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TOUR 18

The Official Publication of the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association



## Meeting Schedule

April 14, 2015—Scholarship  
Tournament  
Tour 18

May 4, 2015  
Lone Star Texas Cup  
Ridgewood Country Club, Waco

May 19, 2015  
Texas City Golf Course

June 16, 2015  
The Wilderness Golf Club  
Chapter Championship

July—No Meeting

August 10, 2015—Supt/Pro-  
Member/Member Tournament  
Sugar Creek CC

September—Member/Guest/Guest/  
Guest  
TBA

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## President's Message: Ben Fultz

Well it's that time of year where everything is waking up and rearing to go. Spring time is my favorite part of the year. It's still a bit cool in the morning and pleasant in the afternoon. We are all looking to see when we can get the first verticut in and top dressing down. Tournaments are starting up (if not already in full swing), and customers and members are playing more often. We have had a pretty wet winter and early spring. We really don't want all the rain right now, but will be looking for it come this summer.

Our next meeting is our Scholarship Tournament and Live Auction at Tour 18. We are in dire need of auction items at this time. There is only 14 days left to donate and register. It is sneaking up on us very quickly! I hope that everyone can come and join us, have a great time, and help raise money for our Scholarship program.



We are also progressing with the Camp Hope project, a sustainable garden. If you would like to help or donate for Camp Hope please get in contact with a board member or Blayne Sparks, we would be happy to hear from you.

Look forward to seeing everyone up at Tour 18.

Ben Fultz

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# TOUR 18



## *South Texas GCSA Annual Scholarship*

## *Tournament and Live Auction*

April 14, 2015

Tour 18

Host: Todd Stephens, CGCS

### Registration

9:30—10:00 Registration

10:00—12:00 Live Auction/  
Meeting

11:00—12:00 Lunch/Range is  
Open

12:30 pm Shotgun Start

5:00-6:30 Scoring/Awards/  
Hourderves

Format: 4 man scramble (gross/  
net)

**4 Man Team - \$440.00**

**Single Player - \$110.00**

**[Click here for Golf Rules](#)**

### **BID NOW AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS!!**

Donations must be in by April 10th to be on the item list and slide show for the live auction. Bring friends to bid on the items and have lunch ( \$20 ), or bid online previous to the live auction by clicking [HERE!](#)

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## Golf Results

March 24, 2015

River Ridge Golf Club

Thank you, Bret Braclay and all the staff at River Ridge for a great meeting!

Thank you Casey Reynolds for coming to educate us!

### Proximity Winners

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| Long Drive #1 Parkland   |
| <b>Kent Knowles</b>      |
| CTP #2 Ridge             |
| <b>Aaron Cox</b>         |
| CTP #3 Parkland          |
| <b>Gary Hargrove</b>     |
| Long Drive #6 Ridge      |
| <b>Chris Teafatiller</b> |

### Gross:

#### 1st 70

Steven Chernosky

Cale Schrock

#### 2nd 72

Bill Tanner

Steve Vaughn

#### 3rd 73

Bret Barclay

Brent Ratcliff

### Net

#### 1st 58

Brandon Crumpler

Gary Hargrove

Wade Warmes

#### 2nd 62

Kent Knowles

Cody Spivey

#### 3rd 63

Mark Monroe

Glenn Noska

Jesus Polio

### OTHER SCORES

|                        |    |    |
|------------------------|----|----|
| Lyles, Kevin           | 77 | 72 |
| Webster, Chris         | 77 | 72 |
|                        |    |    |
| Elliott, Mitch         | 75 | 65 |
| Samuelson, Tracy       | 75 | 65 |
|                        |    |    |
| Clark, Eddie           | 82 | 69 |
| Gravett, Lee           | 82 | 69 |
|                        |    |    |
| Haven, Joseph          | 79 | 70 |
| Huntsman, Jerry        | 79 | 70 |
|                        |    |    |
| Bowman, Dale           | 79 | 69 |
| Ludwick, Stan-         | 79 | 69 |
|                        |    |    |
| Cox, Aaron             | 75 | 63 |
| Freeman, Bill          | 75 | 63 |
|                        |    |    |
| Kudor, Jeff            | 74 | 67 |
| Tennant, David         | 74 | 67 |
|                        |    |    |
| Baughman, Mark         | 84 | 76 |
| Spoonmore, Aaron-Guest | 84 | 76 |

|                    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Dotson, Scott      | 77 | 70 |
| Walker, Johnny     | 77 | 70 |
|                    |    |    |
| Browne, Doug       | 76 | 69 |
| Werner, Tom        | 76 | 69 |
|                    |    |    |
| Klene, Dennis      | 79 | 73 |
| Light, Tanner      | 79 | 73 |
|                    |    |    |
| Cole, Brandon      | 75 | 64 |
| Fultz, Ben         | 75 | 64 |
|                    |    |    |
| Hargrove, Jack     | 73 | 65 |
| Key, Kody          | 73 | 65 |
|                    |    |    |
| Freeman, John      | 74 | 68 |
| Haven, Mark        | 74 | 68 |
|                    |    |    |
| Neuendorff, Pat    | 83 | 70 |
| Teafatiller, Chris | 83 | 70 |
|                    |    |    |
| Johnson, Brian     | 80 | 72 |
| Reynolds, Casey    | 80 | 72 |



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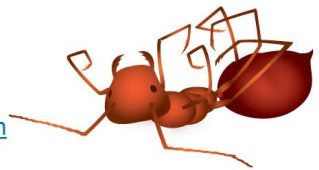


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The tagline will be used in television and radio commercials, as well as 2015 print and online advertising by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). There will even be a sweepstakes to offer golfers the opportunity to win prizes by actually thanking a golf course superintendent.

“It is rewarding to know that superintendents are held in high esteem by golfers of all ages and abilities,” said Rhett Evans, GCSAA chief executive officer. “When Jack Nicklaus says, ‘If you love golf like I do, thank a golf course superintendent,’ it makes all our members around the world feel appreciated and proud of the role they play in providing the excellent playing conditions for this great game.”

Thirty-second commercials will begin airing on the Golf Channel in April, and radio, print and online advertising will run in numerous markets across the country, including at the local and regional levels where national advertising will be co-branded to support nearly 100 chapter associations.

One television spot features a montage of clips from Nicklaus, McIlroy, Michelle Wie, Nick Faldo, Rickie Fowler, Graeme McDowell and Matt Kuchar. While a second spot features Johnny Miller, Davis Love, Nick Price, Colin Montgomerie, Jason Day and Karrie Webb.

“Golf course superintendents are widely recognized for skillfully managing the biggest asset of any golf facility – the golf course. But when giants of the game support the work we do like this, it makes me boastfully proud to be a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) for the past 35 years,” says John J. O’Keefe, GCSAA president.

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BioBlitz is a species counting competition designed to create awareness among golfers and the community about the environmental value of the habitats supported by golf courses. The program, sponsored by the United States Golf Association, is open to any golf course worldwide including those unaffiliated with Audubon International.

“How many species can you count? When we’re done, we’ll have a great idea about the wildlife, plant-life, and ecosystems that golf courses support around the globe,” said Doug Bechtel, executive director of Audubon International. “A BioBlitz is also a great way for golf courses to bring naturalists and families out to see the natural beauty golf courses provide in their towns.”

A golf course may invite any number of participants such as golfers and their families, local environmental organizations, youth groups, community members, and local experts to count plant and animal species located on the property. Awards will be given in the categories of Most Species, Most Participants, and Best Photo. Following BioBlitz, Audubon International will compile the lists of plant and animal species recorded and report on the findings.

To register for BioBlitz 2015 and receive your free toolkit, please email Tara Pepperman at [tara@auduboninternational.org](mailto:tara@auduboninternational.org). The deadline to register is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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