TEE TO GREEN



Scholarship Tournament Time!!

April 29th is almost here. Our most important fundraiser event of the year. Get your team together and register for the event. It's always a great time and High Meadow Ranch always has a great spread for lunch and dinner! Bill Freeman will join us again this year not only as our auctioneer, but as a new member of South Texas Chapter! Welcome Bill! Get your donation in early so your company can get the exposure they deserve for their generosity. We have tons of great items already donated and you can bid early on these at www.stgcsa.org (home page). We are having a silent auction again this year with rounds of golf. Superintendents, please donate to the cause! Your help is needed as well! Bid on these rounds for your friends (listed on our website as well) or buy them. They make great gifts! Email Marian with your donation ASAP!!

Don't forget about Rounds 4 Research

The first auction for Rounds 4 Research is June 9—22 and your friends and family can bid at www.biddingforgoods.com. This is a great way to get golf rounds for a great price! There are rounds from all over the country for those traveling this summer. Help raise money to better our industry!

Lone Star GCSA Water Conservation BMP plan for Golf Courses

The goal is for every 18-hole golf course in Texas to have a written Water Conservation BMP Plan. Water is our most critical natural resource and is vital to our business and industry. Golf can easily be an easy casualty of legislators or water regulators if left unchecked. We have a good story to tell regarding our water stewardship and we have to be the ones to tell it to protect our rights.

Find all the documents you need at www.lsgcsa.org

April 29, 2014 Scholarship Tournament High Meadow Ranch GC

May
Deerwood Golf Club
May 5, 2014
Lone Star GCSA Texas Cup
Horseshoe Bay Resort
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May 19, 2014 The Deerwood Club

June 24, 2014 Canongate at Magnolia Creek Chapter Championship

July—Member Guest/Guest/Guest!
TBA

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Send in your donation for the Scholarship Auction

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President's Message: Blayne Sparks

Spring, it appears...has finally sprung, but we have been fooled before. I know everyone is ready for greener grass and the opportunity to get out of the shop in short pants to enjoy some warm weather. But what a great start to the 2014 STGCSA meeting campaign it has been! To kick off the season, it was Stephen F. Austin and just recently, Tour 18.

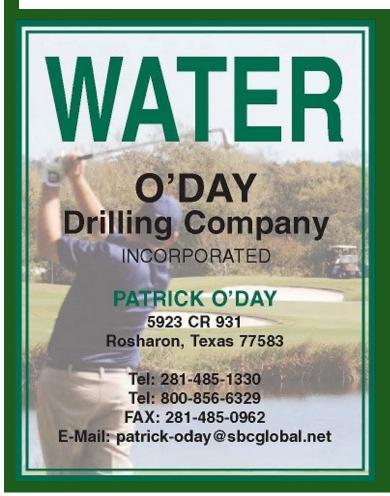
I would like to thank Todd Stephens and all of the staff at Tour 18 for hosting our March meeting. It was a great tournament setting and the golf course was in fabulous shape. Many of the attendees were blown away with the course conditions and the weather could not have been any better.



Additionally, Dennis Kleine with Texas Sports Sands was kind enough to help sponsor one of the best educational seminars that the STGCSA has enjoyed in a number of years. I would like to send a special thanks to David Doherty with ISTRC (International Sports Turf Research Center) for his lecture on the physical properties of greens and what we as superintendent's can do to alleviate some of our biggest headaches through early detection, cultural practices and timely soil sampling.

Our next meeting will be hosted, once again, by Cody Spivey at High Meadow Ranch on April 29th. I am sure that all attendees will again be treated to not only a great venue, but more importantly all will recognize the importance of the opportunity to raise money for the "Legacy Scholarship" fund. With that being said, we are still looking for donations and rounds of golf to fill the auction list and hopefully, push our scholarship fund to a new record high level.

Lastly, the Legacy Scholarship application is now available on line through the STGCSA website. I would encourage anyone who has a child that is looking to apply for the 2014 Legacy Scholarship should peruse the application and take note of any new adjustments to the criteria.







Tour 18 golf results—March 25, 2014

Thank you, Todd Stephens for hosting our event. Everyone had a great time!

Thank you, Dennis Klene for bringing in Speaker, Dave Doherty for a great educational seminar.

Gross

- 1- Tom Werner / Carl Tolbert
- 2 David Tennant / Phil Taylor
- 3 Jesus Polio / Richard Kane

Net

- 1- Mike Archer / Tanner Light
- 2- Kevin White / Kent Knowles
- 3- Cody Spivey / Gary Hargrove





Proximity Results

CTP #9 0-12.9 hdcp Kody Key

CTP #6 hdcp 13+ Ken Stevenson CTP #17 hdcp 13+ Scott Sipes

CTP #11 hdcp 0-12.9 Kevin Borowski











Register your team now for the Annual Scholarship Tournament at High Meadow Ranch

April 29, 2014 4-man team \$440.00



Schedule of Events

Registration – 9:30 a.m. – 10:10a.m.

Live Auction/Meeting – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lunch/Range is Open - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00p.m.

Shotgun Start – 1:00p.m.

Scoring/Awards/Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

Host Superintendent: Cody Spivey



Team Must be Comprised of one of the following

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All team members shall be from the same club or members of STGCSA.

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Schedule of Events

10:30 am **Registration Starts-Range Open**

11:30 AM Lunch

12:45 pm Registration Closes-Range Closes, Players Meeting, Announcements

Shotgun Start 1:00 pm

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Attention all Members!

Started in 2013: if you win money at a golf event, the money <u>must be picked up within two meetings</u> after the prize was won or the money will be donated to the scholarship fund. This change is due to the tournament committee having to keep up with winnings for extended periods of time, sometimes over a year. Winners are posted online within a few days of the event so you can determine if you have prizes waiting for you well before the next event.

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New Scholarship Application Criteria

The Scholarship Committee this year is going to place an increased emphasis on the member participation portion of the selection criteria for all awarded scholarships. Member participation is an integral key to the success of our association and will be defined as a requirement of attending a minimum of two (2) meetings by the member before the 2014 Legacy Scholarship applications are due on September 1^{st,} retroactive to September 2013.

Going forward, the "Scholarship Year" as it pertains to participation, will be calculated from September 2014 through August 2015. The Board of Director's ask that those members whose children are applying for scholarships attend at least three (3) meetings during the "Scholarship Year."

Member attendance will not be the only determining factor in awarding scholarships, but there will be an increased emphasis on member participation that will aid in the determination of amounts to be awarded each recipient. We, as the Board of Director's, also request that each student awarded a scholarship be in attendance at the Annual Banquet to receive their check. If attendance of the student is not possible, the member/parent of the recipient will need to be present to receive the award on their behalf by no later than the January meeting of the following year. Scholarship checks will no longer be mailed to the recipient.

For the Full Scholarship Criteria and Application, visit www.stgcsa.org





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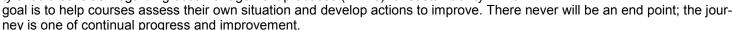
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IS YOUR COURSE ENVIRONMENTALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SOUND?

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The game of golf faces two difficult issues affecting every course in the country – environmental and economic sustainability – and both require attention. Environmental sustainability is impacted by water and wildlife issues. Economically, the cost of maintenance and shrinking free time for golfers presents challenges. A common obstacle is unrealistic expectations about course conditioning. Fortunately, there is plenty of room to adjust expectations without damaging the integrity of the game.

To help these efforts, the USGA staff has assembled a list of questions that every facility should consider regarding best management practices (BMPs) for sustainability. The



Click each question to reveal a collection of resources generated by the USGA Green Section staff and USGA-funded research.



Let's face it; golf courses are businesses that serve thousands of customers each year. Golf course superintendents are given a budget, equipment, and staff, and are asked to meet or exceed customer expectations. Other successful businesses have standard operating procedures and long-range plans to improve daily operations and customer satisfaction. Likewise, golf courses should have a set of written maintenance standards that outline the goals and procedures for day-to-day operations.

Golf course maintenance standards are guidelines that detail the manner in which a golf course is maintained on a daily basis. They are not instruction manuals for each cultural practice, or a list of job descriptions for employees, although these can be included. They are, however, formal documents that outline golf course maintenance goals and the necessary practices for meeting these goals. These plans can be very helpful in addressing budgetary concerns and customer expectations.

Information to help implement this strategy at your course:

Setting standards: Creating effective written maintenance standards is easier than you think

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The role of the green chairman: Lessons learned while being on the green committee for more than 30 years

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Is the course maintained in a manner consistent with the available budget and labor?

Should the predictions prove true that the economic challenges already facing the golf industry will continue to grow, most courses will have to implement steps to reduce labor costs. Careful purchasing decisions for fertilizer and pesticide products can save some money and are worth consideration, but the "800-pound gorilla" in every maintenance budget is labor. Facilities that have to make major reductions in expenses are almost certainly going to reduce the number of hours spent taking care of the golf course. The obvious step is to look for areas where labor hours can be reduced and adjusting expectations while still maximizing the playing quality and long-term agronomic health of the course.

Information to help you implement this strategy at your course:

Form vs. function: The "WOW" factor can be costly

Dollars and sense: Making it in a tough economy: In these hard times, superintendents have to be extra creative

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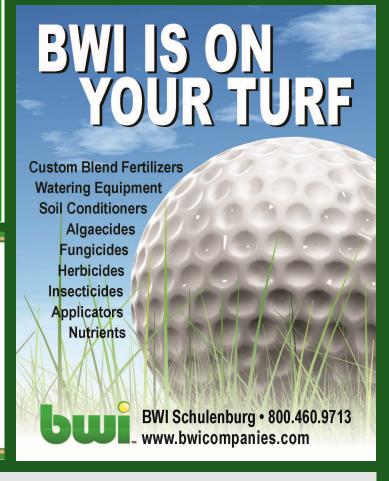
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The world's wealthiest golfer is also the world's richest athlete, according to a report by Wealth-X.

The U.S. claims three spots among the top five richest active PGA golfers, based on prize money, endorsement deals, corporate outings and licensing fees.



Tiger Woods

Age: 37

Country: United States Net worth: \$590 million The world's wealthiest golfer is also the world's richest athlete, according to a July report by Wealth-X.

The U.S. claims three spots among the top five richest active PGA golfers, based on prize money, endorsement deals, corporate outings and licensing fees.

Tiger Woods, a professional golfer since 1996, has a reported net worth that is more than three times that of the No. 2 golfer on the list of wealthiest golfers. In 2001, Woods became the first player ever to hold all major professional championship titles at one time. In addition, Woods was selected as the PGA Tour Player of the Year 10 times since 1997.



Phil Mickelson

Age: 43

Country: United States Net worth: \$190 million

Phil Mickelson, whose net worth was estimated at \$190 million in July, has since boosted his earnings by winning the British Open and Scottish Open. Nicknamed "Lefty," Mickelson turned pro in 1992.



Jim Furyk

Age: 43

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