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Cypress Lakes GC

Cypress Lakes Hosts the South Texas GCSA Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch

Cypress Lakes Golf Club opened in 1998 and was designed by Jim Fazio. It is a Triumph Golf Management property since 2013. STGCSA Past President and current board member, Wade Warms (CGCS) has been working there for 5 and a half years now. "It doesn't seem like that long", Wade says. "This year has been a challenging one so far as it has been for all of South Texas. We have had over 76 inches of rain so far this year with 20" plus coming on April 18th. We were fortunate that no rivers or creeks backed up onto the course and were able to open the next day! We are looking forward to hosting STGCSA for the annual meeting in October! I look forward to seeing you all here soon".



Meeting Schedule

October 17, 2016
Annual Meeting:Cypress Lakes GC

November 7, 2016
Magnolia Creek GC

January 7, 2017
Scholarship Awards Banquet
Brae Burn Country Club

January TBA
Pesticide Renewal Class
Bear Creek AgriExtension Office

Lone Star GCSA Reception
Golf Industry Show—Orlando FL
February 8, 2017
The Pub

January - 1st Meeting of the Year
TBA

March TBA

April 25, 2017
Annual Scholarship Tournament
and Live Auction
Tour 18

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Congratulations, Alan Hess, CGCS/MG

on celebrating your 30th year as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent!

The objective for the CGCS program, which was founded in 1971, is two-fold: to demonstrate knowledge and achievement within the profession, and to give employers an easy way to know they've hired one of the best. The inaugural certification class had 18 superintendents. So far in 2016, 12 members have become newly certified and 114 have renewed their certification. Certification must be renewed every five years. When the CGCS program was founded in 1971, the first class that year had 18 Superintendents. There are currently approximately 1400 individuals that hold the designation of Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

- ◆ Alan Hess is one of 23 active Certified Golf Course Superintendents celebrating 30 years of certification in 2016.
- ◆ Alan earned his Master Greenskeeper designation in 2010 thru the British and International Greenskeepers Association. This was made official at their BTME Conference in January of 2010 at the headquarters for BIGGA in Harrogate, England. At the time he was 55th worldwide to do this. Of those, only 20 worldwide had achieved both CGCS and MG designation. Even fewer are actively working and practicing Superintendents.

Other Superintendents in South Texas GCSA celebrating their Certification:

Years Certified	Name
1	Tim Huber
4	Rodney W. Crow
11	Bill C. Freeman
11	Wade M. Warms
11	James M. Hutton
11	Brian M. Buckner
11	Jon Snider
12	Jeffrey M. Smelser
14	Michael S. Wilson
19	Todd Stephens,
24	Terry K. Hutcherson
27	Thomas S. Werner
29	Charles L. Joachim

GCSAA Member Relief Fund

The recent flooding in Texas and West Virginia may remind members that they can donate to an emergency relief fund for fellow members. Contact GCSAA at (800) 472-7878 to make a donation. These funds are available to help GCSAA members with personal loss, and donations are tax deductible.

