TEE TO GREEN



The Annual Meeting is October 5th!!

- 1. Register for the meeting and golf. **Bring a toy to donate to charity** and receive 2 mulligans for your golf game (or you can donate \$20 cash at the door).
- The annual meeting is combined this year with our Yearly Past Presidents Luncheon. If you are in contact with any of our older members/and or past presidents, please extend an invite to them and let us know if they need help getting to the meeting. We can arrange for transportation.
- 3. There is still time to nominate a "Superintendent /Affiliate of the Year". If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter to the office or any board member.
- 4. Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual meeting!
 Checks will be given out at the Christmas Reception at Bay Oaks on
 December 18th.
- 5. The new STGCSA Board of Directors will be announced!

Please join us!

October 5—Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch

November 9—Glow Ball !! Riverbend CC

December 18—Christmas Reception

Bay Oaks Country Club

January 13, 2016—Pesticide License Renewal at AgriExtension Office, Bear Creek

January 26, 2016

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First Meeting of the Year

Announce Supt. of the Year Award

Interested in hosting a meeting in 2016? Please contact the office or Cody Spivey!!

Register Now for Any Meeting!



30th Annual Texas Trophy

Horseshoe Bay Resort Lone Star Texas Trophy Golf Results

September 27, 28, 29, 2015







Sunday Mixer Scores - September 27, 2015

Gross			Net	
First Place	Matt Cowan Dillon Orsag	68	Stan Ludwick Jacob Snyman	63
Second Place	Sean Wilson Charlie Trammel	69	Harry Jukes Gary Wilson	64
Third Place	Jeff Smelser Ed Martinez	70	Kevin Yanity John Evans	65
Fourth Place	Tanner Chrastecky Dale Miller	71	Chuck Watson Jim Curlee	67

Gross Championship Flight			Net Championship Flight			
First Place	Tannery Chrastecky	76/73=149	First Place	Frank Darnell	72/69=141	
Second Place	Aaron Clary	75/75=150	Second Place	AJ Pursley	70/74=144	
Third Place	Ed Martinez	73/77=150	Third Place	Joseph Haven	69/76=145	
Fourth Place	Matt Cowan	77/74=151	Fourth Place	Jason Kelley	75/77=152	

Gross First Flight			Net First Flight			
First Place	Kent Knowles	85/79=164	First Place	Reagan Olson	78/69=147	
Second Place	Travis Moore	83/83=166	Second Place	Dennis Rollins	76/71=147	
Third Place	TJ Guyer	90/81=171	Third Place	Jarrett Eledge	76/72=148	
Fourth Place	Anthony Nash	87/91=178	Fourth Place	Terry Gill	76/82=158	

Click here to see more scores and Proximity Winners

Congratulations to STGCSA, winners of the Long Drive Competition!



Champion, Tanner Chrastecky and Lone Star GCSA president, Terry Gill

Joseph Haven- 323 yds
Ed Martinez – 318 yds
Aaron Cox – 304 yds
AJ Pursley – 246 yds
1191 yards for the win!





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What are your favorite golf course names?

By: Golf Advisor (Click Here to see photos of all the courses)

No one knows what it means, but it's provocative!

This Will Ferrell line, made even more mainstream with a recent Kanye West and Jay-Z single, can be attributed to a few of our favorite golf course names. Taboo? Wyboo? *Exsqueeze me?*

Sure to turn heads, and maybe peddle a little *merch*, the Golf Advisor staff has uncovered some of our most uniquely named golf courses we've played in our travels and shared them in this photo gallery. We're curious what yours are. Let us know in the comments below, tweet us <u>@golfadvisor</u> or tag us on <u>Instagram</u> using #GaBestPhoto.

<u>Leatherstocking Golf Course</u>, Cooperstown, N.Y.

Wyboo Golf Club, Manning, S.C.

Valderrama Golf Club, Cádiz, Spain

Boat of Garten Golf Club, Inverness-shire, Scotland

Bushfoot Golf Club, County Antrim, Northern Ireland

Contraband Bayou Golf Club, Lake Charles, La.

King Kamehameha Golf Club, Wailuku, Hawaii

Kukuiolono Golf Course, Kauai, Hawaii

Pasatiempo Golf Club, Santa Cruz, Calif.

We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Fort McDowell, Ariz.

Tokatee Golf Club, Blue River, Ore.

Coeur D'Alene Resort Golf Course, Coeur D'Alene,

Idaho

True Blue, Pawleys Island, S.C.

<u>Possum Trot Golf Course</u>, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Robber's Row at Port Royal Golf Club, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Bootleg Gap Golf, Kimberley, British Columbia, Canada

Kissing Camels Golf Course, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lillooet Sheep Pasture Golf Course, Lillooet, British Co-

lumbia, Canada

Deep Cliff Golf Course, Cupertino, Calif.

Hombre Golf Club, Panama City Beach, Fla.

Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course, Bridgeport, Neb.

Taboo Golf Club, Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada

Grandfather Golf & Country Club, Linville, N.C.

Man O' War Golf Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Philadelphia, Miss.



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ATTENTION!

Send in your Favorite Golf Course Name and where it is located (you can even attach a photo if you'd like!) and we will publish our list next month!!

stgcsa@stgcsa.org



Participation Rewards Point System

The STGCSA Board of Directors believes that the foundation of our organization is the members who actively participate in STGCSA events. We would like to reward all of those who regularly attend and offer incentive for all of our members to take the next step up in participation. The following program offers rewards based on how much a member participates without putting undue emphasis on golf skill or luck.

- *11- points for attending the meeting as well as participation in the Scholarship and super/pro tournament.
- *3- bonus points for participation in the golf event at the monthly meeting.
 - *5- bonus points for each shift worked at either the Shell Houston open or Administaff classic, Or JR qualifier at Carlton woods, or any tournament set-up that you assist the hosting Superintendent.
- *3- additional points for service to the organization such as committee service, representation to the Lone Star, GCSAA events. You will receive 3 points for each day or shift a member serves as an official representative.
- *3- additional points for any community service that is performed. This must be submitted to the board in writing and proof of participation, and board will respond in 2 weeks.

All additional points must be sent to the office for approval by November 1st of the current year.



October 5, 2015 Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch

Registration 9:30
Annual Meeting and Voting 10—11:00
Lunch (Free for All Past Presidents) - 11:00
Shotgun start 12:00 (Members Course)

Just like last year!

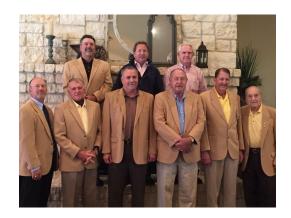
Bring a new toy or donate \$20 and receive two mulligans for your golf



game!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

All past presidents are invited to come visit and have lunch on the house! If you'd like to stay for golf, the cost is \$40. Please reach out to any past president and thank him for his service and extend the invitation to the luncheon.



Superdogs!

We want to start a section of all our super dogs here at STGCSA.

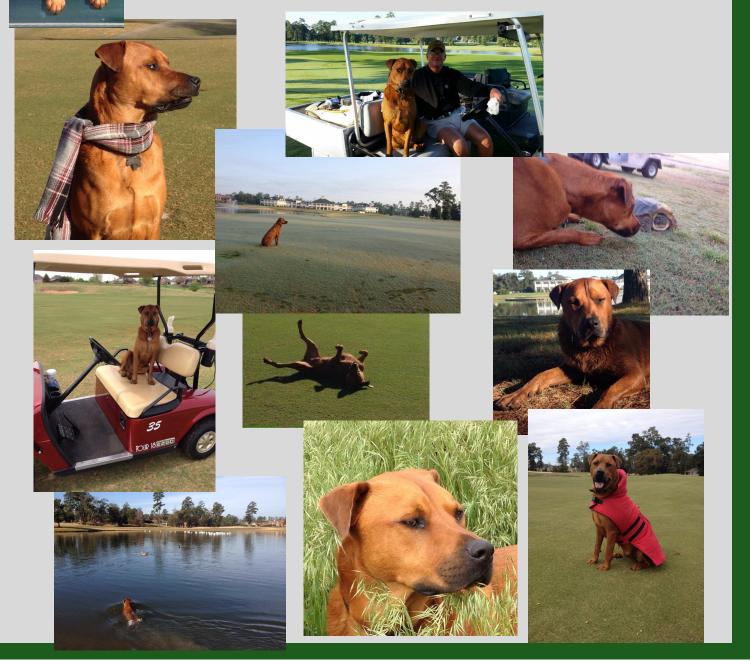
Send your photos and a short video or written story with several photos of your "shop" dog!

First up: Ricky ~ Augusta Pines/Alan Hess

Ricky is 30 months old and a rescue that was found by my son Stephan Hess in Mid Town part of Houston along with a sister named Lucy. She found her way to a cattle ranch in central Texas. I adopted Ricky and made it Ricky Bobby because it his personality. Ricky loves to swim and run all day. He is as fit a dog as I have ever owned in that he can go all day. He loves swimming after Water Turkey and keeping them from eating up the bass in our 30 acres of lakes and streams.

Ricky is a very friendly dog. He loves making new friends daily. As best as I can guess he is a mix between Ridgeback, Lab, and Alabama Red Curr dog.

(See more of Ricky on his Facebook Page)



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By <u>Brandon Tucker</u>
Managing Editor
Aug 25, 2015
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Let the dogs out, already!

In celebration of National Dog Day on August 25th, Brandon Tucker is lobbying for more dog-friendly golf courses in the U.S.

It's a pleasant summer afternoon and you have a tee time at your local golf course, set on hundreds of acres of sparsely-populated green space. Meanwhile, your energetic, furry companion is sitting at home in the A/C.

That ain't right!

Chances are, you haven't even thought about bringing the dog, because you've never seen a dog at your course and it's presumably because they aren't allowed.

Seems silly in a way, doesn't it? You would think that well behaved, leashed up dogs would be allowed in just about every outdoor space on earth.

Click here to read Brandon Tucker's full article





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STECSA First Glowball Tournament



November 9, 2015
Riverbend Country Club
Host: George Cincotta

Registration: 2:00-2:30 pm Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm (9 holes) Dinner: 5:30 pm

Shotgun Start: 6:30 (9 holes)

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About the Plant Health Scholarship

Two Class A or superintendent members (SM) of GCSAA will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship for continuing education in the area of plant health. The deadline for applications is October 10, 2015.

The scholarship can be used in the following ways:

Toward costs for continuing education at an institution of higher learning.

A check will be issued to both the scholarship recipient and the institution.

Toward costs for attending a local, regional or national educational conference or workshop for the purpose of continuing education.

The scholarship check will not have taxes withheld for federal or state purposes. Recipients choosing this option will receive Form 1099 from GCSAA in 2016 stating the value of the package based on actual costs, which they will report as other income for 2015. Please consult a tax adviser with any questions.

APPLY NOW

Application deadline: October 10, 2015

Applicants must be employed as a golf course superintendent within the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii, a Class A or superintendent member (SM) of the GCSAA and be enrolled in My Bayer Rewards customer loyalty program.





NGCOA Releases Comprehensive Guidelines for Online Tee Time Distribution

Charleston, SC (June 22, 2015) – The National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) has released a comprehensive set of guidelines for the online distribution of tee time reservations. Endorsed by the PGA of America, the guidelines set forth a framework for third-party, online agents and golf course owners and operators to conduct business together. "Tee times are the fuel that power billions of dollars in revenue for golf courses," says Mike Hughes, CEO of the NCGOA. "Proper education and management of that inventory is critical to optimizing yield in every channel of tee time distribution, particularly in growing online and mobile bookings. It also benefits all segments of vendors which sell into golf." Developed following a thorough market review with input from several subject-matter experts, including online agents and the PGA of America, the guidelines are designed to help golf businesses leverage the benefits of online tee time distribution.

Some key points include:

- Allowing for better control and price integrity of tee time inventory, including barter rounds
- Clarifying alternative payment modes for services
- Delineating independent and bundled services, including POS, tee sheet management and tee time distribution
- · Restricting online agents from purchasing course names and other keywords and terms for SEO
- Requiring online agents to post only approved tee times on their networks while prohibiting representation of availability and pricing for tee times not on their networks
- Emphasizing yield management and mobile-optimized solutions
- Promoting consistent technical standards for connectivity and content
- Offering methods to clearly and simply share data

Ultimately, the guidelines seek to create an open marketplace that fosters choice and competition. "These are tools and a framework to assist in making informed and independent decisions when working with online agents," says Linda Rogers, past president of the NGCOA and owner of Juday Creek Golf Club in Granger, Indiana. "Having worked diligently in the field with many online agents and software providers, we are highly confident the guidelines will be incorporated into agreements that allow owners to be in control of their individual pricing and will mitigate confusion in the marketplace." To assist NGCOA members in implementing the guidelines, the organization will soon host a series of webinars. Topics include distribution basics, data processes and marketing, reputation management, alternate distribution channels and contract structures, yield management and search engine optimization. In the coming months, the NGCOA, in conjunction with the PGA of America, also plans to introduce a comprehensive training initiative and a guidelines compliance program.

GCSAA's 2016 Annual Meeting

Four members are on the slate to fill two open director positions:

Kevin P. Breen, CGCS Jeffrey F. Millies, CGCS Rory Van Poucke John Walker

Good Luck to STGCSA member, John Walker (GCS Bentwater Yacht and Country Club) on the election!



There are two open positions for director, with Rafael Barajas, CGCS being at the end of his two-year director term and Kevin P. Breen, CGCS, completing a one-year appointment. The two director candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to two-year terms.

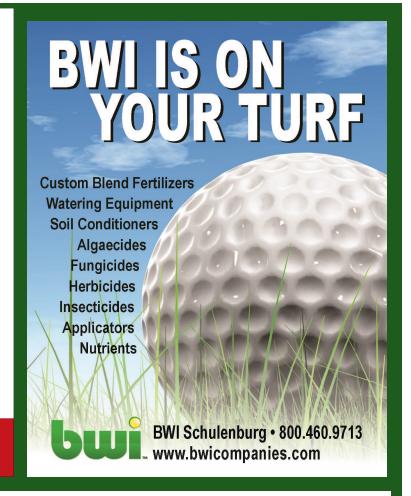
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Step 3: Use <u>This Reference Guide</u> to find helpful websites to collect data and other useful information.

Sept 4: <u>Use this BMP Template</u> to complete your plan.

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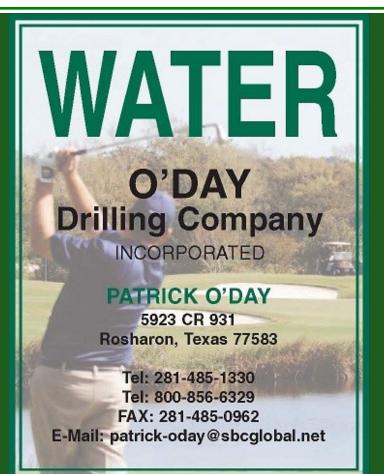
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