

# TEE TO GREEN

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Photo: Augusta Pines on November 18, 2014 "The Warming trend starts", by Alan Hess, CGCS, MG

*Please come to the annual Christmas Reception*

## Brae Burn Country Club

December 12, 2014 from 6:30—10 pm

Cost is \$35 pp

The annual Christmas Reception at Brae Burn is great fun and Terry Gill always hosts a great party. Brae Burn is always decorated beautifully and this year STGCSA is giving away 3 GIANT door prizes! Just by coming to the party, you as a member, have a chance to win a big screen TV, your registration and one night stay in San Antonio for the Golf Industry Show, and a 3rd to be announced at the party! You must be a member to receive a ticket and you must be present to win! The drawings will be held around 8:30 (mid reception) so you can still come and go as you please! Come visit, eat, drink and congratulate the scholarship recipients. (Parents of students must pick up their scholarship money at the party.)



### Meeting Schedule

December 12, 2014

Christmas Social and Scholarship Awards

Brae Burn Country Club

6:30—10 pm

January 14, 2-15

Pesticide Renewal Class at Bear Creek Extension Office

January 26, 2014

Golfcrest CC - Bring your GM or Greens Committee Chairman!

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February 25, 2015

Lone Star Reception at the Golf Industry Show in San Antonio

Pat O'Briens on the Riverwalk

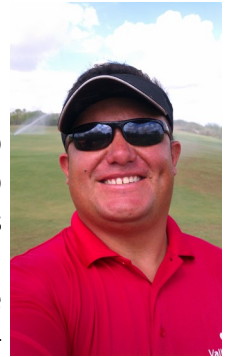
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River Ridge GC

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## President's Message: Ben Fultz

I would like to start off saying that I am looking forward to the presidency in 2015 and to thank you for the opportunity to serve. We have a lot of ideas and we are looking forward to implementing them. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered during the meetings and golf to take pictures and assist during registration and the volunteers during the Shell Open. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the association, contact Marian in the office. This is a great way to get know how the association works and to get to know your fellow members.



The Golf cart charity project is being donated to the Wounded Warriors project. I would like to thank Brandon Cole for working closely on this project and to all the members that donated parts and money. We couldn't have done it without you! The toys that we collected at the annual meeting (and the money that was collected for the Christmas donation) will be given to children at MD Anderson. We will post photos of this event in the January newsletter. Thank you, Blayne Sparks for setting up the donation project.

The Christmas party is December 12, 2015 at Brae Burn Country Club. Please sign up and attend the party. The dress is country club casual. We will be giving away some great prizes to three lucky members, and don't forget about the prizes for the top 10 points winners for the year! The prizes for the top 10 are in addition to the Christmas give a ways!

In January we have our CEU Pesticide Class at the Bear creek extension service. This meeting starts off the year on January 14, 2015. Please sign up now for the class. Details can be found on the website. This is a great way to knock out all of your CEU's for your TDA license. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

*Ben Fultz*

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## November 4, 2014 - Annual Meeting, Cypress Lakes Golf Club



What a huge success the toy drive and golf cart charity project was!

Thank you Brandon Cole for you hard work on getting the cart completed. Thank you to all those who donated to the project to buy the parts and everyone who brought a toy or donated for a toy! Photos of the delivery will come in the January newsletter!



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## Cypress Lakes Golf Club Golf Results

November 4, 2014 – Cypress Lakes GC (Annual Meeting)

Team	Gross	Team Score	Net	Team Score
<b>Gross Winners</b>				
Borowski, Kevin	1	<b>140</b>		137
Riley, Braeden	1			
Ratcliff, Brent	2	<b>146</b>		136
Smelser, Jeff	2	scorecard playoff		
Johnston, Pat	3	<b>146</b>		137
Wilson, Walt	3			
<b>Net Winners</b>				
Fultz, Ben		147	1	<b>134</b>
Gravett, Lee			1	
Brown, Kevin		151	2	<b>135</b>
Graf, Kevin		scorecard playoff	2	
Schuette, Junior		151	3	<b>140</b>
Terry, Scott			3	

Other Scores	Team Score
Haven/Haven	148
Johnson B / Webster C	151
Browne D. / Wilson S	152
Freeman J / Walker J	155
Baughman M / Tolbert C	156
Dailey J / Polio J	158
Kane R / Knowles K	158
Atchison D / Marchand C	162
Sipes S / Hargrove G	163
Hargrove J / Plowman W	164
Burgess J / Sparks B	165
Hindes C / Cincotta G	167
Werner T / Mrosko C	174
Lyles K / Rhoden M	176
Klene D / Skarpa C	179
Konescheck D / Stevenson K	180
Falls C / McFarland R	180
Smith J / White K	182
Gray D / Huntsman J	184
Kudor J / Maxey R	187
Bell K / Warms W	196
Throne R / Tennant D	N/C

Proximity Winners

Hole #2 Long Drive 0-12.9 HCP
<b>Braeden Riley</b>
Hole #4 CTP Tee Shot 0-12.9 HCP
<b>Brent Ratcliff</b>
Hole #7 CTP Tee Shot 13+ HCP
<b>John Freeman</b>
Hole #8 Long Drive in Fwy 13+ HCP
<b>Dennis Klene Jr.</b>

Hole #11 CTP Tee Shot 0-12.9 HCP
<b>Sean Wilson</b>
Hole #12 Long Drive in Fwy 0-12.9 HCP
<b>Braeden Riley</b>
Hole #15 Long Drive in Fwy 13+ HCP
<b>Kevin Lyles</b>
Hole #17 CTP Tee Shot 13+ HCP
<b>Gary Hargrove</b>

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Delegate Meeting Update

By: Sean Wilson

Chapter Delegates discuss member standards, classifications

On Oct. 14 and 15, 87 delegates representing 91 GCSAA-affiliated chapters met in Lawrence, Kan., for the 2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting. Among the discussion topics covered in large and small groups were member standards, classifications and the potential for a new member class for equipment managers.

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## Country Club Casual Christmas Reception

**December 12th  
6:30 - 10:00 pm**

Once again, Brae Burn Country Club (Terry Gill) will be hosting the annual Christmas Get Together

This is a come when you'd like, stay as long as you'd like reception.

There will be plenty of food and drink and great friends!

Cost is \$35 pp (Scholarship Students and their "plus one" are free)

**[Click Here to Register for the Reception](#)**

Scholarships must be picked up at the Christmas gathering or the January 26, 2015 meeting.

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When Marian Takushi, Executive Director of the South Texas GCSAA asked me to write an article for the magazine, I asked myself what I could do to help. As an Extension Turfgrass Specialist at Texas A&M University, my job is to serve the citizens of the state of Texas by conducting applied turfgrass research and extension activities. My background is in plant physiology, impacts of shade on turf health, turf colorants/pigments, and variety development. We have also recently hired Dr. Matt Elmore from the University of Tennessee whose graduate research focused on turfgrass weed control. Some of his research at Texas A&M will investigate how herbicide application timings and strategies in combination with cultural practices affect control of problematic weeds with the goal of creating more economical weed control solutions for superintendents and other turfgrass managers.

Current projects we have at various golf courses throughout Texas include Annual bluegrass timing trials at The Quarry in San Antonio, Pecan Lakes in Navasota, The Campus Course in College Station, and Wharton CC in Wharton as well as Smutgrass and Dove-weed trials at The Woodlands CC near Houston. With the gracious support of the Texas GCSAA chapters, we have also written a grant proposal as part of the GCSAA's Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) where we plan to document and monitor herbicide resistance in Annual bluegrass throughout Texas. Herbicide resistance to acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitors like Monument, Revolver, and Katana as well as resistance to photosystem II inhibitors like Atrazine and Simazine has previously been documented, but it is important to get a full grasp of how much it impacts superintendents in Texas.

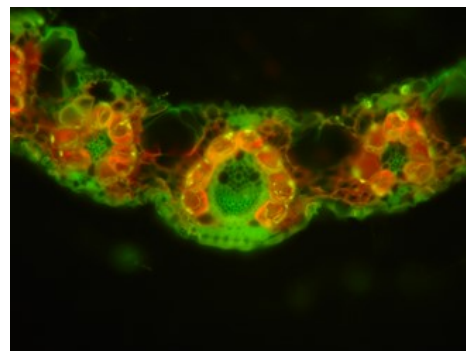
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