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## Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award DSA nominations are due by Aug. 31

The GCSAA Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession. The contribution must be significant in both substance and duration, and may be, or have been, regional in nature.

Individuals must be nominated by a GCSAA member, an affiliated chapter or a qualified golf association. The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award in the past 10 years. The award was first presented in 1932 and has been presented annually since 1975.

The GCSAA Board of Directors selects the recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards during its fall board meeting. The award is presented during the annual GCSAA Education Conference.

Nominations for the 2016 DSAs will be open through Aug. 31, 2015.

Submit a DSA nomination »

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

September 27, 28, 29 2015 Lone Star Texas Trophy Horseshoe Bay Resort

October 5—Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch, The Golf Club of Houston (Members Course)

November 9—Glow Ball !!
Riverbend CC

December—Christmas Reception
TBA

January 2016—Pesticide License Renewal at AgriExtension Office, Bear Creek

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### Chapter Championship Golf Results

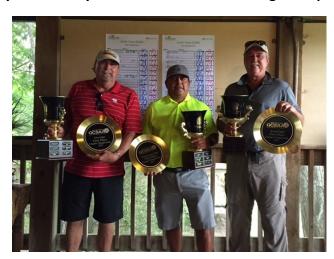
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The Wilderness Golf Course

Thank you, Blayne Sparks and all the staff at The Wilderness Golf Course for an outstanding day!

Thank you Bob Meyer for the wonderful Sausage Wraps on the course!

Winners: Kent Knowles (left)
First Flight, Ed Martinez (center)
Championship Flight, John Freeman (right) Second Flight, Jerry
Huntsman (not shown) Third
Flight



### <u>Championship</u> <u>Flight:</u>

<u>1</u><sup>st</sup>

Ed Martinez - 72

2nd

Doug Browne - 74

3rd

Bill Tanner - 75

#### **First Flight:**

<u>1st</u>

Kent Knowles - 80

<u>2nd</u>

Jason Burgess - 86

3rd

Richard Kane - 87

#### **Second Flight:**

1<sup>st</sup>

John Freeman - 71

 $2^{\text{nd}}$ 

Lee Gravett - 74

 $\underline{\mathbf{3}}^{\text{rd}}$ 

Bill Freeman - 75

#### **Third Flight:**

<u>1</u><sup>st</sup>

Jerry Huntsman - 65

2<sup>nd</sup>

Jack Hargrove - 69

 $3^{rd}$ 

Gary Hargrove - 72



#### **Proximity Winners**

Long Drive 0-12.9 HCP

**Ed Martinez** 

CTP 0-12.9 HCP

Bill Tanner

CTP 13+ HCP

Bill Freeman

Long Drive in Fwy 13+ HCP

**Ben Fultz** 



## Register today for the STGCSA Superintendent/Pro-Member/Member Tournament

Sugar Creek Country Club August 10, 2015—Host: Chris Lineberger Click here to Register!



Sugar Creek Country Club has long held its reputation for a challenging yet accommodating golf experience boasting a traditional 27-hole course designed by famed architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Reflected in Jones' design are raised greens, liberal bunkers and numerous water features that often come into play. The course is enhanced with mature trees, lush manicured fairways and four sets of tees providing a challenge for golfers of all levels.

The **highly anticipated golf course renovation**, master planned by **Jeffrey D. Blume, Ltd**., began with the Trent Nine-Hole Course in 2013 followed by the Jones Course that was renovated in 2014 and scheduled to open spring 2015. The Robert Course is planned for renovation in January 2016. The original course designs will remain however, significant improvements include new Southern Cross Bermuda on tees and fairways, Champion Bermuda greens, brand new bunkers and enhanced water features

Chris Lineberger has been the golf course superintendent at Sugar Creek Country Club for the past 7 years. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University. He spent the first part of his career in southeast. He has been in the maintenance industry for the past 18 years of which 10 years as a superintendent. He currently sits on the executive committee as the Secretary/Treasurer of both the STGCSA as well as Lone Star GCSA.

## Bayon Golf Course Golf Results

July 14, 2015 Bayou Golf Club

Host: Larry Boyle



#### **Gross:**

1<sup>st</sup> 73

Dale Miller

2nd 74

**Doug Browne** 

3rd 79

Chris Webster

#### Net

1st 68

Kyle Brown

2nd 70

Jeff Smelser

3<sup>rd</sup> 70

**Jack Hargrove** 

**Proximity Winners** 

Long Drive

Dale Miller

CT #13 0-13

Jason Burgess

CTP #7 13+

Tom Werner

Long Drive

#### **President's Message: Ben Fultz**



Well, what can I say about this spring and summer? It has been one big roller coaster of weather. From Memorial Day weekend to Tropical storm Bill, you were either lucky that you only received a few inches of rain, or not so lucky and received several inches too much. Then after that, some had to deal with creeks and rivers over flowing their banks days after the rain stopped. These events show how we as Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents can adapt and overcome what Mother Nature throws our way. It takes great crews and a lot of tenacity. My hat is off to all of the Superintendents out there.

One example of "overcoming" this dreadful rainy season is Doug Browne over at Stephen F Austin Golf Club. His golf course got hit so hard from the rising Brazos that he decided to grow his beard until he could fully open his course. It is now July 10th and Doug still has one more hole to go!

If you have ever wanted to be involved with the STGCSA on another level. We have two openings on the Board. This is a great opportunity to be more involved and in tune with what is going on with our great association. I have enjoyed my experience on the board and would recommend that if you are willing to take the next step in our association, then run for the board and experience the association on another level.

Ben Fultz



Doug Browne with his full beard commitment until his course opens with a full 18 holes, says, "Big Foot Sighting in Austin County...be on the look out! He will calm down with plenty of Miller Light!"







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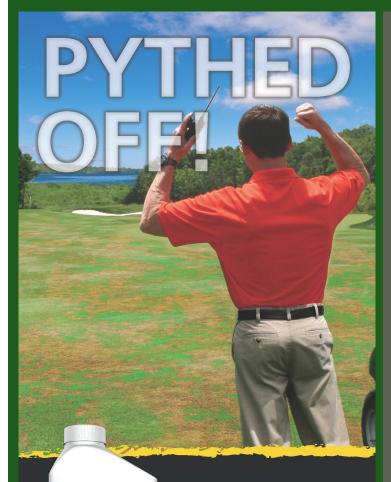
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Mr. Raymond Andrew Kubesch, age 73, passed on July 6, 2015, at his home in Wharton. He was born in Nada, TX, on October 16, 1941, the son of Fred and Frieda Meisner Kubesch.

Mr. Kubesch was a 40 year resident of Wharton. He graduated from Garwood High School prior to attending A&M University. He also served as a Military Police Officer in the US Army during the Vietnam era. He married the love of his life, Donna Trant Kubesch on December 27, 1970, at the Methodist church in El Campo. His love of the outdoors and golf carried into his professional life as Superintendent of various golf courses for 44 years, including the El



Campo Country Club and Columbia Lakes. He also loved fishing, hunting, dominos, and was a proud Aggie.

Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 10th, at First United Methodist Church in Wharton, with Pastor Meredith Wende officiating. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery in El Campo. Military Honors will be performed at graveside by American Legion Post 25.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Donna Trant Kubesch; daughters Shannon Araya and her husband Miguel of Katy and Shaye Mathew and her husband Anil of Katy; sisters Jo Ann Truman of Friendswood and Lillian Gohlke of Sheridan; brother Fred Kubesch and his wife Dorothy of Victoria; grandchildren Sage Araya, Tate Araya, Skylar Mathew and Legend Mathew; and many nieces, nephews and other friends and family who loved him.

Pallbearers will be Steve Cooper, Scott Arbuckle, Danny Sklar, Gene Maca, David Pagel, Don Hillis, Bill Baker and Mike Soderstrom. Honorary Pallbearers will be Chuck Roades, John Roades, Fred Kubesch and all other family members and friends who have already passed away and are surely there to greet him.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request memorial donations to First United Methodist Church of Wharton.

Funeral services are under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home. Condolences may be left a whartonfuneralhome.com.

### **DREAM JOB**

I am sure that every superintendent has had a vision or hope of that dream job. For many it may be Augusta National, Pebble Beach, St. Andrews or even Bushwood C.C. (for all those who believed in Caddie Shack). But for me it was Disneyworld golf in Orlando, Florida. Some fifteen or sixteen years ago we vacationed there playing golf on the Magnolia course. As we played and took in the Mickey tee markers, Mickey bunker on #6 along with the Disney flair for excellent service and great food, my dream was set. How great would it be if one day I would be working here! Then in 2011 an email was sent out by Jim Hinkley CEO of Century Golf stating that we had a 20 year contract to manage



the 45 holes located at Disneyworld. Boy did the juices start flowing! Another email was sent asking superintendents to volunteer to train a new crew for all the courses. Guess who called first...so off to Disneyworld to train a new crew and possibly get hired as one of the superintendents, but unfortunately it didn't happen. There were other plans for me at Walden so I would just keep trying. Then two years later a call from Century golf asking if I would like to go to Disneyworld? This was followed by numerous congratulations from general managers, superintendents and even one of the higher ups. Only to find out there was a glitch with Human Recourses and the job was not available. **CRUSHED** doesn't even come close to how I felt. Still there was hope that persistence would prevail and faith would keep this dream alive. Then in January 2015 a second call from corporate telling me that they were 99% sure I was getting a call. Even the 99% was scary, but later that day it happened. **DREAMS DO COME TRUE.** I hope that many of you have dreams and goals that will happen for you. I now am the superintendent over the Magnolia Championship course and the Oak Trail walking course. As many of you know, the Magnolia was the site of the Children's Disney Classic for many years.

**Bob Cook CTP** 

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#### STGCSA Legacy Scholarships Due September 1st!!

The Scholarship Committee this year is placing 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 is defined as a requirement of attending a minimum of three (3) meetings by the member during the scholarship year ending when the 2015 Legacy Scholarship Applications are due on September 1st, 2015. The "Scholarship Year" as it pertains to participation, is calculated from September 2014 through August 2015.



Member attendance will not be the only determining factor in awarding scholarships, but we, 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.

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#### UTA stops sale of ArmorTech ALT 70 fungicide

By Golfdom Staff: June 8, 2015

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The product, manufactured by Tessenderlo Kerley, is a systemic fungicide with the active ingredient fosetyl-aluminium. It's labeled for use on golf courses, sod farms and commercial turf areas.



An investigation is underway with cooperators at Rutgers University and the University of Rhode Island to review use patterns, programs and their effects on turf.

In an email from the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, Bruce Clarke, Ph.D., from the Center for Turfgrass Science at Rutgers, said the product "has been associated recently with extensive turf loss on a number of golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions."

UTA hasn't concluded the product affected turf, but said it began its investigation last week following visits at two golf courses that reported "compromised turf" after mixing ArmorTech ALT 70 in multiple-product spray programs on bentgrass/Poa putting greens, collars and approaches.



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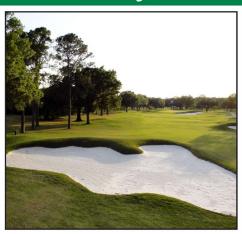
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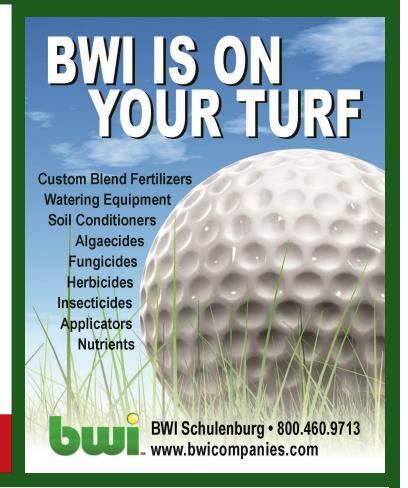
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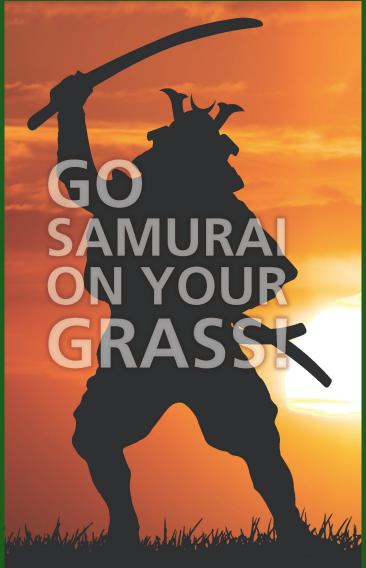
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Sept 4: <u>Use this BMP Template</u> to complete your plan.

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## Houston Area Just Can't catch a Break from the Rain

Tropical Storm Bill hits Matagorda on June 16, 2015 (only 15 days in to the hurricane season!)

Tropical storm Bill was the first to hit Texas in seven years. It hit Matagorda Island near Corpus Christi. Nearly 5 1/2 inches of rain fell in Bay City. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph as it moved north. Since the Houston area was hard hit by rain in the May flooding, it was a relief that TS Bill did not dump as much as expected when it arrived to the already soaked area.







#### In case you haven't heard......

#### WOTUS rule

#### finalized

The EPA and Army of Corps of Engineers published the final Clean Water Rule in the Federal Register June 29, defining the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act. The rule will impact activities on golf courses in, over or near these newly defined "waters of the U.S." The rule is effective on Aug. 28, 2015. GCSAA is reviewing the final rule and has plans to host a webinar so GCSAA members can learn more about the implications of the rule on golf course properties.

## Help recruit new members, get rewarded

GCSAA's new Member-Get-A-Member program provides members with the opportunity to receive gift certificates for each new member they recruit. Members will also receive one entry into the grand prize drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2016 Golf Industry Show in San Diego. Learn more about the program at <a href="https://www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member">www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member</a>.

# Georgia golfer is "Thank a Superintendent" sweepstakes winner

Murray Calhoun, a 71-year-old member of Country Club of Columbus (Ga.), was surprised to learn that he is the winner of GCSAA's "Thank a Superintendent" sweepstakes. Calhoun thanked William Smith, CGCS, and as a result has an all-expense paid trip for two to the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits Golf Club in Kohler, Wis.

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