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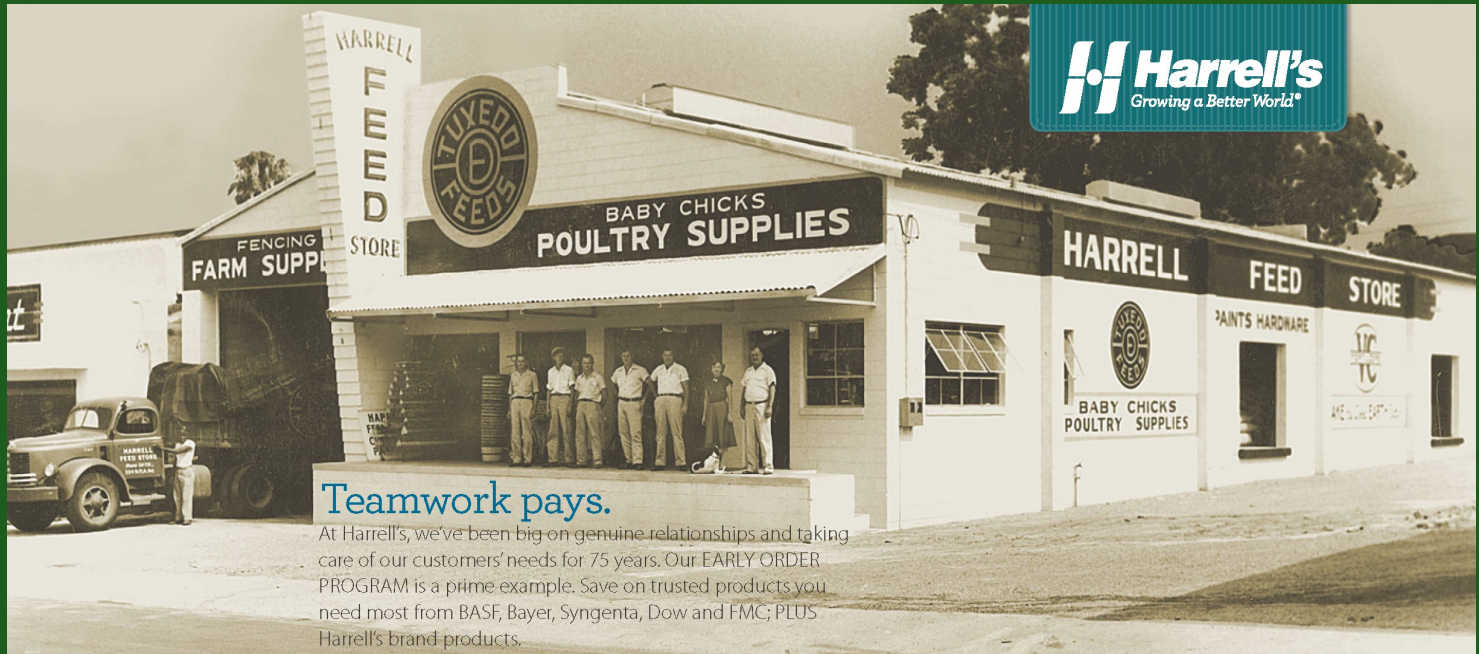
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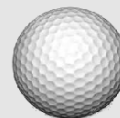
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"Who's Who"

Welcome to our new and returning members!

Jason Lewis—Operations Manager
at Aspen Golf Corporation
Todd Colter: CEO, Tree Nutri
Joe Anderson—Supt. Center CC



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Member Profile—Mark Monroe

In July 1971, after serving two years active duty in South Vietnam in the U. S. Navy on the USS Thomaston LSD 28, I returned to Houston and went to work for my brother Kelly on a part time basis. Kelly was a Class A member of STGCSA and also a Class A PGA Pro at Indian Shores Golf and Tennis Club in Crosby, Texas. He left Indian Shores six months later to take another position. I was asked to take over as golf shop manager and golf course superintendent at Indian Shores.



I had joined STGCSAA in October 1971 which turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life-time.

Working only two years as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent my knowledge was limited.

Several members helped me with golf course maintenance problems. Sonny Dubose, Tom Leonard, Bill McCoy, Jim Holub, John Bidby, Mike Caldwell, Jerry Takushi, Harry Yewens and Mike Burris were in this group. STGCSA members at this time were from the most influential country clubs in the Houston area.

I proceeded to earn the only AA Degree in Horticulture with a minor in Turf Grass Management awarded by Lee College in Baytown, Texas in 1976. During this time, I was Golf Course Superintendent at Indian Shores Golf and Tennis Club from 1971-1974, Goose Creek Country Club 1974-1979, Hearthstone Country Club 1979-1984.

In March 1981, I started Long Green Turf Company and provided contract golf course maintenance for Oxycidental Chemical Company employees' nine-hole golf course.

My last golf course maintenance contract was San Jacinto College from October 1997 to May 2013, at which time I retired.

I still enjoy attending STGCSA as a retired member and play golf when my back permits.

I learned to sail at the age of thirteen and still enjoy it and plan to continue sailing for many years to come. I have built and sailed two sail boats.

I travel quite frequently with friends and groups (Texas Association of Single Sailors, Space City Ski Club, and The Impulsive Travelers).



My best career related decisions were joining the U. S. Navy and STGCSA. Later on in my life I joined other turf grass management associations ...TTA, GCSAA, LSGCSA, which were beneficial.

Thank you, each and every member of the STGCSA, for being a being a member of STGCSA. Thank you also for your individual dedication to its By-Laws. You, as a group, make all golf course superintendents and anyone who is in a golf industry field, feel welcome, feel at home, and feel you are available as a fellow GCS, if needed for assistance.

Mark Monroe

Past President 1983-1984



Golf Course Superintendents Association of America celebrates 90th anniversary

Founded Sept. 13, 1926, at Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, the organization was first called the National Association of Greenkeepers of America

Lawrence, Kan. (Sept. 8, 2016) —The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), which was formed in 1926 by Englishman John Morley to further greenkeeping ideas among middle America golf courses, is celebrating 90 years as one of the most important organizations in the game.

Morley, who was a vegetable grower and greenkeeper at Youngstown (Ohio) Country Club, would hardly recognize the organization he formed. First known as the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, the group started with 60 greenkeepers coming together on Sept. 13, 1926, at Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, to share ideas. Today, GCSAA has 17,500 members from 72 countries, and its members are science-based college graduates who manage all aspects of golf course management, from agronomy to environmental sciences.



Its members have often been called the game's unsung heroes, but Arnold Palmer recognized their true significance to the game.

"The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and all golf course superintendents are probably the most important entity that we have in golf... The conditions and the golf course's beauty, the environment, the wetlands, everything depends on their perseverance and their knowledge and the work they do to maintain the golf courses," said Palmer, whose father, Deacon, and younger brother, Jerry, were both superintendents at Latrobe (Pa.) Country Club.

Morley, who was commissioned as an honorary Colonel by the governor of Kentucky, served as the association's first president. He was dedicated to advancing the profession, visiting more than 200 golf courses to help build support for the new organization.

He was recognized by famed architect Donald Ross, who wrote to congratulate Morley on his efforts.

"I congratulate you on your work as a greenkeeper of outstanding ability, and with leaders of your type, an association would unquestionably be a great success, not only from the standpoint of the members, but also from the clubs who employ them," wrote Ross in October 1926.

The modern American golf industry has grown to include roughly 15,000 golf courses and two million employees, who annually are responsible for \$69 billion in economic impact and contribute \$4 billion to charitable causes.

"Golf course superintendents manage the largest and most important asset at any golf facility," said current GCSAA President Peter Grass, the certified golf course superintendent at Hilands Golf Club in Billings, Mont. "The profession has come a long way. We can be pleased with the playing conditions we deliver for today's golfers. But we are even more pleased with the environmental stewardship of our members, and how they care for the land and our natural resources."

A recent national study showed that golf course superintendents are using 21.8 percent less water than eight years ago. The study showed another positive trend in that the use of reclaimed and recycled water for irrigation has increased. Superintendents also continue to use the latest research findings and equipment, such as moisture meters, to help them conserve water.

Morley might also applaud GCSAA's alliance with other golf organizations, including the PGA Tour, the PGA of America, the U.S. Golf Association, the National Golf Course Owners Association, the American Society of Golf Course Architects and the Golf Course Builders Association of America. He served seven years as GCSAA president and was keen on public service and the sharing of knowledge among members. At the 1940 annual association conference in New York, legendary New York Times golf writer William Richardson presented him with the "Man of the Year" award.

In its 90 years, GCSAA has elected 76 presidents, who each serve one-year terms, and appointed eight chief executive officers. Current CEO Rhett Evans oversees a staff of 87 from association headquarters in Lawrence, Kan. Among the employees are nine field staff representative who are heavily engaged with 99 local chapters nationwide.

The association also presents the Golf Industry Show each year, designed for owners and operators of golf facilities and the professional members of the golf course and club management industries. The show welcomes nearly 14,000 attendees and includes the GCSAA Golf Championships, four days of educational seminars and sessions, and an unparalleled trade show experience.

Among the many awards presented annually at the Golf Industry Show is GCSAA's highest honor, the Old Tom Morris award, which recognizes an individual who has helped mold the welfare of the game, through a lifetime commitment, in a manner and style exemplified by Old Tom Morris. Past winners have included Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Byron Nelson, Tom Watson, Ben Crenshaw, Ken Venturi, Nancy Lopez, Annika Sorenstam and Col. John Morley.




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Battleground Golf Results-Member/Guest

July 19, 2016 – Host: Rodney Crow

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TEAM	NAMES	
1 st place	Chris Webster Steven Chernosky Kelly Lotton Brian Johnson	59
2 nd place	Richard Oaks Carl Tolbert Kevin White John Ferguson	61
3 rd place	Tom Brandon John Laham Stan Branham Paul Wilson	63



Last place Winners at 73: Taylor Cabler, Daniel Wenzle, Todd Stephens, Willy Plowman



Last Meeting of 2016!



November Toy Drive Meeting

November 7, 2016 10 am meeting golf to follow \$60

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Learn about golf course management issues; learn about GCSAA's advocacy efforts; and get engaged in advocacy activities.



Support Passage of the STARS Act

Employers across the golf industry are confused about their obligations to their seasonal employees under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The law and implementing regulations are based on two different definitions of "seasonal" staff that must be used to determine whether a business falls under the law and which employees must be offered health insurance if a facility is considered a large employer (more than 50 FTE).

The STARS Act would provide one clear definition of a seasonal worker, ensuring that seasonal employers have the tools and understanding necessary to comply with the ACA. The bill would define a "seasonal employee" as one who is employed on a seasonal basis for six months or less during a calendar year. It does not repeal or defund any provisions of the ACA. It is a technical bill that will assist with ACA compliance obligations.

Please urge your Members of Congress to co-sponsor the STARS Act - H.R. 863 in the House or S. 1809 in the Senate.

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Willow Fork Country Club— Golf Results

Superintendent/Pro—Member/Member Tournament

September – Host: Willy Plowman

Thanks to Willy Plowman and all the staff at Willow Fork for making our outing such a great one!

<u>Gross:</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>Supt/Pro Division</u>	<u>Mbr/Mbr Division</u>	<u>Supt/Pro Division</u>	<u>Mbr/Mbr Division</u>
<u>1st – 63</u> Braeden Riley Morgan Wagaman	<u>1st - 63</u> Chris Webster Brian Johnson	<u>1st - 64</u> Tanner Chrastecky Kelly Manos	<u>1st - 67</u> Jeff Smelser Pat Johnston
<u>2nd – 65</u> Sean Wilson Mark Duranski	<u>2nd – 72</u> Kent Knowles Brandon Cole	<u>2nd – 66</u> Kyle Brown Scott Olsen	<u>2nd -68</u> Brent Ratcliff Chris Mrosko
<u>3rd – 67</u> Doug Browne Bobby Browne	<u>3rd – 72</u> Scott Terry Jared Bonar	<u>3rd – 68</u> Gary Hargrove Chris Pribyl	<u>3rd - 69</u> Ben Fultz Lee Gravett

Proximity Winners

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#7-Lee Gravett	#6-Scott Olsen	#1- Scott Sipes
#11-Casey Wade	#10-Scott Sipes	#2-Kelly Manos
#13-Brandon Cole	#12-Braeden Riley	#6-Pat Johnston
	#12-Ben Fultz	#8-Tanner Chrastecky
	#17-Doug Browne	#10- Scott Sipes
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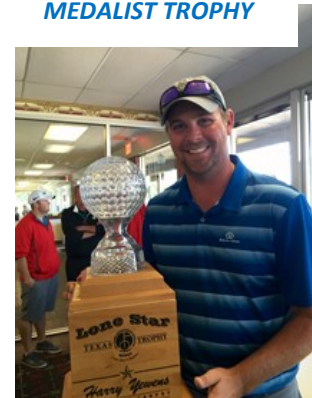
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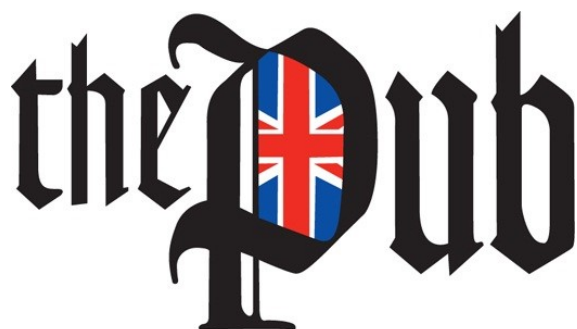
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