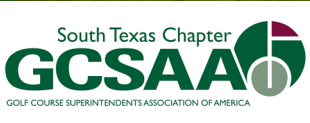


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Golfcrest Country Club

Meeting Schedule

January 14, 2-15

Pesticide Renewal Class at Bear Creek Extension Office

January 26, 2014

Golfcrest CC - Bring your GM or Greens Committee Chairman!

[Click Here to Register!](#)

February 25, 2015

Lone Star Reception at the Golf Industry Show in San Antonio

Pat O'Briens on the Riverwalk

March 24, 2015

River Ridge GC

April 14, 2015—Scholarship Tournament

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Texas City Golf Course

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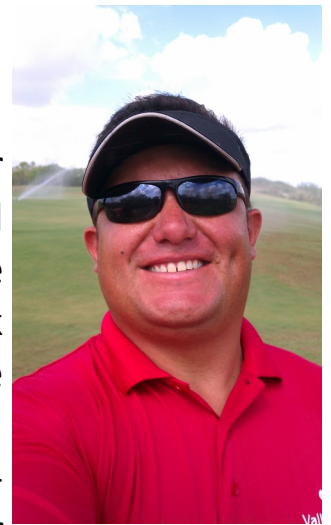


It has been a busy start here at STGCSA for 2015! The Pesticide Renewal Meeting has already been completed and we are looking forward to our first meeting of 2015 at Golfcrest! We will really miss Stephen F Austin and Doug Browne's excellent hosting skills, but thought a change might be good. Carter Hindes and Tim Phillips are ready for us at Golfcrest Country Club and we haven't been there in a very long time! Who knows where this popular meeting might be held next year! If you are interested in hosting a meeting next year, just shout out to a board member. We are always working ahead and planning for the future!

One main goal for STGCSA this year is to get EVERY superintendent to fill out their BMP plan! As an incentive, the STGCSA Board of Directors has agreed to comp one regular meeting fee (\$60) when your BMP plan is turned in to the office for the data bank! All these forms and samples can be found on the Lone Star GCSA website. [Click here!](#) You have until October to get this done. The last free meeting incentive will be the November Annual Meeting. You must turn in the BMP plan and use your free meeting in 2015, so get it done early!

President's Message: Ben Fultz

Here we are again , start of a new year and ready and waiting for spring to arrive. It seems like we are all cursing the rain and will be praying for rain come August. With that being said, we have a great line up this year with host sights and speakers, so check the calendar and come out and learn and have fun and socialize with your fellow Superintendent and Sales representatives.



Remember that we are starting the TOP 10 point accumulation at Golf Crest on January 26th. You will receive points for coming to the meeting on time and must be in the meeting room during the meeting to receive the points. You will also receive separate points for participating in the golf tournament.

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January 26, 2015—Golfcrest Country Club

Host: Carter Hindes

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Meeting: 10:00—11:00

Lunch/Driving Range: 11:00—12:00

Shotgun Start: 12:00 pm

Format: 3 man scramble

Top Ten Points Begins for 2015! (*Top Ten Points will be given to those that attend the meeting and separate points are given for the golf portion. You **MUST** be in the meeting room and on time to receive meeting points!)

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Golfcrest Country Club

Golfcrest Country Club is an 18 hole, private club located 15 miles south of Houston in Pearland. The club was established in 1927 and opened the present location in 1971. The new location was constructed by architect Joseph Finger and renovated by Jeffrey Blume in 2007. Through the years the club has hosted many USGA and National Golf Association tournaments and qualifiers. The course measures over 7300 yards and features Mini-Verde Bermuda Greens and Tifway 419/Zorro/Common Bermuda in all other playing areas. From November to May the tees and fairways are overseeded with perennial ryegrass. Carter Hindes was hired as Superintendent of Golfcrest in 2009 and became Director of Agronomy for Sterling Golfs six courses in 2010. Tim Philips and Sean Sprez work with Carter to maintain the classic parkland style course.



Carter Hindes, Director of Agronomy

As Director of Agronomy for Sterling Golf Inc., Carter is responsible for overseeing all Agronomic Programs and construction for Sterling Golf. Carter served tenures at Long Cove Club in Hilton Head Island, La Cantera Golf Club, Traditions Club and The Woodlands Country Club before moving on to Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland, TX. Carter holds a degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University in College Station, which is also where he met his wife Laura. They have one daughter, Charlotte Paige that was born in June of 2012.

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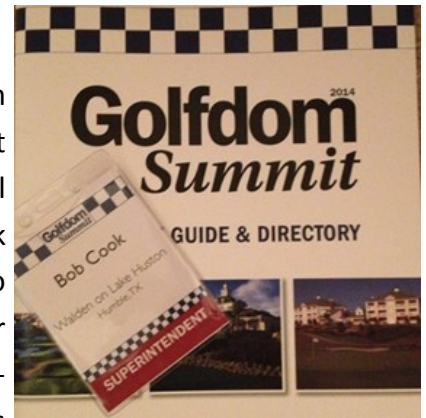
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Golfdom Summit 2014

Bob Cook a member of the STGCSA get's an invite to the 2014 Golfdom Summit. Golfdom magazine has an annual education and focus group event at the Reunion Resort in Orlando Florida. The three day event includes small focus groups, one on one face to face vendor Q&A sessions and network building. 50 superintendents are selected from all over the United States to participate in new ideas, new equipment concepts and chemical/fertilizer product evaluations. Speakers are invited to enhance the overall experiences with short sessions covering a variety on topics. And yes a golf outing is included, scramble format to accommodate all levels of ability or lack thereof. This is an all expense paid opportunity that is very well done from start to finish. I was honored and pleased to be part of the 2014 session. Mr. Seth Jones editor and host of this event should be congratulated for improving and supporting the golf course industry in education, networking and industry support. STGCSA members put this on your bucket list of things to do awesome experience and making new friends.



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Bob Cook and Seth Jones
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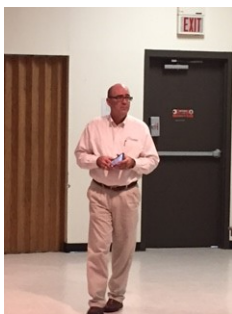
The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas, as part of the 2015 Golf Industry Show

[Click Here for Complete Details](#)



The Pesticide Renewal Class on January 14th was well attended.

Thank you to the Bear Creek Extension Office: Skip Richter and Diana Todd! Other thanks include Pat Johnston of BWI for bringing the donuts for the early morning start and Tom Werner of Jacobsen for supplying the coolers full of drinks for all day!



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The Toy Drive and Golf Cart Charity Project is Complete

In 2014 President, Blayne Sparks had an idea to bring back the golf cart restoration project that STGCSA did many years ago as well as a toy drive that would mirror the time when we used to collect money at the Christmas Party for Toys for Tots. Director, Brandon Cole, newly named Regional Sales Manager for Salsco Inc. took the golf cart project by the reins. Eric Bauer of Bluejack National Golf Club donated the cart and with the help of many members' donations, including \$1000 from Texas Aggregate and Base Materials (Steven Stulce), \$1000 from Richard Oaks and Carl Tolbert of The Hurt Company/Reladyne, \$500 from High Meadow Ranch (Cody Spivey), and \$100 from All Seasons Turf Grass (Scott and Irene Sipes). Brandon completed the project in time to show it off at the Annual meeting in November at Cypress Lakes. At that meeting, toys and cash were collected to hand out to a worthy cause. Both charity projects were completed on December 17th when Directors Willy Plowman, Kyle Brown, Brandon Cole, Past President Sean Wilson and 2014 President Blayne Sparks went to Camp Hope to donate the golf cart. Camp Hope provides interim housing for our wounded warriors, veterans and their families suffering from combat related PTSD in a caring and positive environment. The toys were then delivered to the Pediatric Center at MD Anderson in the medical center for them to distribute to the kids suffering in the hospital during the Christmas Holidays.

Both projects were a huge success and a collaborated effort from all our members. We can all be so proud of what was accomplished. Once again, South Texas GCSA members show how giving and dedicated they are to our association and others in need.





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Syngenta creating buzz with Operation Pollinator resources for turf

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"The new Operation Pollinator website helps owners and superintendents explore how they can help protect pollinators and share their efforts with the community," says Walt Osborne, key accounts manager, Syngenta. "Pairing the expertise of local Syngenta territory managers with these resources provides superintendents a foundation to further their service as environmental stewards and inspire pride for their golf course."

Golf courses can use the available communication tools to help tell their story about why they are involved with Operation Pollinator. Sample templates for a news release and an e-newsletter provide a starting point for golf courses to express how they support native pollinators and bee health while enhancing the course's appearance and overall playing experience.

"For many years, golf courses have been accused of damaging the habitats of natural pollinators, such as bees and butterflies," says Paul L. Carter, CGCS, The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay in Harrison, Tennessee. "In an effort to raise the awareness of the need and importance of these pollinators to golf courses, we are happy to be involved with Operation Pollinator at The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay."

What is Operation Pollinator?

Operation Pollinator provides golf course managers the tools and information to successfully establish and manage attractive wildflower resources that are crucial for native bees and other pollinating insects to thrive, while enhancing the visual appearance of the course and the overall playing experience. Operation Pollinator habitats are currently helping pollinators on golf courses across 26 states and participation continues to grow.

To learn how to get involved with Operation Pollinator, please visit GreenCastOnline.com/OperationPollinator or contact your local [Syngenta territory manager](#). Operation Pollinator participants can share photos and join the conversation on Twitter by following [@SyngentaTurf](#) and using [#OperationPollinator](#).

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President, Blayne Sparks with Raffle Winners. Kyle Brown of Bay Oaks CC (travel package), David Johnson of Rinehart Trucking (Big Screen TV), Pat Neuendorff of WinField Solutions (GIS Package).

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Above: Mindy Neuendorff

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