series on disasters to help you create or update your emergency response plan.

Each webinar in the series is designed to focus on a single crisis type. You'll hear what happened, what plan was in place and what the CGCS in charge learned and now recommends. In Wright's case, he experienced several hurricanes first hand at the Country Club of Mobile. During this quick hour, he'll cover tips for clean-up, how best-laid plans may need to adapt, and review systems and plans you'll want to put in place as soon as you can.

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**November 20, 2017**

**Sugar Creek Country Club**

**STGCSA Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch**



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**Registration begins at 9**

**Education 10 - 11**

**Lunch 11-12**

**12 pm shotgun start**

**Host: Jim Brown**

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**Sonny DuBose Memorial Distinguished Service Award**



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](mailto:stgcsa@stgcsa.org) or hand your nomination letter to a Board member.



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## **Support Biological Lake and Pond Management with “Probiotics”**

By Industry Expert Erin Stewart, Aquatic Biologist at SOLitude Lake Management

There are many sustainable options for the management of lakes and ponds, so it can be difficult to determine which direction to turn when a water quality issue occurs. This is especially true for waterbodies used for recreational activity, irrigation and stormwater runoff—or any location where pesticides or other traditional management methods may be less desirable or restricted. However, all aquatic resources can benefit from proactive applications of natural and biological products. Beneficial bacteria-based products can be used as a pesticide alternative, or used in conjunction with other products and methods to enhance the efficiency of the treatment.

Bacteria may sound like a bad word in some situations, but these organisms are the foundation of most biological processes within an aquatic resource. Think of them as probiotics or yogurt for your lake or pond—they are responsible for breaking down and processing organic material in a process called biological augmentation.

When properly introduced, biological augmentation can help limit the impact of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous, which tend to enter waterbodies through runoff containing fertilizers, animal waste and other organic materials. Without proper management, these materials may accumulate as sludge at the bottom of your waterbody, causing noxious odors, promoting nuisance algae and weed growth and expediting the waterbody’s rate of aging. Over time, costly dredging will be required to restore the health and overall volume of the aquatic resource. When beneficial bacteria are in place, they convert nutrients to forms that cannot fuel nuisance plant growth, promote efficient decomposition and prevent the accumulation of organic materials. This, in turn, can help diversify the biological community structure by facilitating the development of “good” algae, diatoms, zooplankton and healthy fish.

Regular applications of these biologicals can be incredibly favorable and help keep beneficial bacteria concentrations and activity high throughout the year. Depending on the particular water quality or vegetation issues within your waterbody, a professional may recommend different forms of probiotic bacteria, including liquid, pellet or powdered applications.

Liquid bacteria blends are considered high-performance due to their ability to rapidly neutralize excessive nutrients that are located within the water column. Liquid blends can help to quickly enhance water clarity and quality. Pellet or granular beneficial bacteria applications contain bacteria that naturally settle to the bottom of a lake or pond to reduce organic materials that cause bottom sludge. In moderate or warm climates, the resulting reduction in accumulated sediment can be significant.

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Beneficial bacteria are an excellent solution for the reduction of excessive nutrient rich organic matter that cause bottom sludge and nuisance vegetation, but they don't have to be utilized independently. When applied by a licensed professional, some biological products can also be used in conjunction with herbicides to aid in the decomposition process of submerged and emergent vegetation.

A professional will determine the rate and frequency of beneficial bacteria and/or herbicide applications by conducting water chemistry tests or considering the targeted issue. However, the best way to achieve your overall lake or pond goals is to ensure the proper products are being utilized. There are many selections available on the market, so it is very important to choose a quality option with field data and science supporting the claims. Always rely on your lake and pond management company for beneficial bacteria recommendations, as well as guidance on strategies to improve aeration, beneficial buffers, water quality and native wildlife populations. Your water will thank you.



**Photo Name: Water Quality**

Over time, organic runoff builds up as muck at the bottom of lakes and ponds. As part of a proactive management plan, biological augmentation can be used to naturally and sustainably limit the accumulation of materials while improving the water quality and beauty of the waterbody.



**Photo Name: Beneficial Bacteria**

Beneficial bacteria acts much like a natural probiotic for your lake or pond, aiding with the efficient decomposition of organic materials and excessive nutrients, which can help prevent the development of nuisance algae and vegetation and facilitate the growth of healthy organisms.

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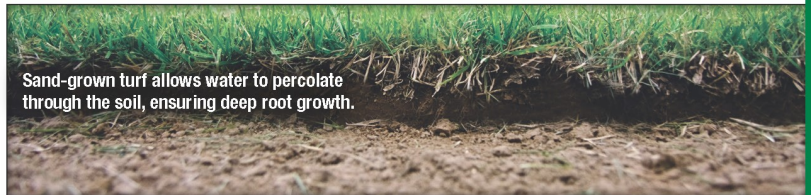
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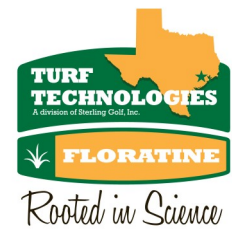
